

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Board of Trustees desires to represent the community and provide leadership in addressing community issues related to education. In order to identify community concerns and enlist support for the schools, the Board shall establish effective two-way communication systems between schools and the community.

Schools, parents/guardians, community members and local organizations must continually collaborate as partners. The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall work together with city and county agencies and organizations to promote and facilitate coordinated services for children, and shall seek to develop partnerships with local businesses.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

The Board recognizes that schools are an important community resource and encourages community members to make appropriate use of school facilities. Community members are also encouraged to attend Board meetings, participate in school activities, and take an active interest in issues that affect the schools. The Board and Superintendent or designee shall keep community members well informed about district needs and accomplishments and shall ensure that they have opportunities to share in developing educational policies, programs and evaluation processes.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

The Board recognizes that its ability to fulfill the community's expectations for a high-quality educational program depends on the level of support provided by the state and federal government as well as the community. The Board therefore shall study legislative processes and issues, establish ongoing relationships with state and local leaders and the media, adopt positions on key issues, set priorities for advocacy, and collaborate with other organizations and coalitions in legislative and legal advocacy efforts.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35172 Promotional activities

YOUTH SERVICES

The Board of Trustees desires to help all district students achieve to their highest potential regardless of their social, health, or economic circumstances and recognizes that schools alone cannot meet all the complex needs of children. The district shall provide support services for children and families to the extent possible and shall work with other local governments, businesses, foundations, and community-based organizations, as appropriate, to improve the health, safety, and well-being of the community's youth.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*
- (cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*
- (cf. 5136 - Gangs)*
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*
- (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*
- (cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)*
- (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*
- (cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)*
- (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*
- (cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*
- (cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*
- (cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)*
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*
- (cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*
- (cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*

The Board shall initiate or participate in collaborative relationships with city and county elected officials to design and coordinate multi-agency programs that respond to the needs of children and families and provide more efficient use of district and community resources. The Board may establish or participate in formal structures for governance teams to regularly meet and discuss issues of mutual concern.

- (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*
- (cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)*

The Superintendent and appropriate staff shall cooperate with public and private entities in the planning and implementation of joint projects or activities within the community. The Superintendent or designee may designate a coordinator to ensure effective implementation of the district's responsibilities in any such collaborative project.

- (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*
- (cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

In order to identify priorities for youth services, the Board shall encourage a periodic assessment of children's needs within the community, which may include, but not be limited to, needs based on poverty, child abuse and neglect, poor physical or mental health,

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homelessness, placement in foster care, lack of access to child care, substance abuse, or violence. The needs assessment also should examine the extent to which those needs are being met through existing services in the district and in the community, the costs of providing those services, and any gaps, delay, or duplication of services.

The Board shall approve the services to be offered by the district, the resources that will be allocated to support collaboration, any use of school facilities for services, and any development or joint use of facilities with other jurisdictions.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

All agreements with other agencies to coordinate services or share resources shall be in writing. The Board may establish joint powers agreements or memorandums of understanding, when feasible, to formalize the responsibilities and liabilities of all parties in a collaborative activity.

The Superintendent or designee shall work with interagency partners to explore funding opportunities available through each agency, state and national grant programs, and/or private foundations for youth service coordination and delivery.

In order to facilitate service delivery or determination of eligibility for services, the district may share information with other appropriate agencies with parent/guardian consent and in accordance with laws pertaining to confidentiality and privacy.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The Board shall receive regular reports of progress toward the identified goals of the collaborative effort. The reports may include, but not be limited to, feedback from staff and families regarding service delivery, numbers of children and families served, specific indicators of conditions of children, and indicators of system efficiency and cost effectiveness.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The Board shall communicate with the community about the district's collaborative efforts and the conditions of children within the schools. The Board may advocate for local, state, and national policies, programs, and initiatives designed to improve the conditions of children and youth.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8800-8807 *Healthy Start support services for children*

49073 *Privacy of student records*

49075 *Parent/guardian permission for release of student records*

49557.2 *Sharing of information for MediCal eligibility*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120440 *Immunization records; release to local health departments*

130100-130155 *Early childhood development; First 5 Commission*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

5850-5883 *Mental Health Services Act*

18961.5 *Computerized database; families at risk for child abuse; sharing of information*

18980-18983.8 *Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council*

18986-18986.30 *Interagency Children's Services Act*

18986.40-18986.46 *Multidisciplinary services teams*

18986.50-18986.53 *Integrated day care program*

18987.6-18987.62 *Family-based services*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Programs: A Resource Guide for School Leaders, rev. April 2008

Educating Foster Youth: Best Practices and Board Considerations, Policy Brief, March 2008

Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63): Collaborative Opportunity to Address Mental Health, Policy Advisory, October 2007

Maximizing School Board Governance: Community Leadership, 1996

CHILDREN NOW PUBLICATIONS

California Report Card: The State of the State's Children, 2008

CITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PUBLICATIONS

Healthy Children, Healthy Communities: An Action Guide for California Communities, 2006

Stretching Community Dollars: Cities, Counties and School Districts Building for the Future, 2006

YOUTH LAW CENTER PUBLICATIONS

Model Form for Consent to Exchange Confidential Information among the Members of an Interagency Collaborative, 1995

WEB SITES

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

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

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

California Department of Social Services: <http://www.dss.ca.gov>

California State Association of Counties: <http://www.csac.counties.org>

Children Now: <http://www.childrennow.org>

Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

First 5 California: <http://www.ccfc.ca.gov>

League of California Cities: <http://www.cacities.org>

Youth Law Center: <http://www.ylc.org>

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

The Board of Trustees recognizes the district's responsibility to keep the public informed regarding the goals, programs, achievements, and needs of the schools and district and to be responsive to the concerns and interests of the community. The Superintendent or designee shall establish strategies for effective two-way communications between the district and the public and shall consult with the Board regarding the role of Board members as advocates for the district's students, programs, and policies.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board and staff with communications protocols and procedures to assist the district in presenting a consistent, unified message on district issues. Such protocols and procedures may include, but are not limited to, identification of the spokesperson(s) authorized to speak to the media on behalf of the district, strategies for coordinating communications efforts and activities, and legal requirements pertaining to confidentiality as well as the public's right to access records.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 2111 - Superintendent Governance Standards)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall utilize a variety of communications methods in order to provide the public with access to information. Such methods may include, but are not limited to, district and school newsletters, web sites, social networking pages or other online communications technologies, direct email communications, mailings, notices sent home with students, recorded telephone messages for parent/guardian information, community forums and public events, news releases, meetings with education reporters and editorial boards, presentations at parent organization meetings, and meetings with representatives of local governments, community organizations, and businesses.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

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

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

In developing communications strategies, the Superintendent or designee shall take into account the needs of all members of the public, including individuals with disabilities and those whose primary language is not English.

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

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff members are responsive to requests by parents/guardians or members of the public for information or assistance and may provide staff with professional development in their "customer service" role as needed.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide multiple opportunities for members of the public to give input on district and school issues and operations. Community members are encouraged to become involved in school activities, participate on district and school committees, provide input at Board meetings, submit suggestions to district staff, and use the district's complaint procedures as appropriate.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

Prohibition Against Mass Mailings at Public Expense

No newsletter or other mass mailing, as defined in Government Code 82041.5 and 2 CCR 18901, shall be sent by the district at public expense if such material aggrandizes one or more Board members. The name, signature, or photograph of a Board member may be included in such materials only as permitted by 2 CCR 18901. (Government Code 82041.5, 89001; 2 CCR 18901)

Any newsletter or mass mailing regarding ballot measures, candidates, legislative activities, or any other campaign activities shall be sent and distributed in accordance with law and Board policy.

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

Comprehensive Communications Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a written communications plan which establishes priorities for proactive community outreach to build support for district programs

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and issues. The plan shall identify specific communications goals aligned with the district's vision and goals for student learning. For each communications goal, the plan shall identify key messages, individuals or groups that can help the district achieve its goal, strategies tailored to each target audience, timelines, persons responsible for each activity, and budget implications.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

As appropriate for each issue, target audiences may include parents/guardians, the media, local governmental agencies, businesses, community organizations and civic groups, postsecondary institutions, health care professionals, child care providers, community leaders, state or federal legislators or agencies, and/or other segments of the public.

The plan shall incorporate strategies for effective communications during a crisis or other emergency situation that may arise.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the district's communications plan and recommend to the Board whether the goals and key issues identified in the plan need to be revised to meet changing circumstances or priorities.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

7054 *Use of district property or funds re: ballot measures and candidates*

35145.5 *Board meetings, public participation*

35172 *Promotional activities*

38130-38138 *Civic Center Act*

48980-48985 *Parental notifications*

GOVERNMENT CODE

54957.5 *Meeting agendas and materials*

82041.5 *Mass mailing*

89001 *Newsletter or mass mailing*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

18901 *Mass mailings sent at public expense*

18901.1 *Campaign-related mailings sent at public expense*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California School Public Relations Association: <http://www.calspra.org>

Fair Political Practices Commission: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>

MEDIA RELATIONS

The Board of Trustees respects the public's right to information and recognizes that the media significantly influence the community's understanding of school programs. In order to develop and maintain positive media relations, the Board and the Superintendent desire to reasonably accommodate media requests for information and to provide accurate, reliable and timely information.

Media representatives are welcome at all Board meetings and shall receive meeting agendas upon request in accordance with Board policy.

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

Media representatives, like all other visitors, shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session.

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

Staff may provide the media with student directory information, including, but not limited to, the name of a student, school of attendance, grade level, honors, and activities, unless the student's parent/guardian has submitted a written request that such information not be disclosed. The district shall not release information that is private or confidential as required by law, Board policy or administrative regulation. No other access to student records or personally identifiable student information may be provided without written parent/guardian permission.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

Interviewing and Photographing Students

The district shall not impose restraints on students' right to speak freely with media representatives at those times which do not disrupt a student's educational program. However, interviews of students may not create substantial disorder or impinge on the rights of others. Therefore, in order to minimize possible disruption, media representatives who wish to interview students at school are strongly encouraged to make prior arrangements with the principal. At their discretion, parents/guardians may instruct their children not to communicate with media representatives.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

MEDIA RELATIONS (continued)

In order to protect the privacy and safety of students, a media representative who wishes to photograph students on school grounds should first make arrangements with the principal or designee.

When interviewing or photographing a special education student, he/she shall not be identified as a special education student without prior, written parent/guardian permission.

Media Communications Plan

In order to help develop strong relations with the media, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a proactive media communications plan. This plan may include, but not be limited to, information related to district programs and needs, student awards, school accomplishments and events of special interest.

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

The plan shall specify the district's and/or site's primary media contact to whom all media inquiries shall be routed. Spokespersons designated to speak to the media on behalf of the district include the Board president, Superintendent and public information officer. Other Board members and staff may be asked by the Superintendent or designee to speak to the media on a case-by-case basis, depending on their expertise on an issue.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training on effective media relations to all designated spokespersons.

(cf. 9240 - Board Development)

Crisis Communications Plan

During a disturbance or crisis situation, the first priority of school staff is to assure the safety of students and staff. However, the Board recognizes the need to provide timely and accurate information to parents/guardians and the community during a crisis. The Board also recognizes that the media have an important role to play in relaying this information to the public. In order to help ensure that the media and district work together effectively, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a crisis communications plan to identify communication strategies to be taken in the event of a crisis.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

MEDIA RELATIONS (continued)

The crisis communications plan may include but not be limited to identification of a media center location, development of both internal and external notification systems, and strategies for press conference logistics.

The Superintendent or designee shall include local law enforcement and media representatives in the crisis planning process.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32210-32212 *Willful disturbance of public school or meeting*

35144 *Special meetings*

35145 *Public meetings*

35160 *Authority of governing boards*

35172 *Promotional activities*

EVIDENCE CODE

1070 *Refusal to disclose news source*

PENAL CODE

627-627.10 *Access to school premises*

COURT DECISIONS

Lopez v. Tulare Joint Union High School District, (1995) 34 Cal.App.4th 1302

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

95 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 509 (1996)*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911: A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

WEB SITES

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

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEB SITES

To enhance communication with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members, the Board of Trustees encourages the Superintendent or designee to develop and maintain district and school web sites. The use of district and school web sites shall support the district's vision and goals and shall be coordinated with other district communications strategies.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Design Standards

The Superintendent or designee shall establish design standards for district and school web sites in order to maintain a consistent identity, professional appearance, and ease of use.

The district's design standards shall address the accessibility of district-sponsored web sites to individuals with disabilities, including compatibility with commonly used assistive technologies.

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

Guidelines for Content

The Superintendent or designee shall develop content guidelines for district and school web sites and shall assign staff to review and approve content prior to posting.

Board policy pertaining to advertising in district and school publications, as specified in BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion, shall also apply to advertising on district and school web sites.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

Privacy Rights

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the privacy rights of students, parents/guardians, staff, Board members, and other individuals are protected on district and school web sites.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

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

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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Telephone numbers and home and email addresses of students and/or their parents/guardians shall not be published on district or school web sites.

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

Note: The following options address the use of students' photographs on district or school web sites. Option 1 is for use by districts that, pursuant to Education Code 49061 and 34 CFR 99.3, have included photographs in the definition of directory information as specified in AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information, and thus allow parents/guardians the opportunity to request that their child's photograph not be released without their prior written consent. Option 2 is for use by districts that do not wish to allow students' photographs to be published along with their names without specific consent.

OPTION 1: Photographs of individual students may be published, together with their names, except when their parent/guardian has notified the district in writing to not release the student's photograph without prior written consent in accordance with BP/AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.

OPTION 2: Because of the wide accessibility of the Internet and potential risk to students, photographs of individual students shall not be published with their names or other personally identifiable information without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian.

Photographs of groups of students, such as at a school event, may be published provided that students' names are not included.

Staff members' home addresses or telephone numbers shall not be posted on district or school web sites.

The home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official including, but not limited to, a Board member or public safety official, shall not be posted on district or school web sites without the prior written permission of that individual. (Government Code 3307.5, 6254.21, 6254.24)

No public safety official shall be required to consent to the posting on the Internet of his/her photograph or identity as a public safety officer for any purpose if that officer reasonably believes that the disclosure may result in a threat, harassment, intimidation, or harm to the officer or his/her family. (Government Code 3307.5)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEB SITES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 *Contracts for advertising*
35258 *Internet access to school accountability report cards*
48907 *Exercise of free expression; rules and regulations*
48950 *Speech and other communication*
49061 *Definitions, directory information*
49073 *Release of directory information*
60048 *Commercial brand names, contracts or logos*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3307.5 *Publishing identity of public safety officers*
6254.21 *Publishing addresses and telephone numbers of officials*
6254.24 *Definition of public safety official*
11135 *Nondiscrimination; accessibility to state web sites*

PENAL CODE

14029.5 *Prohibition against publishing personal information of person in witness protection program*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 17

101-1101 *Federal copyright law*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; accessibility to federal web sites*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16

312.1-312.12 *Children's Online Privacy*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy*

COURT DECISIONS

Aaris v. Las Virgenes Unified School District, (1998) 64 Cal.App.4th 1112

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, June 2003

WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, December 2008

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, *Web Accessibility Standards:*

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/webaccessstds.asp>

California School Public Relations Association: <http://www.calspra.org>

U.S. Department of Justice, *Americans with Disabilities Act:* <http://www.ada.gov>

World Wide Web Consortium, *Web Accessibility Initiative:* <http://www.w3.org/wai>

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Guidelines for Content

District and school web sites shall provide current information regarding district/school programs, activities, and operations. Such information shall be appropriate for both internal and external audiences and may include district mission and goals, district or school news, agendas and minutes of Board of Trustees meetings, School Accountability Report Cards, school calendars, and links to educational resources.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

With approval of the principal, individual teachers may create web pages linked to the district or school web site to provide information pertaining to class assignments, expectations, and activities.

Student work may be published on district or school web sites provided that both the student and his/her parent/guardian provide written permission or the work is part of an existing publication such as a school newspaper.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that copyright laws are not violated in the use of materials on district and school web sites. If any copyrighted material is posted, a notice shall be included crediting the original producer of the material and noting how and when permission to reprint the material was granted.

(cf. 4132/4232/4332 - Publication or Creation of Materials)
(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

Whenever a district or school web site includes links to external web sites, it shall include a disclaimer that the district is not responsible for the content of external web sites.

Roles and Responsibilities

Any employee assigned as a district or school webmaster shall be responsible for the uploading of material to the web site(s) upon approval of the Superintendent or designee. He/she shall ensure consistency of the material with district standards, regularly check links for accuracy and appropriateness, keep the web server free of outdated or unused files, and provide technical assistance as needed.

The Superintendent or designee may assign additional staff members to conduct an editorial review of all materials submitted for publication on district or school web sites and to make corrections as needed in spelling, grammar, or accuracy of content.

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development opportunities related to district content guidelines, design standards, and accessibility laws and standards to district communications and technology staff, district and school webmasters, and/or other appropriate staff.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Security

The Superintendent or designee shall establish security procedures for the district's computer network to prevent unauthorized access and changes to district and school web sites. To the extent possible, the host computer(s) shall be in a lockable room with restricted access.

DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of technology such as social media platforms in promoting community involvement and collaboration. The purpose of any official district social media platform shall be to further the district's vision and mission, support student learning and staff professional development, and enhance communication with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop content guidelines and protocols for official district social media platforms to ensure the appropriate and responsible use of these resources and compliance with law, Board policy, and regulation.

Guidelines for Content

Official district social media platforms shall be used only for their stated purposes and in a manner consistent with this policy and administrative regulation. By creating these official sites and allowing for public comment, the Board does not intend to create a limited public forum or otherwise guarantee an individual's right to free speech.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)
(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the limited purpose of the official district social media platforms is clearly communicated to users. Each site shall contain a statement that specifies the site's purposes along with a statement that users are expected to use the site only for those purposes. Each site shall also contain a statement that users are personally responsible for the content of their posts.

Official district social media platforms may not contain content that is obscene, libelous, or so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, violation of school rules, or substantial disruption of the school's orderly operation.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

Staff or students who post prohibited content shall be subject to discipline in accordance with district policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA (continued)

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

Users of official district social media platforms should be aware of the public nature and accessibility of social media and that information posted may be considered a public record subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. The Board expects users to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)

Privacy

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the privacy rights of students, parents/guardians, staff, Board members, and other individuals are protected on official district social media platforms.

Board policy pertaining to the posting of student photographs and the privacy of telephone numbers, home addresses, and email addresses, as specified in BP 1113 - District and School Web Sites, shall also apply to official district social media platforms.

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

Social media and networking sites and other online platforms shall not be used by district employees to transmit confidential information about students, employees, or district operations.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32261 School safety, definitions of bullying and electronic act

35182.5 Contracts for advertising

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48950 Speech and other communication

49061 Definitions, directory information

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6254.21 Publishing addresses and phone numbers of officials

6254.24 Definition of public safety official

54952.2 Brown Act, definition of meeting

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157 Employee rights to engage in concerted, protected activity

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DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA

Definitions

Social media means any online platform for collaboration, interaction, and active participation, including, but not limited to, social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, or blogs.

Official district social media platform is a site authorized by the Superintendent or designee. Sites that have not been authorized by the Superintendent or designee but that contain content related to the district or comments on district operations, such as a site created by a parent-teacher organization, booster club, or other school-connected organization or a student's or employee's personal site, are not considered official district social media platforms.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundations)

Authorization for Official District Social Media Platforms

The Superintendent or designee shall authorize the development of any official district social media platform. Teachers and coaches shall obtain approval from the principal before creating an official classroom or team social media platform.

Guidelines for Content

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that official district social media platforms provide current information regarding district programs, activities, and operations, consistent with the goals and purposes of this policy and regulation. Official district social media platforms shall contain content that is appropriate for all audiences.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organization and Equal Access)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that copyright laws are not violated in the use of material on official district social media platforms.

(cf. 4132/4232/4332 - Publication or Creation of Materials)

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that official district social media platforms are regularly monitored. Staff members responsible for monitoring content may remove posts

DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA (continued)

based on viewpoint-neutral considerations, such as lack of relation to the site's purpose or violation of the district's policy, regulation, or content guidelines.

Each official district social media platform shall prominently display:

1. The purpose of the site along with a statement that users are expected to use the site only for those intended purposes.
2. Information on how to use the security settings of the social media platform.
3. A statement that the site is regularly monitored and that any inappropriate post will be promptly removed. Inappropriate posts include those that:
 - a. Are obscene, libelous, or so incite students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, violation of school rules, or substantial disruption of the school's orderly operation
 - b. Are not related to the stated purpose of the site, including, but not limited to, comments of a commercial nature, political activity, and comments that constitute discrimination or harassment

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

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

4. Protocols for users, including expectations that users will communicate in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner.
5. A statement that users are personally responsible for the content of their posts and that the district is not responsible for the content of external online platforms.
6. A disclaimer that the views and comments expressed on the site are those of the users and do not necessarily reflect the views of the district.
7. A disclaimer that any user's reference to a specific commercial product or service does not imply endorsement or recommendation of that product or service by the district.
8. The individual(s) to contact regarding violation of district guidelines on the use of official district social media platforms.

DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA (continued)

Appropriate Use by District Employees

District employees who participate in official district social media platforms shall adhere to all applicable district policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, professional standards related to interactions with students.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)

When appropriate, employees using official district social media platforms shall identify themselves by name and district title and include a disclaimer stating that the views and opinions expressed in their post are theirs alone and do not necessarily represent those of the district or school.

All staff shall receive information about appropriate use of the official district social media platforms.

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

COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

To encourage community involvement in district programs and activities, the Board of Trustees may publicly recognize and commend parents/guardians, community members, businesses, and organizations that make outstanding contributions or provide longstanding service to the district or district students.

(cf. 1000 - Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

Any Board member, employee, parent/guardian, student, or community member may recommend an individual or organization for Board recognition. He/she shall submit to the Superintendent or designee the name of the individual or organization and a description of the outstanding contribution or service.

At the Board's discretion, the Board may present a letter of recognition, Board resolution, plaque, or other award at a public Board meeting or may hold a reception or informal recognition activity. The Board also may designate a day, week, or month for special recognition of volunteers.

The Board encourages similar forms of recognition for achievement or services as part of school-level commendation programs.

(cf. 4156.2/4256.2/4356.2 - Awards and Recognition)

(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

44015 Awards to employees and students

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 16, Section 6 Gifts of public funds

POLITICAL PROCESSES

The Board of Trustees has a responsibility to actively advocate fiscal and public policy that supports the district's schools and the children in the community. The Board shall be proactive in defining the district's advocacy agenda based on the district's vision and goals and the needs of the district and community. The Board's advocacy efforts shall be conducted in accordance with legal requirements.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)

Ballot Measures/Candidates

No district funds, services, supplies, or equipment shall be used to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board. (Education Code 7054)

The Board may discuss and study the potential effect of proposed or qualified ballot measures on the district's schools at an open and agendized Board meeting. The Board's discussion of the effect of such measures shall include an opportunity for staff and members of the public to speak on all sides of the issue. At that meeting, the Board may adopt a position or resolution in support of or in opposition to a ballot measure. The language in any resolution adopted by the Board shall not urge the public to take any action regarding the measure.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

The Board's position on a ballot measure, including any resolution, shall be publicized only through normal district procedures and consistent with regular district practice for reporting Board actions. Such publicity shall be for informational purposes and shall not attempt to influence voters.

The Superintendent or designee may use district resources to provide students, parents/guardians, and community members with fair and impartial information related to ballot measures, including information about the impact of ballot measures on the district. (Education Code 7054)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

In preparing or distributing such informational material, the Superintendent or designee shall analyze the material to help ensure that it is an appropriate informational activity, provides a fair analysis of the issues, and does not advocate passage or defeat of a measure or candidate.

POLITICAL PROCESSES (continued)

District resources, including email or computer systems, shall not be used to disseminate campaign literature. In addition, district resources shall not be used to purchase advertisements, bumper stickers, posters, or similar promotional items that advocate an election result or urge voters to take any action in support of or in opposition to a measure.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

Political activity related to district bond measures shall, in addition to the above, be subject to the following conditions:

1. The Superintendent or designee may research, draft, and prepare a district bond measure or other initiative for the ballot, but shall not use district resources to influence voters or otherwise campaign for the measure.
2. Upon request, Board members and district administrators may appear at any time before a citizens' group to explain why the Board called for an election on a bond measure and to answer questions. (Education Code 7054.1)

If the presentation occurs during working hours, the employee representing the district shall not urge a citizens' group to vote for or against the bond measure.

3. The Board or any individual Board member may file a written argument for the ballot that is either for or against any school measure. (Elections Code 9501)

Legislation

The Board's responsibility as an advocate for the district may include lobbying and outreach at the state, national, and local levels. The Board and Superintendent or designee shall work to establish and maintain ongoing relationships with elected officials, community leaders, and the media in order to communicate district positions and concerns.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

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

(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)

The Board and Superintendent shall develop an advocacy action plan to define expectations and responsibilities. This plan may include, but is not limited to, legislative priorities, strategies for outreach to the media and community, development of key messages and talking points, and adoption of positions on specific legislation, regulations, or budget proposals.

POLITICAL PROCESSES (continued)

In order to strengthen legislative advocacy efforts, the district may work with organizations and coalitions and may join associations whose representatives lobby on behalf of their members in accordance with Government Code 53060.5.

The district may provide fair and impartial information about legislative issues affecting schools and children and shall inform the community about its advocacy activities. However, informational materials about legislation shall not urge the public to lobby the legislature, Governor, or state agencies on behalf of the district.

As necessary, the Board may direct the Superintendent or designee to draft legislative or regulatory proposals which serve the district's interests.

Legal Advocacy

The Board recognizes that some issues are more appropriately addressed judicially rather than legislatively. When a legal issue is likely to set a state or national precedent, the district may join with other districts or parties in order to resolve the issue through litigation or other appropriate means.

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

Political Forums

Forums on political issues may be held in district facilities as long as the forum is made available to all sides of the issue on an equitable basis. (Education Code 7058)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

POLITICAL PROCESSES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

7050-7058 *Political activities of school officers and employees, including:*

7054 *Use of district property*

7054.1 *Requested appearance*

7056 *Soliciting or receiving political funds*

35160 *Authority of governing boards*

35172 *Promotional activities*

ELECTIONS CODE

9501 *School district elections, arguments for or against a measure*

GOVERNMENT CODE

8314 *Unlawful use of state resources*

53060.5 *Attendance at legislative body; expenses*

54953.5 *Right to record proceedings*

54953.6 *Broadcasts of proceedings*

81000-91015 *Political Reform Act, including:*

82031 *Definition of independent expenditure*

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18600-18640 *Lobbyists*

18901.1 *Campaign related mailings sent at public expense*

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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable the Board to better understand the interests and concerns of the community.

The Board shall establish citizen advisory committees when required by law, to strengthen the effectiveness of district and school operations, or to enhance student learning. The purpose of any such committees shall be clearly defined and aligned to the district's vision, mission, and goals. The Board may dissolve any advisory committee not required by law when the committee has fulfilled its duties or at any time the Board deems it necessary.

- (cf. 0000 - Vision)*
- (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*
- (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)*
- (cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)*
- (cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)*
- (cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*
- (cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)*
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*
- (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*
- (cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)*
- (cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*
- (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*
- (cf. 9130 - Board Committees)*

The Superintendent or designee may establish advisory committees which shall report to him/her in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Citizen advisory committees shall serve in an advisory capacity; they may make recommendations, but their actions shall not be binding on the Board or Superintendent.

The membership of citizen advisory committees should reflect the diversity of the community and represent a diversity of viewpoints.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and information, as necessary, to enable committee members to understand the goals of the committee and to fulfill their role as committee members.

Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for committee travel and may reimburse committee members for expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided for district employees.

- (cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)*

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8070 *Career technical education advisory committee*
11503 *Parent involvement program*
15278-15282 *Citizens' oversight committee*
15359.3 *School facilities improvement districts*
17387-17391 *Advisory committees for use of excess school facilities*
35147 *School site councils and advisory committees*
41505-41508 *Pupil Retention Block Grant*
41570-41573 *School and Library Improvement Block Grant*
44032 *Travel expense payment*
52176 *Advisory committees, limited-English proficient students program*
52852 *Site council, school-based program coordination*
54425 *Advisory committees, compensatory education*
54444.1-54444.2 *Parent advisory councils, services to migrant children*
56190-56194 *Community advisory committee, special education*
62002.5 *Continuing parent advisory committees*

REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS

52012 *School site council*

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810.2 *Tort claims act, definition employee*
810.4 *Tort claims act, definition employment*
815.2 *Injuries by employees within scope of employment*
820.9 *Members of local public boards not vicariously liable*
6250-6270 *California Public Records Act*
54950-54963 *Brown Act*

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

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Cautionary Notice: AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) repealed Education Code 42605, which provided temporary flexibility for specified "Tier 3" categorical programs, and instead redirects the funding for those categorical programs into the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) (Education Code 42238.01-42251). The supplemental and concentration grant portions of the LCFF may be used for any schoolwide or districtwide educational purpose in accordance with state regulations to be adopted by January 31, 2014, with a goal of increasing or improving services for English learners, foster youth, and students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Certain requirements related to Tier 3 categorical program(s) in the following policy or regulation are no longer applicable.

Committee Charge

When committees are appointed, committee members shall receive written information including, but not limited to:

1. The committee members' names
2. The procedure to be used in the selection of the committee chairperson and other committee officers
3. The name(s) and contact information of staff member(s) assigned to support the work of the committee
4. The goals and specific charge(s) of the committee, including its topic(s) for study
5. The specific period of time that the committee is expected to serve
6. Legal requirements regarding meeting conduct and public notifications
7. Resources available to help the committee perform its tasks
8. Timelines for progress reports and/or final report
9. Relevant Board policies and administrative regulations

Members of advisory committees are not vicariously liable for injuries caused by the act or omission of the district or a committee and are not liable for injuries caused by an act or omission of a committee member acting within the scope of his/her role as a member of the committee. However, a member may be liable for injury caused by his/her own wrongful conduct. (Government Code 815.2, 820.9)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

Committees Subject to Brown Act Requirements

The following committees shall comply with Brown Act requirements pertaining to open meetings, notices, and public participation, pursuant to Government Code 54950-54963:

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES (continued)

1. Advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 56190-56194 related to special education

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)

2. Advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 8070 related to career technical education

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

3. Committees established to assist in development of a student wellness policy pursuant to 42 USC 1758b

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

4. Committees established pursuant to Education Code 17387-17391 related to the use or disposition of excess real property

(cf. 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property)

5. Citizens' oversight committees established to examine the expenditure of general obligation bond or schools facilities improvement bond revenues passed with a 55 percent majority of the voters pursuant to Education Code 15278 and 15359.3

(cf. 7213 - School Facilities Improvement Districts)

(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)

6. Other committees created by formal Board of Trustees action

(cf. 9130 - Board Committees)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

Committees Not Subject to Brown Act Requirements

The following committees are exempt from the Brown Act but must conform with procedural meeting requirements established in Education Code 35147:

1. School site councils established pursuant to Education Code 41507, 41572, or 52852 related to student retention, school or library improvement, or school-based program coordination

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES (continued)

2. District or school advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 52176 related to programs for students of limited English proficiency

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

3. School advisory committees established pursuant to Education Code 54425(b) related to compensatory education

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

4. Any district advisory committee established pursuant to Education Code 54444.2 related to migrant education programs

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

5. School site councils established pursuant to Education Code 62002.5 related to economic impact aid and bilingual education

6. School committees established pursuant to Education Code 11503 related to parent involvement

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Meetings of the above councils or committees shall be open to the public. Any member of the public shall have the opportunity to address the council or committee during the meeting on any item within its jurisdiction. Notice of the meeting shall be posted at the school site or other appropriate accessible location at least 72 hours before the meeting, specifying the date, time, and location of the meeting and containing an agenda that describes each item of business to be discussed or acted upon. (Education Code 35147)

The above councils or committees shall not take action on any item not listed on the agenda unless all members present unanimously find that there is a need to take immediate action and that this need came to the council's or committee's attention after the agenda was posted. In addition to addressing items on the agenda, members of the council, committee, or public may ask questions or make brief statements that do not have a significant effect on district students or employees or that can be resolved solely by providing information. (Education Code 35147)

Councils or committees violating the above procedural requirements must, at the demand of any person, reconsider the item at the next meeting, first allowing for public input on the item. (Education Code 35147)

Any materials provided to a school site council shall be made available to any member of the public upon request pursuant to the California Public Records Act. (Education Code 35147; Government Code 6250-6270)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES (continued)

Committees created by the Superintendent or designee to advise the administration and which do not report to the Board are not subject to the requirements of the Brown Act or Education Code 35147.

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents/guardians and community members may wish to organize parent organizations and/or booster clubs for the purpose of supporting district and extracurricular programs, such as athletic teams, debate teams, or musical groups. The Board appreciates the contributions made by such organizations and encourages their interest and participation in supporting district activities and helping to achieve the district's vision for student learning.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Board recognizes that school-connected organizations are separate legal entities, independent of the district. However, in order to help the Board fulfill its legal and fiduciary responsibility to manage district operations, any school-connected organization that desires to raise money to benefit any district student shall submit a request for authorization to the Board, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall establish appropriate internal controls for the relationship between school-connected organizations and the district.

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

The Board encourages school-connected organizations to consider the impact of fund-raising activities on the overall school and district program. School-connected organizations may consult with the principal to determine school needs and priorities. Activities by school-connected organizations shall not conflict with law, Board policies, administrative regulations, or any rules of the sponsoring school.

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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35160 *Authority of governing boards*
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48932 *Authorization for fund-raising activities by student organization*
49431 *Sale of food to elementary students during the school day*
49431.2 *Sale of food to middle, junior, or high school students*
49431.5 *Sale of beverages at elementary, middle, or junior high schools*
51520 *Prohibited solicitation on school premises*
51521 *Fund-raising project*

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17510-17510.95 *Solicitations for charitable purposes*
25608 *Alcohol on school property; use in connection with instruction*

GOVERNMENT CODE

12580-12599.7 *Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act*

PENAL CODE

319-329 *Lottery, raffle*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*
15500 *Food sales in elementary schools*
15501 *Food sales in high schools and junior high schools*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

300-312.1 *Fundraising for charitable purposes*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

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WEB SITES

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

California Office of the Attorney General, charitable trust registry: <http://caag.state.ca.us/charities>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS

Persons proposing to establish a school-connected organization shall submit a request to the Board of Trustees for authorization to operate at the school. The request for authorization shall contain:

1. The name and purpose of the organization
2. The date of application
3. Bylaws, rules, and procedures under which the organization will operate, including procedures for maintaining the organization's finances, membership qualifications, if any, and an agreement that the group will not engage in unlawful discrimination
4. The names, addresses, and phone numbers of all officers
5. A list of specific objectives
6. An agreement to grant the district the right to audit the group's financial records at any time, either by district personnel or a certified public accountant
7. The name of the bank where the organization's account will be located and the names of those authorized to withdraw funds
8. The signature of the principal of the supporting school
9. Planned use for any money remaining at the end of the year if the organization is not continued or authorized to continue in the future
10. An agreement to provide evidence of liability insurance as required by law

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

Requests for subsequent authorization shall be presented to the Superintendent or designee annually, along with a financial statement showing all income and expenditures from fund-raisers. If the Superintendent or designee proposes to deny the request for reauthorization, he/she shall present his recommendation to the Board for approval.

Upon consent of the Superintendent or designee, school-connected organizations may use the school's name, school team's name, or any logo attributable to the school or district.

School-connected organizations are prohibited from hiring or directly paying district employees. Organizations may make donations to the district to cover the costs of additional

SCHOOL-CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS (continued)

employees, but only if such positions are approved in advance by the Board. At their discretion, employees may volunteer to perform activities for school-connected organizations during non-working hours.

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

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

The Board of Trustees recognizes that volunteer assistance in schools can enrich the educational program, increase supervision of students, and contribute to school safety while strengthening the schools' relationships with the community. The Board encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge, and abilities with students.

(cf. 1000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)
(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a plan for recruiting, screening, and placing volunteers, including strategies for reaching underrepresented groups of parents/guardians and community members. He/she may also recruit community members to serve as mentors to students and/or make appropriate referrals to community organizations.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide volunteers with information about school goals, programs, and practices and an orientation or other training related to their specific responsibilities. Employees who supervise volunteers shall ensure that volunteers are assigned meaningful responsibilities that utilize their skills and expertise and maximize their contribution to the educational program.

Volunteer maintenance work shall be limited to those projects that do not replace the normal maintenance duties of classified staff. The Board nevertheless encourages volunteers to work on short-term projects to the extent that they enhance the classroom or school, do not significantly increase maintenance workloads, and comply with employee negotiated agreements.

Volunteer aides shall not be used to assist certificated staff in performing teaching or administrative responsibilities in place of regularly authorized classified employees who have been laid off. (Education Code 35021)

Volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies, regulations, and school rules. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for investigating and resolving complaints regarding volunteers.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE (continued)

The Board encourages principals to develop a means for recognizing the contributions of each school's volunteers.

(cf. 1150 - Commendations and Awards)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the district's volunteer assistance program.

Qualifications

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for determining whether volunteers possess the qualifications, if any, required by law and administrative regulation for the types of duties they will perform.

Note: Effective July 9, 2010, AB 346 (Ch. 52, Statutes of 2010) amended Education Code 49024 to require any volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored student activity program to obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate (ASCC) from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, unless the district requires the volunteer to clear a Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal background check prior to beginning the volunteer duties. This legislation was introduced in response to legislation passed in 2009 (AB 1025, Ch. 379, Statutes of 2009) which had required noncertificated personnel or volunteers who "supervise, direct, or coach the activity" to obtain an ASCC.

Thus, the Governing Board may choose whether to require a volunteer to obtain the ASCC (Option 1 below) and/or to obtain a DOJ/FBI criminal background check (Option 2 below). The Board may select either one of the options below, combine them to allow an individual to obtain either the ASCC or DOJ/FBI check at the individual's discretion, or to apply different requirements to different positions in the district.

In addition, AB 346 amended Education Code 45125.01 to allow multiple districts within a county or within contiguous counties to share criminal record information of noncertificated employees and volunteers working in a student activity program; see AR 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records.

See the accompanying administrative regulation for the definition of "student activity program" pursuant to Education Code 49024.

OPTION 1: Prior to assuming a volunteer position to work with students in a district-sponsored student activity program, a volunteer shall possess an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. (Education Code 49024)

A volunteer who obtained both a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background clearance through the district prior to July 9, 2010 shall have satisfied this requirement. (Education Code 49024)

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE (continued)

OPTION 2: Prior to assuming a volunteer position to work with students in a district-sponsored student activity program, a volunteer shall obtain both a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check through the district. (Education Code 49024)

A volunteer who possesses a current Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, issued prior to July 9, 2010, shall have satisfied district requirements for the criminal background check. (Education Code 49024)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8482-8484.6 *After School Education and Safety program*

8484.7-8484.9 *21st Century Community Learning Center program*

35021 *Volunteer aides*

35021.1 *Automated records check*

35021.3 *Registry of volunteers for before/after school programs*

44010 *Sex offense; definition*

44227.5 *Classroom participation by college methodology faculty*

44814-44815 *Supervision of students during lunch and other nutrition periods*

45125 *Fingerprinting requirements*

45125.01 *Interagency agreements for criminal record information*

45340-45349 *Instructional aides*

45360-45367 *Teacher aides*

49024 *Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate*

49406 *Examination for tuberculosis*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.5 *Prohibited interference with employees' rights*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.871 *Fingerprints of individuals in contact with child day care facility clients*

LABOR CODE

1720.4 *Public works; exclusion of volunteers from prevailing wage law*

3364.5 *Persons performing voluntary services for school districts*

PENAL CODE

290 *Registration of sex offenders*

290.4 *Information re: sex offenders*

290.95 *Disclosure by person required to register as sex offender*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

101170 *Criminal record clearance*

101216 *Health screening, volunteers in child care centers*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6319 *Qualifications and duties of paraprofessionals, Title I programs*

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

62 *Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 325 (1979)*

COURT DECISIONS

Whisman Elementary School District, (1991) PERB Decision No. 868

Management Resources: (see next page)

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE (continued)

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING CODED CORRESPONDENCE

10-11 Information on Assembly Bill 346 Concerning the Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate (ASCC), July 20, 2010

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Parents/Family and Community: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf>

California Department of Justice, Megan's Law: <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>

California Parent Teacher Association: <http://www.capta.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: <http://www.ncpie.org>

National Parent Teacher Association: <http://www.pta.org>

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Duties of Volunteers

Volunteers may assist certificated personnel in the performance of their duties, in the supervision of students, and in instructional tasks which, in the judgment of the certificated personnel to which the volunteer is assigned, may be performed by a person not licensed as a classroom teacher. These duties shall not include assignment of grades to students. (Education Code 45343, 45344, 45349)

(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

Volunteers may supervise students during lunch, breakfast, or other nutritional periods or may serve as nonteaching aides under the immediate supervision and direction of certificated personnel to perform noninstructional work which assists certificated personnel in the performance of teaching and administrative responsibilities. (Education Code 35021, 44814, 44815)

Volunteers may work on short-term facilities projects pursuant to Board policy and the section below entitled "Volunteer Facilities Projects."

Qualifications

Volunteers providing supervision or instruction of students pursuant to Education Code 45349 shall give evidence of basic skills proficiency. (Education Code 45344.5, 45349)

(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

Any volunteer working with students in a district-sponsored student activity program shall obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate or criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which volunteer positions in the district are subject to this requirement.

(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Background Check)

"Student activity programs" include, but are not limited to, scholastic programs, interscholastic programs, and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district or a school booster club, such as cheer team, drill team, dance team, and marching band. This requirement shall not apply to volunteer supervisors for breakfast, lunch, or other nutritional periods or to volunteer nonteaching aides under the immediate supervision and direction of certificated personnel pursuant to Education Code 35021, including parents/guardians volunteering in a classroom or on a field trip or community members providing noninstructional services. (Education Code 49024)

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

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall not assign any person required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 as a volunteer who assists certificated personnel in the performance of their duties; supervises students during lunch, breakfast, or other nutritional period; or serves as a nonteaching aide to perform noninstructional tasks. In addition, a person who is required to register as a sex offender because of a conviction for a crime where the victim was a minor under age 16 shall not serve as a volunteer in any capacity in which he/she would be working directly and in an unaccompanied setting with minors on more than an incidental and occasional basis or have supervision or disciplinary power over minors. (Education Code 35021, 45349; Penal Code 290.95)

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)

The Superintendent or designee may require all volunteers to disclose their status as a registered sex offender and/or provide the district with sufficient information in order to allow verification of this status on the Department of Justice's Megan's Law web site.

No volunteer shall be assigned to supervise or instruct students unless he/she has submitted evidence of an examination within the past 60 days to determine that he/she is free of active tuberculosis. Volunteers who test negative shall thereafter be required to take a tuberculosis test every four years in accordance with Education Code 49406. (Education Code 45106, 45347, 45349, 49406)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from tuberculosis testing requirements those volunteers who serve less than a school year and whose functions do not require frequent or prolonged contact with students. (Education Code 49406)

Volunteer Facilities Projects

All volunteer facilities projects shall have approximate start and completion dates and shall be approved by the principal in advance. Projects also shall be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee if they involve the following types of work:

1. Alterations, additions, or repairs to buildings and grounds
2. Construction involving wall or roof penetration, drilling, or nailing
3. Structural modifications
4. Electrical, electronic, plumbing, or heating and cooling work

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE (continued)

5. Painting
6. Installation of carpet, playground equipment, benches, sprinkler systems, marquees or signs
7. Paving
8. Tree planting, pruning, or removal

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that volunteers possess the appropriate license and/or have sufficient expertise appropriate to the project. He/she shall also ensure that such projects comply with building and safety codes and other applicable laws and collective bargaining agreements. The district shall provide on-site assistance and supervision for such projects as necessary. Projects shall be inspected upon completion to ensure that the work was done satisfactorily.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 7140 - Architectural and Engineering Services)

VISITORS/OUTSIDERS

The Board of Trustees believes that it is important for parents/guardians and community members to take an active interest in the issues affecting district schools and students. Therefore, the Board encourages interested parents/guardians and community members to visit the schools and participate in the educational program.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

To ensure the safety of students and staff and minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours should be arranged with the principal or designee. When a visit involves a conference with a teacher or the principal, an appointment should be scheduled during noninstructional time.

(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)

Note: Penal Code 627.2 requires "outsiders" to register upon entering school grounds during school hours, and Penal Code 627.1 lists individuals who are not "outsiders" for this purpose; see the accompanying administrative regulation. Education Code 32212 authorizes the Governing Board to adopt policy to control classroom interruptions consistent with local circumstances (see AR 6116 - Classroom Interruptions) and Education Code 35160 authorizes the Board to act in any manner not inconsistent with law. Therefore, it appears that a district has the authority to require all visitors, including parents/guardians as well as those not defined as "outsiders" in Penal Code 627.1, to register upon entering school campus and to comply with other reasonable requirements.

Pursuant to Penal Code 627.1, media representatives are not "outsiders." However, the Attorney General has opined (95 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 509 (1996)) that the Board may restrict media representatives' access in the same manner as access by the general public may be limited (e.g., registration or accompaniment by a staff member when on school grounds). Therefore, if a district has developed a policy requiring all visitors or outsiders to register upon entering school grounds, then media may be subject to the same requirements; see BP 1112 - Media Relations.

The following options may be revised to reflect district practice. Option 1 requires anyone who is not a student or staff member to register. Option 2 requires registration only for individuals who are not listed in Penal Code 627.1 (i.e., individuals who are "outsiders").

OPTION 1: Any person who is not a student or staff member shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session.

OPTION 2: All outsiders, as defined in law and administrative regulation, shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session. (Penal Code 627.2)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

The principal or designee may provide a visible means of identification for all individuals who are not students or staff members while on school premises.

VISITORS/OUTSIDERS (continued)

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by any person in a classroom without the teacher's and principal's permission. (Education Code 51512)

The Board encourages all individuals to assist in maintaining a safe and secure school environment by behaving in an orderly manner while on school grounds and by utilizing the district's complaint processes if they have concerns with any district program or employee. In accordance with Penal Code 626.7, the principal or designee may request that any individual who is causing a disruption, including exhibiting volatile, hostile, aggressive, or offensive behavior, immediately leave school grounds.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

Presence of Sex Offender on Campus

Any person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290, including a parent/guardian of a district student, shall request written permission from the principal before entering the school campus or grounds. As necessary, the principal shall consult with local law enforcement authorities before allowing the presence of any such person at school or other school activity. The principal also shall report to the Superintendent or designee anytime he/she gives such written permission.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32210 Willful disturbance of public school or meeting

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor

32212 Classroom interruptions

35160 Authority of governing boards

35292 Visits to schools (board members)

49091.10 Parental right to inspect instructional materials and observe school activities

51101 Parent Rights Act of 2002

51512 Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device

EVIDENCE CODE

1070 Refusal to disclose news source

LABOR CODE

230.8 Discharge or discrimination for taking time off to participate in child's educational activities

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

VISITORS/OUTSIDERS (continued)

Legal Reference continued:

PENAL CODE

290 *Sex offenders*

626-626.10 *Schools*

626.81 *Misdemeanor for registered sex offender to come onto school grounds*

627-627.10 *Access to school premises, especially:*

627.1 *Definitions*

627.2 *Necessity of registration by outsider*

627.7 *Misdemeanors; punishment*

COURT DECISIONS

Reeves v. Rocklin Unified School District, (2003) 109 Cal.App.4th 652

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

95 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 509 (1996)

VISITORS/OUTSIDERS

The Superintendent or designee shall post at every entrance to each school and school grounds a notice describing registration requirements, school hours or hours during which registration is required, the registration location, the route to take to that location, and the penalties for violation of registration requirements. (Education Code 32211; Penal Code 627.6)

Unless otherwise directed by the principal or designee, a staff member shall accompany visitors/outsideers while they are on school grounds.

Outsider Registration

Outsiders shall register upon entering school premises during school hours. Any person other than the following is considered an outsider: (Evidence Code 1070; Penal Code 627.1, 627.2)

1. A student of the school, unless currently under suspension
2. A parent/guardian of a student of the school
3. A Board of Trustees member or district employee
4. A public employee whose employment requires being on school grounds, or any person who is on school grounds at the school's request
5. A representative of a school employee organization who is engaged in activities related to the representation of school employees
6. An elected public official
7. A publisher, editor, reporter, or other person connected with or employed by a newspaper, magazine, other periodical publication, press association or wire service, radio station, or television station

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Registration Procedure

In order to register, an outsider shall, upon request, furnish the principal or designee with the following information: (Penal Code 627.3)

1. His/her name, address, and occupation
2. His/her age, if less than 21

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3. His/her purpose for entering school grounds
4. Proof of identity
5. Other information consistent with the provisions of law

Principal's Registration Authority

The principal or designee may refuse to register any outsider if he/she reasonably concludes that the individual's presence or acts would disrupt the school, students, or employees; would result in damage to property; or would result in the distribution or use of a controlled substance. The principal or designee or school security officer may revoke any outsider's registration if he/she has a reasonable basis for concluding that the individual's presence on school grounds would interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of school activities or would disrupt or is disrupting the school, students, or staff. (Penal Code 627.4)

(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

When an outsider fails to register, or when the principal or designee denies or revokes an outsider's registration privileges, the principal or designee may request that the individual promptly leave school grounds. When an outsider is directed to leave, the principal or designee shall inform him/her that if he/she reenters the school within seven days he/she may be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 627.7)

Appeal Procedure

Any person who is denied registration or whose registration is revoked may appeal to the Superintendent or principal by submitting, within five days after the person's departure from school, a written request for a hearing. This request must state why he/she believes the denial or revocation was improper and must provide an address to which the hearing notice may be sent. Upon receipt of the request for a hearing, the Superintendent or principal shall promptly mail a notice of the hearing to the person requesting it. A hearing before the Superintendent or principal shall be held within seven days after receipt of the request. (Penal Code 627.5)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of community support of district programs, including voluntary financial contributions, to assist the district in achieving its goals for student learning.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Board desires to work cooperatively with the educational foundation in determining the purposes for which funds may be used to meet the changing needs of the district and its students. The Board recognizes that an educational foundation is a separate legal entity, independent of the district. However, the foundation is encouraged to provide regular reports to the Board on the status of its work and to communicate ways that the district can help support the foundation's activities.

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

With the consent of the Superintendent or designee, the educational foundation, as appropriate, may use the district's name, a school's name, a school team's name, or any logo attributable to a school or the district.

The Board supports foundation allocations that serve all district schools equitably.

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

Legal Reference: (see next page)

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

38130-38138 *Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

12580-12599.7 *Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act*

17510-17510.95 *Solicitations for charitable purposes*

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

PENAL CODE

319-329 *Lottery, raffle*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

300-312.1 *Fundraising for charitable purposes*

COURT DECISIONS

Serrano v. Priest, (1976) 18 Cal. 3d 728

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California Consortium of Education Foundations: <http://www.cceflink.org>

California Office of the Attorney General, charitable trust registry: <http://caag.state.ca.us/charities>

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

The Board of Trustees accepts responsibility for providing a means by which the public can hold employees accountable for their actions. The Board desires that complaints be resolved expeditiously without disrupting the educational process.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop regulations which permit the public to submit complaints against district employees in an appropriate way. These regulations shall protect the rights of involved parties. The Board may serve as an appeals body if the complaint is not resolved.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

The Board prohibits retaliation against complainants. The Superintendent or designee at his/her discretion may keep a complainant's identity confidential, except to the extent necessary to investigate the complaint. The district will not investigate anonymous complaints unless it so desires.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33308.1 Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints

35146 Closed sessions

44031 Personnel file contents and inspection

44811 Disruption of public school activities

44932-44949 Resignation, dismissal and leaves of absence (rights of employee; procedures to follow)

48987 Child abuse guidelines

GOVERNMENT CODE

54957 Closed session; complaints re employees

54957.6 Closed session; salaries or fringe benefits

PENAL CODE

273 Cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

300 Minors subject to jurisdiction of juvenile court

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0910.93 Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse by school district employees or other persons against a pupil at school site (LO:4-93)

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether a complaint should be considered a complaint against the district and/or an individual employee, and whether it should be resolved by the district's process for complaints concerning personnel and/or other district procedures.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 4144/4244/4344 - Complaints)

To promote prompt and fair resolution of the complaint, the following procedures shall govern the resolution of complaints against district employees:

1. Every effort should be made to resolve a complaint at the earliest possible stage. Whenever possible, the complainant should communicate directly to the employee in order to resolve concerns.
2. If a complainant is unable or unwilling to resolve the complaint directly with the employee, he/she may submit an oral or written complaint to the employee's immediate supervisor or the principal.
3. All complaints related to district personnel other than administrators shall be submitted in writing to the principal or immediate supervisor. If the complainant is unable to prepare the complaint in writing, administrative staff shall help him/her to do so. Complaints related to a principal or central office administrator shall be initially filed in writing with the Superintendent or designee. Complaints related to the Superintendent shall be initially filed in writing with the Board.
4. When a written complaint is received, the employee shall be notified within five days or in accordance with collective bargaining agreements.
5. A written complaint shall include:
 - a. The full name of each employee involved
 - b. A brief but specific summary of the complaint and the facts surrounding it
 - c. A specific description of any prior attempt to discuss the complaint with the employee and the failure to resolve the matter
6. Staff responsible for investigating complaints shall attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the parties involved within 30 days.
7. Both the complainant and the employee against whom the complaint was made may appeal a decision by the principal or immediate supervisor to the Superintendent or

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISTRICT EMPLOYEES (continued)

- designee, who shall attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the person involved within 30 days. Parties should consider and accept the Superintendent or designee's decision as final. However, the complainant, the employee, or the Superintendent or designee may ask to address the Board regarding the complaint.
8. Before any Board consideration of a complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the Board a written report concerning the complaint, including but not limited to:
 - a. The full name of each employee involved
 - b. A brief but specific summary of the complaint and the facts surrounding it, sufficient to inform the Board and the parties as to the precise nature of the complaint and to allow the parties to prepare a response
 - c. A copy of the signed original complaint
 - d. A summary of the action taken by the Superintendent or designee, together with his/her specific finding that the problem has not been resolved and the reasons
 9. The Board may uphold the Superintendent's decision without hearing the complaint.
 10. All parties to a complaint may be asked to attend a Board meeting in order to clarify the issue and present all available evidence.
 11. A closed session may be held to hear the complaint in accordance with law.
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)
 12. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Any complaint of child abuse or neglect alleged against a district employee shall be reported to the appropriate local agencies in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees uses a comprehensive process to adopt district instructional materials that is based on selection criteria established by law and Board policy and includes opportunities for the involvement of parents/guardians and community members. Complaints concerning the content or use of instructional materials, including textbooks, supplementary instructional materials, library materials, or other instructional materials and equipment, shall be properly and fairly considered using established complaint procedures.

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

(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss any concerns regarding instructional materials with their child's teacher and/or the school principal. If the situation remains unresolved, a complaint may be filed using the process specified in the administrative regulation.

The district shall accept complaints concerning instructional materials only from staff, district residents, or the parents/guardians of children enrolled in a district school.

When deliberating upon challenged materials, the Superintendent and/or review committee shall consider the educational philosophy of the district, the professional opinions of teachers of the subject and of other competent authorities, reviews of the materials by reputable bodies, the teacher's stated objectives in using the materials, community standards, and the objections of the complainant.

Complainants are encouraged to accept the Superintendent's or review committee's decision. However, if the complainant finds that decision unsatisfactory, he/she may appeal the decision to the Board.

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The district's decision shall be based on educational suitability of the materials and the criteria established in Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

When any challenged instructional material is reviewed by the district, it shall not be subject to further reconsideration for 12 months, unless the Superintendent determines that reconsideration is warranted.

Complaints related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials shall be resolved pursuant to the district's Williams uniform complaint procedure at AR 1312.4.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 18111 Exclusion of books by governing board
- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
- 35186 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 44805 Enforcement of course of studies; use of textbooks, rules and regulations
- 51501 Subject matter reflecting on race, color, etc.
- 60000-60005 Instructional materials, legislative intent
- 60040-60048 Instructional requirements and materials
- 60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of materials
- 60200-60206 Elementary school materials
- 60226 Requirements for publishers and manufacturers
- 60400-60411 High school textbooks
- 60510-60511 Donation of sale of obsolete instructional materials

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1002.90 Selection of Instructional Materials, CIL: 90/91-02

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Standards for Evaluation of Instructional Materials with Respect to Social Content, 1986 edition, revised 2001

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Curriculum and Instruction: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci>

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Step 1: Informal Complaint

If a staff member, district resident, or parent/guardian of a student enrolled in a district school has a complaint regarding the content or use of any specific instructional material, he/she shall informally discuss the material in question with the principal.

Step 2: Formal Complaint

If the complainant is not satisfied with the principal's initial response, he/she shall present a written complaint to the principal. Complaints regarding printed material shall name the author, title, and publisher and shall identify the objection by page and item numbers. In the case of nonprinted material, written information specifying the precise nature of the objection shall be given. Complainants shall sign all complaints and provide identifying information so that the district is able to make a proper reply. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted.

Upon receiving a complaint, the principal shall acknowledge its receipt and answer any questions regarding procedure. The principal then shall notify the Superintendent or designee and the teacher(s) involved of the complaint.

During the investigation of the complaint, the challenged material may remain in use until a final decision has been reached. However, upon request of the parent/guardian who has filed the complaint, his/her child may be excused from using challenged materials until a resolution has been reached. The teacher shall assign the student an alternate material of equal merit.

Step 3: Superintendent Determination

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether a review committee should be convened to review the complaint.

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a review committee is not necessary, he/she shall issue a decision regarding the complaint.

Step 4: Review Committee

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a review committee is necessary, he/she shall appoint a committee composed of administrators and staff members selected from relevant instructional and administrative areas. The Superintendent or designee may also appoint community members to serve on the committee.

The review committee shall review the criteria specified in Board policy and shall determine the extent to which the challenged material supports the curriculum, the educational appropriateness of the material, and its suitability for the age level of the student.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)

Within 30 days of being convened, the review committee shall summarize its findings in a written report. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the complainant of the committee's decision within 15 days of receiving the committee's report.

Step 5: Appeal to the Board of Trustees

If the complainant remains unsatisfied, he/she may appeal the Superintendent's or the review committee's decision to the Board. The Board's decision shall be final.

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

This form is for use only by district employees, district residents, or parents/guardians of children enrolled in a district school to challenge the content or use of an instructional material. For complaints regarding sufficiency of instructional materials, please use the Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure complaint form.

Date: _____

Name of person filing complaint: _____
Anonymous complaints will not be accepted.

Group represented (if any): _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address, if any: _____

Address: _____

Material Being Challenged:

Title: _____

Author: _____

Publisher: _____ Date of Edition: _____

Name of school/classroom material was used: _____

1. Please specifically state the nature of your concern or objection and identify your objection by page, tape sequence, video frame, or words, as appropriate. You may use additional pages if necessary.
2. Did you read/view the entire selection?
3. For what age group would you recommend this material?
4. If not, what percentage did you read/view, or what parts?
5. What do you feel might be the result if a student reads/views this material?

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)

6. What would you like the school to do about this material?

- Do not assign it to my child
- Withdraw it from all students
- Reconsider it

Signature of complainant

For District Use:

Request received by: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Action taken: _____ Date: _____

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The district shall investigate and seek to resolve any complaints alleging failure to comply with such laws and/or alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures.

The district shall use the uniform complaint procedures to resolve any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities based on actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Penal Code 422.55, or Government Code 11135, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

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

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used to address any complaint alleging the district's failure to comply with the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities, the requirements for the development and adoption of a school safety plan, and state and/or federal laws in adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

The Board prohibits any form of retaliation against any complainant in the complaint process. Participation in the complaint process shall not in any way affect the status, grades, or work assignments of the complainant.

The Board encourages the early, informal resolution of complaints at the site level whenever possible.

The Board recognizes that a neutral mediator can often suggest a compromise that is agreeable to all parties in a dispute. In accordance with the uniform complaint procedures, whenever all parties to a complaint agree to try resolving the problem through mediation, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate that process. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the results are consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved and the integrity of the process shall be protected. As appropriate for any complaint alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the Superintendent or designee may keep the identity of a complainant confidential to the extent that the investigation of the complaint is not obstructed.

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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

The district's Williams uniform complaint procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaint related to the following:

1. Sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials
2. Emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff
3. Teacher vacancies and misassignments
4. Deficiency in the district's provision of instruction and/or services to any student who, by the completion of grade 12, has not passed one or both parts of the high school exit examination

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*
8200-8498 *Child care and development programs*
8500-8538 *Adult basic education*
18100-18203 *School libraries*
32289 *School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures*
35186 *Williams uniform complaint procedures*
37254 *Intensive instruction and services for students who have not passed exit exam*
41500-41513 *Categorical education block grants*
48985 *Notices in language other than English*
49010-49013 *Student fees*
49060-49079 *Student records*
49490-49590 *Child nutrition programs*
52160-52178 *Bilingual education programs*
52300-52490 *Career technical education*
52500-52616.24 *Adult schools*
52800-52870 *School-based program coordination*
54000-54028 *Economic impact aid programs*
54100-54145 *Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act*
54400-54425 *Compensatory education programs*
54440-54445 *Migrant education*
54460-54529 *Compensatory education programs*
56000-56867 *Special education programs*
59000-59300 *Special schools and centers*
64000-64001 *Consolidated application process*

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 *Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state*
12900-12996 *Fair Employment and Housing Act*

PENAL CODE

422.55 *Hate crime; definition*
422.6 *Interference with constitutional right or privilege*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 *Application of section*
4600-4687 *Uniform complaint procedures*
4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-6577 *Title I basic programs*
6601-6777 *Title II preparing and recruiting high quality teachers and principals*
6801-6871 *Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students*
7101-7184 *Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act*
7201-7283g *Title V promoting informed parental choice and innovative programs*
7301-7372 *Title V rural and low-income school programs*

Management Resources: (see next page)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Except as the Board of Trustees may otherwise specifically provide in other Board policies, the uniform complaint procedures shall be used only to investigate and resolve complaints alleging violations of federal or state laws or regulations governing specific educational programs, the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participating in educational activities, and unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, as specified in accompanying Board policy.

- (cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*
- (cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)*
- (cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*
- (cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)*

The district's uniform complaint procedures policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning uniform complaint procedures shall be translated into that language. (Education Code 234.1, 48985)

- (cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Compliance Officers

The following compliance officer(s) shall receive and investigate complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law:

Superintendent or Designee
10 John Street
Tombales, CA 94971

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible. Designated employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

- (cf. 9124 - Attorney)*

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's uniform complaint procedures to students, employees, parents/guardians, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (Education Code 262.3, 49013; 5 CCR 4622)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The notice shall:

1. Identify the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints
2. Advise the complainant of any civil law remedies that may be available to him/her under state or federal discrimination laws, if applicable
3. Advise the complainant of the appeal process, including, if applicable, the complainant's right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies
4. Include statements that:
 - a. The district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs.
 - b. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.
 - c. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must be filed not later than six months from the date it occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.
 - d. The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision.
 - e. The appeal to the CDE must include a copy of the complaint filed with the district and a copy of the district's decision.
 - f. Copies of the district's uniform complaint procedures are available free of charge.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

Procedures

All complaints shall be investigated and resolved within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

Compliance officers shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

All parties involved in allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed, when a complaint meeting or hearing is scheduled, and when a decision or ruling is made.

Step 1: Filing of Complaint

Any individual, public agency, or organization may file a written complaint of the district's alleged noncompliance with federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. (5 CCR 4630)

A complaint concerning unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying may be filed only by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to it. The complaint shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. However, upon written request by the complainant, the Superintendent or designee may extend the filing period for up to 90 calendar days. (5 CCR 4630)

A complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding the prohibition against requiring students to pay student fees, deposits, and charges may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance. (Education Code 49013)

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint. (5 CCR 4600)

Step 2: Mediation

Within three business days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with all the parties the possibility of using mediation. If the parties agree to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

Before initiating the mediation of a complaint alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to related confidential information.

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

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 3: Investigation of Complaint

Within 10 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall provide the complainant and/or his/her representative an opportunity to present the complaint and any evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegations in the complaint. The compliance officer also shall collect all documents and interview all witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint.

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. (5 CCR 4631)

In accordance with law, the district shall provide the investigator with access to records and other information related to the allegation in the complaint and shall not in any way obstruct the investigation. Failure or refusal of the district to cooperate in the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 4: Response

Note: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, the district's written decision must be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of receiving the complaint. Option 1 below is for districts that do not allow complainants to appeal the compliance officer's decision to the Board. Option 2 is for districts that allow appeals to the Board, and it requires the compliance officer's decision within 30 calendar days so that the Board's decision can still be given within the 60-day time limit.

OPTION 1:

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below, within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint. (5 CCR 4631)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

OPTION 2:

Within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, he/she may, within five business days, file his/her complaint in writing with the Board.

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

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

Step 5: Final Written Decision

The district's decision shall be in writing and sent to the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

The district's decision shall be written in English and, when required by Education Code 48985, in the complainant's primary language.

For all complaints, the decision shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered
2. The conclusion(s) of law
3. Disposition of the complaint
4. Rationale for such disposition
5. Corrective actions, if any are warranted
6. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's decision within 15 calendar days to the CDE and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal

In addition, any decision concerning a discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying complaint based on state law shall include a notice that the complainant must wait until 60 calendar days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies. (Education Code 262.3)

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

If investigation of a complaint results in discipline to a student or an employee, the decision shall simply state that effective action was taken and that the student or employee was informed of district expectations. The report shall not give any further information as to the nature of the disciplinary action.

If a complaint alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians, which, where applicable, shall include reasonable efforts to ensure full reimbursement to them. (Education Code 49013)

Appeals to the California Department of Education

If dissatisfied with the district's decision, the complainant may appeal in writing to the CDE. (Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4632)

The complainant shall file his/her appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision and the appeal shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision. (5 CCR 4632)

Upon notification by the CDE that the complainant has appealed the district's decision, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to the CDE: (5 CCR 4633)

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the decision
3. A summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the district, if not covered by the decision
4. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
5. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
6. A copy of the district's uniform complaint procedures
7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

The CDE may directly intervene in a complaint without waiting for action by the district when one of the conditions listed in 5 CCR 4650 exists, including when the district has not taken action within 60 calendar days of the date the complaint was filed with the district. (5 CCR 4650)

Civil Law Remedies

A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.

For complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on state law, a complainant shall wait until 60 calendar days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies, provided the district has appropriately and in a timely manner apprised the complainant of his/her right to file a complaint in accordance with 5 CCR 4622. The moratorium does not apply to injunctive relief and to discrimination complaints based on federal law. (Education Code 262.3)

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Types of Complaints

The district shall use the following procedures to investigate and resolve complaints when the complainant alleges that any of the following has occurred: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681, 4682, 4683)

1. Textbooks and instructional materials
 - a. A pupil, including an English learner, does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state- or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.
 - b. A pupil does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school. This does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each pupil.
 - c. Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.
 - d. A pupil was provided photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials to address a shortage of textbooks or instructional materials.

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

2. Teacher vacancy or misassignment
 - a. A semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists.
 - b. A teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English learner pupils in the class.

(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Language Learners)

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- c. A teacher is assigned to teach a class for which the teacher lacks subject matter competency.

Teacher vacancy means a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the semester for an entire semester. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

Beginning of the year or semester means the first day classes necessary to serve all the pupils enrolled are established with a single designated certificated employee assigned for the duration of the class, but not later than 20 working days after the first day pupils attend classes for that semester. (5 CCR 4600)

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

3. Facilities

- a. A condition poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff.

Emergency or urgent threat means structures or systems that are in a condition that poses a threat to the health and safety of pupils or staff while at school, including, but not limited to, gas leaks; nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; electrical power failure; major sewer line stoppage; major pest or vermin infestation; broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk; abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to pupils or staff; structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition; or any other condition deemed appropriate. (Education Code 17592.72)

- b. A school restroom has not been cleaned, maintained, or kept open in accordance with Education Code 35292.5.

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Clean or maintained school restroom means a school restroom has been cleaned or maintained regularly, is fully operational, or has been stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, or paper towels or functional hand dryers. (Education Code 35292.5)

Open restroom means the school has kept all restrooms open during school hours when pupils are not in classes and has kept a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when pupils are in classes. This does not apply when the temporary closing of the restroom is necessary for pupil safety or to make repairs. (Education Code 35292.5)

4. High school exit examination intensive instruction and services

A pupil, including an English learner, who has not passed the exit exam by the end of grade 12 was not provided the opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services pursuant to Education Code 37254(d)(4) and (5) after completion of grade 12 for two consecutive academic years or until the pupil has passed both parts of the exam, whichever comes first. (Education Code 35186)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Filing of Complaint

A complaint alleging any condition(s) specified in items #1-3 in the section entitled "Types of Complaints" above shall be filed with the principal or designee at the school in which the complaint arises. The principal or designee shall forward a complaint about problems beyond his/her authority to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, but not to exceed 10 working days. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

A complaint alleging any deficiency specified in item #4 in the section entitled "Types of Complaints" above shall be filed with a district official designated by the Superintendent. Such complaints may be filed at the district office or school site and shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 35186)

Investigation and Response

The principal or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem within his/her authority. He/she shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4685)

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Complaints may be filed anonymously. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form that he/she would like a response to the complaint, the principal or designee shall report the resolution of the complaint to him/her within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint. If a response is requested, the response shall be made to the mailing address of the complainant as indicated on the complaint form. At the same time, the principal or designee shall report the same information to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680, 4685)

When Education Code 48985 is applicable and the complainant has requested a response, the response shall be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed. (Education Code 35186)

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, he/she has the right to describe the complaint to the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

For any complaint concerning a facilities condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff as described in item #3a in the section entitled "Types of Complaints" above, a complainant who is not satisfied with the resolution proffered by the principal or Superintendent or designee may file an appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 15 days of receiving the district's response. The complainant shall comply with the appeal requirements specified in 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4687)

All complaints and written responses shall be public records. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Reports

The Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints. These summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

Forms and Notices

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure a Williams complaint form is available at each school. However, complainants need not use the district's complaint form in order to file a complaint. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's complaint form contains a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to his/her complaint and specifies the location for filing a complaint. A complainant may add as much text to explain the complaint as he/she wishes. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a notice is posted in each classroom in each school containing the components specified in Education Code 35186. (Education Code 35186)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1240 County superintendent of schools, duties

17592.72 Urgent or emergency repairs, School Facility Emergency Repair Account

33126 School accountability report card

35186 Williams uniform complaint procedure

35292.5 Restrooms, maintenance and cleanliness

37254 Supplemental instruction based on failure to pass exit exam by end of grade 12

48985 Notice to parents in language other than English

60119 Hearing on sufficiency of instructional materials

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures, especially:

4680-4687 Williams complaints

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

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

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

California Department of Education, Williams case: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/ce/wc/index.asp>

State Allocation Board, Office of Public School Construction: <http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov>

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**NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS, PUPILS, AND TEACHERS:
COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Parents/Guardians, Pupils, and Teachers:

Pursuant to Education Code 35186, you are hereby notified that:

1. There should be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. For there to be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials, each pupil, including English learners, must have a textbook or instructional material, or both, to use in class and to take home.
2. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair.
3. There should be no teacher vacancies or misassignments. There should be a teacher assigned to each class and not a series of substitutes or other temporary teachers. The teacher should have the proper credential to teach the class, including the certification required to teach English learners, if present.

Teacher vacancy means a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of a semester for an entire semester.

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold.

4. Pupils, including English learners, who have not passed one or both parts of the high school exit examination by the end of grade 12 are to be provided the opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services for up to two consecutive academic years after the completion of grade 12.

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5. A complaint form can be obtained at the school office or district office, or downloaded from the school or district web site. You may also download a copy of the California Department of Education complaint form from the following web site: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cp/uc>.

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Cautionary Notice: AB 97 (Ch. 47, Statutes of 2013) repealed Education Code 42605, which provided temporary flexibility for specified "Tier 3" categorical programs, and instead redirects the funding for those categorical programs into the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) (Education Code 42238.01-42251). The supplemental and concentration grant portions of the LCFF may be used for any schoolwide or districtwide educational purpose in accordance with state regulations to be adopted by January 31, 2014, with a goal of increasing or improving services for English learners, foster youth, and students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Certain requirements related to Tier 3 categorical program(s) in the following policy or regulation are no longer applicable.

COMPLAINT FORM: WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Education Code 35186 creates a procedure for the filing of complaints concerning deficiencies related to instructional materials, conditions of facilities that are not maintained in a clean or safe manner or in good repair, teacher vacancy or misassignment, or the lack of opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services to pupils who did not pass one or both parts of the high school exit examination by the end of grade 12. The complaint and response are public documents as provided by law. Complaints may be filed anonymously. However, if you wish to receive a response to your complaint, you must provide the contact information below.

Response requested? Yes No

Contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: Day: _____ Evening: _____

E-mail address, if any: _____

Location of the problem that is the subject of this complaint:

School name/address: _____

Course title/grade level and teacher name: _____

Room number/name of room/location of facility: _____

Date problem was observed: _____

Only the following issues may be the subject of this complaint process. If you wish to complain about an issue not specified below, please use the appropriate district complaint procedure.

Specific issue(s) of the complaint: (Please check all that apply. A complaint may contain more than one allegation.)

- 1. Textbooks and instructional materials: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681)
 - A pupil, including an English learner, does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state- or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.

WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

- A pupil does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school. This does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each pupil.
 - Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.
 - A pupil was provided photocopied sheets from only a portion of a textbook or instructional materials to address a shortage of textbooks or instructional materials.
2. Teacher vacancy or misassignment: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681)
- A semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists. A *teacher vacancy* is a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the school year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of a semester for an entire semester.
 - A teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English learners in the class.
 - A teacher is assigned to teach a class for which the teacher lacks subject matter competency.
3. Facility conditions: (Education Code 17592.72, 35186, 35292.5; 5 CCR 4683)
- A condition exists that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff including gas leaks; nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; electrical power failure; major sewer line stoppage; major pest or vermin infestation; broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk; abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to pupils or staff; structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition; and any other condition deemed appropriate by the district.
 - A school restroom has not been cleaned or maintained regularly, is not fully operational, or has not been stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, or paper towels or functional hand dryers.
 - The school has not kept all restrooms open during school hours when pupils are not in classes and has not kept a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when pupils are in classes. This does not apply when temporary closing of the restroom is necessary for pupil safety or to make repairs.
4. High school exit exam intensive instruction and services: (Education Code 35186)
- Pupils who have not passed the high school exit exam by the end of grade 12 were not provided the opportunity to receive intensive instruction and services pursuant to Education Code 37254(d)(4) and (5) after the completion of grade 12.

WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (continued)

Please describe the issue of your complaint in detail. You may attach additional pages and include as much text as necessary to fully describe the situation. For complaints regarding facilities conditions, please describe the emergency or urgent facilities condition and how that condition poses a threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff.

Please file this complaint at the following location:

(principal or title of designee of the Superintendent)

(address)

Please provide a signature below. If you wish to remain anonymous, a signature is not required. However, all complaints, even anonymous ones, should be dated.

(signature)

(date)

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that student participation in fund-raising activities for the schools and nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 4135/4235/4335 - Soliciting and Selling)
(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fund-raising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute to the school system or charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are informed of the purpose of fund-raisers.

Solicitations on Behalf of the School

With the prior written approval of the Superintendent or designee, official school-related organizations may organize fund-raising events involving students.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

After the fund-raiser has been held, parents/guardians shall be informed how much money was raised and how it was spent.

Solicitations on Behalf of Charities

When approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee, nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations that are properly chartered or licensed by state or federal law may solicit students on school grounds during school hours and within one hour before school has opened and one hour after school has closed. (Education Code 51520)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

51521 Unlawful solicitations of contribution or purchase of personal property for benefit of public school or student body; exception

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17510-17510.95 Charitable solicitations

PENAL CODE

319-329 Raffles

REVENUE AND TAX CODE

6361 Sales tax exemption for certain sales

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

11706 Dangerous activities and occupations

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Healthy Food Policy Resource Guide, 2003

ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Guide to Charitable Solicitation, 1999

Attorney General's Guide for Charities, 1988

WEB SITES

Office of the Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM AND BY STUDENTS

The Superintendent or designee shall approve all fund-raising activities at least 15 days before the activity. If the event involves a contract with a commercial vendor, the Superintendent or designee shall review the contract.

In order to minimize interruptions to the educational program, staff shall limit fund-raising activities to appropriate time periods designated by the principal.

(cf. 6116 - Classroom Interruptions)

No student shall be required to raise a specified amount of money in order to participate in an activity sponsored by a school-related organization.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

Students engaged in fund-raising activities on behalf of the school or for school-related projects are expected to be courteous and respectful towards all individuals and businesses.

Door-to-Door Sales

Students under 16 years old may engage in door-to-door sales of newspaper or magazine subscriptions, candy, cookies, flowers or other merchandise only under the following conditions:

1. The students shall work in pairs, as a team, on the same or opposite side of the street. (8 CCR 11706)
2. The students shall be supervised by an adult, with one adult for every crew of 10 or fewer students. (8 CCR 11706)
3. The students must be within the sight or sound of their adult supervisor at least once every 15 minutes. (8 CCR 11706)
4. The students shall be returned to their respective homes or meeting places after each day's work. (8 CCR 11706)
5. The students shall not engage in door-to-door sales after dark.
6. The students shall not work outside of their immediate neighborhood.
7. Students in grades _____ shall not be involved in any door-to-door sales or solicitations.

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

The Board of Trustees establishes this policy to ensure effective and consistent implementation of its directions related to advertisements and promotions by nonschool groups in school-sponsored publications, web sites, and social media and on school facilities. Student speech shall be regulated in accordance with BP/AR 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression.

- (cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*
- (cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)*
- (cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*
- (cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)*
- (cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)*

Note: School facilities and school-sponsored publications are public property and are subject to freedom of expression rights granted by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 2 of the California State Constitution. However, because school facilities and school-sponsored publications are generally for school purposes, they are regarded as "nonpublic fora" and the Governing Board has extensive authority to regulate them. In exercising this authority, the Board may decide not to accept any form of advertising or distribution of materials (nonpublic forum), as stated in Option 1 below, or to accept some advertising and/or distribution of materials, but only from certain groups or on certain topics (limited public forum), as provided in Option 2. In addition, the Board may maintain a "nonpublic forum" for advertising in school publications or on school facilities while designating a "limited public forum" for distribution of materials at district schools, or a "nonpublic forum" at its elementary schools and a "limited public forum" at its high schools.

Whichever option the district chooses, school officials should ensure that they enforce the policy in a consistent manner, as courts look beyond the district's intent as stated in its policy and look to the actual practice of school officials in determining whether a district facility or publication is a "nonpublic" or "limited public" forum (Board of Education of the Westside Community Schools v. Mergens). Because this area of law is complex, it is **strongly recommended** that legal counsel be consulted prior to the adoption of policy in this area.

OPTION 1: Nonpublic Forum

The Board believes that in order to maintain focus on academic achievement in district schools, students' exposure to the persuasive influence of marketing should be minimized. The Superintendent or designee shall not allow any advertisement from any nonschool group to be included in any district- or school-sponsored publication, web site, or social media, or to be posted on any school property such as scoreboards and billboards. In addition, no nonschool group's announcement, flyer, or other promotional material shall be disseminated by the district or distributed at any school facility or grounds.

OPTION 2: Limited Public Forum

The Board desires to promote positive relationships between district schools and the community in order to enhance community support and involvement in the schools. The Superintendent or designee may approve:

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION (continued)

1. Distribution of noncommercial materials that publicize services, special events, public meetings, or other gatherings of interest to students or parents/guardians

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 6162.8 - Research)

2. Distribution of promotional materials of a commercial nature to students or parents/guardians

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

3. Paid advertisements on school property, including, but not limited to, advertisements on billboards and scoreboards

4. Paid advertisements in school-sponsored publications, yearbooks, announcements, and other school communications, including web sites and social media

5. Products and materials donated by commercial enterprises for educational use, including those that bear the name and/or logo of the donor, as long as they do not unduly promote the donor or any commercial activity or product

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)

Prior to the distribution, posting, or publishing of any nonschool group's promotional materials or advertisement, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall review the materials or advertisement based on the criteria listed below. He/she may not disapprove materials or advertisement in an arbitrary or capricious manner or in a way that discriminates against a particular viewpoint on a subject that is otherwise allowed by Board policy.

All materials to be distributed shall bear the name and contact information of the sponsoring entity.

As necessary, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall require a disclaimer on any nonschool group's promotional materials to be distributed, posted, or published, stating that the distribution, posting, or publishing of the materials does not imply district endorsement of the group's activities, products, or services. District- and school-sponsored publications shall include a disclaimer stating that the district or school does not endorse any advertised products or services.

Criteria for Approval

The Superintendent, principal, or designee shall not accept for distribution any materials or advertisements that:

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION (continued)

1. Are lewd, obscene, libelous, or slanderous
2. Incite students to commit unlawful acts, violate school rules, or disrupt the orderly operation of the schools
3. Promote any particular political interest, candidate, party, or ballot measure, unless the candidates or advocates from all sides are provided the opportunity to present their views to the students during school hours or during events scheduled pursuant to the Civic Center Act

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)

4. Proselytize or position the district on any side of a controversial issue

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

5. Discriminate against, attack, or denigrate any group on account of any unlawful consideration

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

6. Promote the use or sale of materials or services that are illegal or inconsistent with school objectives, including, but not limited to, materials or advertisements for tobacco, intoxicants, non-nutritious foods and beverages, and movies or products unsuitable for children

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

7. Solicit funds or services for an organization, with the exception of solicitations authorized in Board policy

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

8. Distribute unsolicited merchandise for which an ensuing payment is requested

The Superintendent or designee also may consider the educational value of the materials or advertisements, the age or maturity of the students in the intended audience, and whether the materials or advertisements support the basic educational mission of the district, directly benefit the students, or are of intrinsic value to the students or their parents/guardians.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION (continued)

Schools may establish additional criteria pertaining to the content of advertisements in school publications and yearbooks, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with law and Board policy.

Legal Reference:

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 2 Free speech rights

EDUCATION CODE

7050-7058 Political activities of school officers and employees

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

35172 Promotional activities

38130-38138 Civic Center Act

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25664 Advertisements encouraging minors to drink

U.S. CONSTITUTION

Amendment 1, Freedom of speech and expression

COURT CASES

Hills v. Scottsdale Unified School District 48, (2003) 329 F.3d 1044

DiLoreto v. Downey Unified School District, (1999) 196 F.3d 958

Yeo v. Town of Lexington, (1997) U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 96-1623

Hemry v. School Board of Colorado Springs, (D.Col. 1991) 760 F.Supp. 856

Bright v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1976) 134 Cal. Rptr. 639, 556 P.2d 1090, 18 Cal. 3d 350

Lehman v. Shaker Heights, (1974) 418 U.S. 298

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

School-Based Marketing of Foods and Beverages: Policy Implications for School Boards, Policy Brief, March 2006

WEB SITES

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

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Trustees believes that school facilities and grounds are a vital community resource which should be used to foster community involvement and development. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of school facilities by district residents and community groups for purposes specified in the Civic Center Act, to the extent that such use does not interfere with school activities or other school-related uses.

(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)

School-related activities shall have priority in the use of school facilities and grounds. Other uses authorized under the Civic Center Act shall be on a first-come, first-served basis.

As necessary to ensure efficient use of school facilities, the Superintendent or designee may, with the Board's approval, enter into an agreement for the joint use of any school facilities or grounds. The Board shall approve any such agreement only if it determines that it is in the best interest of the district and the community.

(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)

Subject to prior approval by the Board, the Superintendent or designee may grant the use of school facilities on those days on which the school is closed. (Education Code 37220)

(cf. 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances)

For the effective management and control of school facilities and grounds, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures and regulations that: (Education Code 38133)

1. Aid, encourage, and assist groups desiring to use school facilities for approved activities
2. Preserve order in school buildings and on school grounds and protect school facilities, designating a person to supervise this task, if necessary

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive School Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

3. Ensure that the use of school facilities or grounds is not inconsistent with their use for school purposes and does not interfere with the regular conduct of school work

There shall be no advertising on school facilities and grounds except as allowed by district policy specified in BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (continued)**Fees**

The Board authorizes the use of school facilities or grounds without charge by nonprofit organizations, clubs, or associations organized to promote youth and school activities. In accordance with Education Code 38134(a), these groups include, but are not limited to, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire USA, YMCA, CYO, West Marin Little League, West Marin Soccer League, parent-teacher associations, and school-community advisory councils. Other groups that request the use of school facilities under the Civic Center Act, including nonprofit groups not organized to promote youth and school activities shall be charged an amount not to exceed direct costs. However, if the use of school facilities or grounds is for religious services, the group shall be charged an amount that equals or exceeds direct costs determined in accordance with Education Code 38134.

In determining direct costs to be charged for community use of school facilities or grounds, including, but not limited to, playing or athletic fields, track and field venues, tennis courts, and outdoor basketball courts, the Superintendent or designee shall include a proportionate share of the costs of the following: (Education Code 38134)

1. Supplies, utilities, janitorial services, other services of district employees, and salaries of district employees directly associated with operation and maintenance of the school facilities or grounds involved
2. Maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of the school facilities or grounds

However, for classroom-based programs that operate after school hours, including, but not limited to, after-school, tutoring, and child care programs, direct costs to be charged shall not include the cost of maintenance, repair, restoration, or refurbishment of the school facilities or grounds. (Education Code 38134)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

Groups and companies shall be charged fair rental value when using school facilities or grounds for entertainment or meetings where admission is charged or contributions solicited and net receipts are not to be expended for charitable purposes or for the welfare of the district's students. Private individuals and groups, at the site administrator's discretion, may rent school facilities, the fee for which will be determined by the site administrator. (Education Code 38134)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900-10914.5 *Community recreation programs*

32282 *School safety plan*

37220 *School holidays*

38130-38138 *Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 *Alcoholic beverage on school premises*

MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE

1800 *Definitions*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7905 *Equal access to public school facilities*

COURT DECISIONS

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, (2001) 533 U.S. 98

Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free School District, (1993) 508 U.S. 384

Cole v. Richardson, (1972) 405 U.S. 676

Connell v. Higgenbotham, (1971) 403 U.S. 207

ACLU v. Board of Education of Los Angeles, (1961) 55 Cal.2d 167

Ellis v. Board of Education, (1945) 27 Cal.2d 322

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

82 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 90 (1999)

79 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 248 (1996)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing Opportunities for Physical Activity Through Joint Use of Facilities, Policy Brief, February 2010

Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009

WEB SITES

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

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

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Application for Use of Facilities

Any person applying for the use of any school facilities or grounds on behalf of any society, group, or organization shall present written authorization from the group or organization to make the application.

Persons or organizations applying for the use of school facilities or grounds shall submit a facilities use statement indicating that they uphold the state and federal constitutions and do not intend to use school premises or facilities to commit unlawful acts.

Civic Center Use

Subject to district policies and regulations, school facilities and grounds shall be available to citizens and community groups as a civic center for the following purposes: (Education Code 32282, 38131)

1. Public, literary, scientific, recreational, educational, or public agency meetings
2. The discussion of matters of general or public interest
3. The conduct of religious services for temporary periods, on a one-time or renewable basis, by any church or religious organization
4. Child care programs to provide supervision and activities for children of preschool and elementary school age

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

5. The administration of examinations for the selection of personnel or the instruction of precinct board members by public agencies
6. Supervised recreational activities, including, but not limited to, sports league activities that are arranged for and supervised by entities, including religious organizations or churches, and in which youth may participate regardless of religious belief or denomination
7. A community youth center

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (continued)

8. Mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

9. A ceremony, patriotic celebration, or related educational assembly conducted by a veterans' organization

A veterans' organization means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic, or other duly recognized organization of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines of the United States, or any of their territories. (Military and Veterans Code 1800)

10. Other purposes deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees

Restrictions

School facilities or grounds shall not be used for any of the following activities:

1. Any use by an individual or group for the commission of any crime or any act prohibited by law
2. Any use which is inconsistent with the use of the school facilities for school purposes or which interferes with the regular conduct of school or school work
3. Any use which involves the possession, consumption, or sale of alcoholic beverages or any restricted substances, including tobacco

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

The district may exclude certain school facilities from nonschool use for safety or security reasons.

Damage and Liability

Groups, organizations, or persons using school facilities or grounds shall be liable for any property damage caused by the activity. The district may charge the amount necessary to repair the damages and may deny the group further use of school facilities or grounds. (Education Code 38134)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (continued)

Any group or organization using school facilities or grounds shall be liable for any injuries resulting from its negligence during the use of district facilities or grounds. The group shall bear the cost of insuring against this risk and defending itself against claims arising from this risk. (Education Code 38134)

Groups or organizations shall provide the district with evidence of insurance against claims arising out of the group's own negligence when using school facilities. (Education Code 38134)

As permitted, the Superintendent or designee may require a hold harmless agreement and indemnification when warranted by the type of activity or the specific facilities being used.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (continued)

Procedures

1. Contact the local site administrator to determine availability arrange for the use of certain facilities or fields.
2. Complete and submit the Application and Permit for Use of Facilities to the site administrator. Applications must include set-up, take down and clean-up time within the hours of the permit request. Indoor events will be required to have a district paid employee onsite for initial access and lock-up. Minimum of 2 hrs., see personnel rates.
3. Site administrator sends application to Superintendent or designee for final approval and pricing. All fees related to the issuance of a Facility Use Permit are payable at the time of final approval.
4. Upon approval of application, Business Services mails the Use Permit to the User and sends the copy to school site office.
5. Insurance Requirements: A Certificate of Insurance is required for all facilities use permits. The Certificate of Insurance is required at least 2 weeks prior to the planned event. Certificates of Insurance should be sent to the Business Office (See below for further information)
6. Event occurs.
7. Site administrator assesses any extra fees notifies Business Services of any adjustments. Additional fees will be billed to the user.

Certificate of Insurance

The certificate must contain all of the following; otherwise, it will be returned for correction.

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance to be in force and current during the dates of use.
2. \$1,000,000 minimum per occurrence for bodily injury AND \$1,000,000 property damage.
3. The licensee shall name The Shoreline Unified School District, Board of Trustees, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as Additional Insured as required per the Use Permit.
4. The description of operations should read: "The Shoreline Unified School District, Board of Trustees, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers are named as additional insured's."

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

- 5. Please remember to include an endorsement with the Certificate. This is a separate, attached document to the policy.
- 6. Cancellation Clause: Should any of the above described coverage's be canceled or have a material change in coverage before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will mail 30 days written notice to the below named Certificate Holder to the left.

Rates for use of buildings and facilities

In determining direct costs to be charged for community use of school facilities or grounds, including, but not limited to, playing or athletic fields, track and field venues, tennis courts, and outdoor basketball courts, the Superintendent or designee shall include a proportionate share of the costs of the following: (Education Code 38134)

- 1. Supplies, utilities, janitorial services, other services of district employees, and salaries of district employees directly associated with operation and maintenance of the school facilities or grounds involved
- 2. Maintenance, repair, restoration, and refurbishment of the school facilities or grounds

FACILITY	DIRECT COST RATE	RENTAL VALUE
Classroom	\$10.00/hour	Market Value
Library/Music Room	\$10.00/hour	Market Value
Gymnasium	\$40.00/hour	Market Value
Multipurpose Room	\$25.00/hour	Market Value
Parking Lot*	\$20.00/hour	Market Value
Tennis or Basketball Courts	\$10.00/hour	Market Value
Athletic Fields	\$10.00/hour	Market Value

* When renting the whole parking lot for an event

PERSONNEL	REGULAR RATE	OVERTIME/WEEKEND
Custodial/Facility Monitor	\$30.00/hour	\$45.00/hour

JOINT USE AGREEMENTS

In order to ensure the efficient use of public resources and increase access to needed services, the Board of Trustees may enter into an agreement with any public agency, public institution, and/or community organization to use community facilities for school programs or to make school facilities or grounds available for use by those entities. Such an agreement shall be based on an assessment of student and community needs and may be designed to increase access to spaces for recreation and physical activity, library services, school health centers, preschool programs, child care centers, before- or after-school programs, or other programs that benefit students and the community.

- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*
- (cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*
- (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*
- (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*
- (cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*
- (cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*
- (cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*
- (cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*
- (cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)*
- (cf. 7000 - Concepts and Roles)*
- (cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

When it is determined that joint use of facilities is in the best interest of the district and community, the Superintendent or designee shall identify a potential partner agency, institution, or organization. He/she shall involve that partner, appropriate district and school staff, and community members in establishing planning processes, goals and priorities for joint use, locations where programs or facilities are most needed, and protocols for ongoing communication and coordination between the partners.

- (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

The Superintendent or designee shall work with the partner agency, institution, or organization to develop a written site-specific joint use agreement that delineates the terms and conditions for joint use of the district or community facilities and the responsibilities of all parties. As appropriate, the agreement may address:

1. The underlying philosophy or reasons for entering into the joint use agreement
2. The specific district or community facilities or grounds that will be made available to the other party and areas that will be restricted
3. Priorities for use of the property
4. Hours that the property will be available for use by the district, the partner, or other parties

JOINT USE AGREEMENTS (continued)

5. Projected capital costs, if any, and operating costs

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)
(cf. 7210 - Facilities Financing)

6. Resources to be allocated by the district and the partner

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

7. Rental or other fees, if any, to be charged to either party or third parties using the facilities

8. Responsibilities for management, scheduling, maintenance, on-site supervision, accounting, and other operations

9. Procedures and timelines for requesting use of the facilities

10. Code of conduct for users of the facilities and consequences for violations of the code

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)

11. Provision for regular inspection and notification of damage, as well as restitution and repair of property

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

12. Safety and security measures

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive School Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

13. Liability, insurance, and risk management issues

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)

14. Duration of the agreement, process for amending the agreement, and the bases for cancelling or terminating the agreement before the expiration date

JOINT USE AGREEMENTS (continued)

15. Process for resolving disputes regarding any aspect of the agreement
16. How any equipment purchased or other investments made through the agreement will be disposed of at the termination of the agreement

The agreement shall be reviewed by legal counsel and approved by the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide regular reports to the Board regarding progress toward project goals, including, but not limited to, levels of participation in joint use programs held at school or community facilities, feedback from program participants, and any report of damage to property or harm to individuals resulting from the joint use. As needed, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend amendments to the joint use agreement.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

JOINT USE AGREEMENTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8482-8484.6 *After School Education and Safety Program*
8484.7-8484.9 *21st Century Community Learning Centers*
10900-10914.5 *Community recreation programs*
17051-17052 *Joint use*
17077.40-17077.45 *Eligibility for joint use funding*
17565-17592 *Board duties re property maintenance and control*
35200-35214 *Liabilities*
37220 *School holidays; use of facilities when school is closed*
38130-38138 *Civic Center Act, use of school property for public purposes*
44808 *Exemption from liability when students not on school property*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

25608 *Alcoholic beverages on school premises*

GOVERNMENT CODE

814-825.6 *Liability of public entities and employees*
830-840.6 *Liability; dangerous conditions on property*
895-895.8 *Liability; agreement between public entities*
989-991.2 *Local public entity insurance*

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7171-7176 *21st Century Community Learning Centers*
7905 *Equal access to public facilities*

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NATIONAL POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS NETWORK TO PREVENT CHILDHOOD OBESITY PUBLICATIONS

Model California Joint Use Agreements

Liability for Use of School Property After Hours: An Overview of California Law, July 2009

Checklist for Developing Joint Use Agreements, March 2009

PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Opening School Grounds to the Community After Hours: A Toolkit for Increasing Physical Activity Through Joint Use Agreements, 2010

WEB SITES

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

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):
<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

Cities Counties and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

Joint Use Statewide Task Force: <http://www.jointuse.org>

National Policy and Legal Analysis Network: <http://www.nplan.org>

Public Health Law and Policy: <http://www.phlpnet.org>

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

The Board of Trustees recognizes the right of citizens to have access to public records of the district. The Board intends the district to provide any person reasonable access to the public records of the schools and district during normal business hours and within the requirements of law. Public access shall not be given to records listed as exempt from public disclosure in the California Public Records Act and other state or federal law.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

(cf. 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records)

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

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

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

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The district may charge for copies of public records or other materials requested by individuals or groups. The charge shall be based on actual costs of duplication, as determined by the Superintendent or designee and as specified in administrative regulation.

In order to help maintain the security of district records, members of the public granted access shall examine records in the presence of a district staff member.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35145 *Public meetings*
- 35170 *Authority to secure copyrights*
- 35250 *Duty to keep certain records and reports*
- 41020 *Requirement for annual audit*
- 42103 *Publication of proposed budget; hearing*
- 44031 *Personnel file contents and inspections*
- 44839 *Medical certificates; periodic medical examination*
- 49060-49079 *Pupil records*
- 49091.10 *Parental review of curriculum and instruction*
- 52850 *Applicability of article (School-Based Program Coordination Plan availability)*

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3547 *Proposals relating to representation*
- 6250-6270 *California Public Records Act*
- 6275-6276.48 *Other exemptions from disclosure*
- 53262 *Employment contracts*
- 54957.2 *Minute book record of closed sessions*
- 54957.5 *Agendas and other writings distributed for discussion or consideration*
- 81008 *Political Reform Act, public records; inspection and reproduction*

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- Article I, Section 3 Right of access to governmental information*

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- 430-438 *Individual pupil records*

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

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- 64 *Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.* 186 (1981)

Management Resources: (see next page)

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS (continued)

Management Resources:

ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Summary of the California Public Records Act, 2004

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The People's Business: A Guide to the California Public Records Act, 2008

WEB SITES

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

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us>

Institute for Local Government: <http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=ilsg>

State Bar of California: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov>

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

Definitions

Public records include any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the district's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by the district regardless of physical form or characteristics. (Government Code 6252)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)

Writing means any handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored. (Government Code 6252)

Member of the public means any person, except a member, agent, officer, or employee of the district or a federal, state, or other local agency acting within the scope of his/her membership, agency, office, or employment.

Public Records

Public records to which members of the public shall have access include, but are not limited to:

1. Proposed and approved district budgets and annual audits (Education Code 41020, 42103)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

2. Statistical compilations
3. Reports and memoranda
4. Notices and bulletins
5. Minutes of public meetings (Education Code 35145)

(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)

6. Meeting agendas (Government Code 54957.5)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

7. Official communications between the district and other government agencies

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS (continued)

8. School-based program plans (Education Code 52850)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)

9. Information and data relevant to the evaluation and modification of district plans

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

10. Initial proposals of exclusive employee representatives and of the district
(Government Code 3547)

(cf. 4143.1/4243.1 - Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations)

11. Claims filed against the district and records pertaining to pending litigation
(Government Code 6254.25; Fairley v. Superior Court; 71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235
(1988))

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

12. Statements of economic interests required by the Conflict of Interest Code
(Government Code 81008)

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

13. Employment contracts and settlement agreements (Government Code 53262)

(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract)
(cf. 4117.5/4217.5/4317.5 - Termination Agreements)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

14. Instructional materials including, but not limited to, textbooks (64 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.
186 (1981))

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

Board of Trustees members shall have the ability to access public records permitted by law in the administration of their duties or open to inspection by members of the public.
(Government Code 6252.5)

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any public record containing personal information is redacted to ensure that such information, including, but not limited to, an employee's home address or social security number, is not disclosed to the public.

Confidential Records

Records to which the members of the public shall not have access include, but are not limited to:

1. Preliminary drafts, notes, interagency or intradistrict memoranda which are not retained by the district in the ordinary course of business, provided that the public interest in withholding these records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

2. Records specifically prepared for litigation to which the district is a party or to respond to claims made against the district pursuant to the Tort Claims Act, until the litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled, or beyond, if the records are protected by some other provision of law (Government Code 6254, 6254.25; Fairley v. Superior Court; 71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235 (1988))
3. Personnel records, medical records, student records, or similar materials, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

The home addresses and home telephone numbers of employees may only be disclosed as follows: (Government Code 6254.3)

- a. To an agent or a family member of the employee
- b. To an officer or employee of a state agency or another school district or county office of education when necessary for the performance of official duties

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- c. To an employee organization pursuant to regulations and decisions of the Public Employment Relations Board, unless the employee performs law enforcement-related functions or requests in writing that the information not be disclosed

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

- d. To an agent or employee of a health benefit plan providing health services or administering claims for health services to district employees and their enrolled dependents, for the purpose of providing the health services or administering claims for employees and their enrolled dependents

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

4. Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data except as provided by law (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)

(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

5. Without affecting the law of eminent domain, the contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations made for or by the district relative to the acquisition of property, or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all of the contract agreement obtained (Government Code 6254)

6. Information required from any taxpayer in connection with the collection of local taxes that is received in confidence and the disclosure of the information to other persons would result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the person supplying the information (Government Code 6254)

7. Library circulation and patron use records of a borrower or patron including, but not limited to, his/her name, address, telephone number, email address, borrowing information, or use of library information resources (Government Code 6254, 6267)

(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

8. Records for which the disclosure is exempted or prohibited pursuant to state or federal law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

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9. Documents prepared by or for the district to assess its vulnerability to terrorist attack or other criminal acts intended to disrupt district operations and that are for distribution or consideration in closed session (Government Code 6254)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

10. Recall petitions, petitions for special elections to fill Board vacancies, or petitions for the reorganization of the school district (Government Code 6253.5)

(cf. 9223 - Filling Vacancies)

11. Minutes of Board meetings held in closed session (Government Code 54957.2)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

12. Computer software developed by the district (Government Code 6254.9)

13. Information security records, the disclosure of which would reveal vulnerabilities to, or increase potential for an attack on, the district's information technology system (Government Code 6254.19)

14. Records that contain individually identifiable health information, including records that may be exempt pursuant to physician-patient privilege, the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Government Code 6254, 6255)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

15. Any other records listed as exempt from public disclosure in the California Public Records Act or other statutes

16. Records for which the district can demonstrate that, based on the particular facts of the case, the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record (Government Code 6255)

Inspection of Records and Requests for Copies

Any person may request a copy or inspection of any district record that is open to the public and not exempt from disclosure. (Government Code 6253)

Within 10 days of receiving any request to inspect or copy a district record, the Superintendent or designee shall determine whether the request seeks release of a disclosable

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public record in the district's possession. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly inform the person making the request of his/her determination and the reasons for the decision. (Government Code 6253)

In unusual circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may extend the 10-day limit for up to 14 days by providing written notice to the requester and setting forth the reasons for the extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be made. Unusual circumstances include the following, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to properly process the request: (Government Code 6253)

1. The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request
2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request
3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency (e.g., a state agency or city) having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the district (e.g., two different school sites) with substantial interest in the request
4. In the case of electronic records, the need to compile data, write programming language or a computer program, or construct a computer report to extract data

If the Superintendent or designee determines that the request seeks disclosable public records, the determination shall state the estimated date and time when the records will be made available. (Government Code 6253)

Public records shall be open to inspection at all times during district office hours. Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be made available for inspection by any person requesting the record after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law. (Government Code 6253)

Upon request for a copy that reasonably describes an identifiable record, an exact copy shall be promptly provided unless it is impracticable to do so. (Government Code 6253)

The Superintendent or designee shall charge an amount for copies that reflects the direct costs of duplication. Written requests to waive the fee shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

If any person requests that a public record be provided in an electronic format, the district shall make that record available in any electronic format in which it holds the information.

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The district shall provide a copy of the electronic record in the format requested as long as the requested format is one that has been used by the district to create copies for its own use or for use by other agencies. (Government Code 6253.9)

The cost of duplicating an electronic record shall be limited to the direct cost of producing a copy of the record in electronic format. However, the requester shall bear the cost of producing the copy of the electronic record, including the cost to construct the record and the cost of programming and computer services necessary to produce the copy, under the following circumstances: (Government Code 6253.9)

1. The electronic record is one that is produced only at otherwise regularly scheduled intervals.
2. The request would require data compilation, extraction, or programming to produce the record.

Assistance in Identifying Requested Records

If the Superintendent or designee denies a request for disclosable records, he/she shall assist the requester in making a focused and effective request that reasonably describes an identifiable record. To the extent reasonable under the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall do all of the following: (Government Code 6253.1)

1. Assist in identifying records and information responsive to the request or the purpose of the request, if specified

If, after making a reasonable effort to elicit additional clarifying information from the requester to help identify the record, the Superintendent or designee is still unable to identify the information, this requirement shall be deemed satisfied.

2. Describe the information technology and physical location in which the records exist
3. Provide suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought

Provisions of the Public Records Act shall not be construed so as to delay access for purposes of inspecting records open to the public. Any notification denying a request for public records shall state the name and title of each person responsible for the denial. (Government Code 6253)

RELATIONS BETWEEN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND THE SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that agencies at all levels of government share its concern and responsibility for the health, safety, and welfare of youth. The Board and Superintendent or designee shall initiate and maintain good working relationships with representatives of these agencies in order to help district schools and students make use of the resources which governmental agencies can provide.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*
- (cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*
- (cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*
- (cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*
- (cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)*
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*
- (cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*
- (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*
- (cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement)*
- (cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*
- (cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

The district may enter into agreements with other agencies which involve the exchange of funds or reciprocal services. Such agreements shall be approved by the Board and executed in writing.

Elections/Voter Registration

If a city or county elections official specifically requests the use of a school building as a polling place, the Board shall allow its use for such purpose. The Board may authorize the use of school buildings as polling places on any election day, and may also authorize the use of school buildings, without cost, for the storage of voting machines and other vote-tabulating devices. If school will be in session, the Superintendent or designee shall identify to elections officials the specific areas of the school buildings not occupied by school activities that will be allowed for use as polling places. (Elections Code 12283)

- (cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

When a school is used as a polling place, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the elections official a site with an adequate amount of space that will allow the precinct board to perform its duties in a manner that will not impede, interfere, or interrupt the normal process of voting and shall make a telephone line for Internet access available for use by local elections officials if so requested. He/she shall make a reasonable effort to ensure that the site is accessible to disabled persons. (Elections Code 12283)

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

RELATIONS BETWEEN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND THE SCHOOLS (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a contact person at each high school for the Secretary of State to contact in order to facilitate the distribution of voter registration forms to eligible students. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the address, phone number, and email address of each contact person to the Secretary of State. (Elections Code 2148)

To encourage students to participate in the elections process when they are eligible, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the most effective means of distributing the voter registration forms provided by the Secretary of State including, but not limited to, distributing the forms at the start of the school year, with orientation materials, at central locations, and/or with graduation materials.

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

10900-10914.5 Cooperative community recreation programs
12400 Authority to receive and expend federal funds
12405 Authority to participate in federal programs
17050 Joint use of library facilities
17051 Joint use of park and recreational facilities
32001 Fire alarms and drills
32288 Notice of safety plan
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
48902 Notification of law enforcement agencies
48909 District attorney may give notice student drug use, sale or possession
49305 Cooperation of police and California Highway Patrol
49402 Contracts with city, county or local health departments
49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

ELECTIONS CODE

2145-2148 Distribution of voter registration forms
12283 Polling places: schools

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

828 Disclosure of information minors by law enforcement agency
828.1 School district police department; disclosure of juvenile criminal records

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Secretary of State: <http://www.ss.ca.gov>
California Voter Foundation: <http://www.calvoter.org>
Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

WAIVERS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that strict compliance with the law may sometimes hinder the district's ability to provide its students with an effective, well-rounded educational program. When it is in the interest of district students, the Board may request that the State Board of Education (SBE) waive any provision of state or federal law or regulation which it has authority to waive pursuant to Education Code 33050.

Any waiver request to be submitted to the SBE shall first be approved by the Board. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each proposed waiver request includes all information necessary for the Board to analyze the need for the waiver and make an informed decision.

Prior to presenting the proposed request for Board approval, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with and obtain the approval of any advisory committee or site council when required by law.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall involve the exclusive representative of district employees in the development of the waiver request, and shall include in the request the exclusive representative's position regarding the waiver. (Education Code 33050)

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

To receive public testimony on each waiver request proposal, the Board shall hold a properly noticed public hearing during a Board meeting. (Education Code 33050)

The notice, which shall state the time, date, location, and subject of the public hearing, may be printed in a newspaper of general circulation or posted at each school and three public places in the district.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

When the district has requested and received the same general waiver from the SBE for two consecutive years, the Board is not required to reapply annually if the information contained on the request remains current. However, the district shall apply annually for the renewal of any waiver regarding teacher credentialing. (Education Code 33051)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

WAIVERS (continued)*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*305-311 Structured English immersion program; parental exception waivers**5000-5033 Governing board elections**8750-8754 Grants for conservation education**10400-10407 Cooperative improvement programs**17047.5 Facilities used by special education students**17291 Portable school buildings**33050-33053 General waiver authority**37202 Equity length of time**41000-41360 School finance**41381 Minimum school day**41600-41854 Computation of allowances**41920-42842 Budget requirements; local taxation by school districts**44520-44534 New Careers Program**44666-44669 School-Based Management and Advanced Career Opportunities**44681-44689 Administrator Training and Evaluation**45108.7 Maximum number of senior management positions**48660-48666 Community day schools**48800 Attendance at community college**49550-49560 Meals for needy students**51224.5 Algebra instruction**51745.6 Charter school independent study ratio**51870-51874 Educational technology**52080-52090 Class size reduction grade 9**52122.6-52122.8 Class size reduction, impacted school sites**52160-52178 Bilingual-Bicultural Education Act of 1976**52180-52186 Bilingual teacher waiver**52200-52212 Gifted and Talented Pupils Program**52340-52346 Career Guidance Centers**52522 Plans for adult education**52850-52863 School-Based Program Coordination**54000-54028 Disadvantaged Youth Program**54100-54145 Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Program**54407 Waiver for compensatory education programs**56000-56867 Special education programs**58407 Waiver related to individualized instruction program**58900-58928 Restructuring demonstration programs**60119 Public hearing on sufficiency of instructional materials**60851 High school exit examination, waiver for student with disabilities*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*1032 Academic Performance Index**3100 Resource specialist caseload waivers**3945 Cooperative programs**9531 Instructional materials funding**11960 Charter school attendance**11963.4 Charter school percentage funding**13017 Waivers, compensatory education New Careers in Education Program**13044 Waivers, compensatory education Professional Development and Program Improvement Programs**Legal Reference continued: (see next page)*

WAIVERS (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

7115 *Safe and Drug Free Schools, authorized activities*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Waiver Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

RELATIONS BETWEEN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND THE SCHOOLS

The Board of Trustees recognizes that private industry and the schools have a mutual interest in maximizing student achievement in order to prepare students to be productive citizens and contribute to the economic health of the community. The Board shall encourage local business involvement in efforts that support the core mission and goals of the district and promote the academic, social, and physical well-being of students.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)

(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to initiate business partnerships and shall communicate with business partners about district needs and priorities. The Superintendent or designee may assign district staff to coordinate community/business outreach efforts on behalf of the district and work to ensure equitable distribution of business involvement across all district schools.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Businesses and industry and/or their representatives may support district schools and programs by:

1. Volunteering in the classroom or school, providing special instructional programs or assemblies, and serving as tutors or mentors for individual students

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

2. Donating funds, products, instructional materials, or services that serve an educational purpose

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)

(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

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

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

3. Purchasing advertisements in school-sponsored publications or on school property in accordance with law and Board policy

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

4. Serving on advisory committees in order to provide business expertise or perspectives

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

RELATIONS BETWEEN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND THE SCHOOLS (continued)

5. Working with district staff to ensure the relevance and rigor of the district's career technical education program and providing work opportunities for students enrolled in these programs

(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

6. Engaging in other activities approved by the Superintendent or designee that are designed to increase student learning or support school operations

The Board urges employers to further support the schools by recognizing their employees' needs as parents/guardians, accommodating their needs for child care, and supporting their involvement with their children's schools.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Superintendent or designee may publicly acknowledge the support of a business partner in district communications and/or by allowing the use of the business name or logo on donated products or materials, but shall not unduly promote or endorse any commercial activity or products. He/she also may recommend Board commendation to those individuals and/or businesses that have made extraordinary contributions to the district.

(cf. 1150 - Commendation and Awards)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the district's progress in establishing and sustaining business partnerships and the ways in which businesses have supported district programs.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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RELATIONS BETWEEN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND THE SCHOOLS (continued)

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35160.1 *Broad authority of school districts*

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