

**CONCEPTS AND ROLES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the success of district students and programs hinges on effective personnel. The Board desires to establish safe and supportive working conditions that will attract and retain staff members who are highly qualified and dedicated to the education and welfare of students. The district's personnel policies and related regulations shall be designed to ensure a supportive, positive climate and shall be consistent with collective bargaining agreements and in conformance with state and federal law and regulations.

As the legal representative of the district in negotiations with employee representatives, the Board shall set goals and guidelines for collective bargaining, select the bargaining team, maintain communications during the bargaining process, and adopt the negotiated contract. Terms and conditions of employment which have been negotiated and stated in employee contracts shall have the force of policy. The Board shall hear employee complaints and appeals when such hearings are in accordance with Board policy or negotiated agreements. The Board shall also adopt wage and salary schedules and shall commit budget funds for staff development so that staff members may continue developing their skills.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*  
*(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)*  
*(cf. 4144/4244/4344 - Complaints)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

The Superintendent has primary responsibility for overseeing the district's personnel system. To support this effort, the Board shall approve a framework for sound hiring practices. The Superintendent shall nominate all personnel for employment, and the Board shall approve only those persons so recommended. Individuals who approach Board members regarding prospective employment shall be referred to the Superintendent or designee.

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*  
*(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)*  
*(cf. 4211 - Recruitment and Selection)*  
*(cf. 4311 - Recruitment and Selection)*

The Superintendent or designee shall assign and supervise the work of all employees and shall evaluate their work in accordance with effective accountability systems approved by the Board. The Superintendent or designee also shall recommend disciplinary action which the Board may take against employees when warranted pursuant to Board policy, administrative regulations and/or state or federal law.

*(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)*  
*(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)*  
*(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*  
*(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)*

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The Board recognizes that every employee has a stake in the district's successful operation. The Board encourages all district employees to express their ideas, concerns and proposals related to the improvement of working conditions and the total educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby he/she will receive and consider employee suggestions and submit them, when appropriate, for consideration by the Board.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*35020 Duties of employees fixed by governing board*

*35035 Powers and duties of superintendent*

*35160 Powers of governing board*

GOVERNMENT CODE

*3540-3549.3 Public education employer-employee relations*

## DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

The Board of Trustees believes that the maintenance of a drug- and alcohol-free workplace is essential to staff and student safety and to help ensure a productive and safe work and learning environment.

*(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)*

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

An employee shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substance in the workplace. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

Employees are prohibited from being under the influence of controlled substances or alcohol while on duty. For purposes of this policy, *on duty* means while an employee is on duty during both instructional and noninstructional time in the classroom or workplace, at extracurricular or cocurricular activities, or while transporting students or otherwise supervising them. *Under the influence* means that the employee's capabilities are adversely or negatively affected, impaired, or diminished to an extent that impacts the employee's ability to safely and effectively perform his/her job.

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees of the district's prohibition against drug use and the actions that will be taken for violation of such prohibition. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

An employee shall abide by the terms of this policy and shall notify the district, within five days, of his/her conviction for violation in the workplace of any criminal drug statute. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the appropriate federal granting or contracting agency within 10 days after receiving notification, from an employee or otherwise, of any conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace. (41 USC 701)

In accordance with law and the district's collective bargaining agreements, the Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, against an employee for violating the terms of this policy and/or shall require the employee to satisfactorily participate in and complete a drug assistance or rehabilitation program approved by a federal, state, or local public health or law enforcement agency or other appropriate agency.

*(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*

*(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)*

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

*(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*

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

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE** (continued)

### **Drug-Free Awareness Program**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about: (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace
2. The district's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace
3. Available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs  
(*cf.* 4159/4259/4359 - *Employee Assistance Programs*)
4. The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

44011 *Controlled substance offense*

44425 *Conviction of controlled substance offenses as grounds for revocation of credential*

44836 *Employment of certificated persons convicted of controlled substance offenses*

44940 *Compulsory leave of absence for certificated persons*

44940.5 *Procedures when employees are placed on compulsory leave of absence*

45123 *Employment after conviction of controlled substance offense*

45304 *Compulsory leave of absence for classified persons*

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

8350-8357 *Drug-free workplace*

##### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7111-7117 *Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act*

##### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 21

812 *Schedule of controlled substances*

##### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 41

701-707 *Drug-Free Workplace Act*

##### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21

1308.01-1308.49 *Schedule of controlled substances*

##### COURT DECISIONS

*Cahoon v. Governing Board of Ventura USD*, (2009) 171 Cal.App.4th 381

*Ross v. RagingWire Telecommunications, Inc.*, (2008) 42 Cal.4th 920

#### *Management Resources:*

##### WEB SITES

California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs: <http://www.adp.ca.gov>

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

U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov>

**NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**

The Board of Trustees is determined to provide a safe, positive environment where all district employees are assured of full and equal employment access and opportunities, protection from harassment and intimidation, and freedom from any fear of reprisal or retribution for asserting their employment rights in accordance with law. For purposes of this policy, employees include job applicants, interns, volunteers, and persons who contracted with the district to provide services, as applicable.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*  
*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*  
*(cf. 3600 - Consultants)*  
*(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)*

No district employee shall be discriminated against or harassed by any coworker, supervisor, manager, or other person with whom the employee comes in contact in the course of employment, on the basis of the employee's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, age, religious creed, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

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

The district shall not inquire into any employee's immigration status nor discriminate against an employee on the basis of immigration status, unless there is clear and convincing evidence that it is necessary to comply with federal immigration law. (2 CCR 11028)

Discrimination in employment based on the characteristics listed above is prohibited in all areas of employment and in all employment-related practices, including the following:

1. Discrimination in hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment

*(cf. 4151/4251/4351 - Employee Compensation)*  
*(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)*

2. Taking of an adverse employment action, such as termination or the denial of employment, promotion, job assignment, or training
3. Unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is so severe or pervasive as to adversely affect an employee's employment opportunities, or that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment

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4. Actions and practices identified as unlawful or discriminatory pursuant to Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086, such as:
- a. Sex discrimination based on an employee's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical condition or on an employee's gender, gender expression, or gender identity, including transgender status

*(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)*  
*(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)*

- b. Religious creed discrimination based on an employee's religious belief or observance, including religious dress or grooming practices, or based on the district's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement

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

- c. Requirement for a medical or psychological examination of a job applicant, or an inquiry into whether a job applicant has a mental or physical disability or a medical condition or as to the severity of any such disability or condition, without the showing of a job-related need or business necessity

*(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)*

- d. Failure to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an employee, or to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with an employee who has requested such accommodations in order to determine the effective reasonable accommodations, if any, to be provided to the employee

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee who opposes any discriminatory employment practice by the district or its employees, agents, or representatives or who complains, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint process pursuant to this policy. No employee who requests an accommodation for any protected characteristic listed in this policy shall be subjected to any punishment or sanction, regardless of whether the request was granted. (Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11028)

No employee shall, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, be required to sign any document that releases the employee's right to file a claim against the district or to disclose information about harassment or other unlawful employment practices. (Government Code 12964.5)

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Complaints concerning employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation shall immediately be investigated in accordance with procedures specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment, including harassment of an employee by a nonemployee, shall report the incident to the Superintendent or designated district coordinator as soon as practical after the incident. All other employees are encouraged to report such incidents to their supervisor immediately. The district shall protect any employee who reports such incidents from retaliation.

The Superintendent or designee shall use all appropriate means to reinforce the district's nondiscrimination policy, including providing training and information to employees about how to recognize harassment, discrimination, or other related conduct, how to respond appropriately, and components of the district's policies and regulations regarding discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the district's employment practices and, as necessary, shall take action to ensure district compliance with the nondiscrimination laws.

Any district employee who engages in prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to engage or attempt to engage in such behavior in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

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

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

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

CIVIL CODE

51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Unlawful discrimination

11138 Rules and regulations

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:

12940-12952 Unlawful employment practices

12960-12976 Unlawful employment practices; complaints

PENAL CODE

422.56 Definitions, hate crimes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11006-11086 Discrimination in employment, especially:

11013 Recordkeeping

11019 Terms, conditions and privileges of employment

11023 Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction

11024 Sexual harassment training and education

11027-11028 National origin and ancestry discrimination

*Legal Reference: Continued on next page*

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*Legal Reference: Continued*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

621-634 *Age Discrimination in Employment Act*

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 *Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended*

2000e-2000e-17 *Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended*

2000ff-2000ff-11 *Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008*

2000h-2-2000h-6 *Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*

6101-6107 *Age discrimination in federally assisted programs*

12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.6 *Compliance information*

104.7 *Designation of responsible employee for Section 504*

104.8 *Notice*

106.8 *Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures*

106.9 *Dissemination of policy*

110.1-110.39 *Nondiscrimination on the basis of age*

COURT DECISIONS

*Thompson v. North American Stainless LP, (2011) 131 S.Ct. 863*

*Shepard v. Loyola Marymount, (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 837*

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING PUBLICATIONS

*California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment*

*Transgender Rights in the Workplace*

*Workplace Harassment Guide for California Employers*

*Your Rights and Obligations as a Pregnant Employee*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

*Notice of Non-Discrimination, August 2010*

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

*EEOC Compliance Manual*

*Enforcement Guidance: Vicarious Employer Liability for Unlawful Harassment by Supervisors, June 1999*

WEB SITES

*California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>*

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

*U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

## NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

All allegations of discrimination in employment, including those involving an employee, job applicant, intern, volunteer, or other person contracted to provide services to the district shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with procedures specified in this administrative regulation.

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

(cf. [1240](#) - *Volunteer Assistance*)

(cf. [3312](#) - *Contracts*)

(cf. [3600](#) - *Consultants*)

(cf. [4032](#) - *Reasonable Accommodation*)

The district designates the position identified below as its coordinator for nondiscrimination in employment (coordinator) to organize and manage the district's efforts to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The coordinator may be contacted at:

SUPERINTENDENT  
300 B STREET  
BIGGS, CA 95917  
530-868-1281

### Measures to Prevent Discrimination

To prevent unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in district employment, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

1. Display in a prominent and accessible location at every work site where the district has employees, and post electronically in a conspicuous location on computers for employee use, up-to-date California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) posters on the prohibition of workplace discrimination and harassment, the rights of transgender employees, and the rights and obligations of employees who are pregnant, have a related medical condition, or are recovering from childbirth (Government Code [12950](#); 2 CCR [11013](#), [11023](#), [11049](#))

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

(cf. [4161.8/4261.8/4361.8](#) - *Family Care and Medical Leave*)

2. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and regulation, including the complaint procedures and the coordinator's contact information, by: (5 CCR [4960](#); 34 CFR [100.6](#), [106.9](#))
  - a. Including them in each announcement, bulletin, or application form that is used in employee recruitment

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- b. Posting them in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and other prominent locations
- c. Posting them on the district's web site and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available

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

(cf. [1114](#) - *District-Sponsored Social Media*)

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

3. Disseminate the district's nondiscrimination policy and administrative regulation to all employees by one or more of the following methods: (2 CCR [11023](#))
  - a. Printing and providing a copy to all employees, with an acknowledgment form for each employee to sign and return
  - b. Sending a copy via email with an acknowledgment return form
  - c. Posting a copy on the district intranet with a tracking system ensuring all employees have read and acknowledged receipt of the policies
  - d. Discussing the policy and regulation with employees upon hire and/or during a new hire orientation session
  - e. Any other way that ensures employees receive and understand the policy

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

4. Provide to employees a handbook which contains information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to employees who believe they have been the victim of any discriminatory or harassing behavior
5. Provide training regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy, including what constitutes unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and how and to whom a report of an incident should be made

The district may also provide bystander intervention training to employees which includes information and practical guidance on how to recognize potentially problematic behaviors and which may motivate them to take action when they observe such behaviors. The training and education may include exercises to provide employees with the skills and confidence to intervene as appropriate and to provide them with resources they can call upon that support their intervention. (Government Code 12950.2)

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

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

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

6. Periodically review the district's recruitment, hiring, and promotion processes and regularly monitor the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment to ensure district compliance with law
7. For any district facility where 10 percent of employees have a language other than English as their spoken language, translate the policy into every language spoken by at least 10 percent of the workforce (2 CCR [11023](#))

**Complaint Procedure**

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures if the alleged conduct meets the definition of sexual harassment pursuant to 34 CFR 106.30.

Any other complaint alleging unlawful discrimination or harassment shall be addressed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Notice and Receipt of Complaint:** A complainant may inform a direct supervisor, another supervisor, the coordinator, the Superintendent or, if available, a complaint hotline or an ombudsman. The complainant's direct supervisor may be bypassed in filing a complaint when the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

The complainant may first attempt to resolve the situation informally with the complainant's supervisor before filing a written complaint.

A supervisor or manager who has received information about an incident of discrimination or harassment, or has observed such an incident, shall report it to the coordinator, whether or not the complainant files a written complaint.

The written complaint should contain the complainant's name, the name of the individual who allegedly committed the act, a description of the incident, the date and location where the incident occurred, any witnesses who may have relevant information, any available evidence of the discrimination or harassment, and any other pertinent information which may assist in investigating and resolving the complaint.

2. **Investigation Process:** The coordinator shall initiate an impartial investigation of an allegation of discrimination or harassment within five business days of receiving notice of the alleged discriminatory or harassing behavior, regardless of whether a written complaint has been filed or whether the written complaint is complete.

The coordinator shall meet with the complainant to describe the district's complaint procedure and discuss the actions being sought by the complainant in response to the allegation. The coordinator shall inform the complainant that the investigation of the

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allegations will be fair, timely, and thorough and will be conducted in a manner that provides all parties due process and reaches reasonable conclusions based on the evidence collected. The coordinator shall also inform the parties that the investigation will be kept confidential to the extent possible, but that some information may be disclosed as necessary to conduct an effective investigation.

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

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

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

If the coordinator determines that a detailed fact-finding investigation is necessary, the investigation shall begin immediately. As part of this investigation, the coordinator should interview the complainant, the person accused, and other persons who could be expected to have relevant information.

The coordinator shall track and document the progress of the investigation to ensure reasonable progress and shall inform the parties as necessary.

When necessary to carry out the investigation or to protect employee safety, the coordinator may discuss the complaint with the Superintendent or designee, district legal counsel, or the district's risk manager.

The coordinator shall also determine whether interim measures, such as scheduling changes, transfers, or leaves, need to be taken before the investigation is completed in order to prevent further incidents. The coordinator shall ensure that such interim measures do not constitute retaliation.

3. **Written Report on Findings and Remedial/Corrective Action:** No more than 20 business days after receiving the complaint, the coordinator shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of the findings. This timeline may be extended for good cause. If an extension is needed, the coordinator shall notify the parties and explain the reasons for the extension.

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. If a determination has been made that discrimination or harassment occurred, the report shall also include any corrective action(s) that have been or will be taken to address the behavior, provide appropriate options for remedial actions and resolutions for the complainant, and ensure that retaliation or further discrimination or harassment is prevented. The report shall be presented to the Superintendent or designee.

A summary of the findings shall be presented to the complainant and the person accused.

4. **Appeal to the Governing Board:** The complainant or the person accused may appeal any findings to the Board within 10 business days of receiving the written report of the coordinator's findings. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with all information presented during the investigation. Upon receiving an appeal, the

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Board shall schedule a hearing as soon as practicable. Any complaint against a district employee shall be addressed in closed session in accordance with law. The Board shall render its decision within 10 business days.

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

(cf. [9321](#) - *Closed Session*)

**Other Remedies**

In addition to filing a discrimination or harassment complaint with the district, a person may file a complaint with either DFEH or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The time limits for filing such complaints are as follows:

1. For filing a complaint with DFEH alleging a violation of Government Code [12940-12952](#), within three years of the alleged discriminatory act(s), unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code [12960](#) (Government Code [12960](#))
2. For filing a complaint with EEOC, within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) (42 USC [2000e-5](#))
3. For filing a complaint with EEOC after first filing a complaint with DFEH, within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by DFEH, whichever is earlier (42 USC [2000e-5](#))

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## COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

### Complaint Procedure

Any complaint by an employee or job applicant alleging discrimination or harassment shall be addressed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Notice and Receipt of Complaint:** Any employee or job applicant (the "complainant") who believes he/she has been subjected to prohibited discrimination or harassment shall promptly inform his/her supervisor, the district's Coordinator for Nondiscrimination in Employment, or the Superintendent.

The complainant may file a written complaint in accordance with this procedure, or if he/she is an employee, may first attempt to resolve the situation informally with his/her supervisor.

A supervisor or manager who has received information about an incident of discrimination or harassment, or has observed such an incident, shall report it to the Coordinator, whether or not the complainant files a written complaint.

The written complaint should contain the complainant's name, the name of the individual who allegedly committed the act, a description of the incident, the date and location where the incident occurred, any witnesses who may have relevant information, other evidence of the discrimination or harassment, and any other pertinent information which may assist in investigating and resolving the complaint.

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

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

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

2. **Investigation Process:** The Coordinator shall initiate an impartial investigation of an allegation of discrimination or harassment within five school days of receiving notice of the behavior, regardless of whether a written complaint has been filed or whether the written complaint is complete.

The Coordinator shall meet with the complainant to describe the district's complaint procedure and discuss the actions being sought by the complainant in response to the allegation. The Coordinator shall inform the complainant that the allegations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, but that some information may be revealed as necessary to conduct an effective investigation.

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

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

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

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If the Coordinator determines that a detailed fact-finding investigation is necessary, he/she shall begin the investigation immediately. As part of this investigation, the Coordinator should interview the complainant, the person accused, and other persons who could be expected to have relevant information.

When necessary to carry out his/her investigation or to protect employee or student safety, the Coordinator may discuss the complaint with the Superintendent or designee, district legal counsel, or the district's risk manager.

The Coordinator also shall determine whether interim measures, such as scheduling changes, transfers, or leaves, need to be taken before the investigation is completed to ensure that further incidents do not occur. The Coordinator shall ensure that such interim measures do not constitute retaliation.

- 3. Written Report on Findings and Corrective Action:** No more than 30 days after receiving the complaint, the Coordinator shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of his/her findings. This timeline may be extended for good cause. If an extension is needed, the Coordinator shall notify the complainant and explain the reasons for the extension.

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. If a determination has been made that discrimination or harassment occurred, the report also shall include any corrective action(s) that have been or will be taken to address the behavior, correct the effect on the complainant, and ensure that retaliation or further discrimination or harassment does not occur.

The report shall be presented to the complainant, the person accused, and the Superintendent or designee.

- 4. Appeal to the Board of Trustees:** The complainant or the person accused may appeal any findings to the Board within 10 working days of receiving the written report of the Coordinator's findings. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with all information presented during the investigation. Upon receiving an appeal, the Board shall schedule a hearing as soon as practicable. Any complaint against a district employee shall be addressed in closed session in accordance with law. The Board shall render its decision within 10 working days.

*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*

*(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)*

**COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT** (continued)**Other Remedies**

In addition to filing a discrimination or harassment complaint with the district, a person may also file a complaint with either the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The time limits for filing such complaints are as follows:

1. To file a valid complaint with DFEH, within one year of the alleged discriminatory act(s), unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code 12960 (Government Code 12960)
2. To file a valid complaint directly with EEOC, within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) (42 USC 2000e-5)
3. To file a valid complaint with EEOC after first filing a complaint with DFEH, within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by DFEH, whichever is earlier (42 USC 2000e-5)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*GOVERNMENT CODE12920-12921 *Nondiscrimination*12940-12948 *Discrimination prohibited; unlawful practices, generally*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 201681-1688 *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29621-634 *Age Discrimination in Employment Act*794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 422001d-2001d-7 *Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964*2001e-2001e-17 *Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended*2000ff-2000ff-11 *Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008*2001h-2-2001h-6 *Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2835.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34106.8 *Designation of responsible employee for Title IX**Management Resources: (see next page)*

**COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT** (continued)

*Management Resources:*

*EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS*

*Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, October 2002*

*Enforcement Guidance: Vicarious Employer Liability for Unlawful Harassment by Supervisors, June 1999*

*WEB SITES*

*California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>*

*U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>*

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION**

Except when undue hardship would result to the district, the Superintendent or designee shall provide reasonable accommodation:

1. In the job application process, to any qualified job applicant with a disability
2. To enable any qualified employee with a disability to perform the essential functions of the position he/she holds or desires to hold or to enjoy equal benefits or other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment as other similarly situated employees without disabilities

No employee or job applicant who requests an accommodation for his/her physical or mental disability shall be subjected to discrimination or to any punishment or sanction, regardless of whether the request for accommodation was granted. (Government Code 12940)

The district designates the position specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment as the coordinator of its efforts to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to investigate any and all related complaints.

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)*

**Definitions**

*Disability*, with respect to an individual, is defined as any of the following: (Government Code 12926; 20 CFR 1630.2)

1. A physical or mental impairment that limits one or more of the major life activities
2. A record of such an impairment
3. Being regarded as having such an impairment

*Limits* shall be determined without regard to mitigating measures such as medications, assistive devices, prosthetics or reasonable accommodations, unless the mitigating measure itself limits a major life activity. (Government Code 12926)

*Essential functions* are the fundamental job duties of the position the individual with a disability holds or desires. The term does not include the marginal functions of the position. (Government Code 12926; 29 CFR 1630.2)

*Reasonable accommodation* means: (Government Code 12926; 29 CFR 1630.2)

1. For a qualified job applicant with a disability, modifications or adjustments to the job application process that enable him/her to be considered for the position he/she desires

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION** (continued)

2. For a qualified employee with a disability, modifications or adjustments to the work environment, or to the manner or circumstances under which the position the employee holds or desires is customarily performed, that enable him/her to perform the essential functions of that position or to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment as are enjoyed by the district's other similarly situated employees without disabilities

*Qualified individual with a disability* means a job applicant or employee with a disability who: (29 CFR 1630.15, 1630.2)

1. Satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education, and other job-related requirements of the employment position he/she holds or desires
2. Can perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodation
3. Would not pose a significant risk of substantial harm, which cannot be eliminated or reduced by reasonable accommodation, to himself/herself or others in the job he/she holds or desires

*Undue hardship* is a determination based on an individualized assessment of current circumstances that shows that the provision of a specific accommodation would cause significant difficulty or expense to the district. (29 CFR 1630.2)

**Request for Reasonable Accommodation**

When requesting reasonable accommodation, an employee or his/her representative shall inform the employee's supervisor that he/she needs a change at work for a reason related to a medical condition. The supervisor shall inform the coordinator of the employee's request as soon as practicable.

When requesting reasonable accommodation for the hiring process, a job applicant shall inform the coordinator that he/she will need a reasonable accommodation during the process.

When the disability or the need for accommodation is not obvious, the coordinator may ask the employee to supply reasonable documentation about his/her disability. In requesting this documentation, the coordinator shall specify the types of information that are being sought about the employee's condition, the employee's functional limitations, and the need for reasonable accommodation. The employee may be asked to sign a limited release allowing the coordinator to submit a list of specific questions to his/her health care or vocational professional.

## **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION** (continued)

If the documentation submitted by the employee does not indicate the existence of a qualifying disability or explain the need for reasonable accommodation, the coordinator shall request additional documentation that specifies the missing information. If the employee does not submit such additional documentation in a timely manner, the coordinator may require him/her to submit to an examination by a health care professional selected and paid for by the district.

The district may make a medical or psychological inquiry of a job applicant or require him/her to submit to a medical or psychological examination after he/she has been given a conditional offer of employment but before the commencement of his/her job duties, provided the inquiry or examination is job-related, consistent with business necessity, and required for all incoming employees in the same job classification. (Government Code 12940)

The coordinator shall not request any job applicant's or employee's genetic information except as authorized by law. (42 USC 2000ff-1, 2000ff-5)

*(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)*

In accordance with law, the coordinator shall take steps to ensure the confidentiality of information related to medical conditions or history. As applicable, he/she shall notify the supervisor or manager of the qualified individual of any reasonable accommodation granted the individual and may notify first aid and safety personnel when the disability of the qualified individual may require emergency treatment. (42 USC 12112)

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

### **Granting Reasonable Accommodation**

Upon receiving a request for reasonable accommodation from a qualified individual with a disability, the coordinator shall:

1. Determine the essential functions of the job involved
2. Engage in an informal, interactive process with the individual to review the request for accommodation, identify the precise limitations resulting from the disability, identify potential accommodations, and assess their effectiveness
3. Develop a plan for reasonable accommodation which will enable the individual to perform the essential functions of the job or gain equal access to a benefit or privilege of employment without imposing undue hardship on the district

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION** (continued)

A determination of undue hardship should be based on several factors, including: (29 CFR 1630.2)

- a. The nature and net cost of the accommodation needed, taking into consideration the availability of tax credits and deductions and/or outside funding
- b. The overall financial resources of the facility making the accommodation, the number of persons employed at this facility, and the effect on expenses and resources of the facility
- c. The overall financial resources, number of employees, and the number, type, and location of facilities of the district
- d. The type of operation of the district, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce and the geographic separateness and administrative or fiscal relationship of the facility making the accommodation to other district facilities
- e. The impact of the accommodation on the operation of the facility, including the impact on the ability of other employees to perform their duties and the impact on the facility's ability to conduct business

The coordinator may confer with the site administrator, any medical advisor chosen by the district, and/or other district staff before making a final decision as to the accommodation.

**Reasonable Accommodation Committee**

The coordinator may appoint a committee to review or assist in the development of appropriate plans to reasonably accommodate qualified individuals who request modifications or adjustments in their work duties or environment because of known physical or mental disabilities.

Committee members shall be selected on the basis of their knowledge of the specific functions and duties required in the position, the physical work environment, available accommodations, and other relevant issues. The committee may include a district administrator, site administrator, medical advisor or rehabilitation specialist, and as necessary, a certificated and/or classified employee. Membership may change on a case-by-case basis.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION** (continued)

At the coordinator's discretion, the employee or applicant requesting accommodation may participate in the committee's meetings. If the employee or applicant is excluded from the committee's meetings, the coordinator shall communicate with him/her so that he/she has the opportunity to interact and contribute to planning the reasonable accommodation.

**Appeal Process**

Any qualified individual with a disability who is not satisfied with the decision of the coordinator may appeal in writing to the Superintendent or designee. This appeal shall be made within 10 working days of receiving the decision and shall include:

1. A clear, concise statement of the reasons for the appeal
2. A statement of the specific remedy sought

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the coordinator and review the appeal, together with any available supporting documents. The Superintendent or designee shall give the individual his/her decision within 15 working days of receiving the appeal.

Any further appeal for reasonable accommodation shall be considered a complaint concerning discrimination in employment and may be taken to the Board of Trustees in accordance with the district's procedure for such complaints.

*Legal Reference:*CIVIL CODE51 *Unruh Civil Rights Act*GOVERNMENT CODE12900-12996 *Fair Employment and Housing Act*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29701-794e *Vocational Rehabilitation Act*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 422000ff-1-2000ff-11 *Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008*12101-12213 *Americans with Disabilities Act*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2835.101-35.190 *Americans with Disabilities Act, especially:*35.107 *Designation of employee*36.101-36.608 *Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability by public facilities*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 291630.2 *Definitions*COURT DECISIONS*A.M. v. Albertsons, LLC*, (2009) Cal.App.4th 455*Colmenares v. Braemar Country Club, Inc.*, (2003) 29 Cal.4th 1019*Chevron USA v. Echazabal*, (2002) 536 U.S. 73, 122 S.Ct. 2045*US Airways, Inc. v. Barnett*, (2002) 535 U.S. 391, 122 S.Ct. 1516

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**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION** (continued)

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

## LACTATION ACCOMMODATION

The Board of Trustees recognizes the immediate and long-term health benefits of breastfeeding and desires to provide a supportive environment for any district employee to express milk for an infant child upon returning to work following the birth of the child. The Board prohibits discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation against any district employee for seeking an accommodation to express breast milk for an infant child while at work.

*(cf. [4030](#) - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

An employee shall notify the employee's supervisor or other appropriate personnel in advance of the intent to request an accommodation. The supervisor shall respond to the request and shall work with the employee to make arrangements. If needed, the supervisor shall address scheduling in order to ensure that the employee's essential job duties are covered during the break time.

Lactation accommodations shall be granted unless limited circumstances exist as specified in law. (Labor Code [1031](#), [1032](#); 29 USC [207](#))

Before a determination is made to deny lactation accommodations to an employee, the employee's supervisor shall consult with the Superintendent or designee. When lactation accommodations are denied, the Superintendent or designee shall document the options that were considered and the reasons for denying the accommodations.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a written response to any employee who was denied the accommodation(s). (Labor Code 1034)

The district shall include this policy in its employee handbook or in any set of policies that the district makes available to employees. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall distribute the policy to new employees upon hire and when an employee makes an inquiry about or requests parental leave. (Labor Code 1034)

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

### **Break Time and Location Requirements**

The district shall provide a reasonable amount of break time to accommodate an employee each time the employee has a need to express breast milk for an infant child. (Labor Code [1030](#))

To the extent possible, any break time granted for lactation accommodation shall run concurrently with the break time already provided to the employee. Any additional break time used by a non-exempt employee for this purpose shall be unpaid. (Labor Code [1030](#); 29 USC [207](#))

**LACTATION ACCOMMODATION (continued)**

The employee shall be provided the use of a private room or location, other than a bathroom, which may be the employee's work area or another location that is in close proximity to the employee's work area. The room or location provided shall meet the following requirements: (Labor Code [1031](#); 29 USC [207](#))

1. Is shielded from view and free from intrusion while the employee is expressing milk
2. Is safe, clean, and free of hazardous materials, as defined in Labor Code [6382](#)
3. Contains a place to sit and a surface to place a breast pump and personal items
4. Has access to electricity or alternative devices, including, but not limited to, extension cords or charging stations, needed to operate an electric or battery-powered breast pump
5. Has access to a sink with running water and a refrigerator or, if a refrigerator cannot be provided, another cooling device suitable for storing milk in close proximity to the employee's workspace

If a multipurpose room is used for lactation, among other uses, the use of the room for lactation shall take precedence over other uses for the time it is in use for lactation purposes. (Labor Code [1031](#))

**Dispute Resolution**

An employee may file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner at the California Department of Industrial Relations for any alleged violation of Labor Code [1030](#)-1034. (Labor Code 1034)

(cf. [4144/4244/4344](#) - Complaints)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

[200-262.4](#) Educational equity; prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

CIVIL CODE

[43.3](#) Right of mothers to breastfeed in any public or private location

GOVERNMENT CODE

[12926](#) Definition of sex; breastfeeding

[12940](#) Unlawful discriminatory employment practices

[12945](#) Unlawful discrimination based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions

LABOR CODE

[1030-1034](#) Lactation accommodation

[6382](#) Procedure for listing hazardous substances

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

[11035-11051](#) Unlawful sex discrimination; pregnancy and related medical conditions

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

[207](#) Fair Labor Standards Act; lactation accommodation

**LACTATION ACCOMMODATION (continued)**

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

*Rest Periods/Lactation Accommodation, Frequently Asked Questions*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

*Lactation Accommodation for Employers*

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

*Lactation Support Program Toolkit*

FEDERAL REGISTER

*Reasonable Break Time for Nursing Mothers, December 21, 2010, Vol. 75, No. 244, pages 80073-80079*

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

*The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding, 2011*

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATIONS

*The Business Case for Breastfeeding: Steps for Creating a Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite, Toolkit, 2008*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, PUBLICATIONS

*Frequently Asked Questions- Break Time for Nursing Mothers*

*Fact Sheet #73: Break Time for Nursing Mothers under the FLSA, rev. April 2018*

WEB SITES

*California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Standards*

*Enforcement: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse> California Department of Public*

*Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>*

*California Women, Infants and Children Program: <http://www.wicworks.ca.gov>*

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

*Health Resources and Services Administration: <http://www.hrsa.gov>*

*Office of the Surgeon General: <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>*

*U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Break Time for Nursing*

*Mothers: <http://www.dol.gov/whd/nursingmothers>*

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## EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Trustees recognizes that technological resources enhance employee performance by offering effective tools to assist in providing a quality instructional program; facilitating communications with parents/guardians, students, and the community; supporting district and school operations; and improving access to and exchange of information. The Board expects all employees to learn to use the available technological resources that will assist them in the performance of their job responsibilities. As needed, employees shall receive professional development in the appropriate use of these resources.

(cf. [0440](#) - District Technology Plan)  
(cf. [1100](#) - Communication with the Public)  
(cf. [1113](#) - District and School Web Sites)  
(cf. [1114](#) - District-Sponsored Social Media)  
(cf. [4032](#) - Reasonable Accommodation)  
(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)  
(cf. [4231](#) - Staff Development)  
(cf. [4331](#) - Staff Development)

Employees shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use district technology primarily for purposes related to their employment.

(cf. [0410](#) - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)  
(cf. [4119.11/4219.11/4319.11](#) - Sexual Harassment)  
(cf. [4119.21/4219.21/4319.21](#) - Professional Standards)  
(cf. [4119.23/4219.23/4319.23](#) - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)  
(cf. [4119.25/4219.25/4319.25](#) - Political Activities of Employees)  
(cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)  
(cf. [5125.1](#) - Release of Directory Information)  
(cf. [6162.6](#) - Use of Copyrighted Materials)  
(cf. [6163.4](#) - Student Use of Technology)

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the district's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an Acceptable Use Agreement which outlines employee obligations and responsibilities related to the use of district technology. Upon employment and whenever significant changes are made to the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, employees shall be required to acknowledge in writing that they have read and agreed to the Acceptable Use Agreement.

Employees shall not use district technology to access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, sexually explicit, or

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unethical or that promotes any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.

Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest and is matter which depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct and which lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (Penal Code [313](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. The Superintendent or designee may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose. (20 USC [6777](#); 47 USC 254)

It is recommended that districts notify employees that they should have no expectation of privacy when using district equipment or technological resources. In *City of Ontario v. Quon*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a search of an employee's pager messages was reasonable because the search was motivated by a legitimate work-related purpose and was not excessive in scope. In addition, the city had adopted a policy stating that employees should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality when using city equipment.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify employees in writing that they have no reasonable expectation of privacy in the use of any equipment or other technological resources provided by or maintained by the district, including, but not limited to, computer files, email, text messages, instant messaging, and other electronic communications, even when provided their own password. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technology at any time without advance notice or consent and for any reason allowed by law.

In addition, employees shall be notified that records maintained on any personal device or messages sent or received on a personal device that is being used to conduct district business may be subject to disclosure, pursuant to a subpoena or other lawful request. Employees shall report any security problem or misuse of district technology to the Superintendent or designee.

Inappropriate use of district technology may result in a cancellation of the employee's user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

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

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

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## **EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

[52295.10-52295.55](#) *Implementation of Enhancing Education Through Technology grant program*

GOVERNMENT CODE

[3543.1](#) *Rights of employee organizations*

PENAL CODE

[502](#) *Computer crimes, remedies*

[632](#) *Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications*

VEHICLE CODE

[23123](#) *Wireless telephones in vehicles*

[23123.5](#) *Mobile communication devices; text messaging while driving*

[23125](#) *Wireless telephones in school buses*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[6751-6777](#) *Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:*

[6777](#) *Internet safety*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47

[254](#) *Universal service discounts (E-rate)*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47

[54.520](#) *Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts*

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*City of Ontario v. Quon et al. (2010) 000 U.S. 08-1332*

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WEB SITES

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

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org>

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

Federal Communications Commission: <http://www.fcc.gov>

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

## EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

### Online/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Employees are authorized to use district equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with Board policy, the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, and the user obligations and responsibilities specified below.

1. The employee in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Employees shall keep account information, home addresses, and telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under the account number to which they have been assigned.
2. Employees shall use the system safely, responsibly, and primarily for work-related purposes.
3. Employees shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)*

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

4. Employees shall not use the system to promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.

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

5. Employees shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities without permission of the Superintendent or designee.
6. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws.

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

7. Employees shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or forge other users' email.
8. Employees shall not develop any classroom or work-related web sites, blogs, forums, or similar online communications representing the district or using district equipment or resources without permission of the Superintendent or designee. Such sites shall be subject to rules and guidelines established for district online publishing activities

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including, but not limited to, copyright laws, privacy rights, and prohibitions against obscene, libelous, and slanderous content. Because of the unfiltered nature of blogs, any such site shall include a disclaimer that the district is not responsible for the content of the messages. The district retains the right to delete material on any such online communications.

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

9. Users shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the Superintendent or designee.

**EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF DISTRICT FROM LIABILITY  
(EMPLOYEES)**

The BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT authorizes district employees to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the district as necessary to fulfill the requirements of their position. The use of district technology is a privilege permitted at the district's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

The district expects all employees to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The district may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that employees may access through the system.

The district makes no guarantee that the functions or services provided by or through the district will be without defect. In addition, the district is not responsible for financial obligations arising from unauthorized use of the system.

Each employee who is authorized to use district technology shall sign this Acceptable Use Agreement as an indication that he/she has read and understands the agreement.

**Definitions**

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the district's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

**Employee Obligations and Responsibilities**

Employees are expected to use district technology safely, responsibly, and primarily for work-related purposes. Any incidental personal use of district technology shall not interfere with district business and operations, the work and productivity of any district employee, or the safety and security of district technology. The district is not responsible for any loss or damage incurred by an employee as a result of his/her personal use of district technology.

The employee in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Employees shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned. Employees shall not gain unauthorized access to the files or equipment of others, access electronic resources by

## **EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY** continued

using another person's name or electronic identification, or send anonymous electronic communications. Furthermore, employees shall not attempt to access any data, documents, emails, or programs in the district's system for which they do not have authorization.

Employees are prohibited from using district technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of district technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, harassing, intimidating, threatening, or disruptive
2. Disclose or in any way cause to be disclosed confidential or sensitive district, employee, or student information without prior authorization from a supervisor
3. Engage in personal commercial or other for-profit activities without permission of the Superintendent or designee
4. Engage in unlawful use of district technology for political lobbying
5. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights
6. Intentionally disrupt or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission, changing settings on shared computers)
7. Install unauthorized software
8. Engage in or promote unethical practices or violate any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice

### **Privacy**

Since the use of district technology is intended for use in conducting district business, no employee should have any expectation of privacy in any use of district technology.

The district reserves the right to monitor and record all use of district technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, communications sent or received from district technology, or other uses within the jurisdiction of the district. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Employees should be aware that, in most instances, their use of district technology (such as web searches or emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

**EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY** continued

All passwords created for or used on any district technology are the sole property of the district. The creation or use of a password by an employee on district technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

**Personally Owned Devices**

If an employee uses a personally owned device to access district technology or conduct district business, he/she shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

**Records**

Any electronically stored information generated or received by an employee which constitutes a district or student record shall be classified, retained, and destroyed in accordance with BP/AR 3580 - District Records, BP/AR 5125 - Student Records, or other applicable policies and regulations addressing the retention of district or student records.

**Reporting**

If an employee becomes aware of any security problem (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of district technology, he/she shall immediately report such information to the Superintendent or designee.

**Consequences for Violation**

Violations of the law, Board policy, or this Acceptable Use Agreement may result in revocation of an employee's access to district technology and/or discipline, up to and including termination. In addition, violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

**Employee Acknowledgment**

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement, BP 4040 - Employee Use of Technology, and other applicable laws and district policies and regulations governing the use of district technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using district technology or when my personal electronic devices use district technology. I further understand that any violation may result in revocation of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

I hereby release the district and its personnel from any and all claims and damages arising from my use of district technology or from the failure of any technology protection measures employed by the district.

**EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY** continued

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

School/Work Site: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**AMENITIES**

**Admission to Athletic Contests**

It is the Board of Trustee's intent to encourage participation by school employees at athletic contests.

With the exception of tournaments sponsored through admission and/or post-league California Interscholastic play-off events, all district employees shall be admitted free along with one guest to athletic events. In addition, community members who work for one-half of the competition either by assisting with the game (e.g., operating a scoreboard) or by operating a concession shall receive free admittance. This policy extends to any contest occurring within the district boundaries and subject to control by Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that teachers and other certificated personnel work closely with students in carrying out the district's educational goals. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the duties, responsibilities, and district's expectations for certificated positions are clearly defined and made known to each member of the certificated staff.

Each certificated staff member shall be held accountable for duties assigned to him/her and shall undergo regular performance evaluations in accordance with law and negotiated agreements.

*(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)*  
*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*

The Board strongly encourages certificated staff to continually improve their skills and pursue excellence within their profession.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

Policies, rules and regulations related to certificated personnel shall be available to all concerned and shall be administered in a fair and equitable manner.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

90 *Definition, certificated and certified*

44006 *Certificated person*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 *Scope of representation*

## All Personnel

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## RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

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The Board of Trustees is committed to employing suitable, qualified individuals to effectively carry out the district's vision, mission, and goals.

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

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

*(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)*

*(cf. 4100 - Certificated Personnel)*

*(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)*

*(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop equitable, fair, and transparent recruitment and selection processes and procedures that ensure individuals are selected based on demonstrated knowledge, skills, and competence and not on any bias, personal preference, or unlawful discrimination.

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

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

*(cf. 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2 - Legal Status Requirement)*

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent or designee shall review the job description for the position to ensure that it accurately describes the major functions and duties of the position. He/she shall also disseminate job announcements to ensure a wide range of candidates.

The district's selection procedures shall include screening processes, interviews, recommendations from previous employers, and observations when appropriate, as necessary to identify the best possible candidate for a position.

*(cf. 4112.61/4212.61/4312.61 - Employment References)*

The Superintendent or designee may establish an interview committee to rank candidates and recommend finalists. During job interviews, applicants may be asked to describe or demonstrate how they will be able to perform the duties of the job. All discussions and recommendations shall be confidential in accordance with law.

*(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)*

No inquiry shall be made with regard to any information prohibited by state or federal nondiscrimination laws.

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire, orally or in writing, in regard to an applicant's salary history information, including compensation and benefits. He/she shall also not rely on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment to an applicant or the salary to offer. However, the Superintendent or designee may consider

## **RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION** (continued)

salary information that is disclosable under state or federal law or that the applicant discloses voluntarily and without prompting. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the applicant the pay scale for the position to which he/she is applying. (Labor Code 432.3)

For each position, the Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board one candidate who meets all qualifications established by law and the Board for the position. No person shall be employed by the Board without the recommendation or endorsement of the Superintendent or designee.

*(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*  
*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*  
*(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Learners)*  
*(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)*  
*(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)*  
*(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*  
*(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)*

### **Incentives**

With Board approval and in accordance with district needs, the district may provide incentives to recruit teachers, administrators, or other employees, such as signing bonuses, assistance with beginning teacher induction and/or credential costs, mentoring, additional compensation, and/or subsidized housing.

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination  
35035 Responsibilities of superintendent  
44066 Limitations on certification requirement  
44259 Teaching credential; exception; designated subjects; minimum requirements  
44750 Teacher recruitment resource center  
44830-44831 Employment of certificated persons  
44858 Age or marital status in certificated positions  
44859 Prohibition against certain rules and regulations re: residency  
45103-45139 Employment (classified employees)  
49406 Examination for tuberculosis

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

815.2 Liability of public entities and public employees  
6250-6276.48 Public Records Act  
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, including:  
12940-12957 Discrimination prohibited; unlawful practices

##### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

53570-53574 Teacher Housing Act of 2016

##### LABOR CODE

432.3 Salary information

*Legal Reference: continued on next page*

**RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION (continued)**

*Legal Reference: continued*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 5

552 Freedom of Information Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8

1324a Unlawful employment of aliens

1324b Unfair immigration related employment practices

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Title IX prohibition against discrimination

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

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.51-106.61 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in employment in education program or activities

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

Education Job Opportunities Information Network: <http://www.edjoin.org>

Teach USA: <http://culturalvistas.org/programs/us/teach-usa>

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**All Personnel**

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**LEGAL STATUS REQUIREMENT**

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The Board of Trustees shall ensure that the district employs only those individuals who are lawfully authorized to work in the United States.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by completing the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, for each individual hired and ensure that the district does not knowingly hire or continue to employ any person not authorized to work in the United States. (8 USC 1324a)

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district employment practices do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of citizenship status or national origin, including, but not limited to, discrimination against any refugees, grantees of asylum, or persons qualified for permanent or temporary residency.

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

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

*(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)*

*(cf. 4211 - Recruitment and Selection)*

*(cf. 4311 - Recruitment and Selection)*

*Legal Reference:*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8

*1324a Unlawful employment of aliens*

*1324b Unfair immigrant-related employment practices*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

*274a.1-274a.14 Control of Employment of Aliens*

*Management Resources:*

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

*Handbook for Employers: Instructions for Completing Form I-9, April 2009*

WEB SITES

*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: <http://www.uscis.gov>*

**APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

Upon recommendation from the Superintendent or designee, the Board of Trustees shall approve the appointment of all certificated personnel. The position and the salary classification shall be reported to the Board at a regular meeting.

*(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)*

*(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)*

Individuals appointed to the certificated staff shall:

1. Possess the appropriate certification qualifications and register the certification document in accordance with law and Board policy (Education Code 44250-44279, 44330)

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

*(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)*

2. Demonstrate proficiency in basic skills as required by law and Board policy (Education Code 44252.5, 44830)
3. Submit to fingerprinting as required by law (Education Code 44830.1)
4. Not have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5 or 1192.7, unless the individual has received a certificate of rehabilitation and pardon (Education Code 44830.1)

*(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)*

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

5. Not have been convicted of any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010 (Education Code 44836)
6. Not have been required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 because of a conviction for a crime where the victim was a minor under the age of 16 (Penal Code 290.95)

*(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)*

7. Not have been determined to be a sexual psychopath pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 6300-6332 (Education Code 44837)
8. Not have been convicted of any controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011 (Education Code 44836)

**APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT** (continued)

9. Submit to a physical examination, tuberculosis testing and/or provide a medical certificate as required by law and Board policy (Education Code 44839, 49406)

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

10. Furnish a statement of military service and, if any was rendered, a copy of the discharge or release from service or, if no such document is available, other suitable evidence of the termination of service (Education Code 44838)

11. File the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by Government Code 3100-3109

*(cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)*

12. Fulfill any other requirements as specified by law, collective bargaining agreement, Board policy or administrative regulation

*(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

- 35161 Powers and duties
- 44008 Effect of termination of probation
- 44009 Conviction of specified crimes; definitions
- 44010 Sex offense
- 44011 Controlled substance offense
- 44066 Limitation on certification requirements
- 44250-44277 Credential types
- 44330 Effect of registration of certification document
- 44830.1 Felons; certificated positions; criminal record summary; fingerprints
- 44836 Employment of person convicted of sex offenses or controlled substance offenses
- 44837 Employment of sexual sociopath
- 44838 Statement of military service
- 44839 Medical certificate
- 44839.5 Medical certificate for retirant
- 49406 Examination for tuberculosis

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3100-3109 Oaths or affirmations of allegiance for disaster service workers and public employees
- 12940-12950 Unlawful employment practices

PENAL CODE

- 290 Registration of sex offenders
- 290.95 Disclosure by persons required to register as sex offenders
- 667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms
- 1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

- 6300-6332 Sexual psychopaths

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 6100-6125 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 6319 Highly qualified teachers
  - 7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher
- CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
- 200.55-200.57 Highly qualified teachers

**CONTRACTS**

When initially employed, certificated employees shall receive a written statement of their employment status and salary. In the case of temporary employees, this statement shall clearly indicate the temporary nature of the employment and the length of time for which the person is being employed. (Education Code 44916)

*(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)*

**Reemployment Notices**

By May 30 of each year, the clerk or secretary of the Board may give, or mail by certified mail with return receipt requested, written notices to probationary and permanent certificated employees requesting that they notify the district of their intent to remain in district service for the next school year. This notice shall include a copy of Education Code 44842. If an employee, without good cause, fails to notify the district before July 1 that he/she will remain in district service, the employee may be deemed to have declined reemployment and the employee's services may be terminated on June 30 of that year. (Education Code 44842)

*(cf. 4113 - Assignment)*

*(cf. 4117.2/4217.2/4317.2 - Resignation)*

*(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)*

*(cf. 9122 - Secretary)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

44832 Teachers; notice of intent to return

44842 Failure to provide notice or to report to work

44843 Notice of employment (to county superintendent)

44916 Time of classification; statement of employment status

44929.20 Continuing contract-districts w/less than 250 ADA

44955 Reduction in number of employees

**CERTIFICATION**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the district's ability to provide a high-quality educational program is dependent upon the employment of certificated staff who are adequately prepared and have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills and in the subject matter to be taught. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that persons employed to fill positions requiring certification qualifications possess the appropriate credential, permit, or other certification document from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and fulfill any additional state, federal, or district requirements for the position.

(cf. [4111/4211/4311](#) - *Recruitment and Selection*)  
(cf. [4112.21](#) - *Interns*)  
(cf. [4112.22](#) - *Staff Teaching English Learners*)  
(cf. [4112.23](#) - *Special Education Staff*)  
(cf. [4112.5/4212.5/4312.5](#) - *Criminal Record Check*)  
(cf. [4113](#) - *Assignment*)  
(cf. [4121](#) - *Temporary/Substitute Personnel*)  
(cf. [5148](#) - *Child Care and Development*)  
(cf. [6178](#) - *Career Technical Education*)  
(cf. [6200](#) - *Adult Education*)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide assistance and support to teachers holding preliminary credentials to enable them to meet the qualifications required for the clear credential.

(cf. [4131](#) - *Staff Development*)  
(cf. [4131.1](#) - *Teacher Support and Guidance*)

**Priorities for Hiring Based on Unavailability of Credentialed Teacher**

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher who is authorized in the subject or setting for each assignment or, when necessary, a fully prepared teacher serving on a local assignment option. Whenever a teacher with a clear or preliminary credential is not available, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an individual for the assignment in the following order: (Education Code [44225.7](#))

1. A candidate who enrolls in an approved intern program in the region of the district and possesses an intern credential
2. A candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months and who is granted a provisional internship permit (PIP) or short-term staff permit issued by the CTC

The Board shall approve, as an action item at an open Board meeting, a notice of its intent to employ a PIP applicant for a specific position. (5 CCR [80021.1](#))

3. An individual who has been granted a credential waiver by the CTC

**CERTIFICATION** (continued)

Prior to requesting that the CTC issue an emergency permit or a limited assignment permit, the Board shall annually approve a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. The Declaration of Need shall be approved by the Board as an action item at a regularly scheduled open Board meeting, with the entire Declaration of Need being included in the Board agenda. (Education Code [44225](#), [44225.7](#); 5 CCR [80023.2](#), [80026](#), [80027](#), [80027.1](#))

The Declaration of Need shall certify that there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the district's specified employment criteria for the position(s) and that the district has made reasonable efforts to recruit individuals who meet the qualifications specified in items #1-2 above. The Declaration of Need shall also indicate the number and type of emergency permits that the district estimates it will need during the valid period of the Declaration of Need, based on the previous year's actual needs and projections of enrollment. Whenever the actual number of permits needed exceeds the estimate by 10 percent, the Board shall revise and resubmit the Declaration of Need. (5 CCR [80026](#))

Whenever it is necessary to employ noncredentialed teachers to fill a position requiring certification qualifications, the Superintendent or designee shall provide support and guidance in accordance with law to ensure the quality of the instructional program.

**National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification**

The Superintendent or designee shall promote a career continuum that includes participation of district teachers in professional learning that supports their completion of advanced certification awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The Superintendent or designee may coordinate a cohort of teachers through school or district programs or other available networks.

With Board approval and funding, and consistent with the collective bargaining agreement and applicable law, the Superintendent may provide an incentive program for teacher participation in NBPTS certification, which may include:

1. Defraying, subsidizing, or reimbursing the registration, certification, or maintenance fees for NBPTS certification
2. Providing bonuses, step increases, or differential pay for teachers who maintain their certification and continue to teach in the district, with priority given to teachers at Title I schools and schools serving a majority of low-income students
3. Providing substitute teachers to provide release time for participating teachers
4. Providing stipends for teacher participation that match other professional development stipends
5. Compensating mentor teachers who support other teachers' professional learning aligned to NBPTS standards

**CERTIFICATION** (continued)

(cf. [4161.3](#) - *Professional Leaves*)

**Parental Notifications**

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher including, but not limited to, whether the teacher: (20 USC [6312](#))

1. Has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
2. Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
3. Is teaching in the field of discipline of the teacher's certification

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

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in a timely manner whenever their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area to which the teacher has been assigned. (20 USC [6312](#))

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

[8360-8370](#) *Qualifications of child care personnel*

[32340-32341](#) *Unlawful issuance of a credential*

[35186](#) *Complaints regarding teacher vacancy or misassignment*

[44066](#) *Limitations on certification requirements*

[44200-44399.1](#) *Teacher credentialing, especially:*

[44250-44277](#) *Credential types; minimum requirements*

[44300-44302](#) *Emergency permit*

[44325-44328](#) *District interns*

[44330-44355](#) *Certificates and credentials*

[44420-44440](#) *Revocation and suspension of credentials*

[44450-44468](#) *University intern program*

[44830-44929](#) *Employment of certificated persons; requirement of proficiency in basic skills*

[56060-56063](#) *Substitute teachers in special education*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[80001-80674.6](#) *Commission on Teacher Credentialing*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[6312](#) *Title I local educational agency plans; notifications regarding teacher qualifications*

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200.48 *Parent notification regarding teacher qualifications*

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*Association of Mexican-American Educators et al. v. State of California and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, (1993) 836 F.Supp. 1534*

**CERTIFICATION** (continued)

*Management Resources:*

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

*CL-667 Basic Skills Requirement*

*CL-856 Provisional Internship Permit*

*CL 858 Short-Term Staff Permit*

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*Subject Matter Authorization Guideline Book, 2012*

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*Considerations for Using Federal Funds to Support National Board Certification, 2018*

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National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: <http://www.nbpts.org>

National Board Resource Center: [nbc.alistrong.net](http://nbc.alistrong.net)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**CERTIFICATION**

**Verification of Credentials**

The Superintendent or designee shall verify that each employee in a position requiring certification qualifications possesses a valid certification document issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Such verification shall occur not later than 60 days after the commencement of employment or the renewal of a credential. (Education Code [44857](#))

(cf. [4112.21](#) - Interns)  
(cf. [4112.22](#) - Staff Teaching English Learners)  
(cf. [4112.23](#) - Special Education Staff)  
(cf. [4121](#) - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)  
(cf. [5148](#) - Child Care and Development)  
(cf. [6178](#) - Career Technical Education)  
(cf. [6200](#) - Adult Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall verify that any person who is employed by the district while his/her application for certification is being processed by the CTC possesses a temporary certificate based on a demonstration of basic skills and completion of a criminal background check. (Education Code [44332](#), [44332.5](#), [44332.6](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the appropriate certification of all employees serving in certificated positions.

(cf. [3580](#) - District Records)  
(cf. [4112.6/4212.6/4312.6](#) - Personnel Files)

**Basic Skills Proficiency**

The district shall not initially hire a person in a position requiring certification, on a permanent, temporary, or substitute basis, unless that person has demonstrated basic skills proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics or is specifically exempted from the requirement by law. (Education Code [44252](#), [44252.6](#), [44830](#))

The district may hire a certificated employee who has not taken a test of basic skills proficiency if he/she has not yet been afforded the opportunity to take the test, provided that he/she takes the test at the earliest opportunity. The employee may remain employed by the district pending the receipt of his/her test results. (Education Code [44830](#))

An out-of-state prepared teacher shall meet the basic skills requirement within one year of being issued a California preliminary credential by the CTC unless he/she has completed a basic skills proficiency test in another state or is otherwise exempted by law. The district shall develop a basic skills proficiency test, which shall be at least equivalent to the district test required for high school graduation, for purposes of assessing out-of-state prepared teachers pending completion of the basic skills requirement. (Education Code [44252](#), [44274.2](#); 5 CCR [80071.4](#), [80413.3](#))

**CERTIFICATION** (continued)

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

(cf. [6146.2](#) - *Certificate of Proficiency*)

(cf. [6162.5](#) - *High School Exit Examination*)

Any person holding or applying for a "designated subjects special subjects" credential which does not require possession of a bachelor's degree shall pass a district proficiency test in lieu of meeting the state basic skills proficiency requirement. (Education Code [44252](#), [44830](#))

The district may charge a fee to cover the costs of developing, administering, and grading the district proficiency test. (Education Code [44252](#), [44830](#))

**Short-Term Staff Permit**

The district may request that the CTC issue a short-term staff permit (STSP) to a qualified applicant whenever there is a need to immediately fill a classroom based on unforeseen circumstances, including, but not limited to: (5 CCR [80021](#))

1. Enrollment adjustments requiring the addition of another teacher
2. Inability of the teacher of record to finish the school year due to approved leave or illness
3. The applicant's need for additional time to complete preservice requirements for enrollment into an approved intern program
4. Inability of the applicant to enroll in an approved intern program due to timelines or lack of space in the program
5. Unavailability of a third-year extension of an intern program or the applicant's withdrawal from an intern program

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the applicant possesses a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, has met the basic skills proficiency requirement unless exempted by state law or regulations, and has satisfied the coursework/experience requirements specified in 5 CCR [80021](#) for the multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist STSP as appropriate. (5 CCR [80021](#))

When requesting issuance of an STSP, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the CTC: (5 CCR [80021](#))

1. Verification that the district has conducted a local recruitment for the permit being requested
2. Verification that the district has provided the permit holder with orientation to the curriculum and to instruction and classroom management techniques and has assigned a mentor teacher for the term of the permit

**CERTIFICATION** (continued)

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

(cf. [4131.1](#) - *Teacher Support and Guidance*)

3. Written justification for the permit signed by the Superintendent or designee

The holder of an STSP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5 CCR [80021](#))

**Provisional Internship Permit**

Before requesting that the CTC issue a provisional internship permit (PIP), the district shall conduct a diligent search for a suitable credentialed teacher or intern, including, but not limited to, distributing job announcements, contacting college and university placement centers, and advertising in print or electronic media. (5 CCR [80021.1](#))

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

Whenever a suitable credentialed teacher cannot be found after a diligent search, the Superintendent or designee may request that the CTC issue a PIP to an applicant who possesses a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, has met the basic skills proficiency requirement unless exempted by state law or regulations, and has satisfied the coursework/experience requirements specified in 5 CCR [80021.1](#) for the multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist PIP as appropriate. (5 CCR [80021.1](#))

When submitting the request for a PIP, the district shall provide verification of all of the following: (5 CCR [80021.1](#), [80026.5](#))

1. A diligent search has been conducted for a suitable credentialed teacher or suitable qualified intern as evidenced by documentation of the search.
2. Orientation, guidance, and assistance shall be provided to the permit holder as specified in 5 CCR [80026.5](#).

The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, an overview of the curriculum the permit holder is expected to teach and effective instruction and classroom management techniques at the permit holder's assigned level. The permit holder also shall receive guidance and assistance from an experienced educator who is a certificated district employee or a certificated retiree from a California district or county office of education and who has completed at least three years of full-time classroom teaching experience.

3. The district shall assist the permit holder in developing a personalized plan through a district-selected assessment that would lead to subject-matter competence related to the permit.

**CERTIFICATION** (continued)

4. The district shall assist the permit holder to seek and enroll in subject-matter training, such as workshops or seminars and site-based courses, along with training in test-taking strategies, and shall assist the permit holder in meeting the credential subject-matter competence requirement related to the permit.
5. A notice of intent to employ the applicant in the identified position has been made public.

The district shall submit a copy of the agenda item presented at a public Governing Board meeting which shall state the name of the applicant, the assignment in which the applicant will be employed including the name of the school, subject(s), and grade(s) that he/she will be teaching, and that the applicant will be employed on the basis of a PIP. The district also shall submit a signed statement from the Superintendent or designee that the agenda item was acted upon favorably.

6. The candidate has been apprised of steps to earn a credential and enroll in an intern program.

The holder of a PIP may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the permit. (5 CCR [80021.1](#))

**Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave**

Whenever there is an anticipated need for the district to temporarily fill the teaching assignment of a teacher of record who will be on sick leave, differential sick leave, industrial accident or illness leave, pregnancy disability leave, or family care and medical leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act or California Family Rights Act, the Superintendent or designee may request that the CTC issue a Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave (TPSL) to a qualified individual who will be serving as the interim teacher of record. Prior to submitting an application to the CTC, the district shall provide the applicant with 45 hours of preparation in the content areas listed in 5 CCR 80022. (5 CCR 80022)

(cf. [4161.1](#) - *Personal Illness and Injury Leave*)

(cf. [4161.11](#) - *Industrial Accident/Illness Leave*)

(cf. [4161.8](#) - *Family Care and Medical Leave*)

A request for the TPSL shall only be submitted if the district has made reasonable efforts to hire a substitute with a full teaching credential that matches the setting and/or subject for the statutory leave position and no such candidate is available. (5 CCR 80022)

The district shall verify to the CTC that it will provide the interim teacher: (5 CCR 80022)

1. An orientation to the assignment before or during the first month of service in the statutory leave assignment

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2. An average of two hours of mentoring, support, and/or coaching per week through a system of support coordinated and/or provided by a mentor who possesses a valid life or clear credential that would also authorize service in the statutory leave assignment
3. Lesson plans for the first four weeks of the assignment as well as continued assistance in the development of curriculum, lesson planning, and individualized education programs

The holder of the TPSL may serve as the interim teacher of record for up to the full length of the leave(s) during the school year. (5 CCR 80022)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation on the assignment in accordance with 5 CCR 80022. He/she shall annually report data on the use of the TPSL to the County Superintendent of Schools for assignment monitoring pursuant to Education Code [44258.9](#). (5 CCR 80022)

(cf. [4113](#) - Assignment)

The Superintendent or designee may annually request renewal of the TPSL, provided that no substitute with a full teaching credential is available for the assignment. The application for each reissuance shall include verification that the interim teacher has completed an additional 45 hours of preparation and the district is continuing to provide mentoring in accordance with items #2-3 above. (5 CCR 80022)

**Long-Term Emergency Permits**

As necessary, the Superintendent or designee may request that the CTC issue an emergency resource specialist permit, emergency teacher librarian services permit, emergency crosscultural language and academic development permit, or emergency bilingual authorization permit. (5 CCR [80024.3.1](#), [80024.6](#), [80024.7](#), [80024.8](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall provide any first-time recipient of an emergency teaching permit with an orientation which, to the extent reasonably feasible, shall occur before he/she begins a teaching assignment. The Superintendent or designee may vary the nature, content, and duration of the orientation to match the amount of training and experience previously completed by the emergency permit teacher. The orientation shall include, but not be limited to, the curriculum the teacher is expected to teach and effective techniques of classroom instruction and classroom management at the assigned grade-level span. The emergency permit holder also shall receive guidance and assistance from an experienced educator who is a certificated district employee or a certificated retiree from a California district or county office of education and who has completed at least three years of full-time classroom teaching experience. (5 CCR [80026.5](#))

(cf. [4117.14/4317.14](#) - Postretirement Employment)

**CERTIFICATION** (continued)**Substitute Teaching Permits**

The district may employ a person whose credential or permit authorizes substitute teaching services, provided that:

1. A person holding an emergency 30-day substitute teaching permit, STSP, PIP, TPSL, or any valid teaching or services credential that requires at least a bachelor's degree and completion of the California Basic Educational Skills Test, shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. He/she shall not serve as a substitute in a special education classroom for more than 20 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR [80025](#), [80025.3](#), [80025.4](#))
2. A person with an emergency career substitute teaching permit shall not serve as a substitute for more than 60 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR [80025.1](#))
3. A person with an emergency substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year and not more than 90 days total during the school year. (5 CCR [80025.2](#))
4. A person with an emergency designated subjects 30-day substitute teaching permit for career technical education shall teach only in a program of technical, trade, or vocational education and shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR [80025.5](#))

Before employing a person with an emergency substitute permit pursuant to item #1 or 4 above, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and keep on file a signed Statement of Need for the school year. The Statement of Need shall describe the situation or circumstances that necessitate the use of a 30-day substitute permit holder and state either that a credentialed person is not available or that the available credentialed person does not meet the district's specified employment criteria. (5 CCR [80025](#), [80025.5](#))

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The district may employ interns as necessary to fulfill the need for sufficient instructional staff and to provide future teachers an opportunity to link teaching theory with practice in order to meet state credentialing requirements. In addition, the district may employ teachers who already possess a preliminary or clear credential and are pursuing a credential in a different specialization as interns for positions that require such other credential.

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*  
*(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Language Learners)*  
*(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)*

The district may enter into partnership agreements with one or more approved teacher preparation programs sponsored by colleges or universities and/or may provide a district intern program with approval of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). Any intern program in which the district participates shall be aligned with the preconditions and program standards adopted by the CTC.

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an intern from an approved program within the region whenever a teacher with a preliminary or clear credential is not available for a position requiring certification. (Education Code 44225.7)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any intern employed by the district possesses an appropriate intern credential and is adequately prepared for the responsibilities of the position.

An intern may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a regular multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential in accordance with the authorizations and grade/age level specified on the intern credential. (Education Code 44454, 44325, 44326, 44830.3)

*(cf. 4113 - Assignment)*

Terms of employment for interns shall be consistent with law and the district's collective bargaining agreement, as applicable.

*(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)*  
*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*

Interns shall receive intensive, structured supervision and ongoing support by qualified personnel in order to enhance their instructional skills and knowledge. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district staff serving as supervisors, mentor teachers, or other support providers receive appropriate training to fulfill their responsibilities and that they maintain frequent communication with the interns they are assigned to assist.

**INTERNS** (continued)

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)*

Interns shall be provided with ongoing feedback regarding their performance and shall be formally evaluated in accordance with Board policy and the district's collective bargaining agreement.

*(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)*

Upon receiving notification from the Superintendent or designee that an intern has successfully completed the program, the Governing Board may recommend to the CTC that the intern be awarded a preliminary credential. (Education Code 44328, 44468, 44830.3)

The Board shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the intern program(s) to determine whether changes are needed in the support and/or assignment of interns. The Board's evaluation shall be based on a report by the Superintendent or designee, including, but not limited to, data on student performance in classes taught by interns, feedback from interns and supervisors, and the number of interns who successfully complete the program and obtain general education or education specialist credentials.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**INTERNS**

**Memorandum of Understanding**

Before interns employed by the district assume daily teaching responsibilities, a signed memorandum of understanding shall be in place between the district and the partner college/university detailing the support and supervision that will be provided to interns. (5 CCR 80033)

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

The memorandum of understanding shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Specific responsibilities of the program supervisor
2. Qualifications, identification, terms of employment, roles and responsibilities, and training of individual(s) to provide on-site support to interns
3. Allocation of additional personnel, time, and resources for interns who have not yet earned an English learner authorization
4. Expectations regarding the type and frequency of support
5. The process of communication between the program supervisor and on-site support personnel
6. Documentation, monitoring, and evaluation of site support

The district may enter into an agreement to employ college/university staff to supervise interns and may pay for the supervision of interns out of district funds. Salary payments may be met by proportionately reducing the salaries of paid interns, provided that no more than eight interns are supervised by one staff member, the district salary normally paid to interns is not reduced by more than one-eighth, and the intern is not paid less than the minimum salary required by the state for a regularly certificated teacher. (Education Code 44461-44462)

**Support and Supervision of Interns**

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the college/university teacher preparation program to design structured guidance of interns, regular site-based support and supervision, and a sequence of supervised fieldwork that includes planned observations, consultations, reflections, and individual and small-group teaching opportunities.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)*

**INTERNS** (continued)

Support and supervision provided to interns shall include the following: (Education Code 44830.3; 5 CCR 80033)

1. Professional Development Plan: The Superintendent or designee shall, in cooperation with the college/university, counsel each intern and, with the concurrence of the intern, shall develop a plan for the intern to complete the requirements to earn a credential in the content or specialty area(s) of the intern credential.

The plan shall include the components described in Education Code 44830.3, including, but not limited to, provisions for at least 120 clock hours (or the semester or quarter unit equivalent) of mandatory preservice training tailored to the grade level or class to be taught, additional instruction during the first semester or first year of service when required, and an annual evaluation of the intern.

2. Assignment of Mentor Teacher: Before an intern assumes daily teaching responsibilities, the Superintendent or designee shall assign him/her a mentor teacher who possesses a valid corresponding life or clear teaching credential and a minimum of three years of successful teaching experience.

The intern shall receive support from a mentor teacher who is assigned to the same school. If two or more mentor teachers are assigned to an intern, at least one of them shall be experienced in the curricular area(s) of the intern's assignment.

3. Support During School Year: Support and supervision shall include coaching, modeling, and demonstrating within the classroom. In addition, the intern shall receive assistance with course planning and with problem-solving regarding students, curriculum, and effective teaching methodologies.

Such support and supervision shall be provided for a minimum of 144 hours per school year or, for late hires, four hours multiplied by the number of instructional weeks remaining in the school year. At least two hours of support and supervision shall be provided every five instructional days.

4. Additional Support Addressing the Needs of English Learners: For any intern who enters the intern program without a valid English learner authorization, bilingual authorization, or crosscultural, language, and academic development certificate, the Superintendent or designee shall identify an individual who will be immediately available to assist the intern with planning lessons that are appropriately designed and differentiated for English learners, for assessing language needs and progress, and for support of language-accessible instruction through in-classroom modeling and coaching as needed. This individual may be the same mentor identified in item #2 above, provided he/she possesses an English learner authorization and will be immediately available to assist the intern.

**INTERNS** (continued)

In addition, the district and college/university shall provide such interns with additional support and supervision, including in-classroom coaching, specific to the needs of English learners. Such support and supervision shall be provided for 45 hours per school year or, for late hires, five hours multiplied by the number of months remaining in the school year.

An intern who passes the California Teaching English Learners examinations may be exempted from these requirements.

*(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Language Learners)*

**Early Completion Option**

The Superintendent or designee shall inform qualified interns preparing for a multiple or single subject credential of the early completion option which allows them to challenge certain requirements of the intern program in areas where they have demonstrated competence.

In order to complete the intern program early and be recommended for a preliminary credential, candidates shall meet all requirements of the intern credential and the additional assessments and coursework specified in Education Code 44468.

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**STAFF TEACHING STUDENTS OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

**Definitions**

*English learner* means a student who is age 3-21 years, who is enrolled or is preparing to enroll in an elementary or secondary school, and whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the student the ability to meet state academic standards, the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English, or the opportunity to participate fully in society. An English learner may include a student who was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English; a student who is Native American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas, who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual's level of English language proficiency; or a student who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant. (Education Code 306; 20 USC 7801)

*Instruction for English language development (ELD)* means instruction designed specifically for English learners to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English. (Education Code 44253.2)

*Specially designed academic instruction in English (SDAIE)* means instruction in a subject area, delivered in English, that is specially designed to meet the needs of English learners. (Education Code 44253.2)

*Primary language instruction* includes both primary language development designed to develop English learners' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in their primary language and content instruction delivered in the primary language in any subject area. (Education Code 44253.2)

(cf. 6174 - *Education for English Learners*)

**Teacher Qualifications**

Only a teacher who possesses an appropriate authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) shall provide ELD, SDAIE, and/or primary language instruction in a class with one or more English learners.

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

(cf. 4112.2 - *Certification*)

(cf. 4112.21 - *Interns*)

(cf. 4113 - *Assignment*)

(cf. 4131 - *Staff Development*)

(cf. 4222 - *Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals*)

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The district may, for the purpose of providing primary language instruction, hire bilingual teachers who are employed in public or private schools of a foreign country, state, territory, or possession, provided such teachers speak English fluently and hold the necessary sojourn credential issued by the CTC. After the initial two-year sojourn credential expires, the teacher may annually apply to the CTC for an extension for a total period of not more than five years. Any application for renewal shall include verification by the Superintendent or designee that termination of the employment would adversely affect an existing bilingual program and that attempts to secure the employment of a qualified certificated California teacher have been unsuccessful. (Education Code 44856)

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*CL-626B Bilingual Authorizations*

*CL-626C Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate*

*CL-568 The Sojourn Certificated Employee Credential*

*CL-824 Certificate of Completion of Staff Development*

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*California Association for Bilingual Education: <http://www.gocabe.org>*

*California Department of Education, English Learners: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el>*

*California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages: <http://www.catesol.org>*

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

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

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF**

**Qualifications/Assignment of Special Education Teachers**

Any teacher assigned to serve students with disabilities shall possess an appropriate credential or other authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) that specifically authorizes him/her to teach students with the primary disability within the program placement recommended in the students' individualized education program (IEP). (5 CCR [80046.1-80048.9.4](#))

(cf. [4112.2](#) - Certification)

(cf. [4113](#) - Assignment)

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

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

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

The district may employ a person with an appropriate district intern credential to provide classroom instruction to students with disabilities, provided he/she has met the subject matter requirement specified in Education Code [44325](#) and receives guidance, supervision, and professional development through an established district intern program. (Education Code [44325](#), [44326](#), [44830.3](#))

(cf. [4112.21](#) - Interns)

The Superintendent or designee may request that the CTC issue a special education limited assignment teaching permit which authorizes a qualified special education teacher, with his/her written consent, to serve outside the specialty area of his/her credential. If the teacher has not yet obtained permanent status, the Superintendent or designee shall assign one or more experienced educators in the special education subject area(s) of the permit, who have at least three years of full-time teaching experience in each of the subject area(s) of the permit, to provide guidance and assistance to the permit holder. (5 CCR [80026](#), [80027.1](#))

As needed, the district may apply to the CTC for an emergency permit for resource specialist services pursuant to 5 CCR [80023.2](#) and [80024.3.1](#).

When requesting either a limited assignment teaching permit or an emergency resource specialist permit, the Superintendent or designee shall submit a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators that satisfies the requirements of 5 CCR [80026](#) and has been approved by the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (5 CCR [80026](#))

If there is a need to immediately fill a classroom vacancy or a suitable credentialed teacher cannot be found after a diligent search, the Superintendent or designee may, as appropriate, apply to the CTC for a short-term staff permit pursuant to 5 CCR [80021](#), a provisional internship permit pursuant to 5 CCR [80021.1](#), or, as a last resort, a credential waiver.

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Individuals providing related services to students with disabilities, including developmental, corrective, and other supportive and related services, shall meet the applicable qualifications specified in 5 CCR [3051-3051.24](#). (5 CCR [3051](#); 34 CFR [300.34](#), [300.156](#))

(cf. [3312](#) - *Contracts*)

(cf. [3600](#) - *Consultants*)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide ongoing professional development as needed to assist special education staff in updating and improving their knowledge and skills.

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

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

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

Whenever a candidate for a clear education specialist credential is employed by the district, the Superintendent or designee shall, within 60 days of employment, collaborate with the candidate and, as applicable, with the college or university to develop an individualized induction plan including supported induction and job-related course of advanced preparation. (5 CCR [80048.8.1](#))

(cf. [4131.1](#) - *Teacher Support and Guidance*)

### **Resource Specialists**

The duties of resource specialists shall include, but are not limited to: (Education Code [56362](#); 5 CCR [80070.5](#))

1. Providing instruction and services for students with disabilities whose needs have been identified in an IEP
2. Conducting educational assessments
3. Providing information and assistance for students with disabilities and their parents/guardians
4. Providing consultation, resource information, and material regarding students with disabilities to staff members in the regular education program and the students' parents/guardians
5. Coordinating special education services with the regular school program for each student with disabilities enrolled in the resource specialist program
6. Monitoring student progress on a regular basis, participating in the review and revision of IEPs as appropriate, and referring students who do not demonstrate appropriate progress to the IEP team

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7. Providing services for secondary students that emphasize academic achievement, career and vocational development, and preparation for adult life

Any student who receives resource specialist services shall be assigned to regular classroom teacher(s) for a majority of the school day, unless his/her IEP team approves enrollment in the resource specialist program for a majority of the school day. (Education Code [56362](#); 5 CCR [80070.5](#))

Resource specialists shall not simultaneously be assigned to serve as resource specialists and to teach regular classes. (Education Code [56362](#))

The district's resource specialist program shall be under the direction of a resource specialist who possesses the qualifications specified in Education Code [56362](#).

**Caseloads**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that caseloads for special education teachers are within the maximum caseloads established by law, the collective bargaining agreement, and/or the comprehensive plan of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) in which the district participates.

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

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

*(cf. [4141/4241](#) - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*

The average caseload for language, speech, and hearing specialists shall not exceed 55 cases, unless the SELPA plan specifies a higher average caseload and states the reasons for the higher average caseload. The maximum caseload for speech and language specialists exclusively serving children with disabilities age 3-5 years shall not exceed 40. (Education Code [56363.3](#), [56441.7](#))

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[80046.1](#) Adapted physical education specialist

[80046.5](#) Credential holders authorized to serve students with disabilities

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**All Personnel**

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**OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

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All district employees are declared by law to be disaster service workers and thus shall take the oath or affirmation required for disaster service workers before beginning employment with the district. In the event of natural, manmade or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life, property and resources, all district employees are subject to disaster service activities as assigned to them by their supervisors or by law. (Government Code 3100-3102)

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

*(cf. 9224 - Oath or Affirmation)*

Legally employed noncitizens shall be exempt from taking this oath. (Government Code 3101)

At the advice of legal counsel, the Superintendent or designee may exempt an employee from taking the oath if he/she raises a valid religious objection.

The Superintendent, principal or other person authorized in Education Code 60 shall administer the oath or affirmation when a district employee is hired.

In the case of intermittent, temporary, emergency or successive employments, the Superintendent or designee may determine that the oath shall be effective for all successive periods of employment which begin within one calendar year from the date that the oath was subscribed. (Government Code 3102)

*(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)*

The Superintendent or designee shall file the executed oath or affirmation within 30 days of the date on which it is taken and subscribed. An employee's oath or affirmation may be destroyed five years after the termination of employment. (Government Code 3105)

**Reimbursement of Expenses for Disaster Service Workers**

Whenever an employee seeks compensation or reimbursement of expenses as a disaster service worker, the Superintendent or designee shall ascertain and certify that the employee has taken the oath or affirmation. (Government Code 3107)

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**OATH OR AFFIRMATION** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

60 Persons authorized to administer and certify oaths

44334 Oath or affirmation required for credential

44354 Administration of oath required for credential

GOVERNMENT CODE

3100-3109 Oath or affirmation of allegiance

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 20, Section 3 Oath of office

COURT DECISIONS

Chilton v. Contra Costa Community College District 55 Cal. App. 3d 544 (1976)

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**OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

I understand that as a public employee I am a disaster service worker pursuant to Government Code 3100 and 3102 and that I am required to take this oath before entering the duties of my employment. In the event of natural, manmade or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life, property and resources, I am subject to disaster services activities assigned to me by my supervisor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Certified by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Person who administers the oath)

**All Personnel**

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**HEALTH EXAMINATIONS**

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**Tuberculosis Tests**

No applicant shall be initially employed by the district, or employed under contract, in a classified or certificated position unless he/she has submitted to a tuberculosis risk assessment within the past 60 days and, if tuberculosis risk factors are identified, has submitted to an intradermal or other approved tuberculosis examination to determine that he/she is free of infectious tuberculosis. If the results of the examination are positive, the applicant shall obtain an x-ray of the lungs. At his/her discretion, an applicant may choose to submit to the examination instead of the risk assessment. (Education Code 49406)

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*

*(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)*

*(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*

Prior to employment by the district, an applicant shall submit a certificate from an authorized health provider stating that the applicant was assessed and/or examined and found to be free of infectious tuberculosis. (Education Code 49406)

An applicant who was previously employed in another school district or private or parochial school shall be deemed to have fulfilled the tuberculosis testing requirement if he/she produces a certificate showing that he/she was found to be free of infectious tuberculosis within 60 days of initial hire or if his/her previous employer verifies that it has a certificate on file showing that the applicant is free from infectious tuberculosis. (Education Code 49406)

Thereafter, each district employee who was found free of infectious tuberculosis shall undergo a tuberculosis risk assessment, and an examination whenever risk factors are identified, at least once every four years or more often when required by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the county health officer. However, once an employee has a documented positive test for tuberculosis infection followed by an x-ray, he/she shall no longer be required to submit to the tuberculosis risk assessment but shall be referred to the county health officer within 30 days of the examination to determine the need for follow-up care. (Education Code 49406)

The cost of the pre-employment tuberculosis risk assessment and/or examination shall be paid by the applicant, unless the Board has determined that the district will reimburse an applicant who is subsequently hired by the district. The district shall reimburse the employee for the cost, if any, of subsequent tuberculosis risk assessments and examinations. The district may provide for the risk assessment and examination or may establish a reasonable fee for the examination that is reimbursable to the employee. (Education Code 49406)

The following applicants or employees shall be exempted from the requirement to submit to a tuberculosis risk assessment and/or examination: (Education Code 49406)

## **HEALTH EXAMINATIONS** (continued)

1. An applicant/employee who files an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of a well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles, depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion and that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, he/she is free from infectious tuberculosis

Such an exemption shall be allowed only if the Board determines by resolution, after a hearing, that the health of students would not be jeopardized. If at any time there is probable cause to believe that the applicant/employee is afflicted with infectious tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from service until the Board is satisfied that he/she is not afflicted.

*(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)*

2. A classified employee who is employed for less than a school year and whose functions do not require frequent or prolonged contact with students
3. A pregnant employee who has positive results on a tuberculosis skin test, in which case she shall be exempted from the requirement to follow up with an x-ray of the lungs for a period not to exceed 60 days after the end of the pregnancy
4. A private contracted driver who transports students infrequently without prolonged contact with students

### **Examination of Certificated Employees for Disabling Diseases**

To fill a certificated position with an applicant who has not previously been employed in a certificated position in California, or with a retirant who has not been employed as a retirant, the district shall have on file a medical certification indicating that the applicant or retirant is free from any disabling disease which would render him/her unfit to instruct or associate with children. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5)

*(cf. 4117.14/4317.14 - Postretirement Employment)*

The certificate shall be completed and submitted directly to the district by an authorized health care provider. The medical examination referenced in the certificate must have been conducted within six months of the date that the certificate is filed. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5; 5 CCR 5503)

Applicants and retirants shall pay for the cost of obtaining the medical certification. (Education Code 44849, 44839.5)

## **HEALTH EXAMINATIONS (continued)**

### **Mental Examination for Certificated Employees**

Whenever the Board is considering the suspension or transfer of a certificated employee based on its reasonable belief that the employee is suffering from mental illness of such a degree as to render him/her incompetent to perform his/her duties, the employee shall be offered the opportunity of being examined by a three-member panel of psychiatrists and psychologists in accordance with Education Code 44942. The employee shall select the members of the panel from a list of psychiatrists and psychologists provided by the district. The examination shall be conducted, at district expense, within 15 days of the ordered suspension or transfer. The employee shall submit to the examination, but shall also be entitled to present a report of any psychiatrist, psychologist, or physician of his/her own choice. (Education Code 44942)

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

*(cf. 4114 - Transfers)*

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

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44839 *Medical certificate; periodic medical examination*

44839.5 *Requirements for employment of retiree*

44932 *Grounds for dismissal of permanent employee*

44942 *Suspension or transfer of certificated employee on ground of mental illness*

45122 *Physical examinations*

49406 *Examination for tuberculosis*

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2700-2838 *Nurses*

3500-3546 *Physician assistants*

##### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

121525 *Private and parochial school employees, examination for tuberculosis*

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5502 *Filing of notice of physical examination for employment of retired persons*

5503 *Physical examination for employment of retired persons*

5504 *Medical certification procedures*

##### COURT DECISIONS

*Doe v. Lincoln Unified School District, (2010) 188 Cal.App.4th 758*

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**HEALTH EXAMINATIONS** (continued)

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WEB SITES

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

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

*Public Health Institute: <http://www.phi.org>*

*U.S. Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov>*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

## Personnel

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## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

The Board of Trustees desires to ensure that district-provided transportation is safe for students, staff, and the public. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a drug and alcohol testing program designed to prevent the operation of buses or the performance of other safety-sensitive functions by a driver who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, including a driver of a school bus, student activity bus, or other school transportation vehicle or any other employee who holds a commercial driver's license which is necessary to perform duties related to district employment.

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*  
*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*  
*(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)*  
*(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)*  
*(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)*

A driver shall not report for duty or remain on duty when he/she has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.11. A driver is also prohibited from reporting for duty or remaining on duty when he/she has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.12-1308.15, unless he/she is using the drug under the direction of a physician who has advised him/her that the substance will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a bus. In addition, a driver shall not consume alcohol while on duty or for four hours prior to on-duty time. (49 CFR 382.201-382.209, 382.213)

The district's testing program for drivers shall include pre-employment drug testing and reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing of drivers. (49 USC 31306; 49 CFR 382.301-382.311)

The Board shall contract for testing services upon verifying that the personnel are appropriately qualified and/or certified and that testing procedures conform to federal regulations.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the Superintendent or designee shall not release individual test results or medical information about a driver to a third party without the driver's specific written consent. (49 CFR 40.321)

### **Consequences Based on Test Results**

Any driver who refuses to take a required drug or alcohol test, tests positive for drugs, or is found to have a blood alcohol concentration level that exceeds the levels specified in law shall be removed from performing safety-sensitive functions in accordance with 49 CFR 40.23 and 382.211.

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No driver shall be temporarily removed from the performance of safety-sensitive functions based only on a laboratory report of a confirmed positive test before the certified medical review officer has completed verification of the test results, unless the district has obtained a waiver. (49 CFR 40.21, 382.107, 382.119)

Not later than five days after receiving notification of the test result or refusal to comply, the Superintendent or designee shall report any refusal, failure to comply, or positive test result to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) using a form approved by the DMV. (Vehicle Code 13376)

A driver who has violated federal drug and alcohol regulations may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in accordance with law, administrative regulations, and the district's collective bargaining agreement.

*(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)*

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

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

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EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

GOVERNMENT CODE

8355 Drug-free workplace; employee notification

VEHICLE CODE

13376 Driver certificates; revocation or suspension

34500-34520.5 Safety regulations

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1293 Motor carrier safety, especially:

1213.1 Placing drivers out-of-service

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 41

8101-8106 Drug-Free Workplace Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 49

31306 Alcohol and drug testing

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21

1308.11-1308.15 Controlled substances

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

40.1-40.413 Procedures for transportation workplace drug and alcohol testing programs

382.101-382.605 Drug and alcohol use and testing; especially:

382.205 On-duty use

382.207 Pre-duty use

382.209 Use following an accident

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#### CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL PUBLICATIONS

*Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing Compliance Checklist, 2007*

*What is CSAT? Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing, 2005*

#### WEB SITES

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

*Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>*

*U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance:  
<http://www.dot.gov/ost/dapc>*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

## **Personnel**

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## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

### **Definitions**

For purposes of drug testing required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), drugs included in the tests are marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, phencyclidine (PCP), and opiates. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.85, 382.107)

Alcohol concentration or level means the alcohol in a volume of breath expressed in terms of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. For purposes of the DOT alcohol testing program, an alcohol level between 0.02 and 0.04 requires removal of the bus driver for a 24-hour period following the test. An alcohol level of 0.04 or higher requires immediate removal of the driver from performing safety-sensitive functions until the driver has successfully completed the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 382.107, 382.201, 382.505)

Safety-sensitive function means all time from the time a driver begins to work or is required to be in readiness to work until the time he/she is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work. Safety-sensitive functions include, but are not limited to, all time driving or otherwise in the bus; waiting at a district facility to be dispatched; inspecting, servicing, or conditioning the bus or bus equipment; loading or unloading the bus; supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading of the bus; and repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled bus. (49 CFR 382.107)

*(cf. 3540 - Transportation)*

*(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)*

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

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

### **Designated Employer Representative**

The Superintendent or designee shall identify a designated employer representative and shall provide his/her name and telephone number to the testing contractor to contact about any problems or issues that may arise during the testing process. (49 CFR 40.35, 40.215)

The designated employer representative shall be responsible for receiving test results and other communications, taking immediate action(s) to remove drivers from safety-sensitive functions, and making other required decisions in the testing and evaluation processes. (49 CFR 40.3)

### **Pre-employment Testing**

When hiring a new driver, the Superintendent or designee shall, with the driver's written consent, request the driver's past drug and alcohol testing record, as specified in 49 CFR 40.25, from any employer who has employed the driver at any time during the previous two

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)**

years. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ask the driver if he/she tested positive, or refused to test, on any pre-employment drug or alcohol test that was administered during the past two years in the course of applying for another safety-sensitive transportation position that he/she did not obtain. The driver shall not be permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions if he/she refuses to provide consent to obtain the information from previous employers, the information from previous employers is not received within 30 days of the date on which the driver first performed safety-sensitive functions for the district, or the driver or a previous employer reports a violation of a drug or alcohol regulation without subsequent completion of the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413)

Upon making a contingent offer of employment to a driver and prior to the first time the driver performs safety-sensitive functions for the district, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to undergo testing for drugs and to receive a verified negative test result. This testing requirement may be waived if all of the following conditions exist: (49 CFR 382.301)

1. The driver has participated in a qualified drug testing program within the previous 30 days.
2. While participating in the program, the driver either was tested within the past six months or participated in a random drug testing program for the previous 12 months.
3. The Superintendent or designee has contacted the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and has obtained information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.
4. No prior employer of the driver of whom the district has knowledge has records of the driver's violation of federal drug testing regulations within the previous six months.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to undergo pre-employment alcohol testing in accordance with the procedures in 49 CFR 40.1-40.605 and to receive a test result indicating an alcohol concentration level of less than 0.04. (49 CFR 382.301)

### **Post-Accident Testing**

As soon as practicable following an accident involving a school bus or student activity bus, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the driver involved is tested for alcohol and/or drugs under either of the following conditions: (49 CFR 382.303)

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)**

1. The accident involved loss of human life.
2. The driver receives a citation for a moving traffic violation and the accident involved bodily injury to a person who required immediate medical treatment away from the scene of the accident and/or disabling damage to one or more vehicles requiring towing.

The Superintendent or designee shall attempt to administer a required alcohol test up to eight hours following the accident and/or a drug test up to 32 hours following the accident. The results of an alcohol or drug test conducted by federal, state, or local officials having independent authority for the test shall be considered to meet this requirement. If the alcohol test is not administered within two hours following the accident, or the test for drugs is not administered within 32 hours following the accident, the Superintendent or designee shall make a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. (49 CFR 382.303)

### **Random Testing**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that random, unannounced drug and alcohol tests of bus drivers are conducted on testing dates reasonably spread throughout the year. Such tests shall be conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 382.305)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the percentage of district drivers randomly tested for drugs and alcohol meets or exceeds the minimum annual percentage rates specified in 49 CFR 382.305 or subsequently published in the Federal Register.

Each driver selected for random testing shall have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made. (49 CFR 382.305)

Each driver who is selected for testing shall proceed to the test site immediately or, if performing a safety-sensitive function other than driving a bus, then as soon as possible after ceasing that function. (49 CFR 382.305)

### **Reasonable Suspicion Testing**

A driver shall be required to submit to a drug or alcohol test whenever the Superintendent or designee has reasonable suspicion that the driver has violated the prohibitions against the use of drugs or alcohol. Such reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations, conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions, concerning the driver's appearance, behavior,

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)**

speech, and/or body odors. Reasonable suspicion of drug use may also include indications of the chronic and withdrawal effects of drugs. (49 CFR 382.307)

The person who makes the required observations for reasonable suspicion testing for drugs or alcohol shall be trained in accordance with 49 CFR 382.603. The person who makes the determination that reasonable suspicion exists to conduct an alcohol test shall not be the same person who conducts the alcohol test. (49 CFR 382.307)

Within 24 hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug or alcohol test are released, whichever is earlier, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and sign a written record of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion test. (49 CFR 382.307)

An alcohol test required as a result of reasonable suspicion shall be administered within eight hours following the determination of reasonable suspicion. If the test is not administered within two hours, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and maintain on file a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. (49 CFR 382.307)

In the absence of a reasonable suspicion alcohol test, the district shall take no action against a driver based solely on the driver's behavior and appearance, except that the driver shall not be allowed to report for or remain on safety-sensitive functions until an alcohol test is administered and the results show a concentration less than 0.02 or 24 hours have elapsed following the determination of reasonable suspicion. (49 CFR 382.307)

### **Return-to-Duty Testing**

The Superintendent or designee may permit a driver who has violated federal drug or alcohol regulations to return to safety-sensitive functions after the driver has successfully complied with the education and treatment services prescribed by a substance abuse professional and has taken a return-to-duty drug or alcohol test. The driver shall not resume performance of safety-sensitive functions unless the drug test shows a negative result and/or the alcohol test shows a concentration of less than 0.02. (49 CFR 40.305, 382.309)

### **Follow-Up Testing**

Upon receiving a written follow-up testing plan from a substance abuse professional, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the actual dates for follow-up testing consistent with those recommendations and shall ensure that such tests are unannounced and follow no discernable pattern as to their timing. No additional tests beyond those included in the plan shall be imposed by the district. (49 CFR 40.307-40.309, 382.111)

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (continued)**

### **Notifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide each driver with materials explaining the federal regulations and the district's policy and procedure related to drug and alcohol testing and shall notify representatives of employee organizations of the availability of this information. This information shall include a detailed discussion of at least the following: (49 CFR 382.303, 382.113, 382.601)

1. The identity of the person designated by the district to answer driver questions about the materials
2. The categories of drivers who are subject to drug and alcohol testing
3. Sufficient information about the safety-sensitive functions performed by those drivers to make clear what period of the workday the driver is required to be in compliance
4. Specific information concerning prohibited driver conduct
5. The circumstances under which a driver will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol, including post-accident testing
6. The procedures that will be used to test for the presence of drugs and alcohol, protect the driver and the integrity of the testing processes, safeguard the validity of the test results, and ensure that those results are attributed to the correct driver
7. The requirement that a driver submit to drug and alcohol tests
8. An explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test and the attendant consequences
9. The consequences for drivers found to have violated the prohibitions against drug or alcohol use, including the circumstances under which drivers will be removed immediately from safety-sensitive functions and the requirements for education, treatment, and return-to-duty testing
10. The consequences for drivers found to have a blood alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04
11. Information concerning the effects of drug and alcohol use on an individual's health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of a drug or alcohol problem (the driver's or a co-worker's); and available methods of intervening when a drug or

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alcohol problem is suspected, including confrontation, referral to any employee assistance program, and/or referral to management

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

Each driver shall sign a statement certifying that he/she has received a copy of the above materials. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the original of the signed certificate and may provide a copy of the certificate to the driver. (49 CFR 382.601)

In addition, prior to administering each alcohol or drug test, the driver shall be notified that the test is required pursuant to Title 49, Part 382, of the Code of Federal Regulations. (49 CFR 382.113)

The driver shall be notified of the results of drug and alcohol tests in accordance with 49 CFR 382.411.

**Records**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the district's drug and alcohol testing program in accordance with 49 CFR 40.333 and 382.401. Such records shall be maintained in a secure location with controlled access and shall be disclosed only in accordance with 49 CFR 382.405.

*(cf. 3580 - District Records) 8/13*

**CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK**

**Applicants for Employment**

The Superintendent or designee shall not hire or retain in employment, in a certificated or classified position, a person who has been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5(c) or 1192.7(c), a controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011, or a sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010. However, the Superintendent or designee shall not deny or terminate employment if: (Education Code 44830.1, 44836, 45122.1, 45123)

1. The conviction for a violent or serious felony, controlled substance offense, or sex offense is reversed and the person is acquitted of the offense in a new trial or the charges against the person are dismissed, unless the sex offense for which the conviction is dismissed pursuant to Penal Code 1203.4 involves a victim who was a minor.
2. A person convicted of a violent or serious felony has obtained a certificate of rehabilitation or a pardon.
3. A person who has been convicted of a serious felony, that is not also a violent felony, proves to the sentencing court that he/she has been rehabilitated for purposes of school employment for at least one year.
4. A person who has been convicted of a controlled substance offense is applying for or is employed in a certificated position and has a credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
5. A person who has been convicted of a controlled substance offense is applying for or is employed in a classified position and has been determined by the Governing Board, from the evidence presented, to have been rehabilitated for at least five years.

*(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)*

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

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

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

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

A certificated employee may be hired by the district without obtaining a criminal record summary if that employee is employed as a certificated employee in another California school district and became a permanent employee of another California school district as of October 1, 1997. (Education Code 44830.1, 44836)

**Pre-Employment Record Check**

**CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall require each person to be employed by the district to submit his/her fingerprints electronically through the Live Scan system so that a criminal record check may be conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The Superintendent or designee shall provide the applicant with a Live Scan request form and a list of nearby Live Scan locations.

When a person is applying for a classified position, the Superintendent or designee shall request that the DOJ also obtain a criminal record check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation whenever the applicant meets one of the following conditions: (Education Code 45125)

1. The applicant has not resided in California for at least one year immediately preceding the application for employment.
2. The applicant has resided in California for more than one year, but less than seven years, and the DOJ has ascertained that the person was convicted of a sex offense where the victim was a minor or a drug offense where an element of the offense is either the distribution to or the use of a controlled substance by a minor.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the DOJ when an applicant who has submitted his/her fingerprints to the DOJ is not subsequently employed by the district. (Penal Code 11105.2)

**Subsequent Arrest Notification**

The Superintendent or designee shall enter into a contract with the DOJ to receive notification of subsequent arrests resulting in conviction of any person whose fingerprints have been submitted to the DOJ. (Education Code 44830.1, 45125; Penal Code 11105.2)

Upon telephone or email notification by the DOJ that a current temporary employee, substitute employee, or probationary employee serving before March 15 of his/her second probationary year has been convicted of a violent or serious felony, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately place that employee on leave without pay. (Education Code 44830.1, 45122.1)

*(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)*  
*(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)*

When the district receives written electronic notification by the DOJ of the fact of conviction, the temporary employee, substitute employee, or probationary employee serving before March 15 of his/her second probationary year shall be terminated automatically unless the employee challenges the DOJ record and the DOJ withdraws its notification in writing. Upon receipt of the written withdrawal of notification by the DOJ, the Superintendent or designee

**CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK** (continued)

shall immediately reinstate that employee with full restoration of salary and benefits for the period of time from the suspension without pay to the reinstatement if the employee is still employed by the district. (Education Code 44830.1, 45122.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the DOJ whenever a person whose fingerprints are maintained by the DOJ is terminated. (Penal Code 11105.2)

**Notification of Applicant/Employee**

The Superintendent or designee shall expeditiously furnish a copy of any DOJ notification to the applicant or employee to whom it relates if the information is a basis for an adverse employment decision. The copy shall be delivered in person or to the last contact information provided by the applicant or employee. (Penal Code 11105, 11105.2)

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

**Maintenance of Records**

The Superintendent shall designate at least one custodian of records who shall be responsible for the security, storage, dissemination, and destruction of all Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) furnished to the district and shall serve as the primary contact for the DOJ for any related issues. (Penal Code 11102.2)

An employee designated as custodian of records shall receive a criminal background check clearance from the DOJ prior to serving in that capacity. (Penal Code 11102.2)

The custodian of records shall sign and return to the DOJ the Employee Statement Form acknowledging his/her understanding of the laws prohibiting misuse of CORI. In addition, the custodian of records shall ensure that any individual with access to CORI has on file a signed Employee Statement Form.

To ensure its confidentiality, CORI shall be accessible only to the custodian of records and shall be kept in a locked file separate from other files. CORI shall be used only for the purpose for which it is requested and its contents shall not be disclosed or reproduced. (Education Code 44830.1, 45125)

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

Once a hiring determination is made, the applicant's CORI shall be destroyed to the extent that the identity of the individual can no longer be reasonably ascertained. (Education Code 44830.1, 45125; 11 CCR 708)

**CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the DOJ whenever a designated custodian of records ceases to serve in that capacity. (Penal Code 11102.2)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

44010 Sex offense

44011 Controlled substance offense

44332-44332.6 Temporary certificate of clearance

44346.1 Applicants for credential, conviction of a violent or serious felony

44830.1 Certificated employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony

44830.2 Certificated employees; interagency agreement for sharing criminal record information

44836 Conviction of a sex or controlled substance offense

44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent certificated employees

45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony

45125 Use of personal identification cards to ascertain conviction of crime

45125.01 Classified employees; interagency agreement for sharing criminal record information

45125.5 Automated records check

45126 Duty of Department of Justice to furnish information

49024 Activity supervisor clearance certificates

PENAL CODE

667.5 Violent felonies

1192.7 Serious felonies

1203.4 Dismissal of conviction

11075-11081 Criminal record dissemination

11102.2 Maintenance of criminal offender records; custodian of records

11105 Access to criminal history information

11105.2 Subsequent arrest notification

11105.3 Record of conviction involving sex crimes, drug crimes or crimes of violence; availability to employer for applicants for positions with supervisory or disciplinary power over minors

11140-11144 Furnishing of state criminal history information

13300-13305 Local summary criminal history information

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701-708 Criminal offender record information

720-724 Incomplete criminal history information

994-994.15 Certification of individuals who take fingerprint impressions

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK**

**USE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION**

As an employee/volunteer of School District, you may have access to confidential criminal record information which is controlled by state and federal statutes. Misuse of such information may adversely affect the individual's civil rights and violate constitutional rights of privacy. Penal Code 502 prescribes the penalties relating to computer crimes. Penal Code 11105 and 13300 identify who has access to criminal history information and under what circumstances it may be disseminated. Penal Code 11140-11144 and 13301-13305 prescribe penalties for misuse of criminal history information. Government Code 6200 prescribes felony penalties for misuse of public records.

Penal Code 11142 and 13300 state:

"Any person authorized by law to receive a record or information obtained from a record who knowingly furnishes the record or information to a person not authorized by law to receive the record or information is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Civil Code 1798.53, Invasion of Privacy, states:

"Any person who intentionally discloses information, not otherwise public, which they know or should reasonably know was obtained from personal or confidential information maintained by a state agency or from records within a system of records maintained by a federal government agency, shall be subject to a civil action, for invasion of privacy, by the individual."

**CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES:**

- \*Penal Code 11141: DOJ furnishing to unauthorized person (misdemeanor)
- \*Penal Code 11142: Authorized person furnishing to other (misdemeanor)
- \*Penal Code 11143: Unauthorized person in possession (misdemeanor)
- \*California Constitution, Article I, Section 1 (Right to Privacy)
- \* Civil Code 1798.53, Invasion of Privacy
- \*Title 18 USC 641, 1030, 1951, and 1952

Any employee who is responsible for such misuse may be subject to immediate dismissal. Violations of this law may result in criminal and/or civil action.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICY REGARDING MISUSE OF CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Do not return this form to the DOJ. Your Custodian of Records should maintain these forms.

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## **All Personnel**

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## **PERSONNEL FILES**

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The Superintendent or designee shall maintain personnel files for all current employees at the district's central office.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine the types of information to be included in personnel files, including, but not limited to, records required by law, and shall process all material to be placed in such files.

*(cf. [4112.5/4212.5/4312.5](#) - Criminal Record Check)*

### **Placement of Material in Personnel Files**

Any supervisor or administrator who places written material or drafts written material for placement in an employee's file shall sign the material and indicate the date of the placement. When an employee is asked to sign any material that is to be placed in his/her file, he/she shall be informed that the signature only signifies that he/she has read the material and does not necessarily indicate that he/she agrees with its contents.

Any request by an employee to include materials in his/her personnel file must be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

An employee may initiate a written reaction or response to his/her performance evaluation. The response shall be permanently attached to the evaluation and placed in the employee's personnel file.

*(cf. [4115](#) - Evaluation/Supervision)*

*(cf. [4215](#) - Evaluation/Supervision)*

*(cf. [4315](#) - Evaluation/Supervision)*

### **Derogatory Information**

Information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered into an employee's personnel file unless and until the employee is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment on that information. Such a review shall take place during normal business hours. The employee shall be released from duty for this purpose without a salary reduction. The employee may enter his/her own comments and have them attached to the derogatory statement. (Education Code [44031](#))

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

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

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

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

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

### **Persons with Authorized Access**

**PERSONNEL FILES** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of any personnel records which, if inappropriately disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the employee's privacy.

Access to an employee's personnel file shall be granted only to the employee, persons authorized by the employee, district personnel, and others with a valid "right to know" or "need to know" who are authorized access by the Superintendent or designee.

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

Individual Governing Board members shall not be allowed to access personnel files, but the Board may request pertinent information from an employee's file in cases of personnel action.

(cf. [9011](#) - *Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information*)

(cf. [9321](#) - *Closed Session Purposes and Agendas*)

(cf. [9321.1](#) - *Closed Session Actions and Reports*)

Any authorized reviewer shall maintain strict confidence of the contents of a personnel file. Personnel files shall be reviewed and replaced within the shortest time possible. In no case shall a personnel file be left unattended or left unsecured overnight.

**File Review by Employee**

Any employee wishing to inspect his/her personnel record shall contact the Superintendent or designee.

With the exceptions noted below, all personnel records related to the employee's performance or to any grievance concerning the employee shall be made available for inspection by the employee. Noncredentialed employees shall have access to any numerical scores obtained as a result of written examinations. (Education Code [44031](#); Labor Code [1198.5](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall not be required to make available to the employee: (Education Code [44031](#); Labor Code [1198.5](#))

1. Records related to the investigation of a possible criminal offense
2. Letters of reference
3. Ratings, reports, or records that were obtained prior to the employee's employment, prepared by identifiable examination committee members, or obtained in connection with a promotional examination

(cf. [4112.41/4212.41/4312.41](#) - *Employee Drug Testing*)

**PERSONNEL FILES** (continued)

Personnel records related to the employee's job performance or to any grievance concerning him/her shall be made available to the employee at reasonable intervals and at reasonable times. The Superintendent or designee shall not be required to make such records available at a time when the employee is required to render services to the district, unless the employee is required to view the file where it is stored. (Education Code [44031](#); Labor Code [1198.5](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall do one of the following: (Labor Code [1198.5](#))

1. Keep a copy of each employee's personnel records at the place where the employee reports to work
2. Make the employee's personnel records available at the place where the employee reports to work within a reasonable period of time following the employee's request
3. Permit the employee to inspect the personnel records at the location where the district stores the personnel records, with no loss of compensation to the employee

The employee may be accompanied by a representative of his/her choice while reviewing his/her personnel records.

Inspection shall take place in the presence of the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall keep a record of the date and time the file was reviewed and the name and title of the person(s) present during the review.

In no instance shall any material be removed from the records. Requests for copies of material in a personnel record must be made in writing.

**Record Retention**

Personnel records for current and former employees shall be retained in accordance with 5 CCR [16023](#).

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

The Superintendent or designee shall not expunge from an employee's personnel file, nor enter into an agreement that would authorize expunging from an employee's personnel file, credible complaints of, substantiated investigations into, or discipline for egregious misconduct as defined in Education Code [44932](#). However, such documentation may be removed if, during a hearing before the Board, an arbiter, personnel commission, Commission on Professional Competence, or administrative law judge, the employee prevailed, the allegations were determined to be false, not credible, or unsubstantiated, or a determination was made that the discipline was not warranted. (Education Code [44939.5](#))

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**PERSONNEL FILES** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

[35253](#) Regulations to destroy records

[44031](#) Personnel file contents and inspection

[44663](#) Performance appraisals and related materials

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[6254](#) Exemption for personnel records if invasion of personal privacy

[6254.3](#) Disclosure of home address and phone number

LABOR CODE

[1198.5](#) Inspection of personnel files

PENAL CODE

[11165.14](#) Report of investigation of child abuse complaint

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