

# Board Policy

## Students

BP 5144.1(a)

### SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

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

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

### Appropriate Use of Suspension Authority

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

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(cf. [5138](#) - *Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation*)  
 (cf. [5144](#) - *Discipline*)  
 (cf. [6142.4](#) - *Service Learning/Community Service Classes*)  
 (cf. [6164.2](#) - *Guidance/Counseling Services*)  
 (cf. [6164.5](#) - *Student Success Teams*)

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

No student in grades K-8 may be suspended for disruption or willful defiance, except by a teacher pursuant to Education Code [48910](#). (Education Code [48900](#))

Students shall not be suspended or expelled for truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities.

(cf. [5113](#) - *Absences and Excuses*)  
 (cf. [5113.1](#) - *Chronic Absence and Truancy*)

**On-Campus Suspension**

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

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

**Authority to Expel**

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

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

1. Possessing a firearm which is not an imitation firearm, as verified by a certificated employee, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence

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

2. Selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm

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3. Brandishing a knife at another person
4. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code [11053-11058](#)
5. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code [261](#), [266c](#), [286](#), [288](#), [288a](#), or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code [243.4](#)
6. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC [921](#)

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

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

A vote to expel a student shall be taken in an open session of a Board meeting.

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

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

No child enrolled in a preschool program shall be expelled except under limited circumstances as specified in AR 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education.

(cf. [5148.3](#) - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

**Due Process**

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

(cf. [5119](#) - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

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

**SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS** (continued)**Maintenance and Monitoring of Outcome Data**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain outcome data related to student suspensions and expulsions in accordance with Education Code [48900.8](#) and [48916.1](#), including, but not limited to, the number of students recommended for expulsion, the grounds for each recommended expulsion, the actions taken by the Board, the types of referral made after each expulsion, and the disposition of the students after the expulsion period. For any expulsion that involves the possession of a firearm, such data shall include the name of the school and the type of firearm involved, as required pursuant to 20 USC 7961. Suspension and expulsion data shall be reported to the Board annually and to the California Department of Education when so required.

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

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

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE[212.5](#) Sexual harassment[233](#) Hate violence[1981-1981.5](#) Enrollment of students in community school[8239.1](#) Prohibition against expulsion of preschool student[17292.5](#) Program for expelled students[32261](#) Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985[35145](#) Open board meetings[35146](#) Closed sessions (regarding suspensions)[35291](#) Rules (for government and discipline of schools)[35291.5](#) Rules and procedures on school discipline[48645.5](#) Readmission; contact with juvenile justice system[48660-48666](#) Community day schools[48853.5](#) Foster youth[48900-48927](#) Suspension and expulsion[48950](#) Speech and other communication[48980](#) Parental notifications[49073-49079](#) Privacy of student records[52052](#) Numerically significant student subgroups[52060-52077](#) Local control and accountability plan[64000-64001](#) Consolidated applicationCIVIL CODE[47](#) Privileged communication[48.8](#) Defamation liability

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[54950-54963](#) Ralph M. Brown Act

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[11014.5](#) Drug paraphernalia

[11053-11058](#) Standards and schedules

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[626.2](#) Entry upon campus after written notice of suspension or dismissal without permission

[626.9](#) Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995

[626.10](#) Dirks, daggers, knives, razors, or stun guns

[868.5](#) Supporting person; attendance during testimony of witness

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[729.6](#) Counseling

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921 Definitions, firearm

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[1415\(K\)](#) Placement in alternative educational setting

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Biggs, California

# Administrative Regulation

## Students

AR 5144.1(a)

### SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS

#### Definitions

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

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code [48910](#)

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

#### Notice of Regulations

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

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

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

#### Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12

Acts for which a student, including a student with disabilities, may be suspended or expelled shall be only those specified as follows and in the sections "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 9-12" below:

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

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense; or committed as an aider or abettor, as adjudged by a juvenile court, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury (Education Code [48900](#)(a) and (t))

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2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence (Education Code [48900\(b\)](#))

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

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

3. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code [11053-11058](#), alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind (Education Code [48900\(c\)](#))

(cf. [3513.4](#) - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools)

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

4. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code [11053-11058](#), alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented same as such controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant (Education Code [48900\(d\)](#))

5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion (Education Code [48900\(e\)](#))

6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property (Education Code [48900\(f\)](#))

7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property (Education Code [48900\(g\)](#))

8. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel, except that this restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing prescription products (Education Code [48900\(h\)](#))

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

9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity (Education Code [48900\(i\)](#))

10. Unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code [11014.5](#) (Education Code [48900\(j\)](#))

11. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property (Education Code [48900\(l\)](#))

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12. Possessed an imitation firearm (Education Code [48900\(m\)](#))

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

13. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code [261](#), [266c](#), [286](#), [288](#), [288a](#), or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code [243.4](#) (Education Code [48900\(n\)](#))
14. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness (Education Code [48900\(o\)](#))
15. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma (Education Code [48900\(p\)](#))
16. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing (Education Code [48900\(q\)](#))

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

17. Engaged in an act of bullying (Education Code [48900\(r\)](#))

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

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

Bullying also includes an act of cyber sexual bullying by a student through the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording that depicts a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of an

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identifiable minor, when such dissemination is to another student or to school personnel by means of an electronic act and has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects of bullying described above. Cyber sexual bullying does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.

*Electronic act* means the creation or transmission originated on or off the school site by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication including, but not limited to: (Education Code [48900\(r\)](#))

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12**

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

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

*Sexual harassment* means conduct which, when considered from the perspective of a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim, is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. (Education Code [212.5](#), [48900.2](#))

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 9-12**

Any student in grades 9-12 may be suspended, but not expelled, for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (Education Code [48900\(k\)](#))

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

**Suspension from Class by a Teacher**

A teacher may suspend a student from class for the remainder of the day and the following day for any of the acts specified in Education Code [48900](#) and listed as items #1-18 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above or for disruption or willful defiance at any grade level, including grades K-8. (Education Code [48910](#))

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

As soon as possible after the teacher decides to suspend the student, the teacher shall ask the student's parent/guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. A counselor or psychologist may attend the conference if it is practicable, and a school administrator shall attend if either the parent/guardian or teacher so requests. (Education Code [48910](#))

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

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

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

**Suspension by Superintendent, Principal or Principal's Designee**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Length of Suspension**

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

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

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

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

**Due Process Procedures for Suspension**

Suspensions shall be imposed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Informal Conference:** Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Superintendent, principal, or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action, including the other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension as required pursuant to Education Code [48900.5](#), and the evidence against the student, and shall be given the opportunity to present the student's version and evidence. (Education Code [48911](#))

This conference may be omitted if the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that an emergency situation exists involving a clear and present danger to the lives, safety, or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both

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the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of the conference and the conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives the right to it or is physically unable to attend for any reason. In such a case, the conference shall be held as soon as the student is physically able to return to school. (Education Code [48911](#))

2. **Administrative Actions:** All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee. A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code [48911](#))
3. **Notice to Parents/Guardians:** At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall also be notified in writing of the suspension. (Education Code [48911](#))

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

In addition, the notice may state the date and time when the student may return to school.

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

If school officials request to meet with the parent/guardian, the notice may state that the law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay. However, no penalties may be imposed on the student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied reinstatement solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend the conference. (Education Code [48911](#))

5. **Extension of Suspension:** If the Board is considering the expulsion of a suspended student from any school or the suspension of a student for the balance of the semester from continuation school, the Superintendent or designee may, in writing, extend the suspension until such time as the Board has made a decision, provided the following requirements are followed: (Education Code [48911](#))
  - a. The extension of the original period of suspension is preceded by notice of such extension with an offer to hold a conference concerning the extension, giving the student an opportunity to be heard. This conference may be held in conjunction with a meeting requested by the student or parent/guardian to challenge the original suspension.
  - b. The Superintendent or designee determines, following a meeting in which the student and the student's parent/guardian were invited to participate, that the

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student's presence at the school or at an alternative school would endanger persons or property or threaten to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code [48911](#))

- c. If the student involved is a foster youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for foster youth of the need to invite the student's attorney and a representative of the appropriate county child welfare agency to attend the meeting. (Education Code [48853.5](#), [48911](#), [48918.1](#))

(cf. [6173.1](#) - *Education for Foster Youth*)

- d. If the student involved is a homeless child or youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for homeless students. (Education Code [48918.1](#))

(cf. [6173](#) - *Education for Homeless Children*)

In lieu of or in addition to suspending a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee may provide services or require the student to participate in an alternative disciplinary program designed to correct the behavior and keep the student in school.

**On-Campus Suspension**

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

1. The on-campus suspension classroom shall be staffed in accordance with law.
2. The student shall have access to appropriate counseling services.
3. The on-campus suspension classroom shall promote completion of schoolwork and tests missed by the student during the suspension.
4. The student shall be responsible for contacting the student's teacher(s) to receive assignments to be completed in the supervised suspension classroom. The teacher(s) shall provide all assignments and tests that the student will miss while suspended. If no such work is assigned, the person supervising the suspension classroom shall assign schoolwork.

At the time a student is assigned to an on-campus suspension classroom, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in person or by telephone. When the

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assignment is for longer than one class period, this notification may be made in writing. (Education Code [48911.1](#))

**Superintendent or Principal's Authority to Recommend Expulsion**

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

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense
2. Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance as listed in Health and Safety Code [11053-11058](#), except for (a) the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, or (b) the student's possession of over-the-counter medication or other medication prescribed by a physician
4. Robbery or extortion
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code [240](#) and [242](#), upon any school employee

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

**Student's Right to Expulsion Hearing**

Any student recommended for expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that the student has committed the act(s) that form the basis for the expulsion recommendation. (Education Code [48918\(a\)](#))

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

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

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

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

**Stipulated Expulsion**

After a determination that a student has committed an expellable offense, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall offer the student and parent/guardian the option to waive a hearing and stipulate to the expulsion or to a suspension of the expulsion under certain conditions. The offer shall be made only after the student or parent/guardian has been given written notice of the expulsion hearing pursuant to Education Code [48918](#).

The stipulation agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the student and parent/guardian. The stipulation agreement shall include notice of all the rights that the student is waiving, including the waiving of the right to have a full hearing, to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education, and to consult legal counsel.

A stipulated expulsion agreed to by the student and parent/guardian shall be effective upon approval by the Board.

**Rights of Complaining Witness**

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

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

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

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

**Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing**

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

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

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

(*cf.* [5119](#) - *Students Expelled from Other Districts*)

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

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

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

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

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If the student facing expulsion is a foster student, the Superintendent or designee shall also send notice of the hearing to the student's attorney and a representative of an appropriate child welfare agency at least 10 days prior to the hearing. (Education Code [48918.1](#))

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

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

**Conduct of Expulsion Hearing**

1. *Closed Session:* Notwithstanding Education Code [35145](#), the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting. If such a request is made, the meeting shall be public to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated. (Education Code [48918](#))

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session to deliberate and determine whether or not the student should be expelled. If the Board admits any other person to this closed session, the parent/guardian, the student, and the counsel of the student also shall be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code [48918\(c\)](#))

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

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

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subpoenas at the request of the student or the County Superintendent of Schools or designee. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure [1985-1985.2](#) and enforced in accordance with Government Code [11455.20](#). (Education Code [48918\(i\)](#))

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

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

4. *Presentation of Evidence:* Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the expulsion hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The decision of the Board to expel shall be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts pursuant to Education Code [48900](#) and listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12," "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 9-12" above. (Education Code [48918\(h\)](#))

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

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

5. *Testimony by Complaining Witnesses:* The following procedures shall be observed when a hearing involves allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code [48918](#), [48918.5](#))
  - a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify.
  - b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during the testimony.

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- c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential.
- d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person who is disrupting the hearing.
- e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Penal Code [868.5](#).
- f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard. Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.
- g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a nonthreatening environment.
  - (1) The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony.
  - (2) At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which the complaining witness may leave the hearing room.
  - (3) The person conducting the hearing may:
    - (a) Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness
    - (b) Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to normal school hours, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours
    - (c) Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand

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

**Alternative Expulsion Hearing: Hearing Officer or Administrative Panel**

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

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

The hearing officer or administrative panel shall, within three school days after the hearing, determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If expulsion is not recommended, the expulsion proceeding shall be terminated and the student shall be immediately reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made, unless another placement is requested in writing by the student's parent/guardian.

Before the student's placement decision is made by the student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the parent/guardian and district staff, including the student's teachers, regarding other placement options for the student in addition to the option to return to the classroom instructional program from which the student's expulsion referral was made. The decision to not recommend expulsion shall be final. (Education Code [48918\(e\)](#))

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

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

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

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

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

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, which may include: (Education Code [48916](#))

1. Periodic review, as well as assessment at the time of review, for readmission
2. Recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service, or other rehabilitative programs

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

**Written Notice to Expel**

The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of the decision to expel to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:

1. The specific offense committed by the student for any of the causes for suspension or expulsion listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12," "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 9-12" (Education Code [48900.8](#))

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

**Decision to Suspend Expulsion Order**

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

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

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

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class, or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation. This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program. (Education Code [48917](#))
2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status. (Education Code [48917](#))
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12," "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 9-12" above or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct. (Education Code [48917](#))

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4. When the suspension of enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order. (Education Code [48917](#))
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school. Upon reinstatement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings. (Education Code [48917](#))
6. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian. The notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board, the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the period of expulsion, and the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code [48915.1](#)(b). (Education Code [48918](#)(j))
7. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with the County Board. (Education Code [48917](#))

**Appeal**

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

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

**Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities**

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

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

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

**Placement During Expulsion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Readmission After Expulsion**

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

1. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference, the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board a recommendation regarding readmission. The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or

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- adult student, it shall be honored to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated.
3. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission.
  4. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student has not satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or that the student continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other district students or employees. (Education Code [48916](#))
  5. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school.
  6. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program. This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district. (Education Code [48916](#))

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

**Maintenance of Records**

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

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

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

(cf. [5119](#) - *Students Expelled from Other Districts*)

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# Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5144.2(a)

## SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS (STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES)

A student identified as an individual with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC 1400-1482, is subject to the same grounds and procedures for suspension and expulsion which apply to students without disabilities, except as otherwise specified in this administrative regulation.

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

### Suspension

The Superintendent or designee may suspend a student with a disability for up to 10 consecutive school days for a single incident of misconduct, and for up to 20 school days in a school year, as long as the suspension(s) does not constitute a change in placement pursuant to 34 CFR 300.536. (Education Code 48903; 34 CFR 300.530)

The principal or designee shall monitor the number of days, including portions of days, in which a student with a valid individualized education program (IEP) has been suspended during the school year.

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

The Superintendent or designee shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a pattern of removals of a student from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons constitutes a change of placement. A *change of placement* shall be deemed to have occurred under either of the following circumstances: (34 CFR 300.536)

1. The removal is for more than 10 consecutive school days.
2. The student has been subjected to a series of removals that constitute a pattern because of all of the following:
  - a. The series of removals total more than 10 school days in a school year.
  - b. The student's behavior is substantially similar to his/her behavior in previous incidents that resulted in the series of removals.
  - c. Additional factors, such as the length of each removal, the total amount of time the student has been removed, and the proximity of the removals to one another, indicate a change of placement.

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If a student's removal is determined to be a change of placement as specified in items #1-2 above, or the student is suspended for more than 10 school days in the same school year, the student's IEP team shall determine the appropriate educational services. Such services shall be designed to enable the student to continue to participate in the general education curriculum in another setting, to progress toward meeting the goals set out in his/her IEP, and to address the student's behavior violation so that it does not recur. (20 USC 1412(a)(1)(A); 34 CFR 300.530)

If the IEP of a student with a disability requires the district to provide the student with transportation, the district shall provide the student with an alternative form of transportation at no cost to him/her or to his/her parent/guardian when he/she is to be excluded from school bus transportation. (Education Code 48915.5)

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

**Interim Alternative Educational Placement Due to Dangerous Behavior**

The district may unilaterally place a student with a disability in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for up to 45 school days, without regard to whether the behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability, when the student commits one of the following acts while at school, going to or from school, or at a school-related function: (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 CFR 300.530)

1. Carries or possesses a weapon, as defined in 18 USC 930
2. Knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs
3. Sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance as identified in 21 USC 812(c), Schedules I-V
4. Inflicts serious bodily injury upon another person as defined in 18 USC 1365

The student's interim alternative educational setting shall be determined by his/her IEP team. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 CFR 300.531)

On the date the decision to take disciplinary action is made, the student's parent/guardian shall be notified of the decision and provided the procedural safeguards notice pursuant to 34 CFR 300.504. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(H); 34 CFR 300.530)

A student who has been removed from his/her current placement because of dangerous behavior shall receive services, although in another setting, to the extent necessary to allow him/her to participate in the general education curriculum and to progress toward meeting the

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goals set out in his/her IEP. As appropriate, the student shall also receive a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications that are designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.530)

**Manifestation Determination**

The following procedural safeguards shall apply when a student with a disability is suspended for more than 10 consecutive school days, when a series of removals of a student constitutes a pattern, or when a change of placement of a student is contemplated due to a violation of the district's code of conduct:

1. **Notice:** On the date the decision to take disciplinary action is made, the student's parent/guardian shall be notified of the decision and provided the procedural safeguards notice pursuant to 34 CFR 300.504. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(H); 34 CFR 300.530)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

*(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)*

2. **Manifestation Determination Review:** Immediately if possible, but in no case later than 10 school days after the date the decision to take disciplinary action is made, a manifestation determination review shall be made of the relationship between the student's disability and the behavior subject to the disciplinary action. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(E); 34 CFR 300.530)

At the manifestation determination review, the district, the student's parent/guardian, and relevant members of the IEP team (as determined by the district and parent/guardian) shall review all relevant information in the student's file, including the student's IEP, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parents/guardians, to determine whether the conduct in question was either of the following: (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(E); 34 CFR 300.530)

- a. Caused by or had a direct and substantial relationship to the student's disability
- b. A direct result of the district's failure to implement the student's IEP, in which case the district shall take immediate steps to remedy those deficiencies

If the manifestation review team determines that either of the above conditions applies, the student's conduct shall then be determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(E); 34 CFR 300.530)

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- 3. Determination that Behavior is a Manifestation of the Student's Disability:** When the student's conduct has been determined to be a manifestation of his/her disability, the IEP team shall conduct a functional behavioral assessment, unless one had been conducted before the occurrence of the behavior that resulted in the change of placement, and shall implement a behavioral intervention plan for the student. If a behavioral intervention plan has already been developed, the IEP team shall review the behavioral intervention plan and modify it as necessary to address the behavior. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(F); 34 CFR 300.530)

The student shall be returned to the placement from which he/she was removed, unless the parent/guardian and Superintendent or designee agree to a change of placement as part of the modification of the behavioral intervention plan. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(F); 34 CFR 300.530)

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

- 4. Determination that Behavior is Not a Manifestation of the Student's Disability:** When it has been determined that the student's conduct was not a manifestation of his/her disability, the student may be disciplined in accordance with the procedures for students without disabilities. However, the student's IEP team shall determine services necessary to enable him/her to participate in the general education curriculum in another setting and to allow him/her to progress toward meeting the goals set out in his/her IEP. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.530)

As appropriate, the student also shall receive a functional behavioral assessment and behavioral intervention services and modifications that are designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur. (20 USC 1415(k)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.530)

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

*(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)*

**Due Process Appeals**

If the parent/guardian disagrees with any district decision regarding placement under 34 CFR 300.530 (suspension and removal for dangerous circumstances) or 34 CFR 300.531 (interim alternative placement), or the manifestation determination under 34 CFR 300.530(e), he/she may appeal the decision by requesting a hearing. The district may request a hearing if the district believes that maintaining the student's current placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or others. In order to request a due process hearing, the requesting party shall file a complaint pursuant to 34 CFR 300.507 and 300.508(a) and (b).

Whenever a hearing is requested as specified above, the parent/guardian or the district shall have an opportunity for an expedited due process hearing consistent with requirements specified in 34 CFR 300.507, 300.508 (a)-(c), and 300.510-300.514.

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If the student's parent/guardian or the district has initiated a due process hearing under 34 CFR 300.532 as detailed above, the student shall remain in the interim alternative educational setting pending the decision of the hearing officer or until the expiration of the 45-day time period, whichever occurs first, unless the parent/guardian and district agree otherwise. (20 USC 1415(k)(4); 34 CFR 300.533)

#### **Readmission**

Readmission procedures for students with disabilities shall be the same as those adopted for students without disabilities. Upon readmission of a student with disabilities, an IEP team meeting shall be convened to review and, as necessary, modify the student's IEP.

#### **Decision Not to Enforce Expulsion Order**

The Governing Board's criteria for suspending the enforcement of an expulsion order shall be applied to students with disabilities in the same manner as they are applied to all other students. (Education Code 48917)

#### **Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities**

Law enforcement notification requirements involving students with disabilities shall be the same as those specified for all students in AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process.

When giving any required notification concerning a student with disabilities to any law enforcement official, the principal or designee shall require the law enforcement official to certify in writing that he/she will not disclose the student's information or records to any other person without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 49076)

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

#### **Report to County Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the County Superintendent of Schools when any special education student has been expelled or suspended for more than 10 school days. The report shall include the student's name, last known address, and the reason for the action. (Education Code 48203)

#### **Procedures for Students Not Yet Eligible for Special Education Services**

A student who has not been determined to be eligible for special education and related services and who has violated the district's code of student conduct may nevertheless assert

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any of the protections under IDEA, if the district had *knowledge* of the student's disability. (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

*Knowledge* means that, before the occurrence of the behavior that precipitated the disciplinary action, one of the following occurred: (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

1. The parent/guardian, in writing, has expressed concern to district supervisory or administrative personnel, or to a teacher of the student, that the student is in need of special education or related services.
2. The parent/guardian has requested an evaluation of the student for special education pursuant to 20 USC 1414(a)(1)(B) or 34 CFR 300.300-300.311.

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

3. The teacher of the student or other district personnel has expressed specific concerns directly to the district's director of special education or other supervisory district personnel about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the student.

However, the district shall not be deemed to have knowledge of a student's disability if the student's parent/guardian has not allowed him/her to be evaluated for special education services or has refused services or, after evaluating the student pursuant to 34 CFR 300.300-300.311, the district determined that he/she was not an individual with a disability.

When the district is deemed to not have knowledge of a student's disability, the student shall be disciplined in accordance with procedures established for students without disabilities who engage in comparable behavior. (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

If a request is made for an evaluation of a student during the time period in which the student is subject to disciplinary measures pursuant to 34 CFR 300.530, the evaluation shall be conducted in an expedited manner. Until the evaluation is completed, the student shall remain in the educational placement determined by school authorities. (20 USC 1415(k)(5); 34 CFR 300.534)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35146 *Closed sessions re: suspensions*

35291 *Rules of governing board*

48203 *Reports of severance of attendance of disabled students*

48900-48925 *Suspension and expulsion*

49076 *Access to student records*

56000 *Special education; legislative findings and declarations*

56320 *Educational needs; requirements*

56321 *Development or revision of individualized education program*

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56329 *Independent educational assessment*  
56340-56347 *Individualized education program teams*  
56505 *State hearing*

PENAL CODE

245 *Assault with deadly weapon*  
626.2 *Entry upon campus after written notice of suspension or dismissal without permission*  
626.9 *Gun-Free School Zone Act*  
626.10 *Dirks, daggers, knives, razors, or stun guns*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18

930 *Weapons*

1365 *Serious bodily injury*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1412 *State eligibility*

1415 *Procedural safeguards*

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812 *Controlled substances*

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706 *Definitions*

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104.35 *Evaluation and placement*

104.36 *Procedural safeguards*

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300.530-300.537 *Discipline procedures*

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*U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs:*

*<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep>*

**REQUIRED PARENTAL ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe school environment and setting expectations for appropriate student conduct. The Superintendent or designee may involve parents/guardians in student discipline as necessary to improve a student's behavior and encourage personal responsibility.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

When removing a student from class pursuant to Education Code 48910 for committing an act of obscenity, habitual profanity or vulgarity, disruption of school activities, or willful defiance, the teacher of the class may require any parent/guardian who lives with the student to accompany the student for a portion of a school day in the class from which the student has been removed. (Education Code 48900.1)

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

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

Any teacher requiring parental attendance pursuant to this policy shall apply the policy uniformly to all students within the classroom. (Education Code 48900.1)

District and school-site rules for student discipline shall include procedures for implementing parental attendance requirements. (Education Code 48900.1)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*35291 Rules (for government and discipline of schools)*

*35291.5 Rules and procedures on school discipline*

*48900-48927 Suspension and expulsion, especially:*

*48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion*

*48900.1 Required parental attendance*

*48910 Suspension by teacher*

*Management Resources: (next page)*

**REQUIRED PARENTAL ATTENDANCE (continued)**

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011*

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

*Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, January 2014*

WEB SITES

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

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.oag.ca.gov>

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

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Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/crdc-2012-data-summary.pdf>

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

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>

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**REQUIRED PARENTAL ATTENDANCE**

Whenever a teacher requires a parent/guardian to attend a portion of a school day with his/her child for the child's commission of an act specified in Education Code 48900(i) or (k), the principal shall send the parent/guardian a written notice that the parent/guardian's attendance is required pursuant to law. (Education Code 48900.1)

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

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

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

The notice shall:

1. Inform the parent/guardian of the date that his/her presence is expected, the length of the visit, and by what means he/she may arrange an alternate date
2. State that if the parent/guardian does not have a means of transportation to school, he/she may ride the school bus with the student
3. Direct the parent/guardian to meet with the principal after the visit and before leaving school
4. Direct the parent/guardian to contact the school if there are reasonable factors that would prevent him/her from complying with the attendance requirement

Attendance of the parent/guardian shall be limited to the class from which the student was removed. (Education Code 48900.1)

A parent/guardian who has received a written notice shall attend class as specified in the notice. After completing the classroom visit and before leaving school premises, the parent/guardian also shall meet with the principal or designee. (Education Code 48900.1)

At the meeting with the student's parent/guardian, the principal or designee shall explain the district's and school's discipline policies, including the disciplinary strategies that may be used to achieve proper student conduct.

When a parent/guardian does not respond to the request to attend school, the principal or designee shall contact him/her by any method that maintains the confidentiality of the student's records.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

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**QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe learning environment and cooperating with law enforcement officials and peace officers as necessary to help ensure the safety of students, staff, and the community and in carrying out their official duties.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

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

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

*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

In accordance with standards specified in law and court decisions, law enforcement officers may interview and question students on school premises. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to develop parameters under which law enforcement officers will interview students at school.

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

When any law enforcement official requests an interview with a student, the principal or designee shall request that the official provide verification of his/her identity and official capacity and certify the legal authority under which the interview is being conducted. If the officer refuses to provide certification of the legal authority for the interview, the principal or designee shall document such refusal and should consult with district legal counsel, as appropriate, before allowing the interview to proceed. The principal or designee shall maintain a record of all documentation relative to law enforcement interviews of students.

If the officer needs to interview or question the student immediately, the principal or designee shall accommodate the process in a way that causes the least possible disruption for the student and school, gives the student appropriate privacy, and models exemplary cooperation with law enforcement authorities.

Except in cases of child abuse or neglect, the principal or designee shall attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as practicable after law enforcement has interviewed the student on school premises.

At law enforcement's discretion and with the student's approval, the principal or designee may be present during the interview.

If a minor student is removed from school into the custody of law enforcement, the principal or designee shall immediately notify the parent/guardian or responsible relative regarding the student's release and the place to which he/she is reportedly being taken, except when the minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse. (Education Code 48906)

## QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT (continued)

### Subpoenas

Although subpoenas may legally be served at school on students age 12 or older, the Board believes that serving officials should be strongly urged to serve subpoenas at the home of the student whenever possible. When served at school, the principal or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure a minimum of embarrassment or loss of class time for the student.

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

44807 *Duty concerning conduct of pupils*

48264 *Arrest of truants*

48265 *Delivery of truant*

48902 *Notice to law enforcement authorities*

48906 *Release of minor pupil to peace officers; notice to parent, guardian*

48909 *Narcotics and other hallucinogenic drugs (re arrest)*

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416.60 *Service of summons or complaint to a minor*

##### PENAL CODE

830-832.17 *Peace officers*

1328 *Service of subpoena*

##### WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

627 *Custody of minor*

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

303 *Duty to remain at school*

##### COURT DECISIONS

*People v. Lessie*, (2010) 47 Cal. 4th 1152

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*California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General:* <http://caag.state.ca.us>

**QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**QUESTIONING OF STUDENTS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

*Instructions to law enforcement:* In response to the decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Greene v. Camreta, the insert district name requests that law enforcement officials provide the information below prior to interviewing a district student on school grounds as part of an investigation. Failure to provide this information or satisfy the criteria below may result in the principal or designee's refusal to allow the interview to proceed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please indicate, by checking the box below, the authority upon which this student interview is based:

- Parent/guardian consent
- Court order or warrant
- Exigent circumstances

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Interviewer and Badge Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Interviewer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Interview

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Name of Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Official Receiving Form

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

The Board of Trustees is fully committed to promoting a safe learning environment and, to the extent possible, eliminating the possession and use of weapons, illegal drugs, and other controlled substances by students on school premises and at school activities. As necessary to protect the health and welfare of students and staff, school officials may search students, their property, and/or district property under their control and may seize illegal, unsafe, or otherwise prohibited items.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)*  
*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

The Board urges that employees exercise discretion and good judgment. When conducting a search or seizure, employees shall act in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff who conduct student searches receive training regarding the requirements of the district's policy and administrative regulation and other legal issues, as appropriate.

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

**Individual Searches**

School officials may search any individual student, his/her property, or district property under his/her control when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that he/she is violating the law, Board policy, administrative regulation, or other rules of the district or the school. Reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific and objective facts that the search will produce evidence related to the alleged violation. The types of student property that may be searched by school officials include, but are not limited to, lockers, desks, purses, backpacks, student vehicles parked on district property, cellular phones, or other electronic communication devices.

Any search of a student, his/her property, or district property under his/her control shall be limited in scope and designed to produce evidence related to the alleged violation. Factors to be considered by school officials when determining the scope of the search shall include the danger to the health or safety of students or staff, such as the possession of weapons, drugs,

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or other dangerous instruments, and whether the item(s) to be searched by school officials are reasonably related to the contraband to be found. In addition, school officials shall consider the intrusiveness of the search in light of the student's age, gender, and the nature of the alleged violation.

Employees shall not conduct strip searches or body cavity searches of any student. (Education Code 49050)

Searches of individual students shall be conducted in the presence of at least two district employees.

The principal or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of a student subjected to an individualized search as soon as possible after the search.

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

### **Searches of Multiple Student Lockers/Desks**

All student lockers and desks are the property of the district. The principal or designee may conduct a general inspection of school properties that are within the control of students, such as lockers and desks, on a regular, announced basis, with students standing by their assigned lockers or desks. Any items contained in a locker or desk shall be considered to be the property of the student to whom the locker or desk was assigned.

### **Use of Metal Detectors**

The Board believes that the presence of weapons in the schools threatens the district's ability to provide the safe and orderly learning environment to which district students and staff are entitled. The Board also believes that metal detector searches offer a reasonable means to keep weapons out of the schools and mitigate the fears of students and staff.

The Superintendent or designee shall use metal detectors at district schools as necessary to help provide a safe learning environment. He/she shall establish a plan to ensure that metal detector searches are conducted in a uniform and consistent manner.

### **Use of Contraband Detection Dogs**

In an effort to keep the schools free of dangerous contraband, the district may use specially trained, nonaggressive dogs to sniff out and alert staff to the presence of substances prohibited by law or Board policy.

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The dogs may sniff the air around lockers, desks, or vehicles on district property or at district-sponsored events. Dogs shall not sniff within the close proximity of students or other persons and may not sniff any personal items on those persons without their consent.

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

35160 *Authority of governing boards*

35160.1 *Broad authority of school districts*

48900-48927 *Suspension and expulsion*

49050-49051 *Searches by school employees*

49330-49334 *Injurious objects*

#### PENAL CODE

626.9 *Firearms*

626.10 *Dirks, daggers, knives or razor*

#### CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

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

#### COURT DECISIONS

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*Jennings v. Joshua Independent School District, (5th Cir. 1989) 877 F.2d 313*

*O'Connor v. Ortega, (1987) 480 U.S. 709*

*New Jersey v. T.L.O., (1985) 469 U.S. 325*

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

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lss>

National Institute of Justice: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE****Use of Metal Detectors**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following safeguards are used when making metal detector scans:

1. Before walk-through, students shall be asked to empty their pockets and belongings of metallic objects.
2. If an initial metal detector activation occurs, students shall be asked to remove other metallic objects that they may be wearing (e.g., belt and jewelry) and to walk through a second time.
3. If a second activation occurs, a hand-held metal detector shall be used.
4. If the activation is not eliminated or explained, staff shall escort the student to a private area where an expanded search shall be conducted by a staff member of the same gender as the student in the presence of another district employee.
5. The search shall be limited to the detection of the cause of the activation.

**Use of Contraband Detection Dogs**

Contraband detection dogs shall not be used in classrooms or other district facilities when the rooms are occupied, except for demonstration purposes with the handler present. When used for demonstration purposes, the dog shall be separated from the students and not allowed to sniff any individual.

Prior to conducting an inspection, students shall be asked to leave the room that will be subject to the canine sniff. No student shall be forced to leave personal items behind for inspection, unless school officials have reasonable suspicion to search the item.

Only the dog's official handler shall determine what constitutes an alert by the dog. If the dog alerts on a particular item or place, the student having the use of that item or place, or responsibility for it, shall be called to witness the inspection. If a dog alerts on a locked vehicle, the student who brought the vehicle onto district property shall be asked to unlock it for inspection.

*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

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

**Notifications**

At the beginning of each school year and upon enrollment, the Superintendent or designee shall inform students and parents/guardians about the district's policies and procedures for searches, including notice regarding:

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE** (continued)

1. The possibility of random searches of students, their belongings, their vehicles parked on district property, and district properties under a student's control, including lockers or desks
2. The district's contraband dog detection program
3. The use of metal detector scans

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at all schools at which metal detectors are to be used to explain that anyone may be scanned by metal detector for guns, knives, or other illegal weapons when on campus or attending athletic or extracurricular events.

**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

The Board of Trustees is committed to the success of all students and believes that every school site should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status.

District staff shall not solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members or provide assistance with immigration enforcement at district schools, except as may be required by state and federal law. (Education Code 234.7)

*(cf. 5111 - Admission)*

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

No student shall be denied equal rights and opportunities nor be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the district's programs and activities on the basis of his/her immigration status. (Education Code 200, 220, 234.1)

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

*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians regarding their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs and their rights related to immigration enforcement. (Education Code 234.7)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

Consistent with requirements of the California Office of the Attorney General, the Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for addressing any requests by a law enforcement officer for access to district records, school sites, or students for the purpose of immigration enforcement.

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

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

*(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)*

Teachers, school administrators, and other school staff shall receive training regarding immigration issues, including information on responding to a request from an immigration officer to visit a school site or to have access to a student.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board in a timely manner any requests for information or access to a school site by an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing the immigration laws. Such notification shall be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information. (Education Code 234.7)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

200 Educational equity

220 Prohibition of discrimination

234.1 Safe Place to Learn Act

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment

48980 Parental notifications

48985 Notices to parents in language other than English

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8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act

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422.55 Definition of hate crime

627.1-627.6 Access to school premises, outsiders

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<http://locator.ice.gov/odls>

**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

**Responding to Requests for Information**

Unless authorized by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act pursuant to 20 USC 1232g, student information shall not be disclosed to immigration law enforcement authorities without parental consent, a court order, or judicial subpoena. The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians that the district will not release student information to third parties for immigration enforcement purposes, unless the parent/guardian consents or as required to do so by a court order or judicial subpoena.

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*  
*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*  
*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*  
*(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)*

Upon receiving any verbal or written request for information related to a student's or family's immigration or citizenship status, district staff shall:

1. Notify the Superintendent or designee about the information request
2. Provide students and families with appropriate notice and a description of the immigration officer's request
3. Document any request for information by immigration authorities
4. Provide students and parents/guardians with any documents provided by the immigration enforcement officer, unless such disclosure is prohibited by a subpoena served on the district or in cases involving investigations of child abuse, neglect, or dependency

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

Resources and data collected by the district shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on national origin, immigration status, religion, or other category of individual characteristics protected against unlawful discrimination. (Government Code 8310.3)

**Responding to Requests for Access to Students or School Grounds**

District staff shall receive parent/guardian consent before a student is interviewed or searched by any officer seeking to enforce civil immigration laws at the school, unless the officer presents a valid, effective warrant signed by a judge or a valid, effective court order. A student's parent/guardian shall be immediately notified if a law enforcement officer requests or gains access to the student for immigration enforcement purposes, unless the judicial warrant or subpoena restricts disclosure to the parent/guardian.

**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT** (continued)

*(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)*

All visitors and outsiders, including immigration enforcement officers, shall register with the principal or designee upon entering school grounds during school hours. Each visitor or outsider shall provide the principal or designee with his/her name, address, occupation, age if less than 21, purpose in entering school grounds, proof of identity, and any other information required by law. (Penal Code 627.2, 627.3)

*(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)*

District staff shall report the presence of any immigration enforcement officers to on-site district police and other appropriate administrators.

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

As early as possible, district staff shall notify the Superintendent or designee of any request by an immigration enforcement officer for access to the school or a student or for review of school documents, including service of lawful subpoenas, petitions, complaints, warrants, or other such documents.

In addition, district staff shall take the following actions in response to an officer present on the school campus specifically for immigration enforcement purposes:

1. Advise the officer that before school personnel can respond to the officer's request, they must first receive notification and direction from the Superintendent or designee, except under exigent circumstances that necessitate immediate action
2. Request to see the officer's credentials, including his/her name and badge number, and the phone number of the officer's supervisor, and note or make a copy of all such information
3. Ask the officer for his/her reason for being on school grounds and document the response
4. Request that the officer produce any documentation that authorizes his/her school access
5. Make a copy of all documents produced by the officer and retain one copy for school records
6. If the officer declares that exigent circumstances exist and demands immediate access to the campus, comply with the officer's orders and immediately contact the Superintendent or designee
7. If the officer does not declare that exigent circumstances exist, respond according to the requirements of the officer's documentation, as follows:

**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT** (continued)

- a. If the officer has an Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) administrative warrant, district staff shall inform the agent that they cannot consent to any request without first consulting with the district's legal counsel or other designated district official.
  - b. If the officer has a federal judicial warrant, such as a search and seizure warrant or an arrest warrant signed by a federal judge or magistrate, district staff shall promptly comply with the warrant. If feasible, district staff shall consult with the district's legal counsel or designated administrator before providing the officer with access to the person or materials specified in the warrant.
  - c. If the officer has a subpoena for production of documents or other evidence, district staff shall inform the district's legal counsel or other designated official of the subpoena and await further instructions as to how to proceed.
8. Do not attempt to physically impede the officer, even if the officer appears to be exceeding the authorization given under a warrant or other document. If an officer enters the premises without consent, district staff shall document the officer's actions while on campus.
  9. After the encounter with the officer, promptly make written notes of all interactions with the officer, including:
    - a. A list or copy of the officer's credentials and contact information
    - b. The identity of all school personnel who communicated with the officer
    - c. Details of the officer's request
    - d. Whether the officer presented a warrant or subpoena to accompany his/her request, what was requested in the warrant or subpoena, and whether the warrant or subpoena was signed by a judge
    - e. District staff's response to the officer's request
    - f. Any further action taken by the officer
    - g. A photo or copy of any documents presented by the officer
  10. Provide a copy of these notes and associated documents collected from the officer to the district's legal counsel or other designated district official

The district's legal counsel or other designated official shall submit a timely report to the Governing Board regarding the officer's requests and actions and the district's responses.

**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT** (continued)

(Education Code 234.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall also email the Bureau of Children's Justice in the California Department of Justice (BCJ@doj.ca.gov) regarding any attempt by a law enforcement officer to access a school site or a student for immigration enforcement purposes.

**Responding to the Detention or Deportation of Student's Family Member**

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage students and their families to update their emergency contact information as needed throughout the school year and to provide alternative contacts, including an identified trusted adult guardian, in case a student's parent/guardian is detained or is otherwise unavailable. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students' families that information provided on the emergency cards will only be used in response to specific emergency situations and not for any other purpose.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall also encourage all students and families to learn their emergency phone numbers and be aware of the location of important documentation, including birth certificates, passports, social security cards, physicians' contact information, medication lists, lists of allergies, and other such information that would allow the students and families to be prepared in the event that a family member is detained or deported.

In the event that a student's parent/guardian is detained or deported by federal immigration authorities, the Superintendent or designee shall release the student to the person(s) designated in the student's emergency contact information or to any individual who presents a caregiver's authorization affidavit on behalf of the student. The Superintendent or designee shall only contact child protective services if district personnel are unable to arrange for the timely care of the student by the person(s) designated in the emergency contact information maintained by the school or identified on a caregiver's authorization affidavit.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify a student whose parent/guardian was detained or deported that the student continues to meet the residency requirements for attendance in a district school, provided that the parent/guardian was a resident of California and the student lived in California immediately before he/she moved out of state as a result of the parent/guardian's departure. (Education Code 48204.4)

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

The Superintendent or designee may refer a student or his/her family members to other resources for assistance, including, but not limited to, an ICE detainee locator, legal assistance, or the consulate or embassy of the parent/guardian's country of origin.

**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT** (continued)

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**FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION**

The Board of Trustees believes that free inquiry and exchange of ideas are essential parts of a democratic education. The Board respects students' rights to express ideas and opinions, take stands on issues, and support causes, even when such speech is controversial or unpopular.

*(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*  
*(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)*

**On-Campus Expression**

Students shall have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards; the distribution of printed materials or petitions; the wearing of buttons, badges, and other insignia; and the right of expression in official publications. (Education Code 48907)

Student expression on district or school Internet web sites and online media shall generally be afforded the same protections as in print media.

*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*  
*(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)*

Students' freedom of expression shall be limited only as allowed by Education Code 48907, 48950, and other applicable state and federal laws.

Students are prohibited from making any expressions or distributing or posting any materials that are obscene, libelous, or slanderous. Students also are prohibited from making any expressions that so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, the violation of school rules, or substantial disruption of the school's orderly operation. (Education Code 48907)

*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*

The use of "fighting words" or epithets is prohibited in those instances where the speech is abusive and insulting, rather than a communication of ideas, and the speech is used in an abusive manner in a situation that presents an actual danger that it will cause a breach of the peace.

School officials shall not engage in prior restraint of material prepared for official school publications except insofar as the content of the material violates the law. (Education Code 48907)

The Superintendent or designee shall not discipline any high school student solely on the basis of speech or other communication that would be constitutionally protected when engaged in outside of school, but may impose discipline for harassment, threats, or intimidation unless constitutionally protected. (Education Code 48950)

**FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION (continued)**

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)  
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)  
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)  
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: Students with Disabilities)

**Off-Campus Expression**

A student shall be subject to discipline for off-campus expression, including expression on off-campus Internet web sites, when such expression poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or school property, or substantially disrupts the educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall document the impact the expression had or could be expected to have on the school program.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

48907 Exercise of free expression; rules and regulations

48950 Speech and other communication

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

4071-4074 Equal Access Act

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 2 Freedom of speech and expression

U.S. CONSTITUTION

Amendment 1 Freedom of speech and expression

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES

Limitations on Student Expression in School-Sponsored Publications, March 4, 1988

WEB SITES

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

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

**FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION**

**School-Sponsored Publications**

Students shall have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press in official school publications, except for expression that is obscene, libelous, slanderous, or so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on school premises, the violation of lawful school regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school. (Education Code 48907)

*Official school publications* includes material produced by students in journalism, newspaper, yearbook, or writing classes and distributed to the student body either for a fee or free. (Education Code 48907)

Each principal shall develop a school publications code outlining the responsibility of student journalists, editors, and publication advisors.

All student submissions shall be held to professional standards of English and journalism. (Education Code 48907)

If the principal considers material submitted for publication to violate Education Code 48907, he/she shall notify the student, without undue delay, and give specific reasons why the submitted material may not be published. Absent extraordinary circumstances, such notice should be given in sufficient time to allow the student time to either modify the material or to seek review of the principal's determination from the Superintendent or designee. Prior to any restriction of student speech, school officials shall consider any feasible alternative options to restricting the speech.

To the extent that the principal or designee believes that the school and district should be disassociated from a particular idea or opinion, the principal may require student articles to include disclaimers.

**Distribution of Printed Materials and Petitions by Students**

The principal or designee may provide bulletin boards on which students and student organizations may post materials of general interest. Students also may post or distribute handbills, leaflets, and other printed material, whether produced within or outside of the school. Students may collect signatures on petitions concerning school or nonschool issues.

*(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)*  
*(cf. 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access)*

Printed materials or petitions may be distributed only:

1. Before or after school or during lunch time

**FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION** (continued)

2. In locations that do not obstruct the normal flow of traffic within the school or at entrances

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

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

**Clothing, Buttons, and Badges**

Buttons, badges, armbands, and clothing bearing slogans or sayings may be worn unless their message falls into the categories prohibited by law and Board policy. No employee shall interfere with this practice on the grounds that the message may be controversial or unpopular with students or faculty.

*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*

*(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)*

*(cf. 5136 - Gangs)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

**NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT**

This policy shall apply to all acts constituting unlawful discrimination or harassment related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, and to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school.

The Board of Trustees desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access to and opportunities in the district's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, 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*)

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

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

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

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

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

(cf. [5146](#) - *Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students*)

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

Unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may result from physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on any of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also occurs when prohibited conduct is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects a student's educational opportunities.

Unlawful discrimination also includes disparate treatment of students based on one of the categories above with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services.

The Board also prohibits any form of retaliation against any individual who reports or participates in the reporting of unlawful discrimination, files or participates in the filing of a complaint, or investigates or participates in the investigation of a complaint or report alleging unlawful discrimination. Retaliation complaints shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as a discrimination complaint.

**NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT** (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the district's policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying and other required information on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students, in accordance with law and the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and/or information on the scope and use of the policy and complaint procedures and take other measures designed to increase the school community's understanding of the requirements of law related to discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the implementation of the district's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to remove any identified barrier to student access to or participation in the district's educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall report the findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

(cf. [1312.3](#) - *Uniform Complaint Procedures*)  
 (cf. [1330](#) - *Use of Facilities*)  
 (cf. [4131](#) - *Staff Development*)  
 (cf. [4231](#) - *Staff Development*)  
 (cf. [4331](#) - *Staff Development*)  
 (cf. [6145](#) - *Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities*)  
 (cf. [6145.2](#) - *Athletic Competition*)  
 (cf. [6164.2](#) - *Guidance/Counseling Services*)

Regardless of whether a complainant complies with the writing, timeline, and/or other formal filing requirements, all complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be investigated and prompt action taken to stop the discrimination, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students.

Students who engage in unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion when the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code [48900.4](#). Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. [4118](#) - *Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action*)  
 (cf. [4119.21/4219.21/4319.21](#) - *Professional Standards*)  
 (cf. [4218](#) - *Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action*)  
 (cf. [5144](#) - *Discipline*)  
 (cf. [5144.1](#) - *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process*)  
 (cf. [5144.2](#) - *Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)*)  
 (cf. [5145.2](#) - *Freedom of Speech/Expression*)

**NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT** (continued)**Record-Keeping**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive prohibited behavior in district schools.

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

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

[200-262.4](#) Prohibition of discrimination

[48900.3](#) Suspension or expulsion for act of hate violence

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[48907](#) Student exercise of free expression

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[422.55](#) Definition of hate crime

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[104.7](#) Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

[104.8](#) Notice

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California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

California Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

First Amendment Center: <http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org>

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

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT**

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district's efforts to comply with applicable state and federal civil rights laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The individual(s) shall also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination targeting a student, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other legally protected status or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at: (Education Code [234.1](#); 5 CCR [4621](#))

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(cf. [1312.1](#) - *Complaints Concerning District Employees*)  
(cf. [1312.3](#) - *Uniform Complaint Procedures*)  
(cf. [5145.7](#) - *Sexual Harassment*)  
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**Measures to Prevent Discrimination**

To prevent unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying, of students at district schools or in school activities and to ensure equal access of all students to the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

1. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, including the coordinator/compliance officer's contact information, to students, parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, and the general public by posting them in prominent locations and providing easy access to them through district-supported communications
2. Post the district's policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination, harassment, student sexual harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying, including a section on social media bullying that includes all of the references described in Education Code 234.6 as possible forums for social media, in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students (Education Code 234.6)

**NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT** (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

3. Post the definition of sex discrimination and harassment as described in Education Code [230](#), including the rights set forth in Education Code [221.8](#), in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students (Education Code 234.6)
4. Post in a prominent location on the district web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students information regarding Title IX prohibitions against discrimination based on a student's sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, and parental status, including the following: (Education Code [221.6](#), [221.61](#), 234.6)
  - a. The name and contact information of the district's Title IX Coordinator, including the phone number and email address
  - b. The rights of students and the public and the responsibilities of the district under Title IX, including a list of rights as specified in Education Code [221.8](#) and web links to information about those rights and responsibilities located on the web sites of the Office for Equal Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
  - c. A description of how to file a complaint of noncompliance under Title IX, which shall include:
    - (1) An explanation of the statute of limitations within which a complaint must be filed after an alleged incident of discrimination has occurred and how a complaint may be filed beyond the statute of limitations
    - (2) An explanation of how the complaint will be investigated and how the complainant may further pursue the complaint, including web links to this information on the OCR's web site
    - (3) A web link to the OCR complaints form and the contact information for the office, including the phone number and email address for the office
  - d. A link to the Title IX information included on the California Department of Education's (CDE) web site
5. Post a link to statewide CDE-compiled resources, including community-based organizations, that provide support to youth who have been subjected to school-based

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- discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and to their families. Such resources shall be posted in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code [234.5](#), [234.6](#))
6. Provide to students a handbook that contains age-appropriate information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior.
  7. Annually notify all students and parents/guardians of the district's nondiscrimination policy, including its responsibility to provide a safe, nondiscriminatory school environment for all students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming students. The notice shall inform students and parents/guardians that they may request to meet with the compliance officer to determine how best to accommodate or resolve concerns that may arise from the district's implementation of its nondiscrimination policies. The notice shall also inform all students and parents/guardians that, to the extent possible, the district will address any individual student's interests and concerns in private.

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

8. Ensure that students and parents/guardians, including those with limited English proficiency, are notified of how to access the relevant information provided in the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, notices, and forms in a language they can understand.

If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning nondiscrimination shall be translated into that language in accordance with Education Code [234.1](#) and [48985](#). In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

9. Provide to students, employees, volunteers, and parents/guardians age-appropriate training and/or information regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy; what constitutes prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying; how and to whom a report of an incident should be made; and how to guard against segregating or stereotyping students when providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to them. Such training and information shall include details of guidelines the district may use to provide a discrimination-free environment for all district students, including transgender and gender-nonconforming students.

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

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

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

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

10. At the beginning of each school year, inform school employees that any employee who witnesses any act of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, against a student is required to intervene if it is safe to do so. (Education Code [234.1](#))

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

11. At the beginning of each school year, inform each principal or designee of the district's responsibility to provide appropriate assistance or resources to protect students from threatened or potentially discriminatory behavior and ensure their privacy rights.

**Enforcement of District Policy**

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. As needed, these actions may include any of the following:

1. Removing vulgar or offending graffiti

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

2. Providing training to students, staff, and parents/guardians about how to recognize unlawful discrimination, how to report it or file a complaint, and how to respond
3. Disseminating and/or summarizing the district's policy and regulation regarding unlawful discrimination
4. Consistent with laws regarding the confidentiality of student and personnel records, communicating to students, parents/guardians, and the community the school's response plan to unlawful discrimination or harassment

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

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

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

5. Taking appropriate disciplinary action against students, employees, and anyone determined to have engaged in wrongdoing in violation of district policy, including any student who is found to have filed a complaint of discrimination that the student knew was not true

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Process for Initiating and Responding to Complaints**

Students who feel that they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination described above or in district policy are strongly encouraged to immediately contact the compliance officer, principal, or any other staff member. In addition, students who observe any such incident are strongly encouraged to report the incident to the compliance officer or principal, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who observes an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, or to whom such an incident is reported shall report the incident to the compliance officer or principal within a school day, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who witnesses an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code [234.1](#))

When a report of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, is made to or received by the principal or compliance officer, the principal or compliance officer shall notify the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal complaint in accordance with AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures or, for complaints of sexual harassment that meet the federal Title IX definition, AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Once notified verbally or in writing, the compliance officer shall begin the investigation and shall implement immediate measures necessary to stop the discrimination and ensure that all students have access to the educational program and a safe school environment. Any interim measures adopted to address unlawful discrimination shall, to the extent possible, not disadvantage the complainant or a student who is the victim of the alleged unlawful discrimination.

Any report or complaint alleging unlawful discrimination by the principal, compliance officer, or any other person to whom a report would ordinarily be made or complaint filed shall instead be made to or filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

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

**Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students**

Gender identity of a student means the student's gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior as determined from the student's internal sense, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the student's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

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Gender expression means a student's gender-related appearance and behavior, whether stereotypically associated with the student's assigned sex at birth. (Education Code [210.7](#))

Gender transition refers to the process in which a student changes from living and identifying as the sex assigned to the student at birth to living and identifying as the sex that corresponds to the student's gender identity.

Gender-nonconforming student means a student whose gender expression differs from stereotypical expectations.

Transgender student means a student whose gender identity is different from the gender assigned at birth.

The district prohibits acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility that are based on sex, gender identity, or gender expression, or that have the purpose or effect of producing a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment, regardless of whether the acts are sexual in nature. Examples of the types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute gender-based harassment include, but are not limited to:

1. Refusing to address a student by a name and the pronouns consistent with the student's gender identity
2. Disciplining or disparaging a student or excluding the student from participating in activities, for behavior or appearance that is consistent with the student's gender identity or that does not conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity, as applicable
3. Blocking a student's entry to the restroom that corresponds to the student's gender identity
4. Taunting a student because the student participates in an athletic activity more typically favored by a student of the other sex
5. Revealing a student's transgender status to individuals who do not have a legitimate need for the information, without the student's consent
6. Using gender-specific slurs
7. Physically assaulting a student motivated by hostility toward the student because of the student's gender, gender identity, or gender expression

The district's uniform complaint procedures (AR 1312.3) or Title IX sexual harassment procedures (AR 5145.71), as applicable, shall be used to report and resolve complaints alleging discrimination against transgender and gender-nonconforming students.

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Examples of bases for complaints include, but are not limited to, the above list, as well as improper rejection by the district of a student's asserted gender identity, denial of access to facilities that correspond with a student's gender identity, improper disclosure of a student's transgender status, discriminatory enforcement of a dress code, and other instances of gender-based harassment.

To ensure that transgender and gender-nonconforming students are afforded the same rights, benefits, and protections provided to all students by law and Board policy, the district shall address each situation on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. **Right to privacy:** A student's transgender or gender-nonconforming status is the student's private information and the district shall only disclose the information to others with the student's prior written consent, except when the disclosure is otherwise required by law or when the district has compelling evidence that disclosure is necessary to preserve the student's physical or mental well-being. In any case, the district shall only allow disclosure of a student's personally identifiable information to employees with a legitimate educational interest as determined by the district pursuant to 34 CFR [99.31](#). Any district employee to whom a student's transgender or gender-nonconforming status is disclosed shall keep the student's information confidential. When disclosure of a student's gender identity is made to a district employee by a student, the employee shall seek the student's permission to notify the compliance officer. If the student refuses to give permission, the employee shall keep the student's information confidential, unless the employee is required to disclose or report the student's information pursuant to this administrative regulation, and shall inform the student that honoring the student's request may limit the district's ability to meet the student's needs related to the student's status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming student. If the student permits the employee to notify the compliance officer, the employee shall do so within three school days.

As appropriate given the student's need for support, the compliance officer may discuss with the student any need to disclose the student's transgender or gender-nonconformity status or gender identity or gender expression to the student's parents/guardians and/or others, including other students, teacher(s), or other adults on campus. The district shall offer support services, such as counseling, to students who wish to inform their parents/guardians of their status and desire assistance in doing so.

(cf. [1340](#) - Access to District Records)

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

2. **Determining a Student's Gender Identity:** The compliance officer shall accept the student's assertion of gender identity and begin to treat the student consistent with that gender identity unless district personnel present a credible and supportable basis for believing that the student's assertion is for an improper purpose.

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3. **Addressing a Student's Transition Needs:** The compliance officer shall arrange a meeting with the student and, if appropriate, the student's parents/guardians to identify and develop strategies for ensuring that the student's access to educational programs and activities is maintained. The meeting shall discuss the transgender or gender-nonconforming student's rights and how those rights may affect and be affected by the rights of other students and shall address specific subjects related to the student's access to facilities and to academic or educational support programs, services, or activities, including, but not limited to, sports and other competitive endeavors. In addition, the compliance officer shall identify specific school site employee(s) to whom the student may report any problem related to the student's status as a transgender or gender-nonconforming individual, so that prompt action can be taken to address it. Alternatively, if appropriate and desired by the student, the school may form a support team for the student that will meet periodically to assess whether the arrangements for the student are meeting the student's educational needs and providing equal access to programs and activities, educate appropriate staff about the student's transition, and serve as a resource to the student to better protect the student from gender-based discrimination.
  
4. **Accessibility to Sex-Segregated Facilities, Programs, and Activities:** When the district maintains sex-segregated facilities, such as restrooms and locker rooms, or offers sex-segregated programs and activities, such as physical education classes, intermural sports, and interscholastic athletic programs, students shall be permitted to access facilities and participate in programs and activities consistent with their gender identity. To address any student's privacy concerns in using sex-segregated facilities, the district shall offer available options such as a gender-neutral or single-use restroom or changing area, a bathroom stall with a door, an area in the locker room separated by a curtain or screen, or use of the locker room before or after the other students. However, the district shall not require a student to utilize these options because the student is transgender or gender-nonconforming. In addition, a student shall be permitted to participate in accordance with the student's gender identity in other circumstances where students are separated by gender, such as for class discussions, yearbook pictures, and field trips. A student's right to participate in a sex-segregated activity in accordance with the student's gender identity shall not render invalid or inapplicable any other eligibility rule established for participation in the activity.

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

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

(cf. [6153](#) - *School-Sponsored Trips*)

(cf. [7110](#) - *Facilities Master Plan*)

5. **Student Records:** A student's legal name or gender as entered on the mandatory student record required pursuant to 5 CCR [432](#) shall only be changed with proper documentation. When a student presents government-issued documentation of a name and/or gender change or submits a request for a name and/or gender change through

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the process specified in Education Code [49070](#), the district shall update the student's records. (Education Code 49062.5, [49070](#))

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

(cf. [5125.1](#) - *Release of Directory Information*)

(cf. [5125.3](#) - *Challenging Student Records*)

6. **Names and Pronouns:** If a student so chooses, district personnel shall be required to address the student by a name and the pronoun(s) consistent with the student's gender identity, without the necessity of a court order or a change to the student's official district record. However, inadvertent slips or honest mistakes by district personnel in the use of the student's name and/or consistent pronouns will, in general, not constitute a violation of this administrative regulation or the accompanying district policy.
  
7. **Uniforms/Dress Code:** A student has the right to dress in a manner consistent with the student's gender identity, subject to any dress code adopted on a school site.

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

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# Board Policy

## Students

BP 5145.6(a)

### PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS

The Board of Trustees desires to promote effective communication between the school and the home and to keep parents/guardians informed regarding educational programs, school operations, and the legal rights of students and their parents/guardians. The Superintendent or designee shall send parents/guardians all notifications required by law and any other notifications the Superintendent or designee believes will promote parental understanding and involvement.

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

(cf. [5022](#) - *Student and Family Privacy Rights*)

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

No activity specified in Education Code [48980](#) shall be undertaken with respect to any particular student unless the student's parent/guardian has been informed of such action through the annual notification or other separate special notification. Such notice shall state the activity that will be undertaken and the approximate date on which the activity will occur. (Education Code [48983-48984](#))

The annual notification shall include a request that the parent/guardian sign the notice and return it to the school or, if the notice is provided in electronic format, that the parent/guardian submit a signed acknowledgment of receipt of the notice to the school. The parent/guardian's signature is an acknowledgment of receipt of the information but does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has been given or withheld. (Education Code [48982](#))

Whenever a student enrolls in a district school during the school year, the student's parents/guardians shall be given all required parental notifications at that time.

Notifications shall be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents/guardians can understand.

Whenever 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in a district school speak a single primary language other than English, as determined from the California Department of Education census data collected pursuant to Education Code [52164](#), all notices sent to the parent/guardian of any such student shall, in addition to being written in English, be written in the primary language, and may be responded to either in English or the primary language. (Education Code [48981](#), [48985](#))

Whenever an employee learns that a student's parent/guardian is unable to understand the district's printed notifications for any reason, the employee shall inform the principal or designee, who shall work with the parent/guardian to establish other appropriate means of communication.

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- [221.5](#) *Prohibited sex discrimination*
- [231.5](#) *Sexual harassment policy*
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- [310](#) *Language acquisition programs*
- [313](#) *Reclassification of English learners, parental consultation*
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- [17288](#) *Building standards for university campuses*
- [17611.5-17612](#) *Notification of pesticide use*
- [32221.5](#) *Insurance for athletic team members*
- [32255-32255.6](#) *Right to refuse harmful or destructive use of animals*
- [32390](#) *Fingerprint program; contracts; funding; consent of parent/guardian*
- [33479.3](#) *The Eric Paredes Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act*
- [35160.5](#) *Extracurricular and cocurricular activities*
- [35178.4](#) *Notice of accreditation status*
- [35182.5](#) *Advertising in the classroom*
- [35183](#) *School dress codes; uniforms*
- [35186](#) *Complaints concerning deficiencies in instructional materials and facilities*
- [35211](#) *Driver training; district insurance, parent/guardian liability*
- [35256](#) *School Accountability Report Card*
- [35258](#) *School Accountability Report Card*
- [35291](#) *Rules for student discipline*
- [37616](#) *Consultation regarding year-round schedule*
- [39831.5](#) *School bus rider rules and information*
- [44050](#) *Employee codes of conduct, employee interactions with students*
- [44808.5](#) *Permission to leave school grounds*
- [46010.1](#) *Notice regarding excuse to obtain confidential medical services*
- [46014](#) *Regulations regarding absences for religious purposes*
- [46600-46611](#) *Interdistrict attendance agreements*
- [48000](#) *Minimum age of admission*
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- [49557.5](#) *Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017; notice of negative balance in meal account*
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1758 Child nutrition programs

[11431-11435](#) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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[245.5](#) Eligibility criteria for free and reduced-price meals

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- [300.504](#) *Procedural safeguards notice for students with disabilities*
- [300.508](#) *Due process complaint*
- [300.530](#) *Discipline procedures*
- CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40*
- [763.84](#) *Asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response actions*
- [763.93](#) *Asbestos management plans*

*Management Resources:*

- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS*
- Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement -- Nutrition Programs and Services, FNS Instruction 113-1, 2005*
- WEB SITES*
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov>*

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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# Exhibit

## Students PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS

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### I. Annually

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 222.5  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5146](#)  
Subject: Rights and options for pregnant and parenting students

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [234.7](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [0410](#)  
Subject: Right to a free public year 234.7 education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [310](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6142.2](#), See AR [6174](#)  
Subject: Information on the district's language acquisition program

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [17611.5](#), [17612](#), [48980.3](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3514.2](#)  
Subject: Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information, and, if district uses certain pesticides, integrated pest management plan

When to Notify: Annually by February 1  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [35256](#), [35258](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [0510](#)  
Subject: School Accountability Report Card provided

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [35291](#), [48980](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144](#), See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: District and site discipline rules

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [44050](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [4119.21](#), See BP [4219.21](#), See BP [4319.21](#)  
Subject: Code of conduct addressing employee interactions with students

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [46010.1](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5113](#)  
Subject: Absence for confidential medical services

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year, if district has adopted policy on involuntary transfer of students convicted of certain crimes when victim is enrolled at same school  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48929](#), [48980](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5116.2](#)  
Subject: District policy authorizing transfer

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#)

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Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6111](#)  
Subject: Schedule of minimum days and student-free staff development days

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [231.5](#); 5 CCR [4917](#); 34 CFR [106.8](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5145.7](#)  
Subject: Copy of sexual harassment policy as related to students; contact information for Title IX coordinator

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [32255-32255.6](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5145.8](#)  
Subject: Right to refrain from harmful or destructive use of animals

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [35160.5](#), [46600-46611](#), [48204](#), [48301](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5111.1](#), See AR [5116.1](#), See AR [5117](#)  
Subject: All statutory attendance options, available local attendance options, options for meeting residency, form for changing attendance, appeals process

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year, if Board allows such absence  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [46014](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5113](#)  
Subject: Absence for religious exercise or purposes

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [48205](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5113](#), See BP [6154](#)  
Subject: Excused absences; grade/credit cannot be reduced due to excused absence if work or test has been completed; full text of Education Code [48205](#)

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [48206.3](#), [48207](#), [48208](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6183](#)  
Subject: Availability of home/hospital instruction for students with temporary disabilities

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [49403](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5141.31](#)  
Subject: School immunization program

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [49423](#), [49480](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.21](#)  
Subject: Administration of prescribed medication

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [49451](#); 20 USC [1232h](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.3](#)  
Subject: Right to refuse consent to physical examination

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [49471](#), [49472](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5143](#)  
Subject: Availability of insurance

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When to Notify: Annually

Education or Other Legal Code: 49013; 5 CCR [4622](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [1312.3](#)

Subject: Uniform complaint procedures, available appeals, civil law remedies

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49063](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#), See AR [5125.3](#)

Subject: Challenge, review and expunging of records

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49063](#), [49069](#); 20 USC [1232g](#); 34 CFR [99.7](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#)

Subject: Student records: inspect and review, access, types, location, persons responsible, location of log, access criteria, cost of copies, amendment requests, criteria to determine legitimate educational interest, course prospectus availability

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49063](#), [49073](#); 20 USC [1232g](#); 34 CFR [99.37](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125.1](#)

Subject: Release of directory information

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49428

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See None

Subject: How to access mental health services at school and/or in community

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49520](#), [48980](#); 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR [245.5](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3553](#)

Subject: Eligibility and application process for free and reduced price meals

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [51513](#), 20 USC [1232h](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5022](#), See BP [6162.8](#)

Subject: Notice of privacy policy and dates of activities re: survey, health examination, or collection of personal information for marketing; process to opt out of such activities; inspection rights and procedures

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [56301](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6164.4](#)

Subject: Parental rights re: special education identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation and review, and procedures for initiating a referral for assessment

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [58501](#), [48980](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6181](#)

Subject: Alternative schools

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 104855

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.6](#)

Subject: Availability of dental fluoride treatment; opportunity to accept or deny treatment

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When/Whom to Notify: Annually

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [852](#); Education Code [60615](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6162.51](#)

Subject: Student's participation in state assessments; option to request exemption from testing

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year, if district receives Title I funds

Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [6312](#); 34 CFR 200.48

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [4112.2](#), See AR [4222](#)

Subject: Right to request information re: professional qualifications of child's teacher and paraprofessional

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR [104.8](#), [106.9](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [0410](#), See BP [6178](#)

Subject: Nondiscrimination

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year to parent, teacher, and employee organizations or, in their absence, individuals

Education or Other Legal Code: 40 CFR [763.84](#), 40 CFR [763.93](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3514](#)

Subject: Availability of asbestos management plan; any inspections, response actions or post-response actions planned or in progress

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: USDA SP-23-2017

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3551](#)

Subject: District policy on meal payments

**II. At Specific Times During the Student's Academic Career**

When to Notify: Beginning in grade 7, at least once prior to course selection and career counseling

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [221.5](#); 48980

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6164.2](#)

Subject: Course selection and career counseling

When to Notify: Upon a student's enrollment

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [310](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6142.2](#), See AR [6174](#)

Subject: Information on the district's language acquisition programs

When to Notify: When child first enrolls in a public school, if the school offers a fingerprinting program

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [32390](#), [48980](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5142.1](#)

Subject: Fingerprinting program

When/Whom to Notify: When participating in driver training courses under the jurisdiction of the district

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [35211](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: None

Subject: Civil liability, insurance coverage

When to Notify: Upon registration in K-6, if students have not previously been transported

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [39831.5](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3543](#)

Subject: School bus safety rules and information, list of stops, rules of conduct, red light crossing instructions, bus danger zones, walking to and from stops

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When to Notify: Beginning of each school year for high school students, if high school is open campus  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [44808.5](#), [48980](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5112.5](#)  
 Subject: Open campus

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year in grades 9-12, if district allows career technical education (CTE) course to satisfy graduation requirement  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#), [51225.3](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6146.1](#)  
 Subject: How each school graduation requirement does or does not satisfy college entrance a-g course criteria; districts CTE courses that satisfy a-g course criteria

When to Notify: Upon a student's enrollment  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49063](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#), See AR [5125.3](#)  
 Subject: Specified rights related to student records

When to Notify: When students enter grade 7  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49452.7](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.3](#)  
 Subject: Specified information on type 2 diabetes

When to Notify: When in kindergarten, or first grade if not previously enrolled in public school  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49452.8](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.32](#)  
 Subject: Requirement for oral health assessment, explanation of law, importance of oral health, agency contact, privacy rights

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year for students in grades 9-12  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [51229](#), [48980](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6143](#)  
 Subject: College admission requirements, UC and CSU web sites that list certified courses, description of CTE, CDE Internet address, how students may meet with counselors

When to Notify: Beginning of each school year for students in grades 7-12, or at time of enrollment if after beginning of year  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [51938](#), [48980](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6142.1](#)  
 Subject: Sexual health and HIV prevention education; right to view A/V materials, whether taught by district staff or outside consultants, right to request specific Education Code sections, right to excuse

When to Notify: Within 20 working days of receiving results of standardized achievement tests or, if results not available in school year, within 20 working days of start of next school year  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [60641](#); 5 CCR [863](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6162.51](#)  
 Subject: Results of tests; test purpose, individual score and intended use

When/Whom to Notify: By October 15 for students in grade 12  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [69432.9](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5121](#), See AR [5125](#)  
 Subject: Forwarding of student's grade point average to Cal Grant program; timeline to opt out

When to Notify: When child is enrolled or reenrolled in a licensed child care center or preschool  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1596.7996

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Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#)  
 Subject: Information on risks and effects of lead exposure, blood lead testing

When to Notify: When child is enrolled in kindergarten  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code [124100](#), [124105](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.32](#)  
 Subject: Health screening examination

When to Notify: To students in grades 11-12, early enough to enable registration for fall test  
 Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [11523](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6146.2](#)  
 Subject: Notice of proficiency examination provided under Education Code [48412](#)

When to Notify: To secondary students, if district receives Title I funds  
 Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [7908](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125.1](#)  
 Subject: Request that district not release student's name, address, and phone number to military recruiters without prior written consent

**III. When Special Circumstances Occur**

When to Notify: In the event of a breach of security of district records, security of district records,  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Civil Code [1798.29](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [3580](#)  
 Subject: Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, contact information for credit reporting agencies

When to Notify: Upon receipt of a complaint alleging discrimination  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [262.3](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [1312.3](#)  
 Subject: Civil law remedies available to complainants

When to Notify: When determining whether an English learner should be reclassified as fluent English proficient  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [313](#); 5 CCR [11303](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6174](#)  
 Subject: Description of reclassification process, opportunity for parent/guardian to participate

When to Notify: When Student is identified as English learner and district receives Titles I or Title III funds for English learner programs, not later than 30 days after beginning of school year or within two weeks of placement if identified during school year  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [313.2](#), [440](#); 20 USC [6312](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6174](#)  
 Subject: Reason for classification, level of English proficiency, identification as long-term English learner, description of program(s), option to decline program or choose alternate, option to remove student from program at any time, exit requirements of program

When to Notify: When homeless or foster youth applies for enrollment in before/after school program  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [8483](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5178.2](#)  
 Subject: Right to priority enrollment how to request priority enrollment

When to Notify: Before high school student attends specialized secondary program on a university campus  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [17288](#)

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Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: None  
Subject: University campus buildings may not meet Education Code requirements for structural safety

When to Notify: At least 72 hours before use of pesticide product not included in annual list  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [17612](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3514.2](#)  
Subject: Intended use of pesticide product

When to Notify: To members of athletic teams  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [32221.5](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5143](#)  
Subject: Offer of insurance; no-cost and low-cost program options

When to Notify: Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes before participation in competition  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [33479.3](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6145.2  
Subject: Information on sudden cardiac arrest

When to Notify: If school has lost its WASC accreditation status  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [35178.4](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6190](#)  
Subject: Loss of status, potential consequences

When/Whom to Notify: When district has contracted for electronic products or services that disseminate advertising  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [35182.5](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 3312  
Subject: Advertising will be used in the classroom or learning center

When to Notify: At least six months before implementing a schoolwide uniform policy  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [35183](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5132](#)  
Subject: Dress code policy requiring schoolwide uniform

When to Notify: Before implementing a year-round schedule  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [37616](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6117](#)  
Subject: Public hearing on year-round schedule

When to Notify: When interdistrict transfer is requested and not approved or denied within 30 days  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 46601  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5117](#)  
Subject: Appeal process

When to Notify: Before early entry to kindergarten, if offered  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48000](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5111](#)  
Subject: Effects, advantages and disadvantages of early entry

When to Notify: When student identified as being at risk of retention  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48070.5](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5123](#)  
Subject: Student at risk of retention

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When to Notify: When student excluded due to quarantine, contagious or infectious disease, danger to safety or health

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48213](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5112.2](#)

Subject: Student has been excluded from school

When to Notify: Before already admitted student is excluded for lack of immunization

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48216](#); 17 CCR [6040](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.31](#)

Subject: Need to submit evidence of immunization or exemption within 10 school days; referral to medical care

When to Notify: When a student is classified as truant

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48260.5](#), [48262](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5113.1](#)

Subject: Truancy, parental obligation, availability of alternative programs, student consequences, need for conference

When to Notify: When a truant is referred to a SARB or probation department

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48263](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5113.1](#)

Subject: Name and address of SARB or probation department and reason for referral

When/Whom to Notify: When student requests to voluntarily transfer to continuation school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48432.3](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6184](#)

Subject: Copy of district policy and regulation on continuation education

When to Notify: Prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48432.5](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6184](#)

Subject: Right to require meeting prior to involuntary transfer to continuation school

When/Whom to Notify: To person holding educational rights, prior to recommending placement of foster youth outside school of origin

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48853.5](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6173.1](#)

Subject: Basis for the placement recommendation

When to Notify: When student is removed from class and teacher requires parental attendance at school

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48900.1](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)

Subject: Parental attendance required; timeline for attendance

When to Notify: Prior to withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48904](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125.2](#)

Subject: Damaged school property

When to Notify: When withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts from transferring student

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48904.3](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125.2](#)

Subject: Next school will continue withholding grades, diplomas or transcripts

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When to Notify: When student is released to peace officer  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48906](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5145.11](#)  
Subject: Release of student to peace officer for the purpose of removing minor from school, unless taken into custody as victim of suspected child abuse

When to Notify: At time of suspension  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48911](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5144.1](#), See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: Notice of suspension

When to Notify: When original period of suspension is extended  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48911](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: Extension of suspension

When to Notify: At the time a student is assigned to a supervised suspension classroom  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48911.1](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: The student's assignment to a supervised suspension classroom

When to Notify: Before holding a closed session re: suspension  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48912](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: Intent to hold a closed session re: suspension

When to Notify: When student expelled from another district for certain acts seeks admission  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48915.1](#), [48918](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5119](#)  
Subject: Hearing re: possible danger presented by expelled student

When to Notify: When readmission is denied  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48916](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: Reasons for denial; determination of assigned program

When to Notify: When expulsion occurs  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48916](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: Readmission procedures

When to Notify: At least 10 calendar days before expulsion hearing  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48918](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: Notice of expulsion hearing

When to Notify: When expulsion or suspension of expulsion occurs  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48918](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.1](#)  
Subject: Decision to expel; right to appeal to county board; obligation to inform new district of status

When to Notify: Before involuntary transfer of student convicted of certain crime when victim is enrolled at same school  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48929](#), [48980](#)

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Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5116.2](#)  
 Subject: Right to request a meeting with principal or designee

When to Notify: One month before the scheduled minimum day  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48980](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6111](#)  
 Subject: When minimum days are scheduled after the beginning of the school year

When to Notify: When parents/guardians request guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [48987](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.4](#)  
 Subject: Guidelines for filing complaint of child abuse at a school site with local child protective agencies

When to Notify: When student in danger of failing a course  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49067](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5121](#)  
 Subject: Student in danger of failing a course

When to Notify: When student transfers from another district or private school  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49068](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#)  
 Subject: Right to receive copy of student's record and to challenge its content

When/Whom to Notify: When parent/guardian's challenge of student record is denied and parent/guardian appeals  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49070](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125.3](#)  
 Subject: If board sustains allegations, the correction or destruction of record; if denied, right to submit written objection

When/Whom to Notify: When district is considering program to gather safety-related information from students' social media activity  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49073.6](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [5125](#)  
 Subject: Opportunity for input on proposed program

When/Whom to Notify: When district adopts program to gather information from students' social media activity, and annually thereafter  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49073.6](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5125  
 Subject: Information is being gathered, access to records, process for removal or corrections, destruction of records

When to Notify: Within 24 hours of release of information to a judge or probation officer  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49076](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#)  
 Subject: Release of student record to a judge or probation officer for conducting truancy mediation program or for presenting evidence at a truancy petition

When to Notify: Before release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49077](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#)  
 Subject: Release of information pursuant to court order or subpoena

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When to Notify: When screening results in suspicion that student has scoliosis

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49452.5](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.3](#)

Subject: Scoliosis screening

When to Notify: When test results in discovery of visual or hearing defects

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49456](#); 17 CCR [2951](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5141.3](#)

Subject: Vision or hearing test results

When to Notify: Within 10 days of negative balance in meal account

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49557.5](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3551](#)

Subject: Negative balance in meal account; encouragement to apply for free or reduced price meals

When to Notify: Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [49475](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6145.2](#)

Subject: Information on concussions and head injuries

When to Notify: Annually to parents/guardians of student athletes before their first practice or competition

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49476

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6145.2](#)

Subject: Opioid fact sheet

When/Whom to Notify: Within 30 days of foster youth, homeless youth, former juvenile court school student, child of military family, or migrant student being transferred after second year of high school, or immigrant student enrolled in newcomer program in grades 11-12

Education or Other Legal Code: Educational Code 51225.1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6146.1](#), See AR [6173](#), See AR [6173.1](#), AR 6173.3, See AR [6175](#)

Subject: Exemption from local graduation requirements, effect on college admission, option for fifth year of high school

When to Notify: Before any test/survey questioning personal beliefs

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [51513](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5022](#)

Subject: Permission for test, survey questioning personal beliefs

When to Notify: At least 14 days before HIV prevention or sexual health instruction, if arrangement made for guest speaker after beginning of school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [51938](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6142.1](#)

Subject: Instruction in HIV prevention or sexual health by guest speaker or outside consultant

When to Notify: Prior to administering survey regarding health risks and behaviors to students in 7-12

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [51938](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5022](#)

Subject: Notice that the survey will be administered

When to Notify: Within 30 calendar days of receipt of results of assessment or reassessment of English proficiency

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [52164.1](#), [52164.3](#); 5 CCR [11511.5](#)

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6174](#)

Subject: Results of state test of English proficiency

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When to Notify: When migrant education program is established  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [54444.2](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6175](#), See AR [6175](#)  
Subject: Parent advisory council membership composition

When to Notify: When child participates in licensed child care and development program  
Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code [1596.857](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#)  
Subject: Parent/guardian right to enter facility

When to Notify: When a licensed child care center has a building constructed before January 1, 2010 and has drinking water tested for lead  
Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1597.16  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#)  
Subject: The requirement to test the facility, and the results of the test

When/Whom to Notify: When district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Funds  
Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code [104420](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3513.3](#)  
Subject: The district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures

When to Notify: When testing by community water system finds presence of lead exceeding specified level  
Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code [116277](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3514](#)  
Subject: Elevated lead level at school

When to Notify: When sharing student immunization information with an immunization system  
Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code [120440](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#)  
Subject: Types of information to be shared, name and address of agency, acceptable use of the information, right to examine, right to refuse to share

When/Whom to Notify: At least 14 days prior to sex offender coming on campus as volunteer  
Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code [626.81](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [1240](#), See BP [1250](#)  
Subject: Dates and times permission granted; obtaining information from law enforcement

When to Notify: When hearing is requested by person asked to leave school premises  
Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code [627.5](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3515.2](#)  
Subject: Notice of hearing

When/Whom to Notify: When responding to complaint re: discrimination, special education, or noncompliance with law  
Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [4631](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [1312.3](#)  
Subject: Findings, disposition of complaint, any corrective actions, appeal rights and procedures

When to Notify: When child participates in licensed child care and development program  
Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [18066](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#)  
Subject: Policies regarding excused and unexcused absences

When to Notify: Within 30 days of application for subsidized child care or preschool services

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Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [18094](#), [18118](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#), See AR [5148.3](#)  
Subject: Policies re: Approval or denial of services

When to Notify: Upon recertification or update of application for child care or preschool services  
Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [18095](#), [18119](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#), See AR [5148.3](#)  
Subject: Policies re: Any change in service, such as in fees, amount of service, termination of service

When to Notify: Upon child's enrollment in child care program  
Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [18114](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#)  
Subject: Policies re: Policy on fee collection

When to Notify: When payment of child care fees is seven days late  
Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR [18114](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5148](#)  
Subject: Policies re: Notice of delinquent fees

When to Notify: When district substantively changes policy on student privacy rights  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [1232h](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5022](#)  
Subject: Notice of any substantive change in policy or regulation

When to Notify: For districts receiving Title I funds, when a child has been assigned or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state certification requirements for the grade level/subject taught  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [6312](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4112.24  
Subject: Timely notice to parent/guardian of child's assignment

When to Notify: For districts receiving Title I funds, not later than 30 days after beginning of school year, to parents/guardians of English learners  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [6312](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6174](#)  
Subject: Reasons for placement, level of proficiency, instructional methods, how program meets child's strengths and teaches English, exit requirements, right to choose another program

When to Notify: For schools receiving Title I funds, upon development of parent involvement policy  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [6318](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6020](#)  
Subject: Notice of policy

When to Notify: When district receives Impact Aid funds for students residing on Indian lands, to parents/guardians of Indian children  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [7704](#); 34 CFR 222.94  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3231](#)  
Subject: Relevant applications, evaluations, program plans, information about district's general educational program; opportunity to submit comments

When to Notify: When household is selected for verification of eligibility for free or reduced-price meals  
Education or Other Legal Code: 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR [245.6a](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [3553](#)  
Subject: Need to submit verification information; any subsequent change in benefits; appeals

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When/Whom to Notify: When student is homeless or unaccompanied minor  
 Education or Other Legal Code: 42 USC [11432](#); Education Code [48852.5](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6173](#)  
 Subject: Educational and related opportunities; transportation services; placement decision and right to appeal

When to Notify: When student transfers out of state and records are disclosed without consent pursuant to 34 CFR [99.30](#)  
 Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR [99.34](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5125](#)  
 Subject: Right to review records

When to Notify: When student complains of sexual harassment  
 Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR 106.44, 106.45  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5145.7](#)  
 Subject: Right to file formal complaint, availability of supportive measures, notice of process, reason for dismissal of complaint if applicable

When to Notify: When district receives federal funding assistance for nutrition program  
 Education or Other Legal Code: USDA FNS Instruction 113-1  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [3555](#)  
 Subject: Rights and responsibilities, nondiscrimination policy, complaint procedures

**IV. Special Education Notices**

When to Notify: Prior to conducting initial evaluation  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [56301](#), [56321](#), [56321.5](#), [56321.6](#), [56329](#); 20 USC [1415](#) (d); 34 CFR [300.502](#), [300.503](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP [6159.1](#), See AR [6159.1](#), See AR [6164.4](#)  
 Subject: Proposed evaluation plan, related parental rights, prior written notice, procedural safeguards

When/Whom to Notify: Before functional behavioral assessment begins  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [56321](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159](#)  
 Subject: Notification and consent

When to Notify: 24 hours before IEP when district intending to record  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [56341.1](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159](#)  
 Subject: Intention to audio-record IEP meeting

When to Notify: Early enough to ensure opportunity for parent to attend IEP meeting  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [56341.5](#); 34 CFR [300.322](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159](#)  
 Subject: Time, purpose, location, who will attend, participation of others with special knowledge, transition statements if appropriate

When to Notify: When parent/guardian orally requests review of IEP  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [56343.5](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159](#)  
 Subject: Need for written request

When to Notify: Within one school day of emergency intervention or serious property damage  
 Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [56521.1](#)  
 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159.4](#)

## **PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS** (continued)

Subject: Emergency intervention

When to Notify: Whenever there is a proposal or refusal to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, placement, or FAPE, including when parent/guardian revokes consent for services  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [1415\(c\)](#); 34 CFR [300.300](#), [300.503](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159](#), See AR [6159.1](#)  
Subject: Prior written notice

When/Whom to Notify: Upon filing of state complaint  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [1415\(d\)](#), 34 CFR [300.504](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159.1](#)  
Subject: Procedural safeguards notice

When/Whom to Notify: When disciplinary measures are taken or change in placement  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [1415\(k\)](#); 34 CFR [300.530](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [5144.2](#)  
Subject: Decision and procedural safeguards notice

When to Notify: Upon requesting a due process hearing  
Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC [1415\(k\)](#); 34 CFR [300.508](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6159.1](#)  
Subject: Child's name, address, school, description of problem, proposed resolution

When to Notify: Eligibility for services under Section 504  
Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR [104.32](#), [104.36](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR [6164.6](#)  
Subject: District responsibilities, district actions, procedural safeguards

### **V. Classroom Notices**

When to Notify: In each classroom used for license exempt California State Preschool Program  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [8235.5](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR/E 1312.3  
Subject: Health and safety requirements for preschool programs; where to get complaint form

When to Notify: In each classroom in each school  
Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code [35186](#)  
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR/E 1312.4  
Subject: Complaints subject to Williams uniform complaint procedures

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

The Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sexual harassment targeted at any student by anyone. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who reports, files a complaint or testifies about, or otherwise supports a complainant in alleging sexual harassment.

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

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

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

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

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

The district strongly encourages students who feel that they are being or have been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult, or who have experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus, to immediately contact their teacher, the principal, the district's Title IX Coordinator, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure the complaint is addressed through Title IX complaint procedures or uniform complaint procedures, as applicable, and shall offer supportive measures to the complainant.

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

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

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

*(cf. [5145.71](#) - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures)*

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students and parents/guardians of the district's sexual harassment policy by disseminating it through parent/guardian notifications, publishing it on the district's web site, and including it in student and staff handbooks. All district staff shall be trained regarding the policy.

**Instruction/Information**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age-appropriate information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

1. What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same sex and could involve sexual violence
2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment under any circumstance

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3. Encouragement to report observed incidents of sexual harassment even when the alleged victim of the harassment has not complained
4. A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sexual harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sexual harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved
5. A clear message that, regardless of a complainant's noncompliance with the writing, timeline, or other formal filing requirements, every sexual harassment allegation that involves a student, whether as the complainant, respondent, or victim of the harassment, shall be investigated and action shall be taken to respond to harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students
6. Information about the district's procedures for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made
7. Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable, including the right to file a civil or criminal complaint while the district investigation of a sexual harassment complaint continues
8. A clear message that, when needed, the district will implement supportive measures to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sexual harassment and/or other students during an investigation

**Disciplinary Actions**

Upon completion of an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any student found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4-12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that, in imposing such discipline, the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

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

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

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

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any employee found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence toward any student shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

(cf. [4117.7/4317.7](#) - Employment Status Report)

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

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

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

**Record-Keeping**

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of sexual harassment to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in district schools.

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

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[48900](#) Grounds for suspension or expulsion

[48900.2](#) Additional grounds for suspension or expulsion; sexual harassment

[48904](#) Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct

[48980](#) Notice at beginning of term

[48985](#) Notices, report, statements and records in primary language

CIVIL CODE

[51.9](#) Liability for sexual harassment; business, service and professional relationships

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

GOVERNMENT CODE

[12950.1](#) Sexual harassment training

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[4600-4670](#) Uniform complaint procedures

[4900-4965](#) Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[1092](#) Definition of sexual assault

[1221](#) Application of laws

[1232g](#) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

[1681-1688](#) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 34

[12291](#) Definition of dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

[1983](#) Civil action for deprivation of rights

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[2000e-2000e-17](#) Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**Title IX Coordinator**

The district designates the following individual(s) as the responsible employee(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as well as to investigate and resolve sexual harassment complaints under AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. The Title IX Coordinator(s) may be contacted at:

Superintendent  
300 B Street  
Biggs, CA 95917  
(530) 868-1281

(cf. [1312.3](#) - Uniform Complaint Procedures)  
(cf. [5145.71](#) - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures)

The district shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, bargaining units, and applicants for employment of the name or title, office address, email address, and telephone number of the district's Title IX Coordinator. (34 CFR [106.8](#))

**Prohibited Conduct**

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the educational setting, under any of the following conditions: (Education Code [212.5](#); 5 CCR [4916](#))

1. Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of a student's academic status or progress.
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by a student is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting the student.
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.
4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the student is used as the basis for any decision affecting the student regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through any district program or activity.

(cf. [5131](#) - Conduct)  
(cf. [5131.2](#) - Bullying)  
(cf. [5145.3](#) - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)  
(cf. [6142.1](#) - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

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Examples of types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

1. Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations, or propositions
2. Unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions
3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body or overly personal conversation
4. Sexual jokes, derogatory posters, notes, stories, cartoons, drawings, pictures, obscene gestures, or computer-generated images of a sexual nature
5. Spreading sexual rumors
6. Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class
7. Massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body
8. Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
9. Impeding or blocking movements or any physical interference with school activities when directed at an individual on the basis of sex
10. Displaying sexually suggestive objects
11. Sexual assault, sexual battery, or sexual coercion
12. Electronic communications containing comments, words, or images described above

Any prohibited conduct that occurs off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored programs or activities will be regarded as sexual harassment in violation of district policy if it has a continuing effect on or creates a hostile school environment for the complainant or victim of the conduct.

**Notifications**

A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and regulation shall:

1. Be included in the notifications that are sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year (Education Code [48980](#); 5 CCR [4917](#))

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

2. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building or other area

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- where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted (Education Code [231.5](#))
3. Be summarized on a poster which shall be prominently and conspicuously displayed in each bathroom and locker room at each school. The poster may be displayed in public areas that are accessible to and frequented by students, including, but not limited to, classrooms, hallways, gymnasiums, auditoriums, and cafeterias. The poster shall display the rules and procedures for reporting a charge of sexual harassment; the name, phone number, and email address of an appropriate school employee to contact to report a charge of sexual harassment; the rights of the reporting student, the complainant, and the respondent; and the responsibilities of the school. (Education Code 231.6)
  4. Be posted in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. This shall include the name or title, office address, email address, and telephone number of the employee(s) designated as the district's Title IX Coordinator. (Education Code 234.6; 34 CFR [106.8](#))
- (cf. [1113](#) - District and School Web Sites)  
(cf. [1114](#) - District-Sponsored Social Media)
5. Be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new and continuing students at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or summer session (Education Code [231.5](#))
  6. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct (Education Code [231.5](#))
  7. Be included in any handbook provided to students, parents/guardians, employees, or employee organizations (34 CFR [106.8](#))

**Reporting Complaints**

A student or parent/guardian who believes that the student has been subjected to sexual harassment by another student, an employee, or a third party or who has witnessed sexual harassment is strongly encouraged to report the incident to a teacher, the principal, the district's Title IX Coordinator, or any other available school employee. Within one school day of receiving such a report, the principal or other school employee shall forward the report to the district's Title IX Coordinator. Any school employee who observes an incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall, within one school day, report the observation to the principal or Title IX Coordinator, regardless of whether the alleged victim files a formal complaint.

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

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT** (continued)

When a report or complaint of sexual harassment involves off-campus conduct, the Title IX Coordinator shall assess whether the conduct may create or contribute to the creation of a hostile school environment. If the Title IX Coordinator determines that a hostile environment may be created, the complaint shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as if the prohibited conduct occurred at school.

When a verbal or informal report of sexual harassment is submitted, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with applicable district complaint procedures.

**Complaint Procedures**

All complaints of sexual harassment by and against students shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures. The Title IX Coordinator shall review the allegations to determine the applicable procedure for responding to the complaint. All complaints that meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Other sexual harassment complaints shall be investigated and resolved pursuant to AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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**TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

The complaint procedures described in this administrative regulation shall be used to address any complaint governed by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 alleging that a student was subjected to one or more of the following forms of sexual harassment: (34 CFR 106.30)

1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on the student's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a student equal access to the district's education program or activity
3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

All other sexual harassment complaints shall be investigated and responded to pursuant to AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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

A report of sexual harassment shall be submitted directly to or forwarded to the district's Title IX Coordinator using the contact information listed in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

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

Upon receiving such a report, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the complainant of the process for filing a formal complaint.

Even if the alleged victim chooses not to file a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator shall file a formal complaint in situations in which a safety threat exists. In addition, the Title IX Coordinator may file a formal complaint in other situations as permitted under the Title IX regulations. In such cases, the alleged victim is not a party to the case, but will receive notices as required by the Title IX regulations at specific points in the complaint process.

A formal complaint, with the complainant's physical or digital signature, may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by email, or by any other method authorized by the district. (34 CFR 106.30)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or a facilitator of an informal resolution process does not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent, and that such persons receive training in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45. (34 CFR 106.45)

**TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES** (continued)**Supportive Measures**

Upon receipt of a report of Title IX sexual harassment, even if a formal complaint is not filed, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures which are nondisciplinary, nonpunitive, and do not unreasonably burden the other party. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, counseling, course-related adjustments, modifications of class schedules, mutual restrictions on contact, increased security, and monitoring of certain areas of the campus. The Title IX Coordinator shall consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures. (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

**Emergency Removal from School**

On an emergency basis, the district may remove a student from the district's education program or activity, provided that the district conducts an individualized safety and risk analysis, determines that removal is justified due to an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations, and provides the student with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This authority to remove a student does not modify a student's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. (34 CFR 106.44)

If a district employee is the respondent, the employee may be placed on administrative leave during the pendency of the formal complaint process. (34 CFR 106.44)

**Dismissal of Complaint**

The Title IX Coordinator shall dismiss a formal complaint if the alleged conduct would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30 even if proved. The Title IX Coordinator shall also dismiss any complaint that did not occur in the district's education program or activity or did not occur against a person in the United States, and may dismiss a formal complaint if the complainant notifies the district in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the complaint or any allegations in the complaint, the respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the district, or sufficient circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination with regard to the complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

Upon dismissal, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly, and simultaneously to the parties, send written notice of the dismissal and the reasons for the dismissal. (34 CFR 106.45)

If a complaint is dismissed on the grounds that the alleged conduct does not constitute sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30, the conduct may still be addressed pursuant to BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as applicable.

**TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES** (continued)**Informal Resolution Process**

When a formal complaint of sexual harassment is filed, the district may offer an informal resolution process, such as mediation, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility. The district shall not require a party to participate in the informal resolution process or to waive the right to an investigation and adjudication of a formal complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

The district may facilitate an informal resolution process provided that the district: (34 CFR 106.45)

1. Provides the parties with written notice disclosing the allegations, the requirements of the informal resolution process, the right to withdraw from the informal process and resume the formal complaint process, and any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including that records will be maintained or could be shared.
2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process
3. Does not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student

**Formal Complaint Process**

If a formal complaint is filed, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the known parties with written notice of the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

1. The district's complaint process, including any informal resolution process
2. The allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment with sufficient details known at the time, including the identity of parties involved in the incident if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident if known. Such notice shall be provided with sufficient time for the parties to prepare a response before any initial interview.

If, during the course of the investigation, the district investigates allegations about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the initial notice, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties.

3. A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the complaint process
4. The opportunity for the parties to have an advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and the ability to inspect and review evidence

**TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES** (continued)

5. The prohibition against knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the complaint process

The above notice shall also include the name of the investigator, facilitator of an informal process, and decision-maker and shall provide either party with no less than three calendar days to raise concerns of conflict of interest or bias regarding any of these persons.

During the investigation process, the district shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

1. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence
2. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence
3. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney
4. Not limit the choice or presence of an advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding, although the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties
5. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all investigative interviews or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate
6. Send in an electronic format or hard copy to both parties and their advisors, if any, the evidence that is directly related to the allegations raised in the complaint, and provide the parties at least 10 days to submit a written response for the investigator to consider prior to the completion of the investigative report
7. Objectively evaluate all relevant evidence, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, and determine credibility in a manner that is not based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness
8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 days prior to the determination of responsibility, send to the parties and their advisors, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response
9. After sending the investigative report to the parties and before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, afford each party the opportunity to submit

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written, relevant questions that the party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party

Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent.

Privacy rights of all parties to the complaint shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

If the complaint is against an employee, rights conferred under an applicable collective bargaining agreement shall be applied to the extent they do not conflict with the Title IX requirements.

**Written Decision**

The Superintendent shall designate an employee as the decision-maker to determine responsibility for the alleged conduct, who shall not be the Title IX Coordinator or a person involved in the investigation of the matter. (34 CFR 106.45)

The decision-maker shall issue, and simultaneously provide to both parties, a written decision as to whether the respondent is responsible for the alleged conduct. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall be issued within 45 calendar days of the receipt of the complaint.

The timeline may be temporarily extended for good cause with written notice to the complainant and respondent of the extension and the reasons for the action. (34 CFR 106.45)

In making this determination, the district shall use the "preponderance of the evidence" standard for all formal complaints of sexual harassment. The same standard of evidence shall be used for formal complaints against students as for complaints against employees. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall include the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30
2. A description of the procedural steps taken from receipt of the formal complaint through the written decision, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held if the district includes hearings as part of the grievance process

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3. Findings of fact supporting the determination
4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct to the facts
5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a decision regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's educational program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant
6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal

**Appeals**

Either party may appeal the district's decision or dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegation in the complaint, if the party believes that a procedural irregularity affected the outcome, new evidence is available that could affect the outcome, or a conflict of interest or bias by the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) affected the outcome. If an appeal is filed, the district shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties
2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is trained in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45 and is not the same decision-maker(s) who reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator
3. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome
4. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result
5. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties

An appeal must be filed in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving the determination, stating the grounds for the appeal and including any relevant documentation in support of the appeal.

Appeals submitted after this deadline are not timely and shall not be considered. Either party has the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

A written decision shall be provided to the parties within 20 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal.

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When a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, the district shall provide remedies to the complainant. Such remedies may include the same individualized services described above in the section "Supportive Measures," but need not be nondisciplinary or nonpunitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent. (34 CFR 106.45)

**Corrective/Disciplinary Actions**

The district shall not impose any disciplinary sanctions or other actions against a respondent, other than supportive measures as described above in the section "Supportive Measures," until the complaint procedure has been completed and a determination of responsibility has been made. (34 CFR 106.44)

For students in grades 4-12, discipline for sexual harassment may include suspension and/or expulsion. After the completion of the complaint procedure, if it is determined that a student at any grade level has committed sexual assault or sexual battery at school or at a school activity off school grounds, the principal or Superintendent shall immediately suspend the student and shall recommend expulsion. (Education Code [48900.2](#), [48915](#))

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

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

Other actions that may be taken with a student who is determined to be responsible for sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
2. Parent/guardian conference
3. Education of the student regarding the impact of the conduct on others
4. Positive behavior support
5. Referral of the student to a student success team

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

6. Denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges as permitted by law

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

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When an employee is found to have committed sexual harassment or retaliation, the district shall take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with applicable law and collective bargaining agreement.

(cf. [4117.7/4317.7](#) - *Employment Status Report*)  
 (cf. [4118](#) - *Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action*)  
 (cf. [4119.11/4219.11/4319.11](#) - *Sexual Harassment*)  
 (cf. [4218](#) - *Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action*)

**Record-Keeping**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain for a period of seven years a record of all reported cases and Title IX investigations of sexual harassment, any determinations of responsibility, any audio or audiovisual recording and transcript if applicable, any disciplinary sanctions imposed, any remedies provided to the complainant, any appeal or informal resolution and the results therefrom, and responses made pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44. (34 CFR 106.45)

The Superintendent or designee shall also maintain for a period of seven years all materials used to train the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), decision-maker(s), and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district shall make such training materials publicly available on its web site, or if the district does not maintain a web site, available upon request by members of the public. (34 CFR 106.45)

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

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**REFUSAL TO HARM OR DESTROY ANIMALS**

Any student who has a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying animals shall have the right to refrain from participating in instruction which involves such activities and shall not be discriminated against because of a decision to exercise this right. (Education Code 32255.1)

*(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)*  
*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*

The right to refrain from instruction involving harmful or destructive use of animals shall apply to all K-12 courses, except classes and activities conducted as part of agricultural education that provide instruction on the care, management, and evaluation of domestic animals. (Education Code 32255.5, 32255.6)

At the beginning of each academic year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, of students' right to refrain from instruction involving the harmful or destructive use of animals. (Education Code 48980)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

In addition, each teacher of a course that uses live or dead animals or animal parts shall inform students of their right to refrain from the harmful or destructive use of animals. (Education Code 32255.4)

A student who wishes to refrain from such instruction shall notify the teacher and shall provide a note from his/her parent/guardian substantiating the objection. (Education Code 32255.1)

If the teacher believes an adequate alternative project is possible, he/she may work with the student to develop and agree upon an alternative project which would provide the knowledge, information, or experience required by the course of study. Alternative projects include, but are not limited to, the use of video recordings, models, films, books, and computers. The alternative project shall involve time and effort by the student comparable to that required by the original project. (Education Code 32255, 32255.1)

A teacher's determination of whether the student may pursue an alternative project or be excused from the project shall not be arbitrary or capricious. (Education Code 32255.3)

In order to receive course credit, students who participate in an alternative project shall pass all course examinations. Students may request an alternative test, however, if a regular examination requires the harmful or destructive use of animals. (Education Code 32255.1)

**REFUSAL TO HARM OR DESTROY ANIMALS** (continued)

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**HATE-MOTIVATED BEHAVIOR**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe learning environment that protects students from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and other behavior motivated by a person's hostility towards another person's real or perceived ethnicity, national origin, immigrant status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability, or any other physical or cultural characteristic. The Superintendent or designee shall design strategies to promote harmonious relationships among students, prevent incidents of hate-motivated behavior to the extent possible, and address such incidents if they occur.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)*  
*(cf. 5131- Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*  
*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*  
*(cf. 5136 - Gangs)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*  
*(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*  
*(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)*

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with regional programs and community organizations to promote safe environments for youth. Such collaborative efforts shall focus on ensuring an efficient use of district and community resources, developing effective prevention strategies and response plans, providing assistance to students affected by hate-motivated behavior, and/or educating students who have perpetrated hate-motivated acts.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*  
*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

The district shall provide students with age-appropriate instruction that includes the development of social-emotional learning, promotes their understanding of and respect for human rights, diversity, and acceptance in a multicultural society, and provides strategies to manage conflicts constructively.

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*  
*(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)*  
*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*  
*(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)*

As necessary, the district shall provide counseling, guidance, and support to students who are victims of hate-motivated behavior and to students who exhibit such behavior.

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

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the rules prohibiting hate-motivated behavior and procedures for reporting a hate-motivated incident are provided to students and parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff with training on recognizing and preventing hate-motivated behavior and on effectively enforcing rules for appropriate student conduct.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**Complaint Process**

A student or parent/guardian who believes the student is a victim of hate-motivated behavior is strongly encouraged to report the incident to a teacher, the principal, or other staff member.

Any staff member who is notified that hate-motivated behavior has occurred, observes such behavior, or otherwise becomes aware of an incident shall immediately contact the principal or the compliance officer responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and complying with state and federal civil rights laws. As appropriate, he/she shall also contact law enforcement.

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

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

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

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

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

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

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

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**HATE-MOTIVATED BEHAVIOR** (continued)

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that responsibilities related to marriage, pregnancy, or parenting and related responsibilities may disrupt a student's education and increase the chance of a student dropping out of school. The Board therefore desires to support married, pregnant, and parenting students to continue their education, attain strong academic and parenting skills, and promote the healthy development of their children.

*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*  
*(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)*  
*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

The district shall not exclude or deny any student from any educational program or activity, including any class or extracurricular activity, solely on the basis of the student's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery. In addition, the district shall not adopt any rule concerning a student's actual or potential parental, family, or marital status that treats students differently on the basis of sex. (Education Code 221.51, 230; 5 CCR 4950; 34 CFR 106.40)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year of the rights and options available to pregnant and parenting students under the law. In addition, pregnant and parenting students shall be notified of the rights and options available to them under the law through annual school year welcome packets and through independent study packets. (Education Code 222.5, 48980)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

For school-related purposes, a student under the age of 18 years who enters into a valid marriage shall have all the rights and privileges of students who are 18 years old, even if the marriage has been dissolved. (Family Code 7002)

**Education and Support Services for Pregnant and Parenting Students**

Pregnant and parenting students shall retain the right to participate in the regular education program or an alternative education program. The classroom setting shall be the preferred instructional strategy unless an alternative is necessary to meet the needs of the student and/or the student's child.

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*  
*(cf. 6181 - Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice)*  
*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*  
*(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)*

Any alternative education program, activity, or course that is offered separately to pregnant or parenting students, including any class or extracurricular activity, shall be equal to that

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offered to other district students. A student's participation in such programs shall be voluntary. (Education Code 221.51; 5 CCR 4950)

If required for students with any other temporary disabling condition, the Superintendent or designee may require a student, based on pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related recovery, to obtain certification from a physician or nurse practitioner indicating that the student is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in the regular education program or activity. (Education Code 221.51; 5 CCR 4950; 34 CFR 106.40)

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

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

*(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)*

To the extent feasible, the district shall provide educational and related support services, either directly or in collaboration with community agencies and organizations, to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students and their children. Such services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Child care and development services for the children of parenting students on or near school site(s) during the school day and during school-sponsored activities

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

2. Parenting education and life skills instruction

3. Special school nutrition supplements for pregnant and lactating students pursuant to Education Code 49553, 42 USC 1786, and 7 CFR 246.1-246.28

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

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

4. Health care services, including prenatal care

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

5. Tobacco, alcohol, and/or drug prevention and intervention services

*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*

6. Academic and personal counseling

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

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7. Supplemental instruction to assist students in achieving grade-level academic standards and progressing toward graduation

*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

As appropriate, teachers, administrators, and/or other personnel who work with pregnant and parenting students shall receive related professional development.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

**Absences**

Pregnant or parenting students may be excused for absences for medical appointments and other purposes specified in BP/AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses.

A student shall be excused for absences to care for a sick child for whom the student is the custodial parent. A note from a physician shall not be required for such an absence. (Education Code 48205)

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

**Parental Leave**

A pregnant or parenting student shall be entitled to eight weeks of parental leave in order to protect the health of the student who gives or expects to give birth and the infant, and to allow the pregnant or parenting student to care for and bond with the infant. Such leave may be taken before the birth of the student's infant if there is a medical necessity and after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction. The Superintendent or designee may grant parental leave beyond eight weeks if deemed medically necessary by the student's physician. (Education Code 46015; 34 CFR 106.40)

The student, if age 18 years or older, or the student's parent/guardian shall notify the school of the student's intent to take parental leave. No student shall be required to take all or part of the parental leave. (Education Code 46015)

When a student takes parental leave, the attendance supervisor shall ensure that absences from the regular school program are excused until the student is able to return to the regular school program or an alternative education program. A pregnant or parenting student shall not be required to complete academic work or other school requirements during the period of the parental leave. (Education Code 46015)

*(cf. 5113.11 - Attendance Supervision)*

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Following the leave, a pregnant or parenting student may elect to return to the school and the course of study in which the student was enrolled before taking parental leave or to an alternative education option provided by the district. Upon return to school, a pregnant or parenting student shall have opportunities to make up work missed during the leave, including, but not limited to, makeup work plans and reenrollment in courses. (Education Code 46015)

When necessary to complete high school graduation requirements, the student may remain enrolled in school for a fifth year of instruction, unless the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. (Education Code 46015)

*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*

*(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)*

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

**Accommodations**

When necessary, the district shall provide accommodations to enable a pregnant or parenting student to access the educational program.

A pregnant student shall have access to any services available to other students with temporary disabilities or medical conditions. (34 CFR 106.40)

The school shall provide reasonable accommodations to any lactating student to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other needs related to breastfeeding. A student shall not incur an academic penalty for using any of these reasonable accommodations, and shall be provided the opportunity to make up any work missed due to such use. Reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to: (Education Code 222)

1. Access to a private and secure room, other than a restroom, to express breast milk or breastfeed an infant child
2. Permission to bring onto a school campus a breast pump and any other equipment used to express breast milk
3. Access to a power source for a breast pump or any other equipment used to express breast milk
4. Access to a place to store expressed breast milk safely
5. A reasonable amount of time to accommodate the student's need to express breast milk or breastfeed an infant child

**Complaints**

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Any complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of pregnancy or marital or parental status, district noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code 46015, or district noncompliance with the requirement to provide reasonable accommodations for lactating students shall be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures in accordance with 5 CCR 4600-4670 and BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant who is not satisfied with the district's decision may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education (CDE). If the district or CDE finds merit in an appeal, the district shall provide a remedy to the affected student. (Education Code 222, 46015; 5 CCR 4600-4670)

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

**Program Evaluation**

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of district strategies to support married, pregnant, and parenting students, which may include data on student participation in district programs and services, academic achievement, school attendance, graduation rate, and/or student feedback on district programs and services.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

*(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)*

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48220 Compulsory education requirement

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**BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Biggs, California

**DROPOUT PREVENTION**

The Board of Trustees expects all students to remain in school until graduation in order to acquire critical knowledge and skills and be prepared for postsecondary education and/or employment. The Superintendent or designee shall identify factors that impede student success in school and shall implement integrated, systemic support and strategies that address dropout prevention and promote timely intervention and recovery.

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*  
*(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)*  
*(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)*  
*(cf. 6146.5 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)*

The Superintendent or designee, in collaboration with community agencies and organizations as appropriate, shall develop districtwide and schoolwide strategies that support regular school attendance for all students. Dropout prevention strategies shall include efforts to provide a safe and positive learning environment that engages and motivates students, encourages students' connectedness to the schools, offers meaningful educational opportunities, and promotes student health and well-being.

*(cf. 5136 - Gangs)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*  
*(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)*  
*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*  
*(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*  
*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*  
*(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)*  
*(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)*

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to provide targeted support to individual students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Students may be identified based on indicators such as chronic absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness; below-grade-level academic achievement as evidenced by student assessment results and/or teacher evaluations; and personal, social, health, or economic circumstances that may affect student performance and behavior in school.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*  
*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*  
*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*  
*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*  
*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*  
*(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)*

Strategies to support students at risk of dropping out of school may include, but are not limited to:

**DROPOUT PREVENTION** (continued)

1. Meetings and/or home visits with the student and parent/guardian to identify and address barriers to the student's success and inform them of the state's compulsory education law

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

2. Individualized instruction that responds to the needs and unique learning styles of students
3. Supplemental instruction during or outside the school day that is designed to help students overcome academic deficiencies

*(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)*

*(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)*

*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

4. Enrollment in alternative or specialized educational programs

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

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

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

*(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)*

*(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)*

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

*(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)*

*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*

*(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)*

5. Assistance locating employment or work-based learning opportunities which link classroom learning with real-world experiences

*(cf. 5113.2 - Work Permits)*

*(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)*

6. Academic guidance and personal counseling services

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

7. Referral to a student success team, school attendance review board, or other team that addresses persistent attendance problems

*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

8. Referral to school and/or community support services, such as a student assistance program, health services, social services, a substance abuse program, and other resources

**DROPOUT PREVENTION** (continued)

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*  
*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

9. Continued monitoring of student attendance
10. Employment of qualified outreach consultants to perform duties related to dropout identification, prevention, intervention, and recovery as assigned

The strategies may be incorporated into the district's local control and accountability plan and linked to district goals for student engagement, school climate, and student achievement.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive School Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees are trained to support at-risk students and are prepared to implement intervention strategies or to make appropriate referrals to support services.

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

When a student leaves school prior to the end of a school year, or when a student successfully completed the prior school year but did not begin attending the next grade or school that he/she was expected to attend or had pre-registered to attend, the Superintendent or designee shall make efforts to determine whether the student has dropped out or has transferred to another educational setting. The Superintendent or designee may contact the student's parents/guardians to verify school enrollment and, if necessary, shall implement intervention and recovery efforts.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on measures of student engagement, including school attendance rates, chronic absenteeism rates, middle school and high school dropout rates, and high school graduation rates. The Board shall monitor district progress in increasing student retention in school and may require revisions in district plans and strategies as needed.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

**DROPOUT PREVENTION** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

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  - 48200 Compulsory education
  - 48260-48273 Truancy
  - 48400-48403 Compulsory continuation education
  - 48430-48438 Continuation education
  - 48660-48666 Community day schools
  - 49600-49604 Educational counseling
  - 51260-51269 Gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum
  - 51745-51749.3 Independent study
  - 52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
  - 52300-52334 Regional occupational centers and programs
  - 52890 Qualifications and duties of outreach consultants
  - 54690-54697 Partnership academies
  - 60900-60901 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System
  - 64000-64001 Single plan for student achievement
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- California Dropout Research Project: <http://www.cdrp.ucsb.edu>
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- National Dropout Prevention Center: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org>
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