

**GREEN SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Board of Trustees believes that all citizens have a responsibility to be stewards of the environment and desires to integrate environmental accountability into all district operations. The Superintendent or designee shall promote green school practices that conserve natural resources, reduce the impact of district operations on the environment, and protect the health of students, staff, and community.

The Superintendent or designee may involve district and site administrators and operations and maintenance staff; representatives of local governmental agencies, utilities, solid waste and recycling companies, and community organizations; health professionals; and/or others as appropriate in the assessment of current district operations and the development of strategies to improve the environmental impact of district operations.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

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

*(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

In selecting and prioritizing strategies, the Superintendent or designee shall give consideration to the initial cost, long-term potential cost savings, quality and performance of the product or service, health impacts, and environmental considerations.

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)*

Such strategies may include, but not be limited to:

1. Reducing energy and water consumption and exploring renewable and clean energy technologies

*(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)*

2. Establishing recycling programs in district facilities

*(cf. 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management)*

3. Reducing the consumption of disposable materials, by reusing materials and by using electronic rather than paper communications when feasible

4. Purchasing and using environmentally preferable products and services whenever practical, including, but not limited to, products that:

- a. Minimize environmental impacts, toxins, pollutants, odors, and hazards
- b. Contain postconsumer recycled content
- c. Are durable and long-lasting

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- d. Conserve energy and water
- e. Produce a low amount of waste

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*  
*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*  
*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*  
*(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)*

- 5. Using least toxic, independently certified green cleaning products when feasible, as well as high-efficiency cleaning equipment that reduces the need to use chemicals
- 6. Providing professional development to maintenance staff in the proper use, storage, and disposal of cleaning supplies

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

- 7. Focusing on green building standards, sustainability, and student health in facilities construction and modernization projects, including decisions about site selection, building design, and landscaping and grounds

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*  
*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*  
*(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)*

- 8. Reducing vehicle traffic by encouraging students to walk or bicycle to school or use district or public transportation

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*  
*(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)*

- 9. Providing fresh, unprocessed, organic food in the district's food services program

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

- 10. Providing instruction to students on the importance of the environment and involving students in the implementation and evaluation of green school activities and projects as appropriate

*(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)*

## **GREEN SCHOOL OPERATIONS (continued)**

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

8700-8707 *Environmental education*

17070.96 *Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1996, consideration of high performance standards*

17072.35 *New construction grants; use for designs and materials for high performance schools*

32370-32376 *Recycling paper*

33541 *Environmental education*

101012 *Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, allocations*

#### PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

12400-12404 *Environmentally preferable purchasing*

#### PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 *Energy conservation assistance*

40050-40063 *Integrated waste management act*

42630-42647 *Schoolsite source reduction and recycling*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

1859.70.4 *Funding for high performance incentive grants*

1859.71.6 *Additional grant for high performance incentive, new construction*

1859.77.4 *Additional grants for high performance incentive, site and modernization*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14010 *Standards for school site selection*

### *Management Resources:*

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Green Schools: An Overview of Key Policy Issues, Policy Brief, August 2009*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

*Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Best Practices Manual*

#### COLLABORATIVE FOR HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS PUBLICATIONS

*CHPS Best Practices Manual, 2006*

#### GLOBAL GREEN USA PUBLICATIONS

*Healthier, Wealthier, Wiser: A Report on National Green Schools*

#### GREEN SCHOOLS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS

*Green Schools Buying Guide*

#### HEALTHY SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN PUBLICATIONS

*The Quick and Easy Guide to Green Cleaning in Schools, 2nd ed., 2008*

#### WEB SITES

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

California Department of General Services, Green California: <http://www.green.ca.gov>

California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov>

Collaborative for High Performance Schools: <http://www.chps.net>

Global Green USA: <http://www.globalgreen.org>

Green Schools Initiative: <http://www.greenschools.net>

Healthy Schools Campaign: <http://www.healthyschoolscampaign.org/programs/gcs>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>

U.S. Green Building Council, LEED Green Building Rating System: <http://www.usgbc.org>

**ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of minimizing the district's use of natural resources, providing a high-quality environment that promotes health and productivity, and effectively managing the district's fiscal resources. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a resource management program which includes strategies for implementing effective and sustainable resource practices, exploring renewable and clean energy technologies, reducing energy and water consumption, minimizing utility costs, reducing the amount of waste of consumable materials, encouraging recycling and green procurement practices, and promoting conservation principles.

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*  
*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*  
*(cf. 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management)*  
*(cf. 3512 - Equipment)*  
*(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly inspect district facilities and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which may help the district reach its conservation and management goals.

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*  
*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities and cost-reducing incentive programs to help the district achieve its conservation and management goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on the district's progress in meeting its conservation and management goals.

**Storm Water Management**

The Board desires to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, the district reduce the discharge of pollutants into the water system in order to minimize the threat to water quality from storm water runoff. When the district has been designated by the State Water Resources Control Board or a regional water quality control board, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district complies with applicable General Permit requirements.

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*  
*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a storm water management plan and shall submit the plan and a resolution authorizing the implementation of the plan to the Board for approval. The district's plan shall describe best management practices, measurable goals, and timetables for implementation in the following areas:

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1. Public education and outreach on storm water impacts
2. Public participation, such as participation in adoption and implementation of the plan
3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination, such as maps and programs to detect and eliminate illicit non-storm water discharges
4. Construction site storm water runoff control, such as reviewing construction plans, inspecting sites, and tracking construction site runoff, as well as erosion and sediment controls
5. Post-construction storm water management, such as developing design standards for preventing runoff and verifying proper maintenance and operation of control procedures
6. Pollution prevention and good housekeeping, such as evaluating waste disposal, material storage, and equipment-cleaning procedures and spill prevention, including at bus maintenance facilities

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board on the status of the district's implementation efforts.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

41422 School term or session length, failure to comply due to disaster

46392 Emergency conditions; ADA estimate

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 Energy conservation assistance

WATER CODE

13383.5 Storm water discharge monitoring requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 23

2200 Discharge permit fees

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 33

1342 National pollutant discharge elimination system

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

122.1-122.64 National pollutant discharge elimination system

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0118.01 California's Energy Challenge

0706.90 Water Conservation Advisory, 90-09

0222.90 Average Daily Attendance Credit During Periods of Emergency 90-01

WEB SITES

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

Alliance to Save Energy: <http://www.ase.org>

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

California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov>

California State Water Resources Control Board: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>

Department of General Resources, Green California, Sustainable Schools:

<http://www.green.ca.gov/GreenBuildings/schools>

**ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT**

**Resource Management Program**

In the development of the district's resource management program, the Superintendent or designee shall analyze and review the lighting; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; water heaters; electrical equipment and appliances; water use and irrigation; and solid waste and recycling systems. The following district operations shall be incorporated into the district's resource management program:

1. Educational programs
2. Classroom and building management and maintenance
3. Food services and equipment maintenance

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

4. Landscaping
5. Transportation services and maintenance

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

6. New construction

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

7. Administrative operations
8. Use of facilities by outside groups

*(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*

*(cf. 3512 - Equipment)*

*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

The Superintendent or designee may solicit input from staff, students, and parents/guardians about the district's program. The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff and students with training and guidance on best practices to achieve the district's goals, such as a reward program to recognize outstanding accomplishments.

**Emergency Interruption of Services**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan to address actions to be taken in the event of power outages or other emergency interruption of utility services, both during and

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after school operations. The plan shall address procedures to help ensure student and staff safety, administrative control of operations, protection of equipment, effective communications, and coordination with local fire, police, and utility service providers.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

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

*(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)*



**INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT**

The Board of Trustees believes that the conservation of natural resources and the protection of the environment are connected to the district's educational mission and are essential to the health and well-being of the community. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and/or implement a cost-effective, integrated waste management program that incorporates the principles of green school operations.

*(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)*  
*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*  
*(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)*  
*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

The district's program shall include strategies designed to help the district reduce solid and hazardous waste generation, improve efficiency in its use of natural resources, and minimize the impact of such use on the environment. The program shall address all areas of the district's operations, including, but not limited to, procurement, resource utilization, and facilities management practices.

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*  
*(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)*

The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with city, county, and state agencies and other public or private agencies in developing and implementing the district's integrated waste management program.

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify funding opportunities for the district's integrated waste management program including applying for available grants or other cost-reduction incentives.

To the extent that funding permits, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate educational and training opportunities to students and staff regarding the benefits and methods of conserving natural resources and protecting the environment.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)*  
*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly monitor all aspects of the district's integrated waste management program and shall provide an update to the Board on its effectiveness as necessary.

## **INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT (continued)**

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EDUCATION CODE

8700-8707 *Environmental education*

17070.96 *Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1996, consideration of high performance standards*

17072.35 *New construction grants; use for designs and materials for high performance schools*

32370-32376 *Recycling paper*

33541 *Environmental education*

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

25410-25421 *Energy conservation assistance*

40050-40063 *Waste management; integrated waste management*

41780 *Waste diversion*

42620-42622 *Source reduction and recycling programs*

42630-42647 *School site source reduction and recycling*

42649-42649.7 *Recycling of commercial solid waste*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14

17225.12 *Commercial solid waste*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ReduceWaste/Schools>

California Division of State Architect: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa>

California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov>

California Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>

**INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT**

For all applicable areas of district operations, the Superintendent or designee shall design an integrated waste management program that minimizes the generation of waste, encourages the recovery and diversion of reusable materials from the waste stream, improves efficiency in the utilization of natural and material resources, and protects the environment. The program shall implement measures and/or practices to:

1. Reduce the consumption of disposable materials, increase the composting of organic materials, and fully utilize all materials prior to disposal

*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*

2. Recycle materials such as paper, glass, plastic, and aluminum

Any school site or district facility which generates more than four cubic yards of commercial solid waste per week shall take at least one of the following actions: (Public Resources Code 42649.2; 14 CCR 17225.12)

- a. Source separate recyclable materials from solid waste and subscribe to a basic level of recycling service that may include collection, self-hauling, or other arrangement for the pickup of the recyclable materials
- b. Subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation

3. Prefer recycled and other environmentally preferable products when procuring materials for use in district schools and buildings or contracting for the construction or modernization of any district building

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*

*(cf. 3311 - Bids)*

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

4. Work with city, county, or other government agencies to locate markets for the district's reusable and recyclable materials

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

*(cf. 7131 - Relations with Local Agencies)*

5. Minimize the use of nonbiodegradable materials and work with vendors and contractors to use packaging and delivery materials that generate less waste

**EQUIPMENT**

Employees and/or students shall use district equipment only for school-related tasks. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees understand that personal use of district equipment is prohibited and that a violation may be cause for disciplinary action.

*(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)*  
*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*  
*(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*  
*(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)*

The district shall provide comparable basic equipment and supplies for all classes. When equipment cannot be supplied to every class, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that it will be shared within and among the schools.

*(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)*  
*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*

When school equipment is not being used by students or employees, school-connected organizations may be granted reasonable use of the equipment for school-related matters.

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*  
*(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*

The principal shall approve the removal of district-owned equipment from the school site. When any equipment is taken off-site, the borrower is responsible for its safe return and shall be fully liable for any loss or damage.

**Transfer of Equipment to a New Site**

Employees transferred to another school shall take with them only those personal items that have been purchased with their own funds. Items paid for by the district, school-connected organizations or grants shall remain at the initial location unless the principals of both schools make special arrangements that serve the best interests of the districtwide instructional program.

Equipment and materials unique to a special program being moved to another site may be moved to the new location upon the approval of both principals.

**Equipment Acquired by Federal Funds**

Equipment purchased for use in a federal program shall be used in that program as long as needed, whether or not the program continues to be supported by federal funds. When no longer needed for the original program, the equipment may be used in other activities currently or previously supported by a federal agency. (34 CFR 80.32)

**EQUIPMENT** (continued)

All equipment purchased with Consolidated Application funds shall be labeled with the name of the project, identification number and name of the district. (5 CCR 3946)

Each principal or designee shall ensure that the following management provisions are established and maintained for equipment acquired in whole or in part with federal funds until such property is disposed: (34 CFR 80.32)

1. A control system shall be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage or theft of the property. Any loss, damage or theft shall be investigated.
2. Adequate maintenance procedures shall be developed to keep the property in good condition.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)*

If equipment is used for a purpose other than that for which it was originally purchased, the inventory shall include a dated statement justifying its current use.

*(cf. 3440 - Inventories)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

35168 Inventory of equipment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3946 Control, safeguards, disposal of equipment purchased with state and federal consolidated application funds

4424 Comparability of services

16023 Class 1- Permanent records

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

80.1-80.52 Uniform administration requirements for grants to state and local governments

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6321 Fiscal requirements

**EQUIPMENT**

**EQUIPMENT LOAN FORM**

I assume the responsibility for the following district equipment:

<u>Description</u>	<u>ID Number</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

School-related purpose: (Note: items are not for personal use)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I will return the above equipment to \_\_\_\_\_  
(administrator or designee)

no later than \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

In borrowing the items listed above, I assume responsibility for any loss of or damage to the equipment or materials. If any items are damaged or lost, I will pay the cost of repairs or replacement.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the health hazards associated with smoking and the use of tobacco products, including the breathing of second-hand smoke, are inconsistent with its goal to provide a healthy environment for students and staff.

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*  
*(cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*  
*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*  
*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*  
*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

The Board prohibits the use of tobacco products at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles. (Health and Safety Code 104420; Labor Code 6404.5; 20 USC 6083)

This prohibition applies to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Any written joint use agreement governing community use of district facilities or grounds shall include notice of the district's tobacco-free schools policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

*(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*  
*(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)*

Prohibited products include any product containing tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, clove cigarettes, betel, and nicotine delivery devices such as electronic cigarettes. Exceptions may be made for the use or possession of prescription nicotine products.

Smoking or use of any tobacco-related products and disposal of any tobacco-related waste are prohibited within 25 feet of any playground, except on a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of the playground. (Health and Safety Code 104495)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

48900 Grounds for suspension/expulsion

48901 Prohibition against tobacco use by students

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

39002 Control of air pollution from nonvehicular sources

104350-104495 Tobacco use prevention, especially:

104495 Prohibition of smoking and tobacco waste on playgrounds

119405 Unlawful to sell or furnish electronic cigarettes to minors

LABOR CODE

3300 Employer, definition

6304 Safe and healthful workplace

6404.5 Occupational safety and health; use of tobacco products

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6083 Nonsmoking policy for children's services

7100-7117 Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21

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

PERB RULINGS

Eureka Teachers Assn. v. Eureka City School District (1992) PERB Order #955 (16 PERC 23168)

CSEA #506 and Associated Teachers of Metropolitan Riverside v. Riverside Unified School District (1989) PERB Order #750 (13 PERC 20147)

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention:

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

California Department of Education, Tobacco-Free School District Certification:

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

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

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OSHSB/oshsb.html>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>



**TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS**

**Notifications**

Information about the district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures shall be communicated clearly to employees, parents/guardians, students, and the community. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

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

The Superintendent or designee may disseminate this information through annual written notifications, district and school web sites, student and parent handbooks, and/or other appropriate methods of communication.

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

Signs stating "Tobacco use is prohibited" shall be prominently displayed at all entrances to school property. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

**Enforcement/Discipline**

Any employee or student who violates the district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be asked to refrain from smoking and shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate.

*(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

Any other person who violates the district's policy on tobacco-free schools shall be informed of the district's policy and asked to refrain from smoking. If the person fails to comply with this request, the Superintendent or designee may:

1. Direct the person to leave school property
2. Request local law enforcement assistance in removing the person from school premises
3. If the person repeatedly violates the tobacco-free schools policy, prohibit him/her from entering district property for a specified period of time

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

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The Superintendent or designee shall not be required to physically eject a nonemployee who is smoking or to request that the nonemployee refrain from smoking under circumstances involving a risk of physical harm to the district or any employee. (Labor Code 6404.5)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY**

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff, and community members. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess school facilities to identify environmental health risks. He/she shall establish a comprehensive plan to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards based on a consideration of the proven effectiveness of various options, anticipated short-term and long-term costs and/or savings to the district, and the potential impact on staff attendance, student attendance, and student achievement.

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*  
*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*  
*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*  
*(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)*  
*(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)*  
*(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*  
*(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*

Strategies addressed in the district's plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring good indoor air quality by maintaining adequate ventilation; using effective maintenance operations to reduce dust, mold, mildew, and other indoor air contaminants; and considering air quality in the site selection, design, and furnishing of new or remodeled facilities

*(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)*  
*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*  
*(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)*  
*(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)*

2. Limiting outdoor activities when necessary due to poor outdoor air quality, including excessive smog, smoke, or ozone, or when ultraviolet radiation levels indicate a high risk of harm

*(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)*  
*(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*

3. Reducing exposure to diesel exhaust and other air contaminants by limiting unnecessary idling of school buses and other commercial motor vehicles

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*  
*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*  
*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*

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4. Minimizing exposure to lead in paint, soil, and drinking water
5. Inspecting facilities for naturally occurring asbestos and asbestos-containing building materials that pose a health hazard due to damage or deterioration and safely removing, encapsulating, enclosing, or repairing such materials
6. Ensuring the proper storage, use, and disposal of potentially hazardous substances

*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*  
*(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)*

7. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices

*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

8. Instituting a food safety program for the storage, preparation, delivery, and service of school meals in order to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses

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

In developing strategies to promote healthy school environments, the Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with local environmental protection agencies, health agencies, and other community organizations.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the district's maintenance and facilities staff, bus drivers, food services staff, teachers, and other staff as appropriate with professional development regarding their responsibilities in implementing strategies to improve and maintain environmental safety at the schools.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, staff, parents/guardians, students, and/or governmental agencies, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall provide information about the district's actions to remedy the hazard and may recommend health screening of staff and students.

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

## ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

17002 Definition of "good repair"

17070.75 Facilities inspection

17582 Deferred maintenance fund

17590 Asbestos abatement fund

17608-17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices

32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

48980.3 Notification of pesticides

49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals

13180-13188 Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

105400-105430 Indoor environmental quality

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code, sanitation and safety requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14010 Standards for school site selection

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

337-339 Hazardous substances list

340-340.2 Occupational safety and health, rights of employees

1528-1533 Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards

5139-5223 Control of hazardous substances

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

2025 Retrofitting of diesel school buses

2480 Vehicle idling

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-36100 Lead abatement services

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

64670-64679 Lead and copper in drinking water

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Use of pesticides

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY**

The Superintendent may designate and train one or more employees to oversee and coordinate the district's environmental safety program(s). The responsibilities of the coordinator(s) shall include, but are not limited to, overseeing assessments of district facilities, recommending strategies for the prevention and mitigation of environmental health risks, ensuring effective implementation of environmental safety strategies, and reporting to the Superintendent regarding the district's progress in addressing environmental safety concerns.

- (cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*
- (cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Management)*
- (cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)*
- (cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)*
- (cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*
- (cf. 5142 - Safety)*
- (cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)*
- (cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)*

**Indoor Air Quality**

In order to provide proper ventilation, humidity, and temperature in school facilities and to reduce indoor air contaminants, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following strategies are implemented:

1. Mechanically driven heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems shall be operated continuously during working hours except under the circumstances specified in 8 CCR 5142. The systems shall be inspected at least annually and problems corrected within a reasonable time. Where the air supply is filtered, the filters shall be replaced or cleaned regularly to prevent significant reductions in airflow. Documentation of inspections, tests of ventilation rates, and maintenance shall be retained for at least five years. (8 CCR 5142-5143)

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

Staff shall ensure that airflow is not obstructed by the blocking of ventilators with posters, furniture, books, or other obstacles.

2. School facilities shall be regularly inspected for water damage, spills, leaks in plumbing and roofs, poor drainage, and improper ventilation so as to preclude the buildup of mold and mildew. Wet building materials and furnishings shall be dried within 48 hours if possible to prevent mold growth. When evidence of mold or mildew is found, maintenance staff shall locate and repair the source of water intrusion and remove or clean moldy materials.
3. Exterior wall and foundation cracks and openings shall be sealed as soon as possible to minimize seepage of radon into buildings from surrounding soils.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY (continued)**

4. Least toxic pest management practices shall be used to control and manage pests at school sites.

*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

5. In any new school construction, and in all existing schools when feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall install a carbon monoxide detector in each school building that contains a fossil fuel burning furnace. The device shall be placed in close proximity to the furnace in order to accurately detect any leakage of carbon monoxide.
6. Schedules and practices for routine housekeeping and maintenance shall be designed to effectively reduce levels of dust, dirt, and debris. Plain water, soap and water, or low-emission cleaning products shall be used whenever possible. Aerosols, including air fresheners and other products containing ozone, shall be avoided to the extent possible.

*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*

7. Painting of school facilities and maintenance or repair duties that require the use of potentially harmful substances shall be limited to those times when school is not in session. Following any such activity, the facility shall be properly ventilated with adequate time allowed prior to reopening for use by any person.
8. Paints, adhesives, and solvents shall be used and stored in well-ventilated areas. These items shall be purchased in small quantities to avoid storage exposure.

*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*

*(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)*

9. To the extent possible, printing and duplicating equipment that may generate indoor air pollutants, such as methyl alcohol or ammonia, shall be placed in locations that are well ventilated and not frequented by students and staff.
10. The district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be consistently enforced in order to reduce the health risks caused by second-hand smoke.

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

11. Staff and students shall be asked to refrain from bringing common irritants such as furred or feathered animals, stuffed toys that may collect dust mites, scented candles, incense, or air fresheners and from using perfume or cologne, scented lotion or hair spray, nail polish or nail polish remover, or other personal care products that are not fragrance-free in classrooms or other enclosed areas or buildings.

*(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)*



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY (continued)**

### **Outdoor Air Quality**

The Superintendent or designee may monitor local health advisories and outdoor air quality alerts, including forecasts of ozone levels, particle pollution, and/or ultraviolet radiation levels.

Whenever these measures indicate a significant health risk, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate with each principal so that outdoor activities, especially those requiring prolonged or heavy exertion, may be avoided, limited in duration, or modified as necessary for all persons or for persons who may be particularly susceptible to the health risk involved.

*(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)*

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

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

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

### **Vehicle Emissions**

In order to reduce public exposure to toxic air contaminants, school bus drivers and other drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall limit unnecessary idling of vehicles at or near schools in accordance with 13 CCR 2480.

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*

Any diesel-fueled school bus with a gross vehicle weight rating over 14,000 pounds manufactured on or after April 1, 1977 shall be equipped with a particulate filter designed to reduce particulate matter emissions, oxides of nitrogen emissions, and other pollutants. (13 CCR 2025)

### **Drinking Water**

The quality and safety of the district's drinking water sources shall be regularly assessed.

Whenever testing of drinking water finds concentrations of lead that exceed federal and state standards in 40 CFR 141.80 and 22 CCR 64678, water outlets shall be flushed thoroughly each day before use or made inoperable until a plan for remediation can be implemented.

Whenever levels of arsenic, bacteria, or other contaminants in the drinking water are determined to be a concern, the Superintendent or designee may recommend basic filtration or pipe flushing when feasible.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY (continued)**

Until drinking water is assured to be safe, the Superintendent or designee may explore alternatives, such as bottled water, to ensure that students have access to fresh drinking water at mealtimes and at other times throughout the day. As needed, he/she also may encourage appropriate governmental agencies to conduct regular testing of the water quality in district schools and to implement strategies to improve water quality in the community.

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

Drinking fountains in district schools shall be regularly cleaned and maintained to avoid the presence of dirt, mold, or other impurities or health concerns.

### **Lead Exposure**

In addition to keeping school facilities as dust-free and clean as possible, the following steps shall be taken to minimize potential exposure to lead in school facilities:

1. Lead-based paint, lead plumbing and solders, or other potential sources of lead contamination shall not be used in the construction of any new school facility or the modernization or renovation of any existing school facility. (Education Code 32244)
2. Lead exposure hazards shall be evaluated before any renovation or remodeling is begun, and children shall not be allowed in or near buildings in which these activities may create lead dust. Contractors and workers shall comply with state and federal standards related to the handling and disposal of lead debris and the clean-up and containment of dust within the construction area.
3. Lead-based painted surfaces that are in good condition shall be kept intact. If lead-based paint is peeling, flaking, or chalking, contractors or workers shall follow state and federal standards for safe work practices to minimize contamination when removing the paint.
4. Soil with high lead content may be covered with grass, other plantings, concrete, or asphalt.
5. Drinking water shall be regularly tested for lead and remediated as provided in the section "Drinking Water" above.

Any action to abate existing lead hazards, excluding containment or cleaning, shall be taken only by contractors, inspectors, and workers certified by the California Department of Public Health in accordance with 17 CCR 35001-35099. (Education Code 32243)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY (continued)**

### **Mercury Exposure**

The Superintendent or designee shall identify any products containing mercury that are present in district facilities and, to the extent possible, shall replace them with mercury-free alternatives.

Staff shall receive information about proper procedures to follow in the event of a mercury spill. Clean-up instructions, a clearly labeled kit with necessary clean-up supplies, and a list of local resources shall be readily accessible.

In the event of a spill, staff shall evacuate all students from the immediate area of the spill, ensure that any clothing or other items with mercury on them remain in the room, open windows to the outside, and close doors to other parts of the school. Staff who are trained in proper clean-up procedures may carefully clean a small spill. As needed for larger or difficult-to-clean spills, the Superintendent or designee shall use an experienced professional referred by the local health department or environmental agency.

Any products containing mercury shall be properly disposed at an appropriate hazardous waste collection facility.

### **Asbestos Management**

The Superintendent shall designate an employee who shall ensure that the district's responsibilities related to asbestos inspection and abatement are implemented in accordance with federal and state regulations. This employee shall receive adequate training to perform these duties, including, as necessary, training on the health effects of asbestos; detection, identification, and assessment of asbestos-containing materials; options for controlling asbestos-containing building materials; and relevant federal and state regulations. (40 CFR 763.84)

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

The designated employee shall ensure that the district complies with the following requirements:

1. School facilities shall be inspected for asbestos-containing materials as necessary in accordance with the following:
  - a. Any school building that is leased or acquired by the district shall be inspected for asbestos-containing materials prior to its use as a school building, unless exempted by federal regulations. (40 CFR 763.85, 763.99)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY** (continued)

- b. At least once every six months, the district shall conduct a periodic surveillance consisting of a visual inspection of each school building that contains or is assumed to contain asbestos-containing building materials. (40 CFR 763.92)
  - c. At least once every three years, the district shall conduct a re-inspection of all known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials in each school building. (40 CFR 763.85)
2. Based on the results of the inspection, an appropriate response which is sufficient to protect human health and the environment shall be determined from among the options specified in 40 CFR 763.90. The district may select the least burdensome response, taking into consideration local circumstances, including occupancy and use patterns within the school building and economic concerns such as short-term and long-term costs. (40 CFR 763.90)
  3. An asbestos management plan for each school site shall be maintained and regularly updated to keep it current with ongoing operations and maintenance, periodic surveillance, inspection, re-inspection, and response action activities. (15 USC 2643; 40 CFR 763.93)

The asbestos management plan shall be available for inspection in district and school offices during normal business hours. Parent/guardian, teacher, and employee organizations shall be annually informed of the availability of these plans. (40 CFR 763.84)

*(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)*  
*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

4. Staff, students, and parents/guardians shall be informed at least once each school year about any inspections, response actions, and post-response actions, including periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities, that are planned or in progress. (40 CFR 763.84)
5. Inspections, re-inspections, periodic surveillance, and response actions, including operations and maintenance, shall be conducted in compliance with state and federal regulations for the protection and safety of workers and all other individuals. (Education Code 49410.5; 40 CFR 763.84)

Asbestos inspection and abatement work and any maintenance activities that may disturb asbestos-containing building materials, except for emergency repairs or small-scale, short-duration maintenance activities, shall be completed by state-certified asbestos inspectors or contractors. (15 USC 2646; 40 CFR 763.84, 763.85, 763.91)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY** (continued)

6. All custodial and maintenance employees shall be properly trained in accordance with applicable federal and/or state regulations. (40 CFR 763.84)

All district maintenance and custodial staff who may work in a building that contains asbestos-containing materials, regardless of whether they are required to work with such materials, shall receive at least two hours of related asbestos awareness training. New maintenance and custodial staff shall receive such training within 60 days after beginning employment. Any maintenance or custodial staff who conduct activities that will disturb asbestos-containing materials shall receive 14 hours of additional training. The trainings shall address the topics specified in 40 CFR 763.92. (15 USC 2655; 40 CFR 763.84, 763.92)

7. Short-term workers, such as telephone repair workers, utility workers, or exterminators, who may come in contact with asbestos in a school shall be provided information regarding the locations of known or suspected asbestos-containing building materials. (40 CFR 763.84)
8. Warning labels shall be posted immediately adjacent to any known or suspected asbestos-containing building material located in routine maintenance areas in accordance with 40 CFR 763.95. (40 CFR 763.84)

The district shall maintain, in both the district and school offices and for a period of three years, records pertaining to each preventive measure and response action taken; staff training; periodic surveillances conducted; cleaning, operations, and maintenance activities; and any fiber release episode. (40 CFR 763.94)

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students and employees from exposure to potentially hazardous substances that may be used in the district's educational program and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment.

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

*(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4219.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*

*(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

*(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)*

Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. When hazardous substances must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.

*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*

*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all potentially hazardous substances on district properties are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a written hazard communication program in accordance with 8 CCR 5194 and shall ensure that employees, students, and others as necessary are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include the development and implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in accordance with 8 CCR 5191 and instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (continued)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

49340-49341 Hazardous substances education

49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services

49411 Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs; determination of shelf life; disposal

#### FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

12981 Regulations re pesticides and worker safety

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

25163 Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions; inspection

25500-25520 Hazardous materials release response plans; inventory

#### LABOR CODE

6360-6363 Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act

6380-6386 List of hazardous substances

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

339 List of hazardous substances

3203 Illness and injury prevention program

3204 Records of employee exposure to toxic or harmful substances

5139-5230 Control of hazardous substances, especially

5154.1-5154.2 Ventilation

5161 Definitions

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5163 Control of spills

5164 Storage of hazardous substances

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5194 Hazard communication

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**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

**Cautionary Notice 2013-14:** AB 110 (Ch. 20, Statutes of 2013) amended Government Code 17581.5 to relieve districts from the obligation, until July 1, 2014, to perform any activities that are deemed to be reimbursable state mandates under that section. As a result, certain provisions of the following policy or administrative regulation that reflect those requirements may be suspended.

*Hazardous substance* means a substance, material, or mixture which is likely to cause illness or injury by reason of being explosive, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, oxidizing, an irritant, or otherwise harmful. Hazardous substances, as identified by the Department of Industrial Relations, are listed in 8 CCR 339. (8 CCR 339, 5161)

**Storage and Disposal of Chemicals**

The Superintendent or designee shall adopt measures to ensure that hazardous substances on any district property are stored and disposed of properly in accordance with law. Such measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (8 CCR 5164)

1. Substances which react violently or evolve toxic vapors or gases when mixed, or which in combination become toxic, flammable, explosive, or otherwise hazardous, shall be separated from each other in storage by distance, partitions, secondary containment, or otherwise so as to preclude accidental contact between them.
2. Hazardous substances shall be stored in containers which are chemically inert to and appropriate for the type and quantity of the hazardous substance.
3. Containers of hazardous substances shall not be stored in such locations or manner as to result in physical damage to or deterioration of the container or where they are exposed to heat sufficient to rupture the container or to cause leakage.
4. Containers used to package a substance which gives off toxic, poisonous, corrosive, asphyxiant, suffocant, or anesthetic fumes, gases, or vapors in hazardous amounts, excluding small quantities of such materials kept in closed containers or materials kept in tank cars or trucks, shall not be stored in locations where it could be reasonably anticipated that persons would be exposed.

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly remove and dispose of all chemicals whose estimated shelf life has elapsed. (Education Code 49411)

**Hazard Communication Program**

The district's written hazard communication program shall include at least the components listed below and shall be available upon request to all employees and their designated



**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (continued)**

representatives. The program shall apply to any hazardous substance which is known to be present in the workplace in such a manner that employees may be exposed under normal conditions of use or in a reasonably foreseeable emergency resulting from workplace operations. (8 CCR 5194)

**1. Container Labeling**

No container of hazardous substance, unless exempted by law, shall be accepted by the district or any district school unless labeled, tagged, or marked by the supplier with the identity of the hazardous substance, hazard warning statements, and the name and address of the chemical manufacturer or importer. No label on an incoming container shall be removed or intentionally defaced unless the container is immediately marked with the required information.

Whenever hazardous substances are transferred from their original containers to other containers, the secondary containers shall likewise be labeled with the identity and hazard warning statement, unless the substances are intended only for the immediate use of the employee who performs the transfer.

**2. Safety Data Sheets**

Upon receiving a hazardous substance or mixture, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the manufacturer or importer has furnished a safety data sheet (SDS) as required by law. If the SDS is missing or obviously incomplete, the Superintendent or designee shall, within seven working days of noting the missing or incomplete information, request a new SDS from the manufacturer or importer. If a response is not received within 25 working days, the Superintendent or designee shall send a copy of the district's written inquiry to the California Occupational Safety and Health Division (Cal/OSHA). (8 CCR 5194)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the required SDS for each hazardous substance in the workplace and shall ensure that it is readily accessible to employees in their work area during working hours. The SDS may be maintained in paper copy, electronically, or through other means, provided that employees have immediate access and understand how to use the alternative system.

**3. Employee Information and Training**

Employees shall receive information and training on hazardous substances in their work area at the time of their initial assignment and whenever a new hazard is introduced into their work area. The information and training shall include, but are not limited to, the following topics: (8 CCR 5194)

- a. The requirements of 8 CCR 5194, including employee rights described therein

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES** (continued)

- b. The location and availability of the district's written hazard communication program, including the list of hazardous materials and all SDS
- c. Any operations in the work area where hazardous substances are present
- d. The physical and health effects of the hazardous substances in the work area
- e. Methods and observations that may be used to detect the presence or release of hazardous substances in the work area
- f. Measures that employees can take to protect themselves from exposure to hazardous substances, including specific procedures the district has implemented to protect employees, such as appropriate work practices, emergency procedures, and personal protective equipment to be used
- g. How to read and use the labels and SDS

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

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

4. List of Hazardous Substances

The written hazard communication program shall include a list of the hazardous substances known to be present in the workplace as a whole or for individual work areas. (8 CCR 5194)

5. Hazardous Nonroutine Tasks

When employees are required to perform hazardous nonroutine tasks or to work on unlabeled pipes that contain hazards, they shall first receive information about the specific hazards to which they may be exposed during this activity and the protective/safety measures which must be used, such as ventilation, respirators, other personal protective equipment, and/or the presence of another employee. They shall also receive information about emergency procedures to follow if accidentally exposed to the hazardous substance.

6. Information to Contractors

To ensure that outside contractors and their employees work safely in district facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall inform contractors of hazardous substances which are present on the site and precautions that they may take to lessen the possibility of exposure. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to disseminate this information to his/her employees and subcontractors.

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (continued)**

**Chemical Hygiene Plan**

The district's chemical hygiene plan shall address exposure to hazardous chemicals in school laboratories and shall include the following components: (8 CCR 5191)

1. Standard operating procedures relevant to safety and health considerations to be followed when laboratory work involves the use of hazardous chemicals
2. Criteria that the district will use to determine and implement control measures to reduce exposure to hazardous chemicals, including engineering controls, the use of personal protective equipment, and hygiene practices
3. A requirement that protective equipment comply with state regulations and that specific measures be taken to ensure proper and adequate performance of such equipment
4. Provision of specified information at the time of an employee's initial assignment to a work area where hazardous chemicals are present and prior to assignments involving new exposure situations
5. Provision of specified employee training in accordance with the schedule determined by the Superintendent or designee
6. The circumstances under which a particular laboratory operation, procedure, or activity shall require prior approval of the Superintendent or designee before implementation
7. Provisions for medical consultations and examinations whenever there is evidence, as specified, that the employee may have been exposed to a hazardous chemical
8. Designation of an employee, who is qualified by training or experience, to serve as the district's chemical hygiene officer to provide technical guidance in the development and implementation of the chemical hygiene plan
9. Provisions for additional employee protection for work with particularly hazardous substances, as specified

The plan shall be readily available to employees and employee representatives, and, upon request, to Cal/OSHA. (8 CCR 5191)

**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall review and evaluate the effectiveness of the chemical hygiene plan at least annually and shall update it as necessary. (8 CCR 5191)

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

**Definition**

*Integrated Pest Management (IPM)* means a strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment are used only after careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to pre-established guidelines and treatment thresholds. (Food and Agricultural Code 13181)

**Procedures**

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a staff person to develop, implement, and coordinate an IPM program that incorporates effective, least toxic pest management practices. The district's program shall include the following elements:

1. Carefully monitoring and identifying the pest population levels and identifying practices that could affect pest populations. Strategies for managing the pest shall be influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat to people, property, or the environment.
2. Setting action threshold levels to determine when pest populations or vegetation at a specific location might cause unacceptable health or economic hazard that would indicate corrective action should be taken.
3. Modifying or eliminating pest habitats to deter pest populations and minimize pest infestations.
4. Considering a full range of possible alternative treatments. Such alternative treatments may include taking no action or controlling the pest by physical, horticultural, or biological methods. Cost or staffing considerations alone will not be adequate justification for use of chemical control agents.
5. Selecting nonchemical pest management methods over chemical methods whenever such methods are effective in providing the desired control or, when it is determined that chemical methods must be used, giving preference to those chemicals that pose the least hazard to people and the environment.
6. Ensuring that persons applying pesticides follow label precautions and are trained in the principles and practices of IPM.

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

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7. Limiting pesticide purchases to amounts needed for the year. Pesticides shall be stored at a secure location that is not accessible to students and unauthorized staff. They shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with state regulations and label directions registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as well as any disposal requirements indicated on the product label.

*(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*

**Prohibited Pesticides**

The IPM Coordinator shall not use a pesticide on a school site if that pesticide has been granted a conditional or interim registration or an experimental use permit by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) or if the pesticide is subject to an experimental registration issued by the EPA and either of the following conditions exists: (Education Code 17610.1)

1. The pesticide contains a new active ingredient.
2. The pesticide is for new use.

In addition, the IPM Coordinator shall not use a pesticide on a school site if DPR cancels or suspends registration or requires that the pesticide be phased out from use. (Education Code 17610.1)

**Notifications**

The IPM Coordinator shall annually notify staff and parents/guardians of students enrolled at a school site, in writing, regarding pesticide products expected to be applied at the school facility in the upcoming year. The notification shall include at least the following: (Education Code 17612)

1. The Internet address (<http://www.schoolipm.info>) used to access information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by the DPR pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code 13184.
2. The name of each pesticide product expected to be applied in the upcoming year and the active ingredient(s) in it.
3. An opportunity for interested persons to register to receive notification of individual pesticide application at the school site. The IPM Coordinator shall notify such registered persons of individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours prior to the application. The notice shall include the product name, the active ingredient(s) in the product, and the intended date of application.

## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (continued)**

### 4. Other information deemed necessary by the Superintendent or IPM Coordinator.

*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)*

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

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

If a pesticide product not included in the annual notification is subsequently intended for use at a school site, the IPM Coordinator shall provide written notification of its intended use to staff and parents/guardians of students enrolled at the school, at least 72 hours prior to the application. (Education Code 17612)

Whenever the IPM Coordinator deems that the immediate use of a pesticide is necessary to protect the health and safety of students, staff, or other persons at the school site, he/she shall make every effort to provide the required notifications prior to the application of the pesticide. (Education Code 17612)

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

### **Posting of Warning Signs**

The IPM Coordinator shall post a warning sign at each area of the school site where pesticides will be applied that shall be visible to all persons entering the treated area. The sign shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to the application and until 72 hours after the application. The warning sign shall display the following information: (Education Code 17612)

1. The term "Warning/Pesticide Treated Area"
2. The product name, manufacturer's name, and the EPA's product registration number
3. Intended areas and dates of application
4. Reason for the pesticide application

When advance posting is not possible due to an emergency condition requiring immediate use of a pesticide, the warning sign shall be posted immediately upon application and shall remain posted until 72 hours after the application. (Education Code 17609, 17612)

### **Records**

Each school site shall maintain records of all pesticide use at the school for four years, and shall make the information available to the public, upon request, in accordance with the

## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (continued)**

California Public Records Act. Such records may be maintained by retaining a copy of the warning sign posted for each pesticide application with a recording on that copy of the amount of the pesticide used. (Education Code 17611)

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

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*17608-17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000*

*48980 Notice at beginning of term*

*48980.3 Notification of pesticides*

#### FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

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**CAMPUS SECURITY**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, employees, and visitors to school grounds. The Board also recognizes the importance of protecting district property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop campus security procedures which are consistent with the goals and objectives of the district's comprehensive safety plan and site-level safety plans. Such procedures shall be regularly reviewed to reflect changed circumstances and to assess their effectiveness in achieving safe school objectives.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

**Surveillance Systems**

The Board believes that reasonable use of surveillance cameras will help the district achieve its goals for campus security. In consultation with the safety planning committee and relevant staff, the Superintendent or designee shall identify appropriate locations for the placement of surveillance cameras. Cameras shall not be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any audio capability on the district's surveillance equipment shall be disabled so that sounds are not recorded.

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

Prior to the operation of the surveillance system, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at conspicuous locations at affected school buildings and grounds. These signs shall inform students, staff, and visitors that surveillance may occur and shall state whether the district's system is actively monitored by school personnel. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide prior written notice to students and parents/guardians about the district's surveillance system, including the locations where surveillance may occur, explaining that the recordings may be used in disciplinary proceedings, and that matters captured by the camera may be referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

To the extent that any images from the district's surveillance system create a student or personnel record, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the images are accessed, retained, and disclosed in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

*(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Records)*  
*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

## CAMPUS SECURITY (continued)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

32020 Access gates  
32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes  
32280-32288 School safety plans  
35160 Authority of governing boards  
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts  
38000-38005 Security patrols  
49050-49051 Searches by school employees  
49060-49079 Student records

#### PENAL CODE

469 Unauthorized making, duplicating or possession of key to public building  
626-626.10 Disruption of schools

#### CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

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**CAMPUS SECURITY**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's campus security plan includes strategies to:

1. Secure the campus perimeter and school facilities in order to prevent criminal activity

These strategies include a risk management analysis of each campus' security system, lighting system, and fencing. Procedures to ensure unobstructed views and eliminate blind spots caused by doorways and landscaping shall also be considered. In addition, parking lot design may be studied, including methods to discourage through traffic.

2. Secure buildings from outsiders and discourage trespassing

These strategies may include requiring visitor registration, staff and student identification tags, and patrolling of places used for congregating and loitering.

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

*(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)*

3. Discourage vandalism and graffiti

These strategies may include plans to immediately cover graffiti as well as campus beautification projects and shall also include students and the community in these projects.

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

*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

4. Control access to keys and other school inventory

*(cf. 3440 - Inventories)*

5. Detect and intervene with school crime

These strategies may include the creation of a school watch program, an anonymous crime reporting system, analysis of school crime incidents, and collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, including providing for law enforcement presence.

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

*(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)*

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*

*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*

**CAMPUS SECURITY** (continued)

All staff shall receive training in building and grounds security procedures.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**Keys**

All keys used in a school shall be the responsibility of the principal or designee. Keys shall be issued only to those employees who regularly need a key in order to carry out normal activities of their position.

The principal or designee shall create a key control system with a record of each key assigned and room(s) or building(s) which the key opens.

Keys shall be used only by authorized employees and shall never be loaned to students. The master key shall not be loaned.

The person issued a key shall be responsible for its safekeeping. The duplication of school keys is prohibited. If a key is lost, the person responsible shall immediately report the loss to the principal or designee and shall pay for a replacement key.

**DISRUPTIONS**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe environment for district students, staff, and others while they are on district property or engaged in school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall remove any individual who, by his/her presence or action, disrupts or threatens to disrupt normal district or school operations, threatens the health or safety of anyone on district property, or causes or threatens to cause damage to district property or to any property on school grounds.

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*  
*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*  
*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a plan describing staff responsibilities and actions to be taken when an individual is causing a disruption. In developing such a plan, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with law enforcement to create guidelines for law enforcement support and intervention in the event of a disruption.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*  
*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to school staff on how to identify and respond to actions or situations that may constitute a disruption.

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

Any employee who believes that a disruption may occur shall immediately contact the principal. The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 48902 and 20 USC 7151 and in other situations, as appropriate.

**Safe School Zone**

Possession of a firearm within 1000 feet of any district school is prohibited except when authorized by law. (Penal Code 626.9)

Possession of any other unauthorized weapon or dangerous instrument is prohibited on school grounds or buses and at school-related or school-sponsored activities without the written permission of school authorities.

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

**DISRUPTIONS (continued)**

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

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

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

32210 *Willful disturbance of public school or meeting, misdemeanor*

32211 *Threatened disruption or interference with classes; misdemeanor*

35160 *Authority of governing boards*

44810 *Willful interference with classroom conduct*

44811 *Disruption of classwork or extracurricular activities*

48902 *Notification of law enforcement authorities*

51512 *Prohibited use of electronic listening or recording device*

PENAL CODE

243.5 *Assault or battery on school property*

415.5 *Disturbance of peace of school*

626-626.11 *Schools, crimes, especially:*

626.7 *Failure to leave campus or facility; wrongful return; penalties; notice; exceptions*

626.8 *Disruptive presence at schools*

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

626.85 *Misdemeanor for specified drug offender presence on school grounds*

626.9 *Gun Free School Zone Act*

627-627.10 *Access to school premises*

653b *Loitering about schools or public places*

12556 *Imitation firearms*

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U.S. Department of Education, Emergency Planning:

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**DISRUPTIONS**

The principal or designee may direct any person, except a student, school employee, or other person required by his/her employment to be on school grounds, to leave school grounds or school activity if:

1. The principal or designee has reasonable basis for concluding that the person is committing or has entered the campus with the purpose of committing an act which is likely to interfere with the peaceful conduct, discipline, good order, or administration of the school or a school activity, or with the intent of inflicting damage to any person or property. (Education Code 44810, 44811; Penal Code 626.7)
2. The person fights or challenges another person to a fight, willfully disturbs another person by loud and unreasonable noise, or uses offensive language which could provoke a violent reaction. (Penal Code 415.5)
3. The person loiters around a school without lawful business for being present or reenters a school within 72 hours after he/she was asked to leave. (Penal Code 653b)
4. The person is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 and does not have a lawful purpose and written permission from the principal or designee to be on school grounds. (Penal Code 626.81)

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*  
*(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)*

5. The person is a specified drug offender as defined in Penal Code 626.85 and does not have written permission from the principal or designee to be on school grounds. However, such specified drug offender may be on school grounds during any school activity if he/she is a student or the parent/guardian of a student attending the school. (Penal Code 626.85)
6. The person willfully or knowingly creates a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of any student in grades K-8 while attending, arriving at, or leaving school. (Penal Code 626.8)
7. The person has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on school grounds. (Penal Code 626.8)

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*  
*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*  
*(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*  
*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

**DISRUPTIONS** (continued)

The principal or designee shall allow a parent/guardian who was previously directed to leave school grounds to reenter for the purpose of retrieving his/her child for disciplinary reasons, medical attention, or family emergencies, or with the principal or designee's prior written permission. (Penal Code 626.7, 626.85)

When directing any person to leave school premises, the principal or designee shall inform the person that he/she may be guilty of a crime if he/she:

1. Fails to leave or remains after being directed to leave (Penal Code 626.7, 626.8, 626.85)
2. Returns to the campus without following the school's posted registration requirements (Penal Code 626.7)
3. Returns within seven days after being directed to leave (Penal Code 626.8, 626.85)

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

**Appeal Procedure**

Any person who is asked to leave a school building or grounds may appeal to the Superintendent or designee. This appeal shall be made no later than the second school day after the person has departed from the school building or grounds. After reviewing the matter with the principal or designee and the person making the appeal, the Superintendent or designee shall render his/her decision within 24 hours after the appeal is made, and this decision shall be binding. (Education Code 32211)

The decision of the Superintendent or designee may be appealed to the Board of Trustees. Such an appeal shall be made no later than the second school day after the Superintendent or designee has rendered his/her decision. The Board shall consider and decide the appeal at its next scheduled regular or adjourned regular public meeting. The Board's decision shall be final. (Education Code 32211)



**RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE**

The Board of Trustees desires to create a safe and secure learning environment and to minimize acts of vandalism and damage to school property. To discourage such acts, the district shall seek reimbursement of damages, within the limitations specified in law, from any individual, or from the parent/guardian of any minor, who has committed theft or has willfully damaged district or employee property.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*
- (cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)*
- (cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*
- (cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*
- (cf. 5131 - Conduct)*
- (cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*
- (cf. 5136 - Gangs)*
- (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

**Rewards**

When district or law enforcement officials have not been able to identify the person(s) responsible for the theft or vandalism of district property, the Board may authorize a reward for the identification and apprehension of the responsible person(s).

**OPTION 1:** The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to offer a reward in any amount he/she deems appropriate, not exceeding \$2,500. A reward in excess of \$2,500 shall be authorized in advance by the Board.

**OPTION 2:** The Board shall determine the appropriate amount for the reward.

The Superintendent or designee shall disburse the reward when the guilt of the person responsible for the act has been established by a criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial procedure.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

19910 Libraries, malicious cutting, tearing, defacing, breaking or injuring

19911 Libraries, willful detention of property

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful misconduct

CIVIL CODE

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

GOVERNMENT CODE

53069.5 Reward for information concerning person causing death, injury, or property damage

53069.6 Actions to recover damages

54951 Local agency, definition

PENAL CODE

484 Theft defined

594.1 Aerosol paint and etching cream

640.5 Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity

640.6 Graffiti

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

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

**RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE**

**Reports by Staff**

District employees shall report any damage to or loss of school property to the principal or designee immediately after such damage or loss is discovered. In those instances in which insurance reimbursement may be involved, the principal or designee shall contact the appropriate district official.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*

**Investigation**

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a complete investigation of any instance of damage to or loss of school property and shall consult law enforcement officials when appropriate. If it is determined that the damage has been committed by any district student, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate appropriate disciplinary procedures against the student.

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*

**Recovery of Damages**

When the individual causing the damage or loss has been identified and the costs of repair, replacement, or cleanup determined, the Superintendent or designee shall take all practical and reasonable steps to recover the district's costs and shall consult with the district's legal counsel and/or insurance administrator, as appropriate.

Such steps may include the filing of a civil complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover damages from the responsible person and, if the responsible person is a minor, from his/her parent/guardian in accordance with law. Damages may include the cost of repair or replacement of the property, the payment of any reward, interest, court costs, and all other damages as provided by law.

**Payment of Reward**

When authorized according to Board policy, the Superintendent or designee shall pay the reward to the party who provides information sufficient to identify and apprehend the person(s) subsequently determined to be responsible for the damage or loss. If more than one person provides information, the reward shall be divided among them as appropriate.

**SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION**

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

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

To protect the district and its employees from liability, employees shall disseminate sex offender information in good faith, and only in the manner and to the extent authorized by the law enforcement agency.

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

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*
- (cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*
- (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*
- (cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*
- (cf. 5142 - Safety)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

32211 Threatened disruption or interference with classes; offense

35160 Authority of boards

35160.1 Board authority of school districts

PENAL CODE

290 Registration of sex offenders

290.4 Sex offender registration; compilation of information

290.45 Release of sex offender information

290.46 Making information about certain sex offenders available via the Internet

290.9 Addresses of persons who violate duty to register

290.95 Disclosure by person required to register as sex offender

626.8 Disruptive entry or entry of sex offender upon school grounds

830.32 School district and community college police

3003 Parole, geographic placement

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

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*Management Resources: (see next page)*

**SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION** (continued)

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

**SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION**

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

1. The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a staff member to serve as liaison with law enforcement regarding these matters.
2. The Superintendent or district liaison shall, at the beginning of each school year, contact local law enforcement to coordinate the receipt of information. Law enforcement shall be informed that all notifications and correspondence should be directed to the liaison as well as the individual school sites. A letter shall be sent annually to local law enforcement, identifying the name, phone number, and address of the liaison.
3. The Superintendent or district liaison shall collaborate with law enforcement in order to alert children to the dangers of sex offenders, develop a system for distributing information about sex offenders, and train school staff and parents/guardians about the roles and responsibilities of both the district and law enforcement.
4. The Superintendent or liaison shall, at the beginning of each school year, notify parents/guardians of the district's willingness and intention to work with law enforcement on this matter and shall explain the appropriate roles and responsibilities of both the district and law enforcement.

This communication shall also explain:

- a. The reporting requirements pursuant to Penal Code 290 and 290.45, including the fact that law enforcement is the agency best able to assess the relative danger of a sex offender
  - b. The ability of the parents/guardians to contact law enforcement for additional information and to view the information on the Megan's Law Internet website
5. When law enforcement notifies the district of the residency or employment of a sex offender within district boundaries, the Superintendent or district liaison shall consult with law enforcement about the appropriate scope of the disclosure. When authorized by law enforcement, the Superintendent or liaison may disclose information about a sex offender to the following staff:
    - a. The principal of the school which is in the attendance area of the sex offender's residence or place of employment

**SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION** (continued)

- b. Teachers and classified personnel at that school, including staff responsible for visitor registration

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*

- c. Principals and staff at adjacent schools, as appropriate
  - d. Security staff
  - e. Bus drivers
  - f. Yard supervisors
6. Any staff member who receives information directly from law enforcement regarding registered sex offenders shall immediately contact the Superintendent or liaison in order to help ensure that the district is able to respond appropriately.
  7. If an identified sex offender is seen on or near school grounds or around any student, staff shall immediately contact the district liaison. A staff member may also inform local law enforcement.

**Notification to Parents/Guardians**

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

1. An article in a school or parent council newsletter notifying parents/guardians that law enforcement information about registered sex offenders is available at the local law enforcement agency headquarters and/or at the school office. This article shall encourage parents/guardians to contact local law enforcement and access the Department of Justice's Megan's Law Internet website for additional information.
2. A mailing, at law enforcement's expense, prepared by law enforcement, and printed on law enforcement letterhead and envelopes, notifying parents/guardians of the presence of registered sex offenders. This notification shall encourage parents/guardians to contact local law enforcement and access the Department of Justice's Megan's Law Internet website for additional information.

**SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION** (continued)

3. A mailing of a letter, at district expense, prepared by law enforcement and printed on law enforcement letterhead and envelopes, notifying parents/guardians of the presence of registered sex offenders. This notification shall encourage parents/guardians to contact local law enforcement and access the Department of Justice's Megan's Law Internet website for additional information.



**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS**

Whenever the district contracts for school and classroom janitorial, school site administrative, school site grounds and landscape maintenance, student transportation, and school site food-related services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contracting entity certifies in writing that any employees who may come into contact with students have not been convicted of a felony as defined in Education Code 45122.1, unless the employee has received a certificate of rehabilitation and a pardon. (Education Code 45125.1)

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*  
*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*  
*(cf. 3600 - Consultants)*  
*(cf. 7140 - Architectural and Engineering Services)*

On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may also require a contracting entity providing school site services, other than those listed above, to comply with these requirements. (Education Code 45125.1)

These requirements shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee determines that the contracting entity is providing services in an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when student health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable. (Education Code 45125.1)

In addition, these requirements shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee determines that the employees of the contracting entity will have limited contact with students. In determining whether a contract employee has limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the totality of the circumstances, including the following factors: (Education Code 45125.1)

1. The length of time the contractors will be on school grounds
2. Whether students will be in proximity with the site where the contractors will be working
3. Whether the contractors will be working by themselves or with others

Upon a determination that an employee shall have limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate steps to protect the safety of any student who may come in contact with this employee. (Education Code 45125.1)

These steps may include, but not be limited to, ensuring that the employee is working during nonschool hours, providing for regular patrols or supervision of the site from district security or personnel, ensuring that the employee is not working alone when students are present, limiting the employee's access to school grounds and/or providing the employee with a visible means of identification.

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS** (continued)

**Other Facility Contractors**

When the district contracts for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or repair of a school facility where the employees of the entity will have contact, other than limited contact with students, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure the safety of students by utilizing one or more of the following methods: (Education Code 45125.2)

1. The installation of a physical barrier at the worksite to limit contact with students.
2. Continual supervision and monitoring of all employees of the entity by an employee of the entity whom the Department of Justice has ascertained has not been convicted of a violent or serious felony.

The supervising employee may submit his/her fingerprints to the Department of Justice pursuant to Education Code 45125.1.

3. Surveillance of employees of the entity by school personnel.

These requirements shall not apply if the Superintendent or designee determines that the contracting entity is providing construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or repair services in an emergency or exceptional situation, such as when student health or safety is endangered or when repairs are needed to make school facilities safe and habitable. (Education Code 45125.2)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*41302.5 School districts, definition*

*45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony*

*45125.1 Criminal background checks for contractors*

*45125.2 Criminal background checks for construction*

PENAL CODE

*667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms*

*1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation*

**EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that all district staff and students must be prepared to respond quickly and responsibly to emergencies, disasters, and threats of disaster.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a disaster preparedness plan which details provisions for handling emergencies and disasters and which shall be included in the district's comprehensive school safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)*

The Superintendent or designee shall also develop and maintain emergency plans for each school site.

In developing the district and school emergency plans, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with city and county emergency responders, including local public health administrators.

The Superintendent or designee shall use state-approved Standardized Emergency Management System guidelines and the National Incident Command System when updating district and site-level emergency and disaster preparedness plans.

The Board shall grant the use of school buildings, grounds, and equipment to public agencies, including the American Red Cross, for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board shall cooperate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining whatever services they deem necessary to meet the community's needs. (Education Code 32282)

*(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*

School employees are considered disaster service workers and are subject to disaster service activities assigned to them. (Government Code 3100)

*(cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)*  
*(cf. 4119.3/4219.3/4319.3 - Duties of Personnel)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN (continued)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

32001 *Fire alarms and drills*  
32040 *Duty to equip school with first aid kit*  
32280-32289 *School safety plans*  
32290 *Safety devices*  
39834 *Operating overloaded bus*  
46390-46392 *Emergency average daily attendance in case of disaster*  
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3100 *Public employees as disaster service workers*  
8607 *Standardized emergency management system*

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Federal Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.fema.gov>

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.dhs.gov>

**EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

**Components of the Plan**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district and school site plans address, at a minimum, the following types of emergencies and disasters:

1. Fire on or off school grounds which endangers students and staff

*(cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)*

2. Earthquake or other natural disasters

*(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)*

3. Environmental hazards

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

4. Attack or disturbance, or threat of attack or disturbance, by an individual or group

*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*

5. Bomb threat or actual detonation

*(cf. 3516.2 - Bomb Threats)*

6. Biological, radiological, chemical, and other activities, or heightened warning of such activities

7. Medical emergencies and quarantines, such as a pandemic influenza outbreak

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's procedures include strategies and actions for prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Regular inspection of school facilities and equipment and identification of risks

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

2. Instruction and practice for students and employees regarding emergency plans, including:

**EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN (continued)**

- a. Training of staff in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- b. Regular practice of emergency procedures by students and staff

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

3. Specific determination of roles and responsibilities of staff during a disaster or other emergency, including determination of:

- a. The appropriate chain of command at the district and, if communication between the district and site is not possible, at each site
- b. Individuals responsible for specific duties
- c. Designation of the principal for the overall control and supervision of activities at each school during the emergency, including authorization to use his/her discretion in situations which do not permit execution of prearranged plans
- d. Identification of at least one person at each site who holds a valid certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- e. Assignment of responsibility for identification of injured persons and administration of first aid

4. Personal safety and security, including:

- a. Identification of areas of responsibility for supervision of students
- b. Procedures for evacuation of students and staff, including posting of evacuation routes
- c. Procedures for release of students, including a procedure to release students when reference to the emergency card is not feasible

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

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

- d. Identification of transportation needs, including a plan which allows bus seating capacity limits to be exceeded when a disaster or hazard requires students to be moved immediately to ensure their safety

*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*

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- e. Provision of a first aid kit to each classroom
- f. Arrangements for students and staff with special needs

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*  
*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

- g. Upon notification that a pandemic situation exists, adjustment of attendance policies for students and sick leave policies for staff with known or suspected pandemic influenza or other infectious disease

*(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/ Injury Leave)*  
*(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)*  
*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*  
*(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)*

- 5. Closure of schools, including an analysis of:
  - a. The impact on student learning and methods to ensure continuity of instruction
  - b. How to provide for continuity of operations for essential central office functions, such as payroll and ongoing communication with students and parents/guardians

*(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)*

- 6. Communication among staff, parents/guardians, the Board of Trustees, other governmental agencies, and the media during an emergency, including:
  - a. Identification of spokesperson(s)

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

- b. Development and testing of communication platforms, such as hotlines, telephone trees, and web sites

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

- c. Development of methods to ensure that communications are, to the extent practicable, in a language and format that is easy for parents/guardians to understand
  - d. Distribution of information about district and school site emergency procedures to staff, students, and parents/guardians

**EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN** (continued)

7. Cooperation with other state and local agencies, including:
  - a. Development of guidelines for law enforcement involvement and intervention
  - b. Collaboration with the local health department, including development of a tracking system to alert the local health department to a substantial increase of student or staff absenteeism as indicative of a potential outbreak of an infectious disease

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

8. Steps to be taken after the disaster or emergency, including:
  - a. Inspection of school facilities
  - b. Provision of mental health services for students and staff, as needed

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*



**FIRE DRILLS AND FIRES**

**Fire Drills**

The principal shall cause the fire alarm signal to be sounded at least once every month. (Education Code 32001)

The principal shall also hold fire drills at least once a month at the elementary level, four times every school year at the intermediate level, and not less than twice every school year at the secondary level. (Education Code 32001)

1. The principal shall notify staff as to the schedule for fire drills.
2. Whenever a fire drill is held, all students, teachers and other employees shall be directed to leave the building. (5 CCR 550)
3. Teachers shall ascertain that no student remains in the building.
4. Teachers shall be prepared to select alternate exits and shall direct their classes to these exits whenever the designated escape route is blocked.
5. The principal or designee shall keep a record of each fire drill conducted and file a copy of this record with the office of the Superintendent or designee.

**Fires**

When a fire is discovered in any part of the school, the following actions shall be taken:

1. The principal or designee shall sound fire signals, unless the school and/or building is equipped with an automatic fire detection and alarm system. (Education Code 32001)
2. The principal or designee shall call 911.
3. All persons shall be directed to leave the building and shall proceed outside to designated assembly areas.
4. Staff shall give students clear direction and supervision and help maintain a calm and orderly response.
5. In outside assembly areas, teachers shall take roll, report missing students, and provide assistance to any injured students.
6. In outside assembly areas, the principal, designee and/or each department head shall account for their staff, report missing staff, and provide assistance to any injured staff.

**FIRE DRILLS AND FIRES** (continued)

7. If the fire is extensive, students shall be taken to an alternate location for protective custody until parents/guardians can pick them up or until they can be safely transported to their homes.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

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

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*17074.50-17074.56 Automatic fire detection, alarm and sprinkler systems*

*32001 Uniform fire signals*

*32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

*550 Fire drills*

**BOMB THREATS**

To maintain a safe and secure environment for district students and staff, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's emergency and disaster preparedness plan and/or each school's comprehensive safety plan includes procedures for dealing with bomb threats. He/she also shall provide training regarding the procedures to site administrators, safety personnel, and staff members who customarily handle mail, telephone calls, or email.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*
- (cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*
- (cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*
- (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**Receiving Threats**

Any staff member receiving a telephoned bomb threat shall try to keep the caller on the line in order to gather information about the location and timing of the bomb and the person(s) responsible. To the extent possible, the staff member should also take note of the caller's gender, age, any distinctive features of voice or speech, and any background noises such as music, traffic, machinery, or voices.

If the bomb threat is received through the mail system or in writing, the staff member who receives it should handle the letter, note, or package as minimally as possible. If the threat is received through electronic means, such as email or text messaging, the staff member should not delete the message.

**Response Procedure**

The following procedure shall be followed when a bomb threat is received:

1. Any employee who receives a bomb threat shall immediately call 911 and also report the threat to the Superintendent or designee. If the threat is in writing, the employee shall place the message in an envelope and take note of where and by whom it was found.
2. Any student or employee who sees a suspicious package shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately use fire drill signals and initiate standard evacuation procedures as specified in the emergency plan.

- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires)*

4. The Superintendent or designee shall turn off any two-way radio equipment which is located in a threatened building.

**BOMB THREATS** (continued)

Law enforcement and/or fire department staff shall conduct the bomb search. No school staff shall search for or handle any explosive or incendiary device.

*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*

No one shall reenter the threatened building(s) until the Superintendent or designee declares that reentry is safe based on law enforcement and/or fire department clearance.

*(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)*

To the extent possible, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain communications with staff, parents/guardians, the Board of Trustees, other governmental agencies, and the media during the period of the incident.

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

Following the incident, the Superintendent or designee shall provide crisis counseling for students and/or staff as needed.

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

Any employee or student found to have made a bomb threat shall be subject to disciplinary procedures and/or criminal prosecution.

*(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

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

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**BOMB THREATS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

44810 *Willful interference with classroom conduct*

48900 *Grounds for suspension or expulsion*

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

PENAL CODE

17 *Felony, misdemeanor, classification of offenses*

148.1 *False report of explosive or facsimile bomb*

245 *Assault with deadly weapon or force likely to produce great bodily injury; punishment*

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U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:

<http://www.THREATPLAN.org>

**EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM**

**Earthquake Preparedness**

Earthquake emergency procedures shall be established in every school building having an occupant capacity of 50 or more students, or more than one classroom, and shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

Earthquake emergency procedures shall be aligned with the Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System. (Government Code 8607; 19 CCR 2400-2450)

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

The Superintendent or designee may work with the California Emergency Management Agency and the Seismic Safety Commission to develop and establish the earthquake emergency procedures. (Education Code 32282)

Earthquake emergency procedures shall outline the roles and responsibilities of students and staff during and after an earthquake.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of students and staff
2. A drop procedure whereby each student and staff member takes cover under a table or desk, dropping to his/her knees, with the head protected by the arms and the back to the windows

Drop procedures shall be practiced at least once each school quarter in elementary schools and at least once each semester in secondary schools.

3. Protective measures to be taken before, during, and following an earthquake
4. A program to ensure that students and staff are aware of and properly trained in the earthquake emergency procedure system

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM (continued)**

Staff and students shall be informed of the dangers to expect in an earthquake and procedures to be followed. Students shall be instructed to remain silent and follow directions given by staff in such an emergency. Staff and students also shall be taught safety precautions to take if they are in the open or on the way to or from school when an earthquake occurs.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall designate primary and alternative locations outside of buildings, which may include areas off campus if necessary, where individuals on a school site will assemble following evacuation. In designating such areas, the Superintendent or designee shall consider potential post-earthquake hazards outside school buildings including, but not limited to, power lines, trees, covered walkways, chain link fences that may be an electric shock hazard, and areas near buildings that may have debris.

Earthquake emergency procedures also shall outline primary and alternative evacuation routes that avoid areas with potential hazards to the extent possible. The needs of students with disabilities shall be considered when planning evacuation routes.

The Superintendent or designee shall consider the danger of a post-earthquake tsunami when developing evacuation routes and locations, including the need to evacuate to higher ground.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify at least one individual within each building to determine if an evacuation is necessary, the best evacuation location, and the best route to that location when an earthquake occurs.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify potential earthquake hazards in classrooms and other district facilities, including, but not limited to, areas where the main gas supply or electric current enters the building, suspended ceilings, pendant light fixtures, large windows, stairwells, science laboratories, storage areas for hazardous materials, shop areas, and unsecured furniture and equipment. To the extent possible, dangers presented by such potential hazards shall be minimized by securing equipment and furnishings and removing heavy objects from high shelves.

**Earthquake While Indoors at School**

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken inside buildings and classrooms:

1. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure. Students should stay in the drop position until the emergency is over or until further instructions are given.
2. In laboratories, burners should be extinguished, if possible, before taking cover.
3. As soon as possible, staff shall move students away from windows, shelves, and heavy objects or furniture that may fall.

## **EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM (continued)**

4. After the earthquake, the principal or designee shall determine whether planned evacuation routes and assembly locations are safe and shall communicate with teachers and other staff.
5. When directed by the principal or designee to evacuate, or if classrooms or other facilities present dangerous hazards that require immediate evacuation, staff shall account for all students under their supervision and shall evacuate the building in an orderly manner.

### **Earthquake While Outdoors on School Grounds**

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken by staff or other persons in authority who are outdoors on school grounds:

1. Staff shall direct students to walk away from buildings, trees, overhead power lines, power poles, or exposed wires.
2. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure.
3. Staff shall have students stay in the open until the earthquake is over or until further directions are given.

### **Earthquake While on the Bus**

If students are on the school bus when an earthquake occurs, the bus driver shall take proper precautions to ensure student safety, which may include pulling over to the side of the road or driving to a location away from outside hazards, if possible. Following the earthquake, the driver shall contact the Superintendent or designee for instructions before proceeding on the route or, if such contact is not possible, drive to an evacuation or assembly location.

*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*

### **Subsequent Emergency Procedures**

After an earthquake episode has subsided, the following actions shall be taken:

1. Staff shall extinguish small fires if safe.
2. Staff shall provide first aid to any injured students, take roll, and report missing students to the principal or designee.
3. Staff and students shall refrain from lighting any stoves or burners or operating any electrical switches until the area is declared safe.



**EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE SYSTEM (continued)**

4. All buildings shall be inspected for water and gas leaks, electrical breakages, and large cracks or earth slippage affecting buildings.
5. The principal or designee shall post staff at safe distances from all building entrances and instruct staff and students to remain outside the buildings until they are declared safe.
6. The principal or designee shall request assistance as needed from the county or city civil defense office, fire and police departments, city and county building inspectors, and utility companies and shall confer with them regarding the advisability of closing the school.
7. The principal or designee shall contact the Superintendent or designee and request further instructions after assessing the earthquake damage.
8. The Superintendent or designee shall provide updates to parents/guardians of district students and members of the community about the incident, any safety issues, and follow-up directions.

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE  
32280-32289 *School safety plans*  
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8607 *Standardized Emergency Management System*  
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*School Emergency Response: Using SEMS at Districts and Sites, June 1998*  
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WEB SITES  
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*California Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.calema.ca.gov>*  
*California Seismic Safety Commission: <http://www.seismic.ca.gov>*  
*Federal Emergency Management Agency: <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/earthquakes>*  
*National Incident Management System: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims>*

**EMERGENCY SCHEDULES**

In order to provide for the safety of students and staff, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent or designee to close a school site, change the regular school day schedule, or take any necessary action when hazardous environmental or weather conditions or other emergencies warrant.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)*  
*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*  
*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

When an emergency condition causes a school closure, reduction in attendance, or change in schedule pursuant to Education Code 41422 or 46392, thereby preventing the district from complying with the minimum number of instructional days or minutes required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall complete and submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the necessary forms for obtaining approval of the days of the closure, reduction in attendance, or change in schedule. The Superintendent or designee shall submit other relevant district records as may be required.

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*  
*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a system for informing students and parents/guardians when school buses are not operating as scheduled, the school day schedule is changed, or the school is closed. The district's notification system shall include, but is not limited to, notifying local television and radio stations, posting on district web site(s), sending email and text messages, and/or making telephone calls.

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*  
*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*  
*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*

Whenever the school day schedule changes after students have arrived at school, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students are supervised in accordance with the procedures specified in the district's emergency and disaster preparedness plan.

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

The Superintendent or designee may provide a means to make up lost instructional time later during the year. Students and parents/guardians shall receive timely advanced notice of any resulting changes in the school calendar or school day schedule.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**EMERGENCY SCHEDULES (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

41420 Required length of school term

41422 Schools not maintained for 175 days

46010 Total days of attendance

46100-46192 Attendance; maximum credit; minimum day

46390 Calculation of ADA in emergency

46391 Lost or destroyed ADA records

46392 Decreased attendance in emergency situation

VEHICLE CODE

34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

90-01 Average Daily Attendance Credit During Periods of Emergency, February 10, 2005

WEB SITES

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

**FACILITIES INSPECTION**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the condition of school facilities may have an impact on safety, student achievement, and employee morale and desires to provide school facilities that are safe, clean, and functional, as defined in Education Code 17002.

*(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)*

*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 3111 - Deferred Maintenance Funds)*

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a facilities inspection and maintenance program to ensure that school facilities are maintained in good repair in accordance with law. At a minimum, the program shall analyze those facility conditions specified on the facilities inspection tool developed by the Office of Public School Construction, including the following:

1. Gas Leaks: Gas systems and pipes appear safe, functional, and free of leaks.
2. Mechanical Systems: Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems as applicable are functional and unobstructed.
3. Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences (interior and exterior): Conditions that pose a safety and/or security risk are not evident.
4. Interior Surfaces (floors, ceilings, walls, and window casings): Interior surfaces appear to be clean, safe, and functional.
5. Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior): There does not appear to be evidence of hazardous materials that may pose a threat to students or staff.
6. Structural Damage: There does not appear to be structural damage that could create hazardous or uninhabitable conditions.
7. Fire Safety: The fire equipment and emergency systems appear to be functioning properly.
8. Electrical (interior and exterior): There is no evidence that any portion of the school has a power failure and electrical systems, components, and equipment appear to be working properly.
9. Pest/Vermin Infestation: Pest or vermin infestation is not evident.
10. Drinking Fountains (inside and outside): Drinking fountains appear to be accessible and functioning as intended.

**FACILITIES INSPECTION (continued)**

11. Restrooms: Restrooms appear to be accessible during school hours, are clean, functional, and in compliance with Education Code 35292.5 (operational and supplied).
12. Sewers: Sewer line stoppage is not evident.
13. Roofs (observed from the ground, inside/outside the building): Roof system appears to be functioning properly.
14. Playground/School Grounds: The playground equipment and school grounds appear to be clean, safe, and functional.
15. Overall Cleanliness: School grounds, buildings, common areas, and individual rooms appear to be cleaned regularly.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any necessary repairs identified during the inspection are made in a timely and expeditious manner. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with regular reports regarding the district's facility inspection program and updates of any visits to district schools by the County Superintendent of Schools.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*1240 County superintendent of schools, duties**17002 Definitions**17070.10-17077.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998**17565-17591 Property maintenance and control, especially:**17592.72 Urgent or emergency repairs, School Facility Emergency Repair Account**33126 School accountability report card**35186 Williams uniform complaint procedure*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2*1859.300-1859.330 Emergency Repair Program**Management Resources:*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*Williams Settlement and the Emergency Repair Program, Policy Brief, January 2008*COALITION OF ADEQUATE SCHOOL HOUSING PUBLICATIONS*Facility Inspection Tool Guidebook, February 2008*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>**Coalition of Adequate School Housing: <http://www.cashnet.org>**State Allocation Board, Office of Public School Construction: <http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov>*

**RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE**

The Board of Trustees strongly supports a risk management program that protects district resources and promotes the safety of students, staff and the public.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a risk management program that uses effective safety and loss control practices. The district shall strive to keep its liability at a minimum and its insurance premiums as low as possible while maintaining adequate protection. To determine the most economical means of insuring the district consistent with required services, the Superintendent or designee shall annually review the district's options for obtaining coverage, including qualified insurance agents, a joint powers agency, self-insurance or a combination of these means.

The Board reserves the right to remove an insurance agent-of-record or a participating agent whenever, in the judgment of the Board, such action becomes desirable for the best interests of the district.

To attempt to minimize the district's exposure to liability, the Board shall adopt clear policies related to discrimination, harassment, safety procedures, and the timely handling of claims. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that these policies and related procedures are enforced fairly and consistently.

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

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

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11- Sexual Harassment)*

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

*(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)*

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

*(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

*(cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)*

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board twice a year on the district's risk management activities.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*17029.5 Contract funding; board liability*

*17565-17592 Board duties re property maintenance and control*

*32350 Liability on equipment loaned to district*

*35162 Power to sue, be sued, hold and convey property*

*35200-35214 Liabilities, especially:*

*35208 Liability insurance*

*35211 Driver training civil liability insurance*

*35213 Reimbursement for loss, destruction or damage of personal property*

*35214 Liability self-insurance*

*35331 Medical or hospital service for students on field trip*

*39837 Transportation of pupils to places of summer employment*

*41021 Requirement for employees' indemnity bonds*

*44873 Qualifications for physician (liability coverage)*

*49470-49474 District medical services and insurance*

GOVERNMENT CODE

*820.9 Board members not vicariously liable for injuries caused by district*

*989-991.2 Local public entity insurance*

LABOR CODE

*3200-4855 Workers' compensation*

**RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE**

**Risk Management**

The Superintendent or designee shall take action to:

1. Identify the risks inherent in the operation of district programs
2. Assess the above risks and keep records of accidents, losses and damage
3. Mitigate risks through loss control and safety-related activities
4. Determine the extent to which risks should be assumed by the district or covered by the purchase of insurance or pooling with other districts

Employees are expected to take reasonable precautions for the care and safety of the school equipment with which they have been entrusted. Employees may be held responsible for recurring damage or losses that occur due to their negligence or lack of supervision. Responsibilities related to safety and loss control shall be included in employee job descriptions.

- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*
- (cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*
- (cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*
- (cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)*
- (cf. 3430 - Investing)*
- (cf. 3440 - Inventories)*
- (cf. 3512 - Equipment)*
- (cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*
- (cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*
- (cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)*
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*
- (cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*
- (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.43 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)*
- (cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*
- (cf. 4157/4257/4357- Employee Safety)*
- (cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)*
- (cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*
- (cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)*
- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*
- (cf. 5142 - Safety)*
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*
- (cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)*
- (cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)*



**RISK MANAGEMENT/INSURANCE** (continued)

**Insurance**

Insurance coverage shall include, but may not be limited to:

1. Liability insurance (Education Code 35200-35214)
2. Fire insurance for buildings, equipment and vehicles (Education Code 17565)
3. Workers' compensation insurance (Labor Code 3700)
4. Fidelity bond insurance (Education Code 41021)

A suitable bond indemnifying the district against loss shall be purchased for employees responsible for handling district funds and may be purchased for employees responsible for handling district property. The district shall bear the cost of this bonding. (Education Code 41021)

*(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*

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

*(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)*

*(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)*

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

*(cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)*

**TRANSPORTATION**

The Board of Trustees desires to provide for the safe and efficient transportation of students to and from school as necessary to ensure student access to the educational program, promote regular attendance and reduce tardiness. The extent to which the district provides for transportation services shall depend upon student and community needs and a continuing assessment of financial resources.

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)*

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

*(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)*

*(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)*

*(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance Agreements)*

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board the most economical and appropriate means of providing transportation services.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to promote safety for students traveling on school buses.

*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the qualifications of bus drivers and related staff employed by the district, provide for the maintenance and operation of district-owned school buses and other equipment, and ensure adequate facilities for equipment storage and maintenance.

*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TRANSPORTATION** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35330 *Excursions and field trips*

35350 *Authority to transport pupils*

39800-39860 *Transportation, especially:*

39800 *Powers of governing board to provide transportation for pupils to and from school; definition of "municipally owned transit system"*

39801 *Contract with County Superintendent of Schools to provide transportation*

39802-39803 *Bids and contracts for transportation services*

39806 *Payments to parents in lieu of transportation*

39807 *Food and lodging payments in lieu of transportation*

38807.5 *Transportation fees*

39808 *District transportation of private school students*

41850-41854 *Allowances for transportation*

41860-41862 *Supplemental allowances for transportation*

45125.1 *Criminal background checks for contractors*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 *Educational Employment Relations Act*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14100-14103 *Use of school buses and school pupil activity buses*

15240-15343 *Allowances for student transportation, especially:*

15253-15272 *District records related to transportation*

VEHICLE CODE

2807 *School bus inspection*

COURT DECISIONS

*Arcadia Unified School District et. al. v. State Department of Education, 2 Cal. 4th 251 (1992)*

**TRANSPORTATION**

No student shall be required to be transported for any reason without the written permission of the student's parent/guardian, except in emergency situations involving illness or injury to the student. (Education Code 35350)

**Means of Transportation**

To provide transportation services, the Board of Trustees may purchase, rent or lease vehicles; contract with a common carrier or municipally owned transit system; contract with responsible private parties including the parent/guardian of the student being transported; and/or contract with the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 35330, 39800, 39801)

In contracting for transportation services, the district shall comply with all applicable laws related to bids and contracts. (Education Code 39802- 39803)

*(cf. 3311 - Bids)*

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

In lieu of providing transportation in whole or in part, the district may pay the student's parents/guardians either their actual and necessary expenses in transporting the student or the cost of the student's food and lodging at a place convenient to the school. In either case, the amount of the payment shall not exceed the cost that would be incurred by the district to provide for the transportation of the student to and from school. (Education Code 39806-39807)

**TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES**

**Routes and Bus Stops**

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops to promote the safety of students and maximum efficiency in the use of buses.

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For elementary school students:  
  
Grades K-3: three-fourths mile  
Grades 4-8: one mile
  
2. For students attending a three-year junior high school:  
  
Grades 7-9: one mile
  
3. For students attending a four-year high school:  
  
Grades 9-12: two miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation within the walking distance when safety problems or hazards exist.

Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with Board policy.

*(cf. 5116.1- Intradistrict Open Enrollment)*  
*(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict attendance)*

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules and stops and/or shall arrange for local media to publish such information.

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

**Transportation Services**

With the Board of Trustees's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)

**TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES** (continued)

2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

3. School activities, expositions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)
4. District employees and parents/guardians traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)
5. Preschool or nursery school students (Education Code 39800)
6. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a Regional Occupational Program or Center (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)
7. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)
8. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)
9. Private school students, in the same manner and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)
10. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:
  - a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)
  - b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)
  - c. Transportation of government employees to and from their places of employment (Education Code 39840)

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education programs. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4)

*(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless children in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

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

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND SERVICES (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

10900.5 *Use of school buses for community recreation*

35330 *Excursions and field trips*

35350 *Authority to transport pupils*

39800-39809.5 *Transportation, general provisions, especially:*

39800 *Powers of governing board to provide transportation to and from school*

39801.5 *Transportation for adults*

39808 *Transportation for private school students*

39830-39842 *School buses, especially:*

39835 *Use of school buses for community recreation*

39837 *Transportation to summer employment program*

39837.5 *Transportation of employees and parents/guardians to school activities*

39860 *Transportation to school activities*

41850-41856 *Allowances for transportation*

41860-41863 *Supplementary allowances for transportation*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15240-15244 *Allowances for student transportation*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 *McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 *Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

*California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:*

*<http://www.cde.ca.gov/bus/index.html>*

*Pupil Transportation Safety Institute: <http://www.ptsi.org>*

**TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS**

The district may provide transportation for students, employees, and other individuals for field trips and other school-related trips approved according to Board policy and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 3312.2 - Educational Travel Program Contracts)*

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

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

The Superintendent or designee shall determine the most appropriate and cost-effective mode of transportation for each approved trip. He/she may authorize the use of district vehicles, contract to provide transportation, or arrange transportation by the use of other vehicles.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district or contractor has sufficient liability insurance for transportation on school-related trips.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

When district transportation is provided, students may be released from using district transportation only with the advance written permission of their parents/guardians.

School-related organizations requesting transportation shall be fully responsible for the costs of their trips unless funding has been approved by the Board of Trustees.

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*

**Transportation by Private Vehicle**

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the transportation of students by private vehicle when the vehicle is driven by an adult age 21 or older who possesses a valid California driver's license or, if he/she is a nonresident on active military duty in California, possesses a valid license from his/her state of residence. To be approved, a driver shall have a good driving record and possess at least the minimum insurance required by law. Any person providing transportation to district students in a private vehicle shall register with the district for such purposes.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

Drivers shall receive safety and emergency instructions which shall be kept in their vehicle.

All student passengers shall submit permission slips signed by their parents/guardians. Teachers shall ensure that each driver has a copy of the permission slip for each student riding in his/her vehicle.



**TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS** (continued)

The number of passengers, including the driver, shall not exceed the capacity for which the vehicle was designed. Trucks may not transport more persons than can safely sit in the passenger compartment. The driver shall ensure that the manufacturer's recommendations for his/her vehicle are followed regarding the seating of children in seats equipped with airbags.

The driver or any other person shall not smoke or have in his/her immediate possession a lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette containing tobacco or any other plant when there is a minor in the motor vehicle, whether the motor vehicle is in motion or at rest. (Health and Safety Code 118948)

**Passenger Restraint Systems**

All drivers shall wear safety belts and shall ensure that all passengers are properly secured in seat belts or child passenger restraint systems in accordance with law. (Vehicle Code 27315, 27360, 27360.5, 27363)

A child who is under age 8 years shall be properly secured in a rear seat in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting federal safety standards, except under any of the following circumstances: (Vehicle Code 27360, 27363)

1. The child is four feet nine inches or taller, in which case a safety belt may be used.
2. Use of a child passenger restraint system would be impractical by reason of physical unfitness, medical condition, or size and an appropriate special needs child passenger restraint system is not available.
3. There is no rear seat, the rear seats are side-facing jump seats or rear-facing seats, the child passenger restraint system cannot be installed properly in the rear seat, all rear seats are already occupied by children under age 8 years, or medical reasons necessitate that the child not ride in the rear seat.
4. The child is otherwise exempted by law.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35330 *Excursions and field trips*

35332 *Transportation by air*

39830 *School bus*

39830.1 *School pupil activity bus*

39860 *Transportation to special activities by district*

44808 *Liability when students not on school property*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

118947-118949 *Prohibition against smoking in motor vehicle with minor*

PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

5384.2 *District not liable for charter-party carrier*

VEHICLE CODE

545 *School bus, definition*

12814.6 *Limitations of provisional driver's license*

27315 *Mandatory use of seat belts in private passenger vehicles*

27360-27360.5 *Child passenger restraint systems*

27363 *Child passenger restraint systems, exemptions*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

*California Department of Motor Vehicles: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov>*

*California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov>*

*California Office of Traffic Safety: <http://www.ots.ca.gov>*

*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>*

**TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS**

**SCHOOL DRIVER REGISTRATION FORM**

**DRIVER INFORMATION**

Driver (circle one): Employee    Parent/Guardian    Volunteer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Seating Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Limits of Policy: \_\_\_\_\_

**DRIVER STATEMENT**

I certify that I have not been convicted of reckless driving or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol within the past five years and that the information given above is true and correct. I understand that if an accident occurs, my insurance coverage shall bear primary responsibility for any losses or claims for damages.

I certify that I have received and will abide by the driver instructions provided by the district.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS**

**DRIVER INSTRUCTIONS**

When using your vehicle to transport students on field trips or other school activity trips:

1. Be sure that you have registered with the district for such purposes and have a valid driver's license and current liability insurance at or above the minimum amount required by law for each occurrence.
2. Check the safety of your vehicle: tires, brakes, lights, horn, suspension, etc.
3. Carry only the number of passengers for which your vehicle was designed. If you have a pickup truck, carry only as many as can safely sit in the passenger compartment.
4. Require each passenger to use an appropriate child passenger restraint system (child car seat or booster seat) or safety belt in accordance with law.
5. Do not smoke a pipe, cigar, or cigarette while there are minors in the vehicle, as required by law.
6. Obey all traffic laws.
7. Take the most direct route to the destination or event without unnecessary stops.

In case of emergency, keep all students together and call 911 and the district office.

**TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Board of Trustees shall ensure that appropriate transportation services are provided for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program (IEP) or accommodation plan. The district shall make home-to-school transportation available for students at no cost to parents/guardians as specified in the student's IEP.

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

*(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program (IEP))*

*(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)*

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall establish criteria and procedures for determining the most appropriate mode of transportation for an individual student based on identified needs as determined in the IEP or accommodation plan.

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

The Superintendent or designee shall arrange transportation schedules so that students with disabilities do not spend an excessive amount of time on buses compared to other students. Arrivals and departures shall not reduce the length of the school day for these students except as may be prescribed on an individual basis.

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to ensure compatibility between mobile seating devices and bus securement systems.

*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

39807.5 *Payment of transportation cost*

39839 *Guide dogs, signal dogs and service dogs on bus*

41850-41854 *Allowances for transportation*

48300-48315 *Alternative interdistrict attendance program*

48915.5 *Expulsion of students with exceptional needs*

56195.8 *Adoption of policies*

56327 *Assessment for special education and related services*

56345 *Individualized education program*

56366 *Nonpublic nonsectarian schools or agencies*

56366.1 *Waiver of requirements under section 56365 and 56366*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15050 *Transfer of funds to child development fund and development center for handicapped pupils fund*

15243 *Physically handicapped minors*

15271 *Exclusion from report*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 *Equal opportunity under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

571.222 *Federal requirements for bus securement systems*

*Management Resources:*

CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0500.92 *Implementation of Special Education Transportation Apportionment (#92-02)*

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0609.95 *School transportation fee exemption for handicapped children and pupils whose parents or guardians are indigent (LO: 2-95)*

**TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Transportation for students with disabilities shall be provided in accordance with a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan.

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program (IEP))*

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

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

If a disabled student is excluded from school bus transportation, the district shall provide alternative transportation at no cost to the student or parent/guardian provided that transportation is specified in the student's IEP. (Education Code 48915.5)

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

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

When contracting with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency to provide special education services, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contract includes general administrative and financial agreements related to the provision of transportation services if specified in the student's IEP. (Education Code 56366)

*(cf. 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education)*

Guide dogs, signal dogs and service dogs trained to provide assistance to disabled persons may be transported in a school bus when accompanied by disabled students, disabled teachers or persons training the dogs. (Education Code 39839)

**SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

**Qualifications**

All drivers employed to operate school buses or student activity buses shall possess, and shall retain in their immediate possession while operating the bus, the following documents: (Vehicle Code 12517, 12517.4)

1. A valid driver's license issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the appropriate class of vehicle to be driven and endorsed for school bus and/or passenger transportation
2. A certificate issued by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) which permits the operation of school buses or student activity buses, as applicable

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

*(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)*

*(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)*

The Superintendent or designee may use an electronic fingerprinting system, managed by the California Department of Justice, to fingerprint an applicant for an initial certificate to drive a school bus or student activity bus. (Vehicle Code 12517.3)

*(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)*

When initially applying for or renewing a license or certificate to drive a school bus or student activity bus, and annually upon reaching age 65 years, the driver shall submit to the DMV and to the Superintendent or designee a report of a medical examination conducted in accordance with the timelines and procedures specified in Vehicle Code 12517.2. (Vehicle Code 12517.2; 13 CCR 1234)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify each driver of the expiration date of his/her driver's license, certificate, and medical certificate and shall ensure each document is renewed prior to expiration. (13 CCR 1234)

*(4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)*

School bus and student activity bus drivers shall be subject to drug and alcohol testing in accordance with Board policy and the requirements of federal law.

*(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the DMV within five days whenever any driver refuses, fails to comply, or receives a positive test result on a drug or alcohol test; is



## **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS** (continued)

dismissed for a cause related to student transportation safety; or is reinstated after being dismissed for a cause related to student transportation safety. (Vehicle Code 1808.8, 13376)

*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

### **Training**

In addition to any other training required to obtain or renew the certificate authorizing operation of a school bus or student activity bus, drivers shall receive training which includes, but is not limited to:

1. First aid practices deemed necessary for school bus drivers, through a course of instruction that prepares drivers to pass the related DMV examination (Vehicle Code 12522)
2. The proper installation of mobile seating devices in the bus securement systems (Education Code 56195.8)

*(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)*

3. The proper actions to be taken in the event that a school bus is hijacked (Education Code 39831)

To determine any other needs for professional development, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically review accident reports involving district drivers and may seek input from drivers, district and school administrators, students, and/or other stakeholders on desired topics for professional development.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

### **Authority**

Students transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. (5 CCR 14103)

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

The driver shall have the authority to discontinue the operation of a school bus or student activity bus whenever he/she determines that it is unsafe to continue.

## **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)**

*(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)*

*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*

This regulation and AR 5131.1 - Bus Conduct shall be made available to parents/guardians, students, teachers, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 14103)

### **Responsibilities**

The driver's primary responsibility is to safely transport students to and from school and school activities. He/she shall follow procedures contained in district plans and regulations pertaining to transportation safety.

The driver shall stop to load or unload students only at school bus stops designated by the Superintendent or designee, or authorized by the Superintendent or designee for school activity trips. (Vehicle Code 22112)

*(cf. 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services)*

The driver shall activate the amber warning light system, flashing red signal lights, and stop arm signal and shall escort students in accordance with Vehicle Code 22112.

The driver shall not require any student to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations. (5 CCR 14103)

The driver shall not drive a school bus or student activity bus while using a wireless telephone or using a wireless communications device for text-based communication, except when otherwise authorized by law and AR 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies.

The driver shall report the following to the Superintendent or designee:

1. The condition of the bus at the completion of each work day (13 CCR 1215)
2. His/her duty status for each 24-hour period, including, but not limited to, the number of hours on and off duty (13 CCR 1213)
3. Any traffic accident involving the bus (13 CCR 1219)

In addition to notifying the Superintendent or designee, the driver shall immediately notify the CHP of any traffic accident and, if the bus is operated under contract, his/her employer. (13 CCR 1219)

4. Traffic violations

**SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS** (continued)

5. Consistently late school dismissals which cause transportation delays
6. Overload runs
7. Recurring and serious student misbehavior
8. Parent/guardian and student complaints

**Vehicle Idling**

The driver of a school bus or student activity bus shall: (13 CCR 2480)

1. Turn off the bus engine upon stopping at a school or within 100 feet of a school and not restart the engine more than 30 seconds before beginning to depart
2. Not cause or allow the bus to idle at any location greater than 100 feet from a school for more than five consecutive minutes or for an aggregated period of more than five minutes in any one hour

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

However, vehicle idling may be allowed under limited conditions, including, but not limited to, occasions when idling is necessary to: (13 CCR 2480)

1. Stop for an official traffic control signal or device, for traffic conditions under which the driver has no control, or at the direction of law enforcement
2. Ascertain that the bus is in safe operating condition and properly equipped
3. Operate equipment designed to safely load, unload, or transport students with disabilities
4. Operate a heater, air conditioner, defroster, or other equipment as necessary to ensure the safety or health of passengers
5. Cool down a turbo-charged diesel engine before turning off the engine
6. Recharge a battery or other energy storage unit of a hybrid electric bus or vehicle

The Superintendent or designee shall notify all drivers, upon employment and at least once per year thereafter, of the requirements specified above and the potential legal and employment consequences of failure to comply. All complaints of noncompliance shall be

**SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS** (continued)

reviewed and remedial action taken as necessary. The Superintendent or designee shall retain records of the training and of any complaints and enforcement actions for at least three years. (13 CCR 2480)

**Reports**

The Superintendent or designee shall retain records of: (13 CCR 1234)

1. Each driver's duty status and supporting documents provided pursuant to 13 CCR 1201 and 1213. Such records shall be retained for six months and made available to the CHP upon request.
2. The different types of vehicles and vehicle combinations each driver has demonstrated capability to operate.
3. Records of each driver's license, certificate, medical certificate, first aid certificate, and training as specified in 13 CCR 1234.
4. Daily vehicle inspection reports prepared by drivers pursuant to 13 CCR 1215.

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)**

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

39800.5 *Qualifications of driver of 15-passenger van*

39830-39842 *School buses*

40080-40090.5 *Training required to obtain or renew bus driver certificate*

45125.1 *Criminal background checks for contractors*

56195.8 *Training in installation of mobile seating devices*

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

39640-39642 *Vehicle idling, penalties*

#### PENAL CODE

241.3 *Assault against school bus driver*

243.3 *Battery against school bus driver*

#### VEHICLE CODE

415 *Definition of motor vehicle*

545 *Definition of school bus*

546 *Definition of student activity bus*

1808.8 *Dismissal for safety-related cause*

2570-2574 *Contracts with private school bus contractors*

12516-12517.4 *Certification requirements*

12522 *First aid training for school bus drivers*

13370-13371 *Suspension or revocation of bus driver certificate*

13376 *Driver certificates; revocation or suspension; sex offense prosecution*

22112 *School bus signals; roadway crossings*

23123-23125 *Prohibitions against use of wireless telephone and text communications while driving; exceptions*

25257-25257.7 *School bus equipment*

34501.6 *School buses; reduced visibility*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14103 *Authority of the driver*

14104 *School bus driver instructor*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1202.2 *Motor carrier safety*

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**SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS** (continued)

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*U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:  
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**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES**

**Cautionary Notice 2013-14:** AB 110 (Ch. 20, Statutes of 2013) amended Government Code 17581.5 to relieve districts from the obligation, until July 1, 2014, to perform any activities that are deemed to be reimbursable state mandates under that section. As a result, certain provisions of the following policy or administrative regulation that reflect those requirements may be suspended.

Each day, prior to driving a school bus, each school bus driver shall inspect the bus to ensure that it is in safe operating condition and equipped as required by law and that all equipment is in good working order. At the completion of each day's work, the driver shall prepare and sign a written report of the condition of the equipment listed in 13 CCR 1215, including any defect or deficiency discovered by or reported to him/her which would affect safe operation or result in mechanical breakdown of the bus, or indicating that no defect or deficiency was discovered or reported. Any defect or deficiency that would affect safe operation shall be repaired prior to operating the bus. (13 CCR 1215)

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*

In the event of a school bus accident, the driver shall immediately notify the California Highway Patrol, the Superintendent or designee, and, if the bus is operated under contract, the driver's employer. The driver shall not leave the immediate vicinity of the bus to seek aid unless necessary. (13 CCR 1219)

The Superintendent or designee shall review all investigations of bus incidents and accidents to develop preventative measures.

*(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)*

**Passenger Restraint Systems**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any school bus or student activity bus which is purchased or leased by the district is equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso passenger restraint system at all designated seating positions if that bus: (Vehicle Code 27316, 27316.5; 13 CCR 1201)

1. Is a Type 1 school bus manufactured on or after July 1, 2005 which is designed for carrying more than 16 passengers and the driver
2. Is a Type 2 school bus or student activity bus manufactured on or after July 1, 2004 which meets one of the following criteria:
  - a. Is designed for carrying 16 or fewer passengers and the driver
  - b. Has a manufacturer's vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less and is designed for carrying not more than 20 passengers and the driver

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The Superintendent or designee shall prioritize the allocation of school buses purchased, leased, or contracted to ensure that elementary students receive first priority for new school buses equipped with passenger restraint systems whenever feasible.

When a school bus or student activity bus is equipped with a passenger restraint system, all passengers shall use the passenger restraint system. (5 CCR 14105)

Bus drivers shall be instructed regarding procedures to enforce the proper use of the passenger restraint system. Students who fail to follow instructions of the bus driver may be subject to discipline, including suspension of riding privileges, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

**Fire Extinguishers**

Each school bus shall be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher located in the driver's compartment which meets the standards specified in law. In addition, a wheelchair school bus shall have another fire extinguisher placed at the wheelchair loading door or emergency exit. All fire extinguishers shall be regularly inspected and serviced in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal. (Education Code 39838; 13 CCR 1242; 19 CCR 574-575.3)

**Electronic Communications Devices**

A bus driver shall not drive a school bus or student activity bus while using a wireless telephone, except under the following conditions: (Vehicle Code 23123, 23125)

1. When he/she uses a wireless telephone that is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking, provided it is used in that manner while driving
2. For emergency purposes, including, but not limited to, a call to a law enforcement agency, health care provider, fire department, or other emergency service agency or entity
3. For work-related purposes

*(cf. 3513.1 - Cellular Phone Reimbursement)*

A bus driver shall not drive while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication, including, but not limited to, text messages, instant messages, and email, unless the device is specifically designed and configured to



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allow voice-operated and hands-free operation and is used in that manner. This prohibition does not include reading, selecting, or entering a telephone number or name in an electronic wireless communications device for the purpose of making or receiving a telephone call. (Vehicle Code 23123.5)

**Safe Bus Operations**

School buses and student activity buses shall not be operated whenever the number of passengers exceeds bus seating capacity, except when necessary in emergency situations which require that individuals be transported immediately to ensure their safety. (Education Code 39834)

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

School bus operations shall be limited when atmospheric conditions reduce visibility on the roadway to 200 feet or less during regular home-to-school transportation service. Bus drivers for school activity trips may discontinue bus operation whenever they determine that it is unsafe to continue operation because of reduced visibility. (Vehicle Code 34501.6)

**Unauthorized Entry**

The Superintendent or designee may place a notice at bus entrances that warns against unauthorized entry. The driver or another school official may order any person to disembark if that person enters a bus without prior authorization. (Education Code 39842; 13 CCR 1256.5)

*(cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)*

**Transportation Safety Plan for Boarding and Exiting Buses**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a transportation safety plan containing procedures for school personnel to follow to ensure the safe transport of students. The plan shall include all of the following: (Education Code 39831.3)

1. Procedures for determining if students in grades prekindergarten through 8 require an escort to cross a private road or highway at a bus stop pursuant to Vehicle Code 22112
2. Procedures for all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 to follow as they board and exit the bus at their bus stops
3. Procedures for boarding and exiting a school bus at a school or other trip destination

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A copy of the plan shall be kept at each school site and made available upon request to the California Highway Patrol. (Education Code 39831.3)

**Parental Notifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide written safety information to the parents/guardians of all students in grades prekindergarten through 6 who have not previously been transported in a school bus or student activity bus. This information shall be provided upon registration and shall contain: (Education Code 39831.5)

1. A list of school bus stops near each student's home
2. General rules of conduct at school bus loading zones
3. Red light crossing instructions
4. A description of the school bus danger zone
5. Instructions for safety while walking to and from school bus stops

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

**Student Instruction**

Students who are transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety as follows: (Education Code 39831.5; 5 CCR 14102)

1. Each year, all students who receive home-to-school transportation in a school bus shall be provided appropriate instruction in safe riding practices and emergency evacuation drills.
2. At least once each school year, all students in grades prekindergarten through 8 who receive home-to-school transportation shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Proper loading and unloading procedures, including escorting by the driver
  - b. How to safely cross the street, highway, or private road

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- c. In school buses with passenger restraint systems, instruction in the use of such systems as specified in 5 CCR 14105, including, but not limited to, the proper fastening and release of the passenger restraint system, acceptable placement of passenger restraint systems on students, times at which the passenger restraint systems should be fastened and released, and acceptable placement of the passenger restraint systems when not in use
- d. Proper passenger conduct
- e. Bus evacuation procedures
- f. Location of emergency equipment

As part of this instruction, students shall evacuate the school bus through emergency exit doors. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

Each time the above instruction is given, the following information shall be documented:

- a. District name
- b. School name and location
- c. Date of instruction
- d. Names of supervising adults
- e. Number of students participating
- f. Grade levels of students
- g. Subjects covered in instruction
- h. Amount of time taken for instruction
- i. Bus driver's name
- j. Bus number
- k. Additional remarks

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This documentation shall be kept on file at the district office or the school for one year and shall be available for inspection by the California Highway Patrol.

3. Before departing on a school activity trip, all students riding on a school bus or student activity bus shall receive safety instruction which includes, but is not limited to, the location of emergency exits and the location and use of emergency equipment. This instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES (continued)**

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PENAL CODE

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415 *Definition of motor vehicle*

545-546 *Definition of school bus and student activity bus*

22112 *Loading and unloading passengers*

23123 *Use of wireless telephone prohibited while driving motor vehicle*

23123.5 *Text communications prohibited while driving motor vehicle*

23125 *Use of wireless telephone prohibited while driving school bus*

27316-27316.5 *Passenger restraint systems*

34500 *California Highway Patrol responsibility to regulate safe operation of school buses*

34501.5 *California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: safe operation of school buses*

34501.6 *School buses; reduced visibility*

34508 *California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: equipment and operations of school buses*

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14100-14105 *School buses and student activity buses*

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1200-1293 *Motor carrier safety*

2480 *Airborne toxic control measure; limitation on bus idling*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 19

574-575.3 *Inspection and maintenance of fire extinguishers*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

571.1-571.500 *Motor vehicle standards, including school buses*

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*California Association of School Transportation Officials: <http://www.castoways.org>*

*California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lstn>*

*California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov>*

*National Coalition for School Bus Safety: <http://www.ncsbs.org>*

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**FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to the district's food service programs and to maximize their participation in available programs.

Foods and beverages available through the district's food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease

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

2. Meet or exceed nutrition standards specified in law and administrative regulation

*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*

*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

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

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

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

3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits

4. Be served in age-appropriate portions

5. Be available to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost or at reduced prices, and to other students at reasonable prices

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

The district's food service program shall give priority to serving unprocessed foods and fresh fruits and vegetables.

District schools are encouraged to establish school gardens and/or farm-to-school projects to increase the availability of safe, fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables for school meals and to support the district's nutrition education program.

*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

To encourage student participation in school meal programs, schools may offer multiple choices of food items within a meal service, provided all food items meet nutrition standards and all students are given an opportunity to select any food item.

**FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee may invite students and parents/guardians to participate in the selection of foods of good nutritional quality for school menus.

The Board desires to provide students with adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to encourage participation in school meal programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school facilities for cafeteria eating and food preparation.

*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 3517- Facilities Inspection)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a food safety program in order to reduce the risk of foodborne hazards at each step of the food preparation process, from receiving to service.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on student participation in the district's nutrition programs and the extent to which the district's food services program meets state and federal nutrition standards for foods and beverages.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

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38080-38103 *Cafeteria, establishment and use*  
45103.5 *Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions*  
49430-49436 *Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001*  
49490-49494 *School breakfast and lunch programs*  
49500-49505 *School meals*  
49510-49520 *Nutrition*  
49530-49536 *Child Nutrition Act*  
49540-49546 *Child care food program*  
49547-49548.3 *Comprehensive nutrition services*  
49550-49562 *Meals for needy students*  
49570 *National School Lunch Act*  
51795-51797 *School gardens*

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15530-15535 *Nutrition education*  
15550-15565 *School lunch and breakfast programs*  
15575-15578 *Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meal programs*

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1758b *Local wellness policy*  
1761 *Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option*  
1769a *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*  
1771-1793 *Child nutrition, especially:*  
1772 *Special Milk Program*  
1773 *National School Breakfast Program*

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**FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (continued)**

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Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005

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

California Farm Bureau Federation: <http://www.cfbf.com>

California Food Policy Advocates: <http://www.cfpa.net>

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

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

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

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns>

**FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM**

**Nutrition Standards for School Meals**

Meals, food items, and beverages provided through the district's food services program shall: (Education Code 49531, 49553; 42 USC 1758, 1773)

1. Comply with National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program standards for meal patterns, nutrient levels, and calorie requirements for the ages/grade levels served, as specified in 7 CFR 210.10, 220.8, or 220.23 as applicable
2. Not be deep fried, par fried, or flash fried, as defined in Education Code 49430 and 49430.7

*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*  
*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*  
*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*

**Drinking Water**

The district shall provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times in food service areas at all district schools, including, but not limited to, areas where reimbursable meals under the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program are served or consumed. (Education Code 38086; 42 USC 1758)

**Special Milk Program**

Any school that does not participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program may participate in the Special Milk Program to provide all enrolled students with reasonably priced milk. (7 CFR 215.1)

**Food Safety**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's food service program meets the applicable sanitation and safety requirements of the California Retail Food Code as set forth in Health and Safety Code 113700-114437.

For all district schools participating in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement a written food safety program for the storage, preparation, and service of school meals which complies with the national Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system. The district's HACCP plan shall include, but is not limited to, a determination of critical control points and critical limits at each stage of food production, monitoring procedures, corrective actions, and recordkeeping procedures. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7)

**FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide ongoing staff development on food safety to food service managers and employees. Each new employee, including a substitute, or volunteer shall complete initial food safety training prior to handling food. The Superintendent or designee shall document the date, trainer, and subject of each training.

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

The Superintendent or designee shall assign staff to maintain records and logs documenting food safety activities, including, but not limited to, records of food deliveries, time and temperature monitoring during food production, equipment temperature (freezer, cooler, thermometer calibration), corrective actions, verification or review of safety efforts, and staff training.

**Inspection of Food Facilities**

All food preparation and service areas shall be inspected in accordance with Health and Safety Code 113725-113725.1 and applicable county regulations.

Each school participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program shall, during each school year, obtain a minimum of two food safety inspections conducted by the county environmental health agency. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall retain records from the most recent food safety inspection. All schools shall post a notice indicating that the most recent inspection report is available to any interested person upon request. (Health and Safety Code 113725.1; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 210.15, 220.7)

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

**FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND**

The Board of Trustees intends that, insofar as possible, school food services shall be a self-supporting, nonprofit program. To increase cost effectiveness, the Superintendent or designee shall centralize and direct the purchasing of foods and supplies, the planning of menus, and the auditing of all food service accounts for the district.

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*  
*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*  
*(cf. 3311 - Bids)*  
*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all food services administrators and personnel possess appropriate qualifications and receive ongoing professional development related to the effective management and implementation of the district's food services program.

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

**Meal Sales**

Meals may be sold to students, district employees, Board members, and employees or members of the fund or association maintaining the cafeteria. (Education Code 38082)

In addition, meals may be sold to other individuals and organizations that are on campus during meal times for a legitimate purpose, such as classroom volunteers, parents/guardians, or students' siblings.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend meal prices, based on the costs of providing food services and consistent with Education Code 38084 and 42 USC 1760, for students and nonstudents for approval by the Board. Students who are enrolled in the free or reduced-price meal programs shall receive meals free of charge or at a reduced price in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

Any meals served to nonstudents shall not be subsidized by federal or state reimbursements, food service revenues, or U.S. Department of Agriculture foods.

**Cafeteria Fund**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a cafeteria fund independent of the district's general fund.

**FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND (continued)**

The wages, salaries, and benefits of food service employees shall be paid from the district's general fund. At any time, the Board may order reimbursement from the district's cafeteria fund for these payments in amounts prescribed by the Board and not exceeding the costs actually incurred. (Education Code 38103)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that state and federal funds provided through school meal programs are allocated only for purposes related to the operation or improvement of food services and reasonable and necessary indirect program costs as allowed by law. Program financial reports shall be presented regularly to the Board.

*(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)*

*(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)*

**Contracts with Outside Services**

With Board approval, the district may enter into a contract for food service consulting services or food service management services in one or more district schools. (Education Code 45103.5; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.16)

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

*(cf. 3600 - Consultants)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

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1773 School breakfast program

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255 Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments

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FAQs About School Meals

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California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd>

**FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND**

**Payments for Meals**

With the exception of students who are eligible to receive meals at no cost, students may pay on a per-meal basis or may submit payments in advance. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an account indicating payments received from each student for the purchase of school meals.

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

*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of the district's meal payment policies and encouraged to prepay for meals whenever possible.

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

Students and their parents/guardians shall be notified whenever their account has a zero balance. Whenever a student's account has an unpaid balance of \$50 or more, parents/guardians shall be notified in writing that full payment is due within seven school days from the date of the notice.

In cases of repeated nonpayment by a student, the Superintendent or designee may contact parents/guardians to discuss the reasons for the nonpayment. The Superintendent or designee may evaluate individual circumstances to determine if the student's parents/guardians need assistance completing an application for free or reduced-price meals or need referral to social services.

In any school that uses a system of meal tickets or other similar medium of exchange rather than an electronic point-of-sale system, a student shall be allowed at least three replacement tickets each school year in the event that tickets are lost or stolen. School staff shall maintain a list of students who have reported lost or stolen tickets and the number of occurrences for each student. When it has been determined that a student has reached the limit, school staff shall issue at least one advance warning to the student or his/her parent/guardian prior to denying a replacement ticket. However, prekindergarten and younger primary students or students with disabilities who may be unable to take full responsibility for their meal tickets shall not be denied meals when tickets are lost or stolen.

Students and parents/guardians shall be advised in writing of the school's policy regarding replacement tickets at the beginning of the school year and/or when applications for free and reduced-price meals are distributed or approved.

**FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND** (continued)

**Reimbursement Claims**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the number of meals served each day by school site and by category of free, reduced-price, and full-price meals. The Superintendent or designee shall submit reimbursement claims for school meals to the California Department of Education (CDE) using the online Child Nutrition Information and Payment System.

**Cafeteria Fund**

All proceeds from food sales and other services offered by the cafeteria shall be deposited in the cafeteria fund as provided by law. The income and expenditures of any cafeteria revolving account established by the Board of Trustees shall be recorded as income and expenditures of the cafeteria fund. (Education Code 38090, 38091, 38092)

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*

The cafeteria fund shall be used only for those expenditures authorized by the Board as necessary for the operation of school cafeterias in accordance with Education Code 38100-38103, 2 CFR 255, and the California School Accounting Manual. (Education Code 38091, 38101; 2 CFR 255)

Any charges to, or transfers from, a food service program shall be dated and accompanied by a written explanation of the expenditure's purpose and basis. (Education Code 38101)

*(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)*

**U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that foods received through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are handled, stored, and distributed in facilities which: (7 CFR 250.14)

1. Are sanitary and free from rodent, bird, insect, and other animal infestation
2. Safeguard foods against theft, spoilage, and other loss
3. Maintain foods at proper storage temperatures
4. Store foods off the floor in a manner to allow for adequate ventilation
5. Take other protective measures as may be necessary



**FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND (continued)**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain inventories of USDA foods in accordance with 7 CFR 250.59 and CDE procedures, and shall ensure that foods are used before their expiration dates.

USDA foods shall be used in school lunches as far as practicable, but also may be used in other nonprofit food service activities, with any revenues accruing to the district's nonprofit food service account. Such activities may include school breakfasts or other meals, a la carte foods sold to students, meals served to adults directly involved in the operation and administration of the food service and to other school staff, and training in nutrition, health, food service, or general home economics instruction for students. (7 CFR 250.60)

**Contracts with Outside Services**

The term of any contract for food service management or consulting services shall not exceed one year. Any renewal of the contract or further requests for proposals to provide such services shall be considered on a year-to-year basis. (Education Code 45103.5; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for management of the food service operation shall be approved by CDE and comply with the conditions in Education Code 49554 and 7 CFR 210.16 as applicable. The district shall retain control of the quality, extent, and general nature of its food services, including prices to be charged to students for meals, and shall monitor the food service operation through periodic on-site visits. The district shall not enter into a contract with a food service company to provide a la carte food services only, unless the company agrees to offer free, reduced-price, and full-price reimbursable meals to all eligible students. (Education Code 49554; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for consulting services shall not result in the supervision of food service classified staff by the management consultant, nor shall it result in the elimination of any food service classified staff or position or have any adverse effect on the wages, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment of classified food service staff or positions. All persons providing consulting services shall be subject to applicable employment conditions related to health and safety as listed in Education Code 45103.5. (Education Code 45103.5)

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

*(cf. 3515.6 - Criminal Background Checks for Contractors)*

*(cf. 3600 - Consultants)*

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

*(cf. 4212 - Appointments and Conditions of Employment)*

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to the development, health, and learning of all students. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate and encourage the participation of students from low-income families in the district's food service program.

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

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

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

*(cf. 6177 - Summer School)*

The district shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate meal each school day, free of charge or at a reduced price, for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria. (Education Code 49550, 49552)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that meals provided through the free and reduced-price meals program meet applicable state and/or federal nutritional standards in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

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

Schools participating in the Special Milk Program pursuant to 42 USC 1772 shall provide milk at no charge to students who meet federal eligibility criteria for free or reduced-price meals.

The Board shall approve, and shall submit to the California Department of Education for approval, a plan that ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students. (Education Code 49557)

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

*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

**Confidentiality/Release of Records**

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program shall be confidential except as provided by law. (Education Code 49558)

If a student transfers from the district to another district or to a private school, the Superintendent or designee may release the student's eligibility status or a copy of his/her free and reduced-price meal application to the other district or school to assist in the continuation of the student's meal benefits.

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS** (continued)

The Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program for the purposes of: (Education Code 49558)

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data
2. In any school identified as a Title I program improvement school pursuant to 20 USC 6316, identification of students eligible for school choice and supplemental educational services

*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)*

*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*

The Board further authorizes the release of information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines Medi-Cal program eligibility, provided that the student is approved for free meals and the parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information in accordance with Education Code 49557.2.

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

In addition, information on the school lunch program application may be released to the local agency that determines eligibility for participation in the CalFresh program or other nutrition assistance program, provided the student whose information is to be released is approved for free or reduced-price meals and his/her parent/guardian consents to the sharing of the information. Prior to releasing information to any such local agency, the Superintendent or designee and the local agency shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that, at a minimum, shall include the roles and responsibilities of the district and the local agency, the process for sharing the information, and a statement that the local agency may use the information only for purposes directly related to the enrollment of families in the CalFresh or other nutrition assistance program. (Education Code 49557.3, 49558)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

48980 *Notice at beginning of term*

49430-49436 *Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001*

49490-49494 *School breakfast and lunch programs*

49500-49505 *School meals*

49510-49520 *Nutrition*

49530-49536 *Child Nutrition Act of 1974*

49547-49548.3 *Comprehensive nutrition service*

49550-49562 *Meals for needy students*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15510 *Mandatory meals for needy students*

15530-15535 *Nutrition education*

15550-15565 *School lunch and breakfast programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

6301-6514 *Title I programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769j *School lunch program*

1771-1791 *Child nutrition, especially:*

1773 *School breakfast program*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 *National School Lunch Program*

220.10-220.21 *National School Breakfast Program*

245.1-245.13 *Determination of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk*

*Management Resources: (see next page)*

## **FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS (continued)**

### *Management Resources:*

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007*

*Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BULLETINS

*USDA-SNP-07-2010 Change in Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application Approval Process, September 2010*

*NSD-SNP-12-2010 Clarification Regarding the Ability to Share Student Meal Program Eligibility Information Between School Food Authorities, April 2010*

*04-103 Implementation of Final Rule on Verification of Applications for Free and Reduced-Price Meals, August 2004*

*98-101 Confidentiality of Free and Reduced-Price Eligibility Information, February 1998*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Feed More Kids, Improve Program Participation*

*Direct Certification Implementation Checklist, May 2008*

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

*Eligibility Manual for School Meals: Federal Policy for Determining and Verifying Eligibility, January 2008*

*Provision 2 Guidance: National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Summer 2002*

#### WEB SITES

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

*California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>*

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

*California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):*

*<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>*

*U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd>*

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

**Applications**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's application form for free and reduced-price meals and related materials include the statements specified in Education Code 49557 and 7 CFR 245.5. In addition, the application packet may include the notifications and information listed in Education Code 49557.2.

The application form and related information shall be distributed to all parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be available to students at all times during the school day. (Education Code 48980, 49520; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.5)

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*  
*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*  
*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

The form and information shall also be provided whenever a new student is enrolled.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall send a public release, containing the same information supplied to parents/guardians and including eligibility criteria, to local media, the local unemployment office, and any major employers in the district attendance area contemplating large layoffs. Copies of the public release shall be made available upon request to any interested person. (7 CFR 245.5)

*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*

**Eligibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall determine students' eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program based on the criteria specified in 42 USC 1758 and 1773 and 7 CFR 245.1-245.13 and made available by the California Department of Education.

When authorized by law, participants in other federal or state programs may be directly certified, without further application, for enrollment in the free and reduced-price meals program. (Education Code 49561; 42 USC 1758)

*(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*  
*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*  
*(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*

**Verification of Eligibility**

Not later than November 15 of each year, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the eligibility of a sample of household applications approved for the school year in accordance with the sample sizes and procedures specified in 42 USC 1758 and 7 CFR 245.6a. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.6a)

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS** (continued)

If the review indicates that the initial eligibility determination is correct, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the approved household application. If the review indicates that the initial eligibility determination is incorrect, the Superintendent or designee shall: (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 245.6a)

1. If the eligibility status changes from reduced price to free, make the increased benefits immediately available and notify the household of the change in benefits
2. If the eligibility status changes from free to reduced price, first verify the application, then notify the household of the correct eligibility status, and, when required by law, send a notice of adverse action as described below
3. If the eligibility status changes from free or reduced price to paid, send the household a notice of adverse action as described below

If any household is to receive a reduction or termination of benefits as a result of verification activities, or if the household fails to cooperate with verification efforts, the Superintendent or designee shall reduce or terminate benefits, as applicable, and shall properly document and retain on file in the district the reasons for ineligibility. He/she also shall send a notice of adverse action to any household that is to receive a reduction or termination of benefits. Such notice shall be provided 10 days prior to the actual reduction or termination of benefits. The notice shall advise the household of: (7 CFR 245.6a)

1. The change and the reasons for the change
2. The right to appeal, when the appeal must be filed to ensure continued benefits while awaiting a hearing and decision, and instructions on how to appeal
3. The right to reapply at any time during the school year

**Confidentiality/Release of Records**

The Superintendent designates the following district employee(s) to use individual records pertaining to student participation in the free and reduced-price meals program for the purpose of disaggregation of academic achievement data or for the identification of students in any program improvement school eligible for school choice and supplemental educational services pursuant to 20 USC 6316:

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(title or position)

In using the records for such purposes, the following conditions shall be satisfied: (Education Code 49558)

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS** (continued)

1. No individual indicators of participation in the free and reduced-price meals program shall be maintained in the permanent records of any student if not otherwise allowed by law.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

2. Information regarding individual student participation in the free and reduced-price meals program shall not be publicly released.

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

3. All other confidentiality provisions required by law shall be met.
4. Information collected regarding individual students certified to participate in the free and reduced-price meals program shall be destroyed when no longer needed for its intended purpose.

**Nondiscrimination Plan**

The district's plan for students receiving free or reduced-price meals shall ensure the following: (Education Code 49557; 42 USC 1758)

1. The names of the students shall not be published, posted, or announced in any manner, or used for any purpose other than the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, unless otherwise provided by law.
2. There shall be no overt identification of any of the students by the use of special tokens or tickets or by any other means.
3. The students shall not be required to work for their meals or for milk.
4. The students shall not be required to use a separate dining area, go through a separate serving line or entrance, or consume their meals or milk at a different time.

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

*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

When more than one lunch, breakfast, or type of milk is offered, the students shall have the same choice of meals or milk as is available to those students who pay the full price. (Education Code 49557; 7 CFR 245.8)



**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS** (continued)

**Prices**

The maximum price that shall be charged to eligible students for reduced-price meals shall be 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. (42 USC 1758, 1773)

**OTHER FOOD SALES**

The Board of Trustees believes that sales of foods and beverages at school during the school day should be aligned with the district's goals to promote student wellness. Any food sales conducted outside the district's food service program shall meet nutritional standards specified in law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall not reduce student participation in the district's food service program.

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*  
*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to approve the sale of foods and beverages outside the district's food service program, including sales by student or school-connected organizations, sales through vending machines, and/or sales at secondary school student stores for fundraising purposes.

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*  
*(cf. 1321 - Solicitations of Funds from and by Students)*

When vending machines are sponsored by the district or a student or adult organization, the Superintendent or designee shall determine how and where vending machines may be placed at school sites, district offices, or other school facilities.

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## OTHER FOOD SALES (continued)

### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Contracts, non-nutritious beverages

48931 Authorization and sale of food

49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001

51520 School premises; prohibited solicitations

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500 Food sales in elementary schools

15501 Sales in high schools and junior high schools

15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meals program

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769h National School Lunch Act, including:

1758b Local wellness policy

1771-1791 Child nutrition, School Breakfast Program

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program

220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

### Management Resources:

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007*

*Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007*

*Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BULLETINS

06-110 Restrictions on Food and Beverage Sales Outside of the School Meal Program, August 2006

#### FISCAL CRISIS AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM PUBLICATIONS

*Associated Student Body Accounting Manual and Desk Reference, 2002*

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn, 2000*

#### WEB SITES

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

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

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

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

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

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

Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team: <http://www.fcmat.org>

National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE): <http://www.nasbe.org>

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Information Center: <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic>

**OTHER FOOD SALES**

**Nutritional Standards for Foods and Beverages**

Food and beverage sales outside the district's food service program shall comply with applicable nutritional standards specified in Education Code 49431, 49431.2, 49431.5, and 49431.7 and 5 CCR 15575-15578.

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*

At an elementary school, the sale of foods or beverages that do not comply with the standards in Education Code 49431 and 49431.5 may be permitted, as part of a fundraising event, only when the items are sold by students of the school and the sale meets either of the following conditions: (Education Code 49431, 49431.5)

1. It takes place off and away from school premises.
2. It takes place at least one-half hour after the end of the school day.

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*  
*(cf. 1321 - Solicitations of Funds from and by Students)*

At a middle, junior high, or high school, the sale of food items that do not comply with the standards in Education Code 49431.2 may be permitted in any of the following circumstances: (Education Code 49431.2)

1. The sale takes place off and away from school premises.
2. The sale takes place on school premises at least one-half hour after the end of the school day.
3. The sale occurs during a school-sponsored student activity after the end of the school day.

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

Beverage sales that do not comply with the standards in Education Code 49431.5 may be permitted at a middle or junior high school as part of a school event under either of the following circumstances: (Education Code 49431.5)

1. The sale occurs during a school-sponsored event and takes place at the location of the event at least one-half hour after the end of the school day.
2. Vending machines, student stores, and cafeterias are used later than one-half hour after the end of the school day.

**OTHER FOOD SALES (continued)**

**Additional Requirements for Schools Participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program**

The sale of foods outside of the district's food service program during meal periods in food service areas shall be allowed only if all income from the sale, including the sale of approved foods or drinks from vending machines, accrues to the benefit of the school, the school food service program, or the student organization(s) sponsoring the sale. (7 CFR 210.11, 220.12)

No foods of minimal nutritional value, as listed in 7 CFR 210, Appendix B, and 7 CFR 220, Appendix B, shall be sold in food service areas during breakfast and lunch periods. (7 CFR 210.11, 220.12)

In a school with any of grades K-8 that is participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program, the Superintendent or designee shall not permit the sale of foods by a student organization except when all of the following conditions are met: (5 CCR 15500)

1. The student organization shall sell only one food item per sale.
2. The specific nutritious food item is approved by the Superintendent or designee.
3. The sale does not begin until after the close of the regularly scheduled midday food service period.
4. The sale during the regular school day is not of food items prepared on the premises.
5. There are no more than four such sales per year per school.
6. The food sold is a dessert-type food, such as pastry, ice cream, or fruit.
7. The food sold is not one sold in the district's food service program at that school during that school day.

In junior high and high schools, a student organization may be approved to sell food items during or after the school day if all of the following conditions are met: (5 CCR 15501)

1. Only one student organization conducts a food sale on a given school day and the organization sells no more than three types of food or beverage items, except that up to four days during the school year may be designated on which any number of organizations may conduct the sale of any food items.
2. The specific nutritious food items are approved by the Superintendent or designee.
3. Food items sold during the regular school day are not prepared on the premises.

**OTHER FOOD SALES** (continued)

4. The food items sold are not those sold in the district's food service program at that school during that school day.

**NUTRITION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the district's responsibility to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws as they apply to the district's nutrition programs. The district shall not deny any individual the benefits or service of any nutrition program or discriminate against him/her because of his/her race, color, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law, in its implementation of such a program.

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

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

*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

**Coordinator**

The Board designates the compliance officer specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as coordinator of the district's efforts to comply with the laws governing its nutrition programs and to investigate any related complaints. Any complaint concerning the district's nutrition programs shall be investigated using the process identified in the section entitled "Procedures" in the district's AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

The coordinator shall provide training on the laws, regulations, procedures, and directives related to the district's nutrition programs to district employees involved in administering them. The coordinator also shall develop procedures and systems that do not restrict the participation of individuals in the district's nutrition programs, based on their race, ethnicity, or disability, and that prevent district employees from incorrectly denying the applications for participation submitted by such individuals.

The coordinator shall develop and maintain a system for collecting racial and ethnic data of participants in the district's nutrition programs and shall, at least annually, report to the Board on whether the district's nutrition programs are effectively reaching eligible individuals and whether and where additional outreach may be needed.

*(cf. 5022 - Students and Family Privacy Rights)*

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

When a significant number of participants or potential participants in the district's nutrition programs are only non-English speakers, the coordinator shall make an appropriate language translation available.

*(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)*

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

*(cf. 6174 - English Language Learners)*

## **NUTRITION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE (continued)**

The coordinator also shall ensure that the district's nutrition programs accommodate the special dietary needs of any individual with a disability who has on file a medical statement that restricts his/her diet because of his/her disability.

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

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

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

### **Notifications**

The coordinator shall ensure that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "And Justice for All" or other approved Nutrition Programs Civil Rights posters are displayed in areas visible to the district's nutrition program participants, such as food service areas and school offices.

Annually, the coordinator shall notify all students, parents/guardians, and employees of program requirements and the procedures for filing a complaint, through the district's usual means of notification.

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

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

In addition, the coordinator shall ensure that every informational release, publication, or poster concerning the district's nutrition programs and/or activities includes, in a prominent location, the following statement:

"In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability. In addition, California law prohibits discrimination on any basis identified in Government Code 12940.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

However, if the document is no more than one page and there is no room to print the full nondiscrimination statement, the district may instead use the statement "This institution is an equal opportunity provider" in the same print size as the rest of the text.

When a complaint is unresolved at the district level, the coordinator shall notify the complainant of the option to contact and/or forward his/her complaint to one of the following agencies:



**NUTRITION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE** (continued)

1. Child Nutrition Program Civil Rights and Program Complaint Coordinator, California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division, 1430 N Street, Room 1500, Sacramento, CA 95814-2342 or call 916-445-0850 or 800-952-5609
2. Office of Civil Rights, USDA, Western Region, 90 Seventh Street, Suite 10-100, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call 415-705-1336 or fax 415-705-1364 or email Joe.Torres@fns.usda.gov
3. USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY)

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## NUTRITION PROGRAM COMPLIANCE (continued)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

48985 Notices to parents in language other than English

49060-49079 Student records

49490-49590 Child nutrition programs

#### PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime

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

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended

2000h-2000h-6 Title IX

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

36.303 Auxiliary aids and services

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.1-100.13 Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI

104.1-104.39 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

106.1-106.61 Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:

106.9 Dissemination of policy

### *Management Resources:*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION

#### PUBLICATIONS

*Civil Rights and Complaint Procedures for Child Nutrition Programs, March 2010*

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

*Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005*

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

*Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January 1999*

*Notice of Non-Discrimination, January 1999*

#### WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services: <http://www.fns.usda.gov>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ascr.usda.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/ocr>

**DISTRICT RECORDS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of securing and retaining district documents. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district records are developed, maintained, and disposed of in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

*(cf. 3440 - Inventories)*

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with district legal counsel, site administrators, district information technology staff, personnel department staff, and others as necessary to develop a secure document management system that provides for the storage, retrieval, archiving, and destruction of district documents, including electronically stored information such as email. This document management system shall be designed to comply with state and federal laws regarding security of records, record retention and destruction, response to "litigation hold" discovery requests, and the recovery of records in the event of a disaster or emergency.

*(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)*

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

*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*

*(cf. 9011 - Board Member Electronic Communications)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the confidentiality of records as required by law and shall establish regulations to safeguard data against damage, loss, or theft.

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

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)*

In the event of any known or reasonably suspected breach of the security of district records containing confidential personal information including, but not limited to, a social security number, driver's license or identification card number, medical information, health insurance information, or an account number in combination with an access code or password that would permit access to a financial account, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify local law enforcement agencies and any affected persons. Notification of affected individuals may be delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that the notification would impede a criminal investigation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees receive information about the district's document management system, including retention and confidentiality requirements and an employee's obligations in the event of a litigation hold established on the advice of legal counsel.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

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**Safe at Home Program**

District public records shall not include the actual addresses of students, parents/guardians, or employees when a substitute address is designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Safe at Home program. (Government Code 6206, 6207)

When a substitute address card is provided pursuant to this program, the confidential, actual address may be used only to establish district residency requirements for enrollment and for school emergency purposes.

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

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

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**DISTRICT RECORDS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35145 *Public meetings*

35163 *Official actions, minutes and journal*

35250-35255 *Records and reports*

44031 *Personnel file contents and inspection*

49065 *Reasonable charge for transcripts*

49069 *Absolute right to access*

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

1985.8 *Electronic Discovery Act*

2031.010-2031.060 *Civil Discovery Act, scope of discovery demand*

2031.210-2031.320 *Civil Discovery Act, response to inspection demand*

GOVERNMENT CODE

6205-6210 *Confidentiality of addresses for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking*

6252-6265 *Inspection of public records*

12946 *Retention of employment applications and records for two years*

PENAL CODE

11170 *Retention of child abuse reports*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

430 *Individual student records; definition*

432 *Varieties of student records*

16020-16022 *Records, general provisions*

16023-16027 *Retention of records*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.8 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

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WEB SITES

*California Secretary of State: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/safeathome>*

**DISTRICT RECORDS**

**Classification of Records**

*Records* means all records, maps, books, papers, and documents of a school district required by law to be prepared or retained as necessary or convenient to the discharge of official duty. (5 CCR 16020)

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

Before January 1, the Superintendent or designee shall review the prior year's records and shall classify them as either a Class 1 (Permanent), Class 2 (Optional), or Class 3 (Disposable) record. (5 CCR 16022)

*Records of continuing nature* (active and useful for administrative, legal, fiscal, or other purposes over a period of years) shall not be classified until such usefulness has ceased. (5 CCR 16022)

An inventory of equipment shall be a continuing record and shall not be classified until the inventory is superseded or until the equipment is removed from district ownership. (5 CCR 16022)

*(cf. 3440 - Inventories)*

A student's cumulative record is a continuing record until the student ceases to be enrolled in the district. (5 CCR 16022)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

When an electronic or photographed copy of a Class 1 (Permanent) record has been made, the copy may be classified as Class 1 (Permanent) and the original classified as either Class 2 (Optional) or Class 3 (Disposable). However, no original record that is basic to any required audit may be destroyed prior to the second July 1st succeeding the completion of the audit. (Education Code 35254)

**Class 1 - Permanent Records**

The original of each of the following records, or one exact copy of it when the original is required by law to be filed with another agency, is a Class 1 (Permanent) record and shall be retained indefinitely unless microfilmed in accordance with 5 CCR 16022: (5 CCR 16023)

1. Annual Reports
  - a. Official budget
  - b. Financial reports of all funds, including cafeteria and student body funds

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- c. Audit of all funds
- d. Average daily attendance, including Period 1 and Period 2 reports
- e. Other major annual reports, including:
  - (1) Those containing information relating to property, activities, financial condition, or transactions
  - (2) Those declared by Board of Trustees minutes to be permanent

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)*

*(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)*

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

2. Official Actions

- a. Minutes of the Board or Board committees, including the text of rules, regulations, policies, or resolutions included by reference only
- b. The call for and the result of any elections called, conducted, or canvassed by the Board
- c. Records transmitted by another agency pertaining to its action with respect to district reorganization

*(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)*

*(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)*

3. Personnel Records

Class 1 (Permanent) records include all detailed records relating to employment; assignment; amounts and dates of service rendered; termination or dismissal of an employee in any position; sick leave record; rate of compensation, salaries, or wages paid; and deductions or withholdings made and the person or agency to whom such amounts were paid. In lieu of the detailed records, a complete proven summary payroll record for each employee containing the same data may be classified as a Class 1 (Permanent) record and the detailed records may then be classified as Class 3 (Disposable) records.

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Information of a derogatory nature as defined in Education Code 44031 shall be retained as a Class 1 (Permanent) record only when the time for filing a grievance has passed or the document has been sustained by the grievance process.

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

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

4. Student Records

The records of enrollment and scholarship for each student required by 5 CCR 432 and all records pertaining to any accident or injury involving a minor for which a claim for damages had been filed as required by law shall be classified as Class 1 (Permanent) records. These include any related policy of liability insurance except that these records cease to be Class 1 (Permanent) records one year after the claim has been settled or the statute of limitations has expired.

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

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

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

5. Property Records

Class 1 (Permanent) records include all detailed records relating to land, buildings, and equipment. In lieu of detailed records, a complete property ledger may be classified as a Class 1 (Permanent) record. The detailed records may then be classified as Class 3 (Disposable) records if the property ledger includes all fixed assets; an equipment inventory; and, for each piece of property, the date of acquisition, name of previous owner, a legal description, the amount paid, and comparable data if the unit is disposed of.

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

**Class 2 - Optional Records**

Any record considered temporarily worth keeping, but which is not a Class 1 record, may be classified as a Class 2 (Optional) record and shall be retained until it is reclassified as a Class 3 (Disposable) record. If, by agreement of the Board and Superintendent or designee, classification of the prior year records has not been made before January 1 as specified in 5 CCR 16022, all records of the prior year may be classified as Class 2 (Optional) records pending further review and classification within one year. (5 CCR 16024)



**DISTRICT RECORDS** (continued)**Class 3 - Disposable Records**

All records not classified as Class 1 (Permanent) or as Class 2 (Optional) records shall be classified as Class 3 (Disposable) records. These include, but are not limited to, detailed records basic to audit, including those relating to attendance, average daily attendance, or business or financial transactions; detailed records used in preparing another report; teachers' registers if all information required by 5 CCR 432 is retained in other records or if the General Records pages are removed from the register and classified as Class 1 (Permanent) records; and periodic reports, including daily, weekly, and monthly reports, bulletins, and instructions. (5 CCR 16025)

All Class 3 (Disposable) records shall be destroyed during the third school year after the school year in which the records originated. In addition, Class 3 (Disposable) records shall not be destroyed until after the third school year following the completion of any legally required audit or the retention period required by any agency other than the State of California, whichever is later. A continuing record shall not be destroyed until the fourth year after it has been classified as a Class 3 (Disposable) record. (5 CCR 16026, 16027)

*(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)*

**Electronically Stored Information**

All district-related electronically stored information generated or received by a district employee shall be saved to an electronic file on the district's computer and retained for at least 180 days, or shall be printed by the employee and physically filed in a way that it can be easily retrieved when needed.

However, any district-related electronically stored information that qualifies as a record, as defined above, shall be classified and retained as specified in the section "Classification of Records" above.

District-related electronically stored information includes, but is not limited to, any email, voicemail, text message, word processing document, spreadsheet, or text document related to district business or generated in the course of an employee's official duty.

Employees shall be required to regularly purge their email accounts and district-issued computers, cell phones, and other communication devices of personal electronically stored information and other information unrelated to district business. The Superintendent or designee may check for appropriate use of any district-owned equipment at any time.

*(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)*

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Any employee to whom a district-owned computer, cell phone, or other electronic communication device is provided shall be notified about the district's electronic information management system and, as necessary, provided training on effectively using the device.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**CONSULTANTS**

The Board of Trustees authorizes the use of consultants to provide expert professional advice or specialized technical or training services which are not needed on a continuing basis and which cannot be provided by district staff because of limitations of time, experience or knowledge. Individuals, firms or organizations employed as consultants may assist management with decisions and/or project development related to financial, economic, accounting, engineering, legal, administrative, instructional or other matters.

As part of the contract process, the Superintendent or designee shall determine, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines, that the consultant is properly classified as an independent contractor. District employees who perform extra-duty consultant services shall not be retained as independent contractors. They shall be considered employees for all purposes, even if the additional services are not related to their regular duties.

All consultant contracts shall be brought to the Board for approval.

*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

The district shall not contract for consulting services that can be performed without charge by a public agency or official unless these services are unavailable from the public source for reasons beyond the district's control.

All qualified firms or resource persons shall be accorded equal opportunity for consultant contracts regardless of race, creed, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, age or disability.

*(cf. 3311 - Bids)*

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

Independent contractors applying for a consultant contract shall submit a written conflict of interest statement disclosing financial interests as determined necessary by the Superintendent or designee, depending on the range of duties to be performed by the consultant. The Superintendent or designee shall consider this statement when deciding whether to recommend the consultant's employment.

*(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)*

When employees of a public university, county office of education or other public agency serve as consultant or resource persons for the district, they shall certify as part of the consultant agreement that they will not receive salary or remuneration other than vacation pay from any other public agency for the specific days when they work for this district.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**CONSULTANTS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

10400-10407 *Cooperative improvement programs*

17596 *Limit on continuing contracts*

35010 *Control of districts; prescription and enforcement of rules*

35172 *Promotional activities*

35204 *Contract with attorney*

44925 *Part-time readers employed as independent contractors*

45103 *Classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system*

45103.5 *Contracts for food service consulting services*

45134-45135 *Employment of retired classified employee*

45256 *Merit system districts; classified service; positions established for professional experts on a temporary basis*

GOVERNMENT CODE

53060 *Contract for special services and advice*

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

15-A *Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide*