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## Regulation 0450: Comprehensive Safety Plan

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional administrative regulation should be revised to reflect district practice.

Pursuant to Education Code 234.5, the California Department of Education (CDE) has posted on its website a list of statewide resources for youth who have been subjected to school-based discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and youth affected by gangs, gun violence, and psychological trauma caused by violence at home, at school, and in the community.

Additionally, schoolsafety.gov, a website developed by the federal government, provides schools with actionable recommendations to create safe and supportive learning environments and includes the Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-Based Practices, required by 6 USC 665k, to serve as a resource to identify and publish online evidence-based practices and recommendations to improve school safety.

### Development and Review of Comprehensive School Safety Plan

CSBA NOTE: The following section reflects requirements for the development of site-level comprehensive school safety plans (CSSP) pursuant to Education Code 32280-32289 and is for use by districts that selected Option 1 in the accompanying Board policy. Districts with an average daily attendance of 2,500 or less that selected Option 2 in the accompanying Board policy (i.e., that have developed a districtwide comprehensive safety plan applicable to all school sites in lieu of individual site plans, as authorized by Education Code 32281) should omit this section.

The school site council shall consult with local law enforcement, the local fire department, and other first responders in the writing and development of the comprehensive school safety plan. (CSSP). When practical, the school site council shall also consult with other school site councils and safety planning committees. (Education Code 32281, 32282)

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to Education Code 32280, as amended by AB 2887 (Ch. 419, Statutes of 2024), it is the intent of the Legislature that districts develop the CSSP in cooperation with local emergency medical services personnel and other persons who may be interested in the health and safety of students and the prevention of campus crime and violence.

Additionally, the school site council may invite community leaders, local emergency medical services personnel, and other persons who may be interested in the health and safety of students and the prevention of campus crime and violence to participate in the planning process. (Education Code 32280)

The school site council may delegate the responsibility for developing a comprehensive safety planCSSP to a school safety planning committee composed of the following members: (Education Code 32281)

- 1. The principal or designee
- 2. One teacher who is a representative of the recognized certificated employee organization
- 3. One parent/guardian whose child attends the school
- 4. One classified employee who is a representative of the recognized classified employee organization

CSBA NOTE: Item #5 below may be modified to specify other groups or individuals who will be represented on the committee. For example, the committee might include representatives of social service agencies, other city or county agencies, health care and emergency service providers, community-based organizations, and/or students.

5. Other members, if desired

Before adopting the comprehensive safety planCSSP, the school site council or school safety planning committee shall hold a public meeting at the school in order to allow members of the public the opportunity to express an opinion about the plan. (Education Code 32288)

The school site council or safety planning committee shall notify, in writing, the following persons and entities of the public meeting, if available: (Education Code 32288)

- 1. The local mayor
- 2. A representative of the local school employee organization
- 3. A representative of each parent/guardian organization at the school, including the parent teacher association and parent teacher clubs
- 4. A representative of each teacher organization at the school

- 5. A representative of the school's student body government
- 6. All persons who have indicated that they want to be notified

In addition, the school site council or safety planning committee may notify, in writing, the following entities of the public meeting: (Education Code 32288)

- 1. Representatives of local religious organizations
- 2. Local civic leaders
- 3. Local business organizations

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32282, as amended by SB 323 (Ch. 599, Statutes of 2023), after the first evaluation or review is conducted, and after each annual evaluation or review, a school employee, a student's parent/guardian or educational rights holder, or a student may bring concerns about an individual student's ability to access disaster safety procedures described in the comprehensive school safety plan to the principal.

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If the principal determines there is merit to a concern, the principal shall direct the school site council or school safety planning committee, to make appropriate modifications to the comprehensive school safety planCSSP during the evaluation of the comprehensive safety planCSSP. The principal may direct the school site council or the school safety planning committee to make such modifications before the evaluation, as appropriate. (Education Code 32282)

#### Content of the Comprehensive Safety Plan

Each comprehensive safety planCSSP shall include an assessment of the current status of any crime committed on campus and at school-related functions. (Education Code 32282)

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. In assessing the current status of school crime as required by Education Code 32282, districts may contract with a consultant, work with local law enforcement, develop their own local assessment, and/or use available instruments such as the, "California Healthy Kids Survey," or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's, "Youth Risk Behavior Survey."

The assessment may include, but not be limited to, reports of crime, suspension and expulsion rates, and surveys of students, parents/guardians, and staff regarding their perceptions of school safety.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 32282 requires that the following components be included in the districtwide and/or school site comprehensive safety plan. The district may expand this list to require other components at its discretion.

The plan shall identify appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety, including all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

- 1. Child abuse reporting procedures consistent with Penal Code 11164-11174.3
- 2. Routine and emergency disaster procedures including, but not limited to:

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32282, as amended by SB 323, schools are required to include in their comprehensive safety plans adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

a. Adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 32282 requires districts to incorporate earthquake emergency procedures into the <del>comprehensive safety planCSSP</del>, as specified in Items #2b and #2c below. See BP/AR 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan and AR 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System for further details about required components of these procedures.

- b. An earthquake emergency procedure system in accordance with Education Code 32282as specified
- c. A procedure to allow public agencies, including the American Red Cross, to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare

CSBA NOTE: Beginning with the 2026-27 fiscal year, Education Code 32282, as amended by AB 2968 (Ch. 582, Statutes of 2024), adds requirements for each school in a high-risk zone to coordinate with the fire department to identify appropriate refuge shelters for all students and staff to be used in the event of a shelter-in-place order by local authorities and notify the fire department to prioritize the defense of that structure in the event of a fire. Additionally, Education Code 32282, as amended by AB 2968, also requires each school in a high-risk zone to develop a communication and evacuation plan, which can be used in the event of an early notice evacuation warning, allowing enough time to evacuate all students and staff.

In addition, Education Code 32282, as amended by AB 2968, requires schools serving more than 50 students in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone, to coordinate such procedure with state emergency services organizations, and as a

part of the CSSP to develop a communication and evacuation plan to be used in the event of an early notice evacuation warning.]

- d. Commencing with the 2026-27 school year, a procedure to identify appropriate refuge shelter for all students and staff to be used in the event of an evacuation order and, for any school in a high or very high fire hazard severity zone, a communication and evacuation plan to be used in the event of an early notice evacuation warning that allows enough time to evacuate all students and staff
- 3. Policies pursuant to Education Code 48915(d) for students who commit an act listed in Education Code 48915(c) and other school-designated serious acts that would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations
- 4. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students pursuant to Education Code 49079

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 234.1 requires the Governing Board to adopt policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on specified characteristics and requires school personnel who witness such acts to take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so; see. See BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities and BP 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. In additionAdditionally, the district's complaint process must include a timeline for investigating and resolving complaints and an appeals process; see BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

- 5. A policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying pursuant to Education Code 200-262.4
- 6. If the school has adopted a dress code prohibiting students from wearing "gang-related apparel" pursuant to Education Code 35183, the provisions of that dress code and the definition of "gang-related apparel"
- 7. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of students, parents/guardians, and employees to and from school
- 8. A safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning
- 9. The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code 35291 and 35291.5

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32282, schools are required to include in their comprehensive safety plans CSSPs procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, as specified in Item #10. Such procedures must be based on the specific needs and context of each school and community.

Pursuant to Education Code 32281, the Board may elect to have district administrators, rather than the school site council, develop those portions of the <del>comprehensive safety plan</del> CSSP that include tactical responses to criminal incidents that may result in death or serious bodily injury; see the accompanying Board policy.

10. Procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including procedures related to individuals with guns on campus and at school-related functions

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education 32282, as amended by SB 671 (Ch. 626, Statutes of 2023), schools are required to include in their comprehensive safety plans procedures to assess and respond to reports of any dangerous, violent, or unlawful activity that is being conducted or threatened to be conducted at the school, at an activity sponsored by the school, or on a school bus serving the school.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32282, as amended by AB 1858 (Ch. 530, Statutes of 2024), a district is required to comply with the requirements specified in Item #11 below, if the CSSP includes procedures to prepare for active shooters or other armed assailants by conducting a drill.

- 11.If procedures to prepare for active shooters or other armed assailants by conducting a drill are included in the CSSP, the CSSP shall specify that:
  - a. The school will not conduct a high-intensity drill, as defined in Education Code 32282
  - b. Real weapons, gunfire blanks, or explosions will not be used in the conducting of the drill
  - c. A trauma-informed approach as specified in Education Code 32282 will be used in the design and execution of any drill
- 11. Procedures to assess and respond to reports of any dangerous, violent, or unlawful activity that is being conducted or threatened to be conducted at the school, at an activity sponsored by the school, or on a school bus serving the school.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32282, as amended by AB 2887, the CSSP is required to include procedures to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening medical emergency while on school grounds.

12. Procedures to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening medical emergency while on school grounds

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education 32282, as amended by SB 10 (Ch. 856, Statutes of 2023), schools that serve students in any of grades 7-12 are required to include in their comprehensive safety plans a protocol in the event a student is suffering or is reasonably believed to be suffering from an opioid overdose.

<u>CSBA NOTE: Item #13 is for districts that serve students in middle school, junior high school, high school, or adult school and should be modified to reflect the students served by the district.</u>

12. 13. For schools that serve students in any of grades 7-12, a protocol in the event a student is suffering or is reasonably believed to be suffering from an opioid overdose

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32282, as amended by SB 153 (Ch. 38, Statutes of 2024), the CSSP is required to include an instructional continuity plan to establish communication and provide instruction to students when in-person instruction is disrupted due to an emergency. For more information regarding instructional continuity plans, see CDE's "Instructional Continuity Plan Guidance," available on its website.

14. An instructional continuity plan to establish communication with students and their families and provide instruction to students when in-person instruction is disrupted due to an emergency, as specified in Education Code 32282

CSBA NOTE: The following list reflects material <u>previously</u> listed on CDE's website related to Safe Schools Planning. The components are optional and should be revised to reflect district practice. Among the strategies for providing a safe environment, the <del>comprehensive safety planCSSP</del> may also include:

1. Development of a positive school climate that promotes respect for diversity, personal and social responsibility, effective interpersonal and communication skills, self-esteem, anger management, and conflict resolution

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 32261 and 32282 encourage, but do not require, all <del>comprehensive</del> safety plans<u>CSSPs</u> to include policies and procedures aimed at the prevention of bullying, as defined in Education Code 48900(r).

2. Disciplinary policies and procedures that contain prevention strategies, such as strategies to prevent bullying, hazing, and cyberbullying, as well as behavioral expectations and consequences for violations

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 32261 encourages, but does not require, comprehensive safety plansCSSPs to include Item #3, below.

- 3. Strategies aimed at preventing potential incidents involving crime and violence on school campuses, including vandalism, drug and alcohol abuse, gang membership and violence, hate crimes, bullying, including bullying committed personally or by means of an electronic act, teen relationship violence, and discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment
- 4. Curriculum that emphasizes prevention and alternatives to violence, such as multicultural education and literacy, character/values education, social and emotional learning, media analysis skills, conflict resolution, community service learning, and education related to the prevention of dating violence

5. Parent/guardian and community involvement strategies, including strategies to help ensure parent/guardian support and reinforcement of the school's rules and increase the number of adults on campus

CSBA NOTE: When providing parents/guardians with school safety materials and emergency communications, CDE encourages districts to do so in language(s) understandable to parents/guardians, as appropriate for the school site.

6. Provision of safety materials and emergency communications in language(s) understandable to parents/guardians

CSBA NOTE: The California School Board Association's CSBA's Research and Policy Fact Sheet, "School Safety: Firearm Safety and Storage," provides guidance and best practices related to the safe storage of firearms.

- 7. Annual notification to parents/guardians related to the safe storage of firearms
- 8. Prevention and intervention strategies related to the sale or use of drugs and alcohol which shall reflect expectations for drug-free schools and support for recovering students
- 9. Collaborative relationships among the city, county, community agencies, local law enforcement, the judicial system, and the schools that lead to the development of a set of common goals and community strategies for violence prevention instruction
- 10. District policy prohibiting the possession of firearms and ammunition on school grounds
- 11. Measures to prevent or minimize the influence of gangs on campus

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 32281 authorizes the principal, upon receiving verification from law enforcement, to notify parents/guardians and employees in writing that a violent crime has occurred on the school site. A "violent crime" is any act for which a student could be expelled and which meets the definition listed in Education Code 67381, including willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, as defined in the, "Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook." Education Code 32281 encourages that the notice be sent no later than the second workday after receiving verification from law enforcement.

20 USC 7912 requires that all students attending a "persistently dangerous" school be provided notice of the designation and an option to transfer to a different school within the district. See BP/AR 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment.

12. Procedures for receiving verification from law enforcement when a violent crime has occurred on school grounds and for promptly notifying parents/guardians and employees of that crime

- 13. Procedures for the early identification and threat assessment of, and appropriate response to, suspicious and/or threatening digital media content
- 14. Assessment of the school's physical environment, including a risk management analysis and development of ground security measures such as procedures for closing campuses to outsiders, installing surveillance systems, securing the campus perimeter, protecting buildings against vandalism, and providing for a law enforcement presence on campus

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 8586.5, the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (CSIC) serves as the central organizing hub of the state government's cybersecurity preparedness and response activities and coordinates cyber intelligence and information sharing, and, as amended by AB 1023 (Ch. 555, Statutes of 2023), is required to coordinate information sharing, including cyber threat information, with school districts. Government Code 11549.3 authorizes districts, at district expense, to request the Military Department, in consultation with CSIC, to perform an independent security assessment of the district or individual district school. Districts are encouraged to consult with the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) and utilize resources such as the State Threat Assessment System and Regional Fusion Centers to help assess potential threats. For more information see OES' website.

Pursuant to Education Code 35266 districts that experience a cyberattack, as defined, which impacts more than 500 students or personnel, are required to report such cyberattack to CSIC.

15. Independent security assessment of the school's network infrastructure and selected web applications to identify vulnerabilities and provide recommendations to improve cybersecurity

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 32282.1 does not require, but encourages, that comprehensive safety plans CSSPs include the strategies described in Item #16 below, to the extent the district uses the listed professionals. CDE's, "The Comprehensive School Safety Plan: Recommended Components," available on its website, includes athletic coaches in the list of professionals and specifies that community intervention professionals include those who speak languages other than English.

16. Guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of mental health professionals, athletic coaches, community intervention professionals, school counselors, school resource officers, and police officers on school campuses.

Guidelines may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Strategies to create and maintain a positive school climate, promote school safety, and increase student achievement
- b. Strategies to prioritize mental health and intervention services, restorative and transformative justice programs, and positive behavior interventions and support

- c. Protocols to address the mental health care of students who have witnessed a violent act at any time, including, but not limited to, while on school grounds, while coming or going from school, during a lunch period whether on or off campus, or during or while going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity
- 17. Strategies for suicide prevention and intervention

CSBA NOTE: Policies and/or plans for maintaining a safe school environment during a pandemic, as described in Item #18 below, may be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan. Such policies may include BP 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules, BP 4113.5 - Working Remotely, BP 4119.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease, BP/AR 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases, and BP/AR 6158 - Independent Study.

18. District policy and/or plan related to pandemics

CSBA NOTE: Penal Code 626.8 provides that a person may be guilty of a misdemeanor for infringing with or disrupting a school activity, remaining on campus after having been asked to leave, reentering within seven days of being asked to leave, establishing a continued pattern of unauthorized entry, or willfully or knowingly creating a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of a student in preschool or grades K-8 who is arriving at, attending, or leaving school; see BP/AR 3515.2 - Disruptions.

- 19. Procedures to implement when a person interferes with or disrupts a school activity, remains on campus after having been asked to leave, or creates a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of students or staff
- 20. Crisis prevention and intervention strategies, which may include the following:
  - a. Identification of possible crises that may occur, determination of necessary tasks that need to be addressed, and development of procedures relative to each crisis, including the involvement of law enforcement and other public safety agencies as appropriate
  - b. Threat assessment strategies to determine the credibility and seriousness of a threat and provide appropriate interventions for the potential offender(s)
  - c. Assignment of staff members responsible for each identified task and procedure
  - d. Development of an evacuation plan based on an assessment of buildings and grounds and opportunities for students and staff to practice the evacuation plan

- e. Coordination of communication to schools, Governing Board members, parents/guardians, and the media
- f. Communication with parents/guardians of reunification plans and the necessity of cooperating with first responders
- g. Development of a method for the reporting of violent incidents
- h. Development of follow-up procedures that may be required after a crisis has occurred, such as counseling

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 49390 and 49393 require certificated and classified employees of the district, or other school officials such as Board members, whose duties bring the employee or other school official in contact on a regular basis with students in any of grades 6-12, as part of a middle school or high school, who are alerted to or observe any threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act, as defined, to immediately report the threat or perceived threat to law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 49393. "Threat or perceived threat" means any writing or action of a student that creates a reasonable suspicion that the student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to school or a school activity. This may include possession, use, or depictions of firearms, ammunition, shootings, or targets in association with infliction of physical harm, destruction, or death in a social media post, journal, class note, or other media associated with the student. It may also include a warning by a parent, student, or other individual.

21. Training on assessment and reporting of potential threats, violence prevention, and intervention techniques. Such training shall include preparation to implement the elements of the comprehensive safety plan

Such training shall include preparation to implement the elements of the CSSP

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32284, the comprehensive safety planCSSP may, at the discretion of the Board, include procedures for responding to the release of a pesticide or other toxic substance from properties located within one-quarter mile of a school. No state funds may be used for this purpose.

- 22. Environmental safety strategies, including, but not limited to, procedures for preventing and mitigating exposure to toxic pesticides, lead, asbestos, vehicle emissions, and other hazardous substances and contaminants
- 23. Continuity of operations procedures to ensure that the district's essential functions are not disrupted during an emergency, to the extent possible

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# **Policy 1113: District And School Websites**

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional policy is for use by districts that maintain their own website(s) and may be revised to reflect district practice. District strategies for effective use of websites may be incorporated into the district's comprehensive communications plan; see BP 1100 - Communication with the Public.

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

### **Design Standards**

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

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. Pursuant to Civil Code 1798.99.28-1798.99.40, businesses that provide online services, products, or features that are likely to be accessed by children are required to prioritize the best interests of students in designing such products or features, to ensure that children are not exposed to harmful or potentially harmful content, contact, or conduct. Though this law is not necessarily applicable to districts, it is good guidance for districts seeking to create a safe online space for students.

District design standards shall require an evaluation of products, features, and content accessible to students on district and school websites to prevent access to harmful or potentially harmful material.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 USC 12131-12134) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 705, 794; 34 CFR 104.1-104.39), districts have an obligation to provide an equal opportunity to individuals with disabilities to participate in and receive the benefits of the educational program, and must provide accommodations or modifications when necessary to ensure equal treatment.

### A U.S. Department of Justice

28 CFR 35.200-35.205 and 89 Fed.Reg. 31337 establish specific requirements and technical assistance publication, "Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities," states that an agency with a website that is otherwise inaccessible to individuals with

disabilities may meet its legal obligations by providing an alternativestandards for making accessible way for them to use the programs or services (e.g., a staffed telephone information line), but points out that these alternatives are unlikely to provide an equal degree of access in terms of hours of operation or range of options and programs available: web content offered by government entities to the public through web and mobile applications. See the accompanying administrative regulation for accessibility guidelines.

The district's design standards shall address the accessibility of district and school websites to individuals with disabilities, including compatibility with commonly used assistive technologies.

#### **Website Content**

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

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph ensures consistency of district policies regarding advertising and may be revised to reflect district practice.

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

#### **Privacy Rights**

CSBA NOTE: Business and Professions Code 22580-22582 prohibit an operator of a website from knowingly using, disclosing, compiling, or allowing a third party to use, disclose, or compile the personal information of a minor for the purpose of marketing or advertising specified types of products or services. Business and Professions Code 22584-22585 prohibit the operator of a website that provides services to K-12 students from selling or disclosing specified student information or knowingly using that student information to engage in targeted advertising to students or parents/guardians or to amass a profile about a student. However, Business and Professions Code 22584, as amended by AB 810 (Ch. 935, Statutes of 2024), exempts such actions if it will further school purposes. Business and Professions Code 22586 provides a similar prohibition for the operator of a website used, designed, and marketed primarily for preschool or prekindergarten purposes from knowingly engaging in specified activities, including targeted advertising, selling, or disclosing a student's information, and using specified information to amass a profile about a student except in furtherance of preschool or prekindergarten purposes. See BP 5125 - Student Records for further information regarding protection of student information.

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

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. The district should carefully consider whether to place personally identifiable information on district or school websites since release of such information may put individuals, including students, at risk and also may violate Education Code 49073, which prohibits disclosure of student directory information to any private profit-making entity; see BP/AR/E(1) 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.

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

CSBA NOTE: The following options address the use of students' photographs on district or school websites. Option 1 is for use by districts that, pursuant to Education Code 49061 and 34 CFR 99.3, include photographs in the definition of directory information, as specified in AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information, and publish student photographs along with student names unless a parent/guardian requested in writing that no photographs of the child be released without prior written consent. Option 2 is for use by districts that do not allow student photographs to be published along with student names unless specific consent for such publication is received from the parent/guardian.

# OPTION 1: (Photographs released)

The district regards photographs as a category of directory information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Therefore, a student's photograph, together with the student's name, may be published on district or school websites unless the student's parent/guardian has notified the district in writing to not release the student's photograph without prior written consent, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.

**END OF OPTION 1** 

#### OPTION 2: (Photographs not released)

Photographs of individual students shall not be published on district or school websites accompanied by the student's name or other personally identifiable information without the prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian.

**END OF OPTION 2** 

CSBA NOTE: The remainder of this policy is for use by all districts.

If students' names are not included, photographs of individual students or groups of students, such as at a school event, may be published on school or district websites.

CSBA NOTE: Posting of employees' home addresses, personal telephone numbers, or personal email addresses on district or school websites is prohibited by law in certain circumstances in order to maintain employee privacy and safety. See BP 1340 - Access to District Records, AR 3580 - District Records, and BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications.

Employees' home addresses, personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses shall not be posted on district or school websites.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 7928.205, as amended by AB 1785 (Ch. 551, Statutes of 2024), the district is prohibited from publicly posting online the information specified below of any elected or appointed official, such as a Board member, without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

The home address of, telephone number, or both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official including, but not limited to, a Board member or public safety official, shall not be posted on district or school websites without the prior written permission of that individual. (Government Code 3307.5, 7928.205, 7920.535)

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

#### **Policy Reference UPDATE Service**

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#### Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the <u>Governing Boardboard</u> to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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# Regulation 1113: District And School Websites

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional administrative regulation is for use by districts that maintain their own website(s) and should be revised to reflect district practice.

### **Design Standards**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop design standards for district and school websites that include, but are not limited to, guidelines to ensure the clear organization of the material, readability of the font type and size, and simplicity of the navigation structure linking the content on the website. Such standards shall take into consideration the ease of use on a wide range of devices.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 USC 12131-12134) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 705, 794; 34 CFR 104.1-104.39), districts have an obligation to provide an equal opportunity to individuals with disabilities to participate in and receive the benefits of the educational program. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights June 201028 CFR 35.200-35.205 and May 2011 Dear Colleague Letters interpret that such obligations include the requirement that district websites be Fed. Reg. 31337 establish specific requirements and technical standards for making accessible the web content offered by government entities to individuals with disabilities.

While there are no explicit standards detailed in law or regulations addressing accessible features, the public through web and mobile applications.

These requirements include use of the World Wide Web Consortium's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 and. Additionally, the Web Accessibility Initiative Accessible Rich Internet Applications Suite are widely used tools that may serve as guidelines for district and school websites. Additionally addition, examples of technical standards for accessibility are available on the California Department of Education's website.

In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the associated federal regulations, district and school websites shall contain features that ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities, which may. Such features include, but are not limited to, captions for videos and multimedia presentations, text alternatives to images, provision of sufficient time to use the content, avoidance of flashing images, adequate contrast in visual presentations, and/or other features that meet applicable standards for website accessibility. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review district and school websites and modify them as needed to ensure legal compliance with accessibility standards.

#### **Website Content**

CSBA NOTE: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice.

Government Code 54954.2 requires the district to post a "prominent, direct link" to the current Governing Board meeting agenda on the primary homepage of the district's website. However, districts that use an integrated agenda management platform (i.e., a website dedicated to providing the entirety of the agenda information for the Governing Board) are exempt from this requirement if a direct link to the platform is posted on the homepage and the current agenda is the first agenda available at the top of the platform. Government Code 54954.2 specifies that agendas posted either through a direct link or through use of an integrated agenda management platform must be (1) retrievable, downloadable, indexable, and electronically searchable by commonly used Internet search applications, (2) platform independent and machine readable, and (3) available to the public free of charge and without any restriction that would impede the reuse or redistribution of the agenda.

As applicable, district and school websites shall provide current information regarding the district's mission and goals, district/school programs and operations, district/school news, agendas and minutes of Governing Board meetings, School Accountability Report Cards, school calendars, and links to educational resources.

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

CSBA NOTE: In determining whether to limit or allow the ability of certain groups or individuals to provide content for district or school websites, it is recommended that districts should consult with CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel on matters pertaining to protected speech and equal access; see BP/AR 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression and BP/AR 6145.5 - Student Organizations and Equal Access.

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

CSBA NOTE: Federal copyright law (17 USC 106) grants a copyright owner the exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, make derivative works of, publicly perform, or publicly display the copyrighted work or to authorize others to do so. However, pursuant to 17 USC 107, "fair use" (i.e., the reproduction of limited portions of copyrighted materials without the copyright owner's permission) is allowed for such purposes as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, or research; see BP/AR 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials. Even if use of certain copyrighted materials in the district meets the criteria for a fair use exception, text, art, or photos that are not clearly stated to be in the "public domain" and available for free use should not be replicated on a district or school website without prior permission of the copyright owner.

Any copyrighted material to be posted on a district or school website shall <u>first</u> be submitted to the Superintendent or designee together with the permission of the copyright owner to reprint the material. Any copyrighted material submitted without the copyright owner's permission shall only

be posted on a district or school website if the Superintendent or designee determines that the material is in the public domain or that the intended use meets the criteria for fair use or another exception pursuant to 17 USC 107-122. When any copyrighted material is posted, the website shall include a notice crediting the copyright owner and, as necessary, shall note that permission to reprint the material was granted.

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

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

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

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

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

## Security

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 11549.3 authorizes districts, at district expense, to request the Military Department, in consultation with the California Cybersecurity Integration Center, to perform an independent security assessment of the district or individual district schools. Districts are encouraged to consult with the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) and utilize resources such as the State Threat Assessment System and Regional Fusion Centers to help assess potential threats. For more information, see OES' Cybersecurity Integration Center website.

Pursuant to Education Code 35266, districts that experience a cyberattack which impacts more than 500 students or personnel are required to report such cyberattack to the California Cybersecurity Integration Center.

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

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Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies, SP 46-2016, July U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication 2016 Dear Colleague Letter: Race and School Programming, August 2023 U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication Dear Colleague Letter: Enforcement of Title IX under the provisions of U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights the 2020 Title IX Rule, February 4, 2025 <u>Publication</u> (https://www.ed.gov/media/document/title-ix-enforcement-directivedcl-109477.pdf) U.S. DOJ, Civil Rights Division Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, February 2020 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Publication Disability; Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Government Entities, April 24, 2024, Vol. 89, pages 31320-31396 (https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/04/24/2024-07758/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-disability-accessibility-ofweb-information-and-services-of-state) California Interscholastic Federation Website Fact Sheet: New rule on the accessibility of web content and mobile Website apps provided by state and local governments Website California Cybersecurity Integration Center CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services Website Governor's Office of Planning and Research, The California Website **Environmental Quality Act** California Department of Education, Web Accessibility Standards Website California School Public Relations Association Website California Interscholastic Federation Website U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Website Section World Wide Web Consortium, Web Accessibility Initiative Website Website CSBA Website U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights Website California Civil Rights Department Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, June 2018 December 2024 World Wide Web Consortium

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# Exhibit 1113-E(1): District And School Websites

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## MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE POSTED ON DISTRICT WEBSITE

CSBA NOTE: The following exhibit lists material that the law explicitly requires be posted on district or school websites. See the referenced Board policy, administrative regulation, or Board bylaw for further information about related requirements. The exhibit does not include other postings that may be recommended throughout CSBA's sample policy manual but are not required by law.

This exhibit is a non-exhaustive list of materials which the law explicitly requires be posted on district or school websites. Other posting requirements may exist and may be identified in the future.

## **Materials to Prominently Display**

The following must be posted in a prominent location on the district's website, such as on the home page when required by law:

- 1. The<u>In accordance with Administrative Regulation 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan, the</u> district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), any updates or revisions to the LCAP, and the local control funding formula budget overview (Education Code 52064.1, 52065). See AR 0460 Local Control and Accountability Plan.)
- 2. Aln accordance with Board Bylaw 9320 Meetings and Notices and Board Bylaw 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials, a direct link to the current board agenda containing the time and location of the meeting and a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting, including items to be discussed in closed session, or a link to the district's agenda management platform where the current agenda shall be the first available (Government Code 54954.2, 54956). Post)

<u>The agenda shall be posted</u> at least 72 hours before a regular board meeting or 24 hours before a special meeting. See BB 9320 - Meetings and Notices and BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials.

(Government Code 54954.2)

3. The district's policy on student suicide prevention including, for grades K-6, the age appropriateness of the policy (Education Code 234.6). See BP 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention.

CSBA NOTE: As part of its responsibility to monitor district compliance with legal requirements concerning discrimination pursuant to Education Code 234.1, as amended by SB 153 (Ch. 38, Statutes of 2024), the California Department of Education (CDE) is required to ensure that the district prominently and conspicuously displays its nondiscrimination policies on the district's website.

- 4. 3.The In accordance with Administrative Regulation 5131.2 Bullying and Administrative Regulation 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, 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 (Education Code 234.6). See AR 5131.2 Bullying and AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment.)
- 5. The district's policy on preventing and responding to hate violence, if the district has adopted such a policy (Education Code 234.6). See BP 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior.
- 6. 4.The In accordance with Administrative Regulation 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, the definition of discrimination and harassment based on sex as described in Education Code 230, including the rights set forth in Education Code 221.8 (Education Code 234.6). See AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment.)
- 7. Information regarding Title IX prohibitions against discrimination based on a student's sex, including sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery, and parental, family, and marital status; that inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR); the name and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator; how to locate the district's nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures; how to report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX; the rights of students and the public as specified in Education Code 221.8; the responsibilities of the district under Title IX; web links to information about those rights and responsibilities on the websites of the Office for Equal Opportunity and OCR; a description of how to file a complaint of noncompliance under Title IX with specified components; and a link to Title IX information posted on the California Department of Education's (CDE) website (Education Code 221.6, 221.61, 234.6; 34 CFR 106.2, 106.8, 106.10). See AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment and AR 5145.7 Sexual Harassment.
- 8. <u>5.</u> A link to statewide CDE-In accordance with Administrative Regulation <u>5145.3</u> Nondiscrimination/Harassment, a link to statewide California Department of Education (CDE)-compiled resources, including community-based organizations, that provide support to youth who have been subjected to school-based discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and to their families (Education Code 234.5, 234.6). See AR <u>5145.3</u> Nondiscrimination/Harassment.

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9. 6. PostersIn accordance with Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment and Administrative Regulations 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave, posters published by the California Civil Rights Department (CRD) including, "California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment," and for districts with five or more employees, "The Rights of Employees Who Are Transgender or Gender Nonconforming," "Your Rights and Obligations as a Pregnant Employee," and "Family Care and Medical Leave and Pregnancy Disability Leave" (Government Code 12950). See AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment and AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.)

CSBA NOTE: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688) prohibits discrimination based on sex in district programs and activities. Although the Title IX regulations were amended by 89 Fed.Reg. 33474 effective August 1, 2024, these amendments were vacated nationwide by the United States District Court in Tennessee v. Cardona on January 9, 2025. Following this decision, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) February 4, 2025 Dear Colleague Letter clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Therefore, references in Item #7, below, to Title IX and its implementing regulations are to the Title IX regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024

- 7. In accordance with Administrative Regulation 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment and Administrative Regulation 5145.7 Sexual Harassment, information regarding Title IX prohibitions against discrimination based on a student's sex; that inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Assistant Secretary; the name and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator; the rights of students and the public as specified in Education Code 221.8; the responsibilities of the district under Title IX; web links to information about those rights and responsibilities on the websites of the Office for Equal Opportunity and OCR; a description of how to file a complaint of noncompliance under Title IX with specified components; and a link to Title IX information posted on CDE's website (Education Code 221.6, 221.61, 234.6; 34 CFR 106.8)
- 8. In accordance with Board Policy 5141.52 Suicide Prevention, the district's policy on student suicide prevention including, for grades K-6, the age appropriateness of the policy (Education Code 234.6)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 234.6, as amended by SB 939 (Chapter 907, Statutes of 2024), requires districts, to ensure that resources related to neurodiversity are readily accessible in a prominent location on the district's website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students.

- 9. In accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.3 –
  Nondiscrimination/Harassment, the resources related to neurodiversity posted on CDE's website (Education Code 234.6)
- 10. In accordance with Board Policy 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior, the district's policy on preventing and responding to hate violence, if the district has adopted such a policy (Education Code 234.6)

11. If In accordance with Board Policy 7212 - Mello-Roos Districts, if the district has formed a community facilities district (Mello-Roos district) for the acquisition or improvement of school facilities, a copy of the annual report for the fiscal year if requested pursuant to Government Code 53343.1, the report provided to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission pursuant to Government Code 53359.5, and the report provided to the State Controller's office pursuant to Government Code 12463.2 (Government Code 53343.2).

Post within seven months after the last day of the fiscal year. See BP 7212 - Mello-Roos Districts. (Government Code 53343.2)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 42103, beginning January 1, 2027, the requirement to publish notification of the hearing date and location for inspection for the district's proposed budget in a newspaper of general circulation is repealed and instead requires the information to be posted prominently on the district's website homepage at least three days before the availability of the proposed budget for public inspection.

12. In accordance with Administrative Regulation 3100 – Budget, beginning January 1, 2027, at least three days before the availability of the proposed budget for public inspection the location and dates at which the proposed budget may be inspected, as well as the location, date, and time of the public hearing (Education Code 42103)

## **Other Postings**

The following materials are also required to be posted on the district website. However, there are no specific requirements related to where they are posted on the website.

- 11. 13. The In accordance with Administrative Regulation 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education, the Special Education Local Plan Area's approved comprehensive local plan for special education, annual budget plan, annual service plan, and annual assurances support plan and any updates or revisions to the plans (Education Code 56205.5). See AR 0430 Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education.)
- 12. 14. The In accordance with Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities and Administrative Regulation 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment, the district's nondiscrimination policy and regulation, including the complaint procedure and the compliance coordinator's contact information (34 CFR 100.6, 106.8). See BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities and AR 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment.)
- 13. 15. ContactIn accordance with Administrative Regulation 6173 Education for Homeless Children, contact information for the district's liaison(s) for homeless students and other persons as required by Education Code 48852.6, and information regarding the educational rights and resources available to persons experiencing homelessness (Education Code 48852.6). See AR 6173 Education for Homeless Children.)
- 14. 16. Forln accordance with Administrative Regulation 6145.2 Athletic Competition, for all schools offering competitive athletics, the total enrollment of the school classified by

gender, the number of students enrolled at the school who participate in competitive athletics classified by gender, and the number of boys' and girls' teams classified by sport and by competition level (Education Code 221.9).

The information shall be posted at the end of the school year on the school's website or, if the school does not have a website, on the district's website. See AR 6145.2 - Athletic Competition. (Education Code 221.9)

- 45. 17. If In accordance with Administrative Regulation 5117 Interdistrict Transfer, if the district has interdistrict attendance agreement(s), the procedures and timelines for requesting an interdistrict transfer permit, including, but not limited to, a link to the board's policy on interdistrict attendance, the date that the district will begin accepting applications, reasons that the district may approve/deny the request, the process for appeal, that failure to meet timelines will be deemed an abandonment of the request, and the condition under which an existing interdistrict transfer permit may be revoked or rescinded (Education Code 46600.2). See AR 5117 Interdistrict Transfer.)
- 16. 18. If In accordance with Administrative Regulation 5117 Interdistrict Transfer, if the district has elected to be a school district of choice, application information including, at a minimum, any applicable form, the timeline for a transfer, and an explanation of the selection process (Education Code 48301). See AR 5117 Interdistrict Transfer.)
- 17. 19. For In accordance with Administrative Regulation 6152.1 Placement in Mathematics Courses, for districts that offer grade 9, the district's policy and protocols related to student placement in mathematics courses (Education Code 51224.7). See AR 6152.1 Placement in Mathematics Courses.)
- 18. 20. The naccordance with Board Policies 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 Professional Standards and Board Policies 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions, the section(s) of the district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students. (Education Code 44050)

These section(s) or a link to them shall be posted on each school's website or, if a school does not have its own website, on the district's website in a manner that is accessible to the public without a password. (Education Code 44050) See BP 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards and BP 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions.

- 19. 21. The In accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3551 Food Services Operations/Cafeteria Fund, the district's meal payment collection policy and procedures (U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Memorandum SP 46-2016). See BP/AR 3551 Food Services Operations/Cafeteria Fund.)
- 20. 22. If the district includes information about the free and reduced-priced meal program on its website, aln accordance with Exhibit (1) 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance, which includes the required nondiscrimination statement about the district's status as an equal opportunity provider and the address of the agency with responsibility to handle complaints made against the district (USDA FNS Instruction 113-1). For the required wording of the statement, see E(1) 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance.

This statement is to be posted if the district includes information about the free and reduced-priced meal program on its website (USDA FNS Instruction 113-1)

21. 23. TheIn accordance with Administrative Regulation 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management, the school's or district's integrated pest management plan, whenever a school chooses to use a pesticide not exempted pursuant to Education Code 17610.5. (Education Code 17611.5)

\_\_\_\_\_The plan shall be posted on the school's website or, if the school does not have a website, then on the district's website. (Education Code 17611.5). See AR 3514.2 Integrated Pest Management.)

- 22. 24. WhenIn accordance with Board Policy 7150 Site Selection And Development, when the California Environmental Quality Act requires an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration, those environmental review documents, public notice of the preparation and availability of such documents within a reasonable period of time prior to certification of the environmental impact report, adoption of a negative declaration, or determination that a proposed subsequent project will have no additional significant effect on the environment, and specified notices when written requests for notices have been filed (Public Resources Code 21082.1, 21092, 21092.2). See BP 7150 Site Selection And Development.)
- 23. 25. When In accordance with Administrative Regulation 7214 General Obligation Bonds, when a citizens' oversight committee is formed after the approval of a bond under the 55 percent majority threshold, the committee's minutes, documents received, and reports issued (Education Code 15280). See AR 7214 General Obligation Bonds.)
- 24. 26. CopyIn accordance with Board Policy 0510 School Accountability Report Card, copy of each school's school accountability report card, on or before February 1 of each year (Education Code 35258). See BP 0510 School Accountability Report Card.)
- 25. 27. Results n accordance with Board Policy 6190 Evaluation of the Instructional Program, results of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) or other accrediting agency's inspection of a school, within 60 days of receiving the results. (Education Code 35178.4)

This notification could<u>may</u> be made in writing to parents/guardians instead of or in addition to posting the results on the district's website.) In addition. Additionally, if a school loses its WASC or other agency's accreditation, the district and school shall post on their websites a notice of the loss of accreditation and potential consequences. (Education Code 35178.4). See BP 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program.)

26. 28. The district's COVID-19 testing plan (Education Code 32096).

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 32526, as amended by SB 141 (Ch. 194, Statutes of 2023), a district is required to make publicly available on its website interim expenditure reports on the use of Learning Recovery Emergency Funds by December 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, and a final report on expenditures no later than December 15, 2029.

27. 29. Using In accordance with Board Policy 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan, and using the template developed by CDE, the use of Learning Recovery Emergency Funds,

with interim reports posted by December 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, and a final report by December 15, 2029 (Education Code 32526).)

28. 30. An<u>In accordance with Board Policy 5141.5 - Mental Health, an</u> age appropriate and culturally relevant digitized poster that identifies approaches and shares resources about student mental health, distributed to students online at the beginning of each school year (Education Code 49428.5). See BP 5141.5 - Mental Health)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 33353, as amended by AB 1327 (Ch. 366, Statutes of 2023), districts that participate in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) are required to post, on or before April 1, 2025, the standardized incident form developed by the California Department of EducationCDE to track racial discrimination, harassment, or hazing, that occurs at high school sporting games or events, including information on how to submit a completed incident form.

29. 31. The<u>In accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6145.2 – Athletic Competition, the</u> standardized incident form developed by CDE to track racial discrimination, harassment, or hazing, that occurs at high school sporting games or events, including information on how to submit a completed incident form (Education Code 33353).)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 5092, as amended by AB 1326 (Ch. 68, Statutes of 2023), the Board is required to post a notice upon filling a Board vacancy by provisional appointment.

30. 32. If In accordance with Board Bylaw 9223 - Filling Vacancies, if a provisional appointment is made to fill a governing board vacancy, notice of both the actual vacancy or the filing of a deferred resignation and the provisional appointment. (Education Code 5092)

Post within 10 days of making the provisional appointment. (Education Code 5092). See BB 9223 - Filling Vacancies.)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48985.5, as added by AB 889 (Ch. 123, Statutes of 2023), eacheach school and district that maintains a website is required to post on its website, information about the dangers associated with the use of synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician, such as fentanyl, and of the possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills. Such districts are also required to ensure that each district school that maintains its own website posts the information on the school's website. and as a mended by AB 2690 (Ch. 241, Statutes of 2024), the risk of social media being used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs.

31. 34. The In accordance with Board Policy 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs, on the website of each school and the district website, post information about the dangers associated with using synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician, such as fentanyl, and of the possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills , and the risks of social media being used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs (Education Code 48985.5).)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 49006, as amended by AB 1466 (Ch. 582, Statutes of 2023), districts are required to annually post on the district website their report on the use of behavioral restraints and seclusion for students enrolled or served by the district for all or part of the prior school year.

32. 35. The In accordance with Administrative Regulation 5131.41 – Use of Seclusion and Restraint, the annual report to CDE on the use of behavioral restraints and seclusion (Education Code 49006).)

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## **Policy 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures**

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CSBA NOTE: To address prohibited discrimination and violations of state and federal laws governing educational programs, 5 CCR 4621 mandates districts to adopt uniform complaint procedures (UCP) consistent with the state's complaint procedures specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670. Additionally, Education Code 52075 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the local control and accountability plan, and Education Code 8212 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs (CSPP). Furthermore, a number of federal civil rights statutes and their implementing regulations mandate districts to adopt policies and procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying). For example, districts are mandated pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107 to adopt policy and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of disability, while districts that receive federal financial assistance are mandated pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8 and 110.25 to adopt policies and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of sex and age. The following policy contains a list of programs and activities subject to these procedures pursuant to state law; see the section "Complaints Subject to UCP"," below.

The California Department of Education (CDE) monitors district programs and operations for compliance with these requirements through its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process. The FPM consists of a review of (1) written district policies and procedures for required statements, including prohibition of discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying) against students pursuant to Education Code 234.1 and (2) records of required activities, such as annual notification provided to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other school community members.

The California Department of Education (CDE) monitors district programs and operations for compliance with these requirements through its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101-12213), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-2000d-7), Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101-6107). Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.1-106.82, as amended by the 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, districts are required to follow the Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving Title IX sex discrimination complaints based on conduct that occurred on or after August 1, 2024. See BP/AR 5145.7 – Sex

Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment and AR/E(1) 5145.71 – Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures. As such a complaint may also fall within the scope of the UCP, it is unclear whether districts would additionally be required to follow the UCP. Due to this uncertainty, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel prior to utilizing the UCP for this purpose.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101-12213), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-2000d-7), Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC 6101-6107).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688) prohibits discrimination based on sex in district programs and activities. Although the Title IX regulations were amended by 89 Fed.Reg. 33474, effective August 1, 2024, these amendments were vacated nationwide by the United States District Court in Tennessee v. Cardona on January 9, 2025. Following this decision, OCR's February 4, 2025 Dear Colleague Letter clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Therefore, references in this Board policy to Title IX and its implementing regulations are to the Title IX regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024.

Whether a complaint of sexual harassment is addressed through BP/AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures or the federal Title IX complaint procedures in accordance with 5145.71 – Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, is dependent on whether the alleged conduct meets the more stringent federal definition or the state definition of sexual harassment. See the section "Non-UCP Complaints" below, the accompanying administrative regulation, BP/AR 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment, and AR 5145.71 – Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

The Governing Board recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Board encourages the early resolution of complaints whenever possible. To resolve complaints which may require a more formal process, the Board adopts the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation.

#### Complaints Subject to UCP

CSBA NOTE: The FPM process includes a review of a district's policies and procedures to determine whether all district programs and activities that are subject to the UCP, as listed in the FPM instrument, are addressed. According to CDE, the district's policy must list all such programs and activities and, at the district's discretion, may add a paragraph below the list stating the UCP programs and activities that are implemented in the district.

For further information regarding requirements for the following programs and activities, see the law cited and/or related CSBA policy and/or administrative regulation.

The district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve complaints regarding the following programs and activities:

- 1. Accommodations for pregnant and parenting students (Education Code 46015)
- 2. Adult education programs (Education Code 8500-8538, 52334.7, 52500-52617) , 52616.18)
- 3. After School Education and Safety programs (Education Code 8482-8484.65)
- 4. Agricultural career technical education (Education Code 52460-52462)
- 5. Career technical and technical education and career technical and technical training programs (Education Code 52300-52462)
- 6. Child care and development programs (Education Code 8200-8488)
- 7. Compensatory education (Education Code 54400)
- 8. Consolidated categorical aid programs (Education Code 33315; 34 CFR 299.10-299.12)
- 9. Course periods without educational content (Education Code 51228.1-51228.3)

CSBA NOTE: As noted above, it is unclear whether districts are required to follow the UCP in addition to the Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a Title IX sex discrimination complaint based on conduct that occurred on or after August 1, 2024. As a result, Item #10 below does not list discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities based on sex. It is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel prior to including discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities based on sex in Item #10. See Item #3 in the Non-UCP Complaint section.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 200 and 210.2, as amended by SB 1137 (Ch. 779, Statutes of 2024), provide that prohibited discrimination includes discrimination not just because of one protected class under state law, but also because of the combination of two or more protected bases.

10. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities, including in those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on a person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, physical or mental disability, medical condition, or genetic information; any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55; or based on the person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610) Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities.

including in those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on one, or a combination of two or more, protected characteristics, which include, but may not be limited to, a person's actual or perceived race or ethnicity; ancestry; color; ethnic group identification; nationality; national origin; immigration status; sex; sexual orientation; sex stereotypes; gender; gender identity; gender expression; religion; disability; medical condition; genetic information; pregnancy, false pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or related conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status; any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55; or based on the person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (Education Code 200, 210.1, 210.2, 212, 212.1, 220, 221.51, 230, 260; Government Code 11135, 12926; 5 CCR 4610; 20 USC 1681-1688, 42 USC 2000d-2000d-7)

However, the UCP shall not be used to investigate and resolve employment discrimination complaints. (5 CCR 4611)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 243, as added by AB 1078 (Ch. 229, Statutes of 2023), clarifies when it is unlawful discrimination for the Governing Board to (1) refuse to approve the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library or (2) prohibit the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library. The Board may not refuse to approve such use on the basis that the material includes a study of the role and contributions of specified individuals or groups, unless the study of the role and contributions reflects adversely upon legally protected groups. Additionally, the Board may not prohibit such use on the basis that the study of the role and contributions contain inclusive or diverse perspectives. Any Board action to ban or censor a textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction on any of the bases described above may also constitute unlawful discrimination under Education Code 220. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 244, as added by SB 153 (Ch. 38, Statutes of 2024), the Board is prohibited from adopting or approving the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or curriculum for classroom instruction if the use would subject a student to unlawful discrimination pursuant to Education Code 220.

Complaints alleging discrimination based on a violation of Education Code 243, as added by AB 1078, or Education Code 244, as added by SB 153, may be brought under the district's UCP or may be filed directly with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). Complaints that are filed directly with the SPI are required to identify the basis for doing so, and present evidence that supports the basis for the direct filing. In such cases, the SPI may directly intervene without waiting for an investigation by the district. For more information regarding complaints concerning instructional materials, see BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials and AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Education Code 242, as added by AB 1078, requires CDE to develop, by July 1, 2025, guidance and public educational materials to ensure that all Californians can access information about educational laws and policies that safeguard the right to an accurate and inclusive curriculum.

For more information regarding instructional materials adoption, see BP/AR/E(1) 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional materials, CSBA's publication, "Instructional Materials Adoptions: State and local governing board processes, roles, and responsibilities," and corresponding Fact Sheet and Reference, and the California Attorney General's, "Guidance to School Officials re: Legal Requirements for Providing Inclusive Curricula and Books."

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, exemptions from district adopted graduation requirements, transfer of coursework and credit requirements, and specified consultation and notice requirements, formerly applicable to students in the third or fourth year of high school participating in a newcomer program, are applicable to "newcomer students," as defined in Education Code 51225.2, who are in the third or fourth year of high school. Additionally, pursuant to Education Code 51225.25, as added by AB 2473 (Ch. 831, Statutes of 2024), a "student participating in a newcomer program," as that term was defined by Education Code 51225.2 on January 1, 2023, who was enrolled prior to January 1, 2024, is entitled to the rights specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, as described above. The district may, in its discretion, extend the rights established in Education Code 51225.1 to other students participating in a newcomer program.

Discrimination includes, but is not limited to, the Board's refusal to approve the use or prohibit the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library, on the basis that it includes a study of the role and contributions of any individual or group consistent with the requirements of Education Code 51204.5 and 60040, unless such study would violate Education Code 51501 or 60044. Additionally, discrimination includes, but is not limited to, the Board's adoption or approval of use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library if the use would subject a student to unlawful discrimination pursuant to Education Code 220. A complaint alleging such unlawful discrimination may, in addition to or in lieu of being filed with the district, be directly filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). (Education Code 243, 244)

The UCP shall not be used to investigate and resolve employment discrimination complaints. (5 CCR 4611)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, as amended by AB 714 (Ch. 342, Statutes of 2023), exemptions from district adopted graduation requirements, transfer of coursework and credit requirements, and specified consultation and notice requirements, formerly applicable to students in the third or fourth year of high school participating in a newcomer program, are applicable to "newcomer students," as defined in Education Code 51225.2, who are in the third or fourth year of high school.

12. 11. Educational and graduation requirements for students in foster care, students experiencing homelessness, students from military families, students formerly in a juvenile court school, students who are migratory, and newcomer students (Education Code 48645.7, 48850, 48853, 48853.5, 48911, 48915.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

13. 12. Every Student Succeeds Act (Education Code 12030, 52059.5, 64000; 20 USC 6301 et seq.)

CSBA NOTE: Complaints alleging discrimination in the adoption, approval, or use of textbooks, instructional materials, supplemental instructional materials, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library based on a violation of Education Code 243, or Education Code 244, as added by SB 153 (Ch. 38, Statutes of 2024), may be brought under the district's UCP or may be filed directly with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI).

Complaints that are filed directly with the SPI are required to identify the basis for doing so, and present evidence that supports the basis for the direct filing. In such cases, the SPI may directly intervene without waiting for an investigation by the district. For more information regarding complaints concerning instructional materials, see BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials and AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Pursuant to Education Code 242, CDE has developed guidance and public educational materials to ensure that all Californians can access information about educational laws and policies that safeguard the right to an accurate and inclusive curriculum, which are available on its website.

For more information regarding the prohibition of discrimination as it applies to textbooks, instructional materials, supplemental instructional materials, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library, see BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, BP/AR/E(1) 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials, BP 6161.11 – Supplementary Instructional Materials, and BP 6163.1 – Library Media Centers. Also see CSBA's publication, "Instructional Materials Adoptions: State and local governing board processes, roles, and responsibilities," and corresponding Fact Sheet and Reference, and the California Attorney General's, "Guidance to School Officials re: Legal Requirements for Providing Inclusive Curricula and Books."

#### 13. Instructional Materials and Curriculum: Diversity (Education Code 243)

A complaint alleging such unlawful discrimination may, in addition to or in lieu of being filed with the district, be directly filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). (Education Code 243, 244)

- 14. Local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)
- 15. Migrant education (Education Code 54440-54445)
- 16. Physical education instructional minutes (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223)
- 17. Student fees (Education Code 49010-49013)

- 18. Reasonable accommodations to a lactating student (Education Code 222)
- 19. Regional occupational centers and programs (Education Code 52300-52334.7)
- 20. School plans for student achievement as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 64001)
- 21. School site councils as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 65000)
- 22. State preschool programs (Education Code 8207-82258200-8488, 33315)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 8212, and CDE's 2023-24 FPM instrument, which is subject to change as the 2024-25 FPM instrument has not yet been released, the district mustis required to use the UCP, with modifications as necessary, to resolve complaints alleging deficiencies related to health and safety issues in license-exempt CSPPs. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4610, such complaints mustare required to be addressed through the procedures described in 5 CCR 4690-4694. See the section "Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs" in the accompanying administrative regulations.

23. State preschool health and safety issues in license-exempt programs (Education Code 8212)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 33315, as amended by AB 3074 (Ch. 665, Statutes of 2024), the district is required to use the UCP to resolve complaints related to school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

24. School or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames pursuant to Education Code 221.3

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that requires district policy to ensure that complainants are protected from retaliation as specified in item #23 below.

- 24. 25. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy
- 25. 26. Any other state or federal educational program the SPI or designee deems appropriate

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4631 authorizes the district to utilize alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods, including mediation, to resolve complaints before initiating a formal investigation. However, the district should ensure that any ADR it uses, particularly "in-person ADR," is appropriate for the particular situation. For example, in some instances, (e.g., sexual assault), face-to-face mediation should not be used, even if all parties voluntarily agree, given the risk that a

student might feel pressured to "voluntarily" agree to it. <u>Districts may not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student; see AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.</u>

The following optional paragraph provides for a neutral mediator and should be revised to reflect district practice.

The Board recognizes that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) can, depending on the nature of the allegations, offer a process for resolving a complaint in a manner that is acceptable to all parties. An ADR process such as mediation may be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the use of ADR is consistent with federal, state, and localfederal laws and regulations.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is mandated required pursuant to 5 CCR 4621. Since appropriate disclosure will vary in each case depending on the facts and circumstances, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

The district shall protect all complainants from retaliation. In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved shall be protected as required by law. For any complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the Superintendent or designee shall keep the identity of the complainant, and/or the subject of the complaint if different from the complainant, confidential when appropriate and as long as the integrity of the complaint process is maintained.

When an allegation that is not subject to UCP is included in a UCP complaint, the district shall refer the non-UCP allegation to the appropriate staff or agency and shall investigate and, if appropriate, resolve the UCP-related allegation(s) through the district's UCP.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to district staff to ensure awareness and knowledge of current law and requirements related to UCP, including the steps and timelines specified in this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

CSBA NOTE: It is important to maintain records of all UCP complaints and the investigations of those complaints. If the district is investigated by OCR or CDE, these are important documents in demonstrating that the district has complied with federal law, state law, and its own policies and regulations.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including steps taken during the investigation and all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

#### **Non-UCP Complaints**

The following complaints shall not be subject to the district's UCP but shall be investigated and resolved by the specified agency or through an alternative process:

- Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services Protective Services Division or the appropriate law enforcement agency (5 CCR 4611)
- 2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to Department of Social Services (5 CCR 4611)

CSBA NOTE: 34 CFR 106.2 and 106.10, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex for the purpose of Title IX includes discrimination on the basis of sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; sexual orientation; gender identity; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status. While the phrases "gender" and "gender expression" are not explicitly included, they are implied by the definitions of those terms that are explicitly included.

CSBA NOTE: The complaint procedures specified in the Title IX regulations (34 CFR 106.44-106.45, as added by 85 Fed.Reg. 30026) are required to be used to address any complaint of sexual harassment, as defined in 34 CFR 106.30, based on conduct that occurred between August 14, 2020 and July 31, 2024, and after January 9, 2025. For complaints initiated between August 1, 2024 and January 9, 2025, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

- 3. Any complaint alleging that a student, while in an education program or activity, was subjected to conduct known to the district that may reasonably constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, as defined in 34 CFR 106.2
  - Discrimination on the basis of sex includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; sexual orientation; gender; gender identity; gender expression; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status. Such a complaint shall be addressed through the federal Title IX complaint procedures adopted pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44-106.45, as specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.71 Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures. (34 CFR 106.2, 106.10, 106.11, 106.44)
- 3. Any complaint alleging that a student, while in an education program or activity, was subjected to sexual harassment, as defined in 34 CFR 106.30
  - Such a complaint shall be addressed through the federal Title IX complaint procedures as specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.71 Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

CSBA NOTE: Complaints of employment discrimination are not subject to the UCP. Instead, pursuant to 2 CCR 11023, the district must establish an impartial and prompt process for addressing such complaints. In addition, 5 CCR 4611 requires that employment discrimination

complaints be referred to the Civil Rights Department.

However, pursuant to 34 CFR 106.1-106.82, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, districts are required to follow the Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving employment complaints alleging sex discrimination based on conduct that occurred on or after August 1, 2024. See BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment and AR/E(1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures. As such a complaint may also fall within the process specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, it is unclear whether districts would additionally be required to follow the complaint procedures specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. Due to this uncertainty, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel prior to utilizing the procedures specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment for this purpose. See AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment for applicable complaint procedures.

CSBA NOTE: Complaints of employment discrimination are not subject to the UCP. Instead, pursuant to 2 CCR 11023, the district is required to establish an impartial and prompt process for addressing such complaints. Additionally, 5 CCR 4611 requires that employment discrimination complaints be referred to the Civil Rights Department. See AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment for applicable complaint procedures.

- 4. Except for complaints alleging sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, any complaint alleging employment discrimination or harassment shall be investigated and resolved by the district in accordance with the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment, including the right to file the complaint with the California Civil Rights Department
- Employment complaints alleging sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, shall be investigated and resolved as specified in 34 CFR 106.44 and 106.45 and Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures
- 4. Any complaint alleging employment discrimination or harassment shall be investigated and resolved by the district in accordance with the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment, including the right to file the complaint with the California Civil Rights Department

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4610 limits the applicability of the UCP for complaints regarding special education and child nutrition, as provided in Items #5-7 below.

5. Any complaint alleging a violation of a state or federal law or regulation related to special education, a settlement agreement related to the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE), failure or refusal to implement a due process hearing order to which the district is subject, or a physical safety concern that interferes with the district's provision of FAPE shall be submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) in accordance with Administrative Regulation 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education (5 CCR 3200-3205)

- 6. Any complaint alleging noncompliance of the district's food service program with laws regarding meal counting and claiming, reimbursable meals, eligibility of children or adults, or use of cafeteria funds and allowable expenses shall be filed with or referred to CDE in accordance with Board Policy 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance (5 CCR 15580-15584)
- 7. Any allegation of complaint alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in the district's food service program shall be filed with or referred to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in accordance with Board Policy 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance (5 CCR 15582)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 35186 requires the district to use UCP, with modifications, to investigate and resolve complaints related to the issues stated in the following paragraph (i.e., "Williams complaints"). Because Education Code 35186 sets forth different timelines for investigation and resolution of these kinds of complaints than the timelines specified in law for other uniform complaints, CDE has created a separate uniform complaint process for the Williams complaints. See AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures for the separate procedure.

8. Any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or teacher vacancies and misassignments shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with Administrative Regulation 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures (Education Code 35186)

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# **Regulation 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures**

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CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that the district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) be consistent with the procedures of 5 CCR 4600-4670, Additionally, Education Code 52075 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP), and Education Code 8212 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs (CSPP). Furthermore, a number of federal civil rights statutes and their implementing regulations mandate districts to adopt policies and procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. For example, all districts are mandated pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107 to adopt policy and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of disability, while districts that receive federal financial assistance are mandated pursuant to 34 CFR 110.25 to adopt policies and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of age. Some of the factors considered by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) when determining whether a district's procedures are "prompt and equitable" are addressed throughout the following administrative regulation.

Education Code 243, as added by AB 1078 (Ch. 229, Statutes of 2023), clarifies when it is unlawful discrimination for the Governing Board to (1) refuse to approve the use any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library or (2) prohibit the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library. The Board may not refuse to approve such use on the basis that the material includes a study of the role and contributions of specified individuals or groups, unless the study of the role and contributions reflects adversely upon legally protected groups. Additionally, the Board may not prohibit such use on the basis that the study of the role and contributions contain inclusive or diverse perspectives. Any Board action to ban or censor a textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction on any of the bases described above may also constitute unlawful discrimination under Education Code 220. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 244, as added by SB 153 (Ch. 38, Statutes of 2024), the Board is prohibited from adopting or approving the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or curriculum for classroom instruction if the use would subject a student to unlawful discrimination pursuant to Education Code 220.

Complaints alleging discrimination based on a violation of Education Code 243, as added by AB 1078, or Education Code 244, as added by SB 153, may be brought under the district's UCP or

may be filed directly with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). Complaints that are filed directly with the SPI are required to identify the basis for doing so, and present evidence that supports the basis for the direct filing. In such cases, the SPI may directly intervene without waiting for an investigation by the district. For more information regarding complaints concerning instructional materials, see BP/AR 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials and AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Education Code 242, as added by AB 1078, requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to develop, by July 1, 2025, guidance and public educational materials to ensure that all Californians can access information about educational laws and policies that safeguard the right to an accurate and inclusive curriculum.

Apart from these mandates, state law authorizes the use of UCP to resolve complaints of noncompliance with laws related to the development of a school plan for student achievement and the establishment of school site councils; accommodations for pregnant and parenting students; prohibition against the charging of student fees; educational rights of foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school students, children of military families, students who are migratory, and, as amended by AB 714 (Ch. 342, Statutes of 2023), newcomer students as defined in Education Code 51225.2 who are in the third or fourth year of high school; assignment of students to courses without educational content; and physical education instructional minutes. See the section "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy.

For a complaint which is based on allegations part of which fall under UCP and part of which fall outside of UCP, districts may need to initiate two separate investigations: one to investigate the allegations that fall under UCP and the other to investigate the allegations that fall outside of UCP.

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that the district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) be consistent with the procedures of 5 CCR 4600-4670. Additionally, Education Code 52075 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures implementing the use of UCP to investigate and resolve complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP), and Education Code 8212 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs (CSPP). Furthermore, a number of federal civil rights statutes and their implementing regulations mandate districts to adopt policies and procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of unlawful discrimination. For example, all districts are mandated pursuant to 28 CFR 35.107 to adopt policy and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of disability, while districts that receive federal financial assistance are mandated pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8 and 110.25 to adopt policies and procedures to address discrimination on the basis of sex and age.

Complaints alleging discrimination in the adoption, approval, or use of textbooks, instructional materials, supplemental instructional materials, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library based on a violation of Education Code 243, or Education Code 244, as added by SB 153 (Ch. 38, Statutes of 2024), may be brought under the district's UCP

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Pursuant to Education Code 242, the California Department of Education (CDE) has developed guidance and public educational materials to ensure that all Californians can access information about educational laws and policies that safeguard the right to an accurate and inclusive curriculum, which are available on its website.

Apart from these mandates, state law authorizes the use of UCP to resolve complaints of noncompliance with laws related to the development of a school plan for student achievement and the establishment of school site councils; accommodations for pregnant and parenting students; prohibition against the charging of student fees; educational rights of foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school students, children of military families, students who are migratory, newcomer students as defined in Education Code 51225.2 who are in the third or fourth year of high school, and pursuant to Education Code 51225.25, as added by AB 2473 (Ch. 831, Statutes of 2024), a "student participating in a newcomer program," as that term was defined by Education Code 51225.2 on January 1, 2023, who was enrolled prior to January 1, 2024 as well as any other students participating in a newcomer program for whom the district has extended such rights; assignment of students to courses without educational content; and physical education instructional minutes. See "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy.

For a complaint which is based on allegations part of which fall under UCP and part of which fall outside of UCP, such as the non-UCP complaints identified in the accompanying Board policy, districts may need to initiate two separate investigations: one to investigate the allegations that fall under UCP and the other to investigate the allegations that fall outside of UCP.

Except as may otherwise be specifically provided in other district policies, these uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve only the complaints specified in the accompanying Board policy.

#### **Compliance Officers**

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4621 mandates the district to identify in its policies and procedures the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs, including the receiving and investigating of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and retaliation. During its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process, CDE staff will check to ensure that the district's procedures list the specific title(s) of the employee(s) responsible for receiving and investigating complaints. Districts should identify the specific title(s) of the compliance officer(s) in the space provided below. If a district identifies multiple compliance officers, it is recommended that one be designated the lead compliance officer.

The following paragraph specifies that the compliance officer will be the same person designated to serve as the Title IX Coordinator for addressing complaints of sex discrimination and sex-based harassment pursuant to AR 5145.7 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment and AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures. Districts may modify this regulation to designate different district employees to serve these functions. CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4621 requires the district to identify in its policies and procedures the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs, including the receiving and investigating of complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and retaliation. During its Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process, CDE staff will check to ensure that the district's procedures list the specific title(s) of the employee(s) responsible for receiving and investigating complaints. Districts should identify the specific title(s) of the compliance officer(s) in the space provided below.

The following paragraph specifies that the compliance officer will be the same person designated to serve as the Title IX Coordinator for addressing complaints of unlawful discrimination. harassment, intimidation, or bullying pursuant to AR 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment, and complaints of sexual harassment pursuant to AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment and AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Districts may modify this regulation to designate different district employees to serve these functions. However, if the district wishes to separate these responsibilities, it is recommended that one individual be responsible for oversight of the complaint process for the district.

The district designates the individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) identified below as responsible for receiving, coordinating, and investigating complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws. The individual(s), position(s), or unit(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment, who is responsible for handling complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and in Administrative Regulation 5145.7 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-BasedSexual Harassment, who is responsible for handling complaints regarding sex discrimination and sex-basedsexual harassment.

(title or position)	
(unit or office)	
(address)	
(telephone number)	
(email)	

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is for use by districts that have designated more than one compliance officer.

The compliance officer who receives a complaint may assign another compliance officer to investigate and resolve the complaint. The compliance officer shall promptly notify the complainant and respondent if another compliance officer is assigned to the complaint.

In no instance shall a compliance officer be assigned to a complaint in which the compliance officer has a bias or conflict of interest that would prohibit the fair investigation or resolution of the complaint. Any complaint against a compliance officer or that raises a concern about the compliance officer's ability to investigate the complaint fairly and without bias shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4621 mandates that requires the district's policy requires to include that employees responsible for compliance and/or for investigating and resolving complaints to be knowledgeable about the laws and programs at issue in the complaints they are assigned. Compliance officers must also have training or experience in handling discrimination complaints, including appropriate investigative techniques and understanding of the applicable legal standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees assigned to investigate and resolve complaints receive training and are knowledgeable about the laws and programs at issue in the complaints to which they are assigned. Training provided to such employees shall cover current state and federal laws and regulations governing the program; applicable processes for investigating and resolving complaints, including those alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying; applicable standards for reaching decisions on complaints; and appropriate corrective measures. Assigned employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

The compliance officer or, if necessary, an appropriate administrator shall determine whether interim measures are necessary during an investigation and while the result is pending. If interim measures are determined to be necessary, the compliance officer or the administrator shall consult with the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or, if appropriate, the site principal to implement one or more interim measures. The interim measures shall remain in place until the compliance officer determines that they are no longer necessary or until the district issues its final written decision, whichever occurs first.

#### **Notifications**

The district's UCP policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. (Education Code 234.1)

CSBA NOTE: During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that the district's policy contains a statement ensuring annual dissemination of notice of the district's UCP to the persons specified below.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's UCP to students, employees, parents/guardians of district students, district advisory committee members, school advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 4622)

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4622 requires the district to include specified information in its annual UCP notice to students, parents/guardians, employees, and others. The following list reflects those required components and additional content of the notice listed in CDE's FPM instrument.

A sample of the annual notice is available through CDE's website. It is the district's responsibility to update the notice as necessary to reflect new law.

The notice shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

- 1. A statement that the district is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to prohibition of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group, and a list of all programs and activities that are subject to UCP as identified in "Complaints Subject to UCP" in the accompanying Board policy
- 2. The title of the position responsible for processing complaints, the identity of the person(s) currently occupying that position if known, and a statement that such personsperson(s) will be knowledgeable about the laws and programs that they are assigned to investigate
- 3. A statement that a UCP complaint, except a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, must be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred
- 4. A statement that a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must be filed no later than six months from the date of the alleged conduct or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged conduct
- 5. A statement that a student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities
- 6. A statement that a complaint regarding student fees or the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint
- 7. A statement that the district will post a standardized notice of the educational and graduation requirements of foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, children of military families, former juvenile court school students now enrolled in the district, students who are migratory, and newcomer students as specified in Education Code 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2, and the complaint process
- 8. A statement that complaints will be investigated in accordance with the district's UCP and a written decision will be sent to the complainant within 60 days from the receipt of the

complaint, unless this time period is extended by written agreement of the complainant

- 9. A statement that, for programs within the scope of the UCP as specified in the accompanying Board policy, the complainant has a right to appeal the district's investigation report to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal, including a copy of the original complaint and the district's decision, within 30 calendar days of receiving the district's decision
- 10. A statement advising the complainant of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal laws prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, if applicable
- 11. A statement that copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph may be modified to reflect district practice. Pursuant to Education Code 221.61, a district and district schoolits schools are required to post information related to Title IX on their websites, including specified information about complaint procedures under Title IX; see AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment. A school or district that does not maintain a website may comply by posting the information on the website of its district or county office of education (COE), however a school, district, or COE is not required to establish a website if it does not maintain one. A comprehensive list of rights based on the provisions of the federal regulations implementing Title IX can be found in Education Code 221.8.

The annual notification, complete contact information of the compliance officer(s), and information related to Title IX as required pursuant to Education Code 221.61 and 34 CFR 106.8 shall be posted on the district and district school websites, published in handbooks, or catalogs, announcements, bulletins, and application forms, and may be provided through district-supported social media, if available.

CSBA NOTE: Both federal and state laws contain requirements for translation of certain information and documents. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires districts to ensure meaningful access to their programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency. OCR has interpreted this to require that, whenever information is provided to parents/guardians, districts must notify limited-English-proficient (LEP) parents/guardians in a language other than English in order to be adequate. OCR enforces this requirement consistent with the Department of Justice's, "2007 Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons." Under the Guidance, a recipient of federal funds has an obligation to provide language assistance to LEP individuals based on the balancing of four factors: (1) the number or proportion of LEP individuals likely to encounter the program, (2) the frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with the program, (3) the nature and importance of the services provided by the program, and (4) the resources available to the recipient. State law is more specific than federal law. Education Code

48985 requires translation of certain information and documents if 15 percent or more of students enrolled in the school speak a single primary language other than English.

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians, including students and parents/guardians with limited English proficiency, have access to the relevant information provided in the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning the UCP.

If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's UCP policy, regulation, forms, and notices 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 UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

### Filing of Complaints

CSBA NOTE: Complaints filed under UCP may be filed directly with a compliance officer or with any site administrator not designated as a compliance officer. For example, acts of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying may initially be reported to a principal. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment and AR 5145.7 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment. If a site administrator not designated as a compliance officer receives a UCP complaint, the site administrator must notify a compliance officer. A district may also establish a site-level process for receiving informal reports about incidents for which a UCP complaint may be filed and notifying students and parents/guardians of their right to file a UCP complaint. Any site-level process established by a district should be in writing and distributed in the same manner as the grievance procedures listed herein with an explanation of how it interacts with the UCP complaint process.

CSBA NOTE: Complaints filed under UCP may be filed directly with a compliance officer or with any site administrator. See AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment and AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment. If a site administrator not designated as a compliance officer receives a UCP complaint, the site administrator must notify a compliance officer. A district may also establish a site-level process for receiving informal reports about incidents for which a UCP complaint may be filed and notifying students and parents/guardians of their right to file a UCP complaint. Any site-level process established by a district should be in writing and distributed in the same manner as the grievance procedures listed herein with an explanation of how it interacts with the UCP complaint process.

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp. If a site administrator not designated as a compliance officer receives a complaint, the site administrator shall notify the compliance officer.

All complaints, except for those that allege sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, shall

be filed in writing and signed by the complainant. If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist in the filing of the complaint. (5 CCR 4600; 34 CFR 106.24600s)

Complaints shall also be filed in accordance with the following rules, as applicable:

1. A complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing the programs specified in the accompanying Board policy may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization (5 CCR 4600)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 49013 and 52075 mandate districts to adopt procedures that allow

	onymous complaints to be filed when a district allegedly violates the prohibition against the ng of student fees or violates any requirement related to the LCAP.
2.	Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance (Education Code 49013, 52075)  A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 49013)
of the	NOTE: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4630, complaints related to the LCAP must be filed within a year date that the County Superintendent of Schools, the reviewing authority for districts, ves the district's LCAP.
3.	A UCP complaint, except for a UCP complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred (5 CCR 4630) For complaints related to the LCAP, the date of the alleged violation is the date when the County Superintendent of Schools approves the LCAP that was adopted by the Governing Board. (5 CCR 4630)
4.	A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying may be filed only by a person who alleges having personally suffered unlawful discrimination, a person who believes that any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination, or a duly authorized representative who alleges that an individual student has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying (5 CCR 4630)
5.	A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall be initiated no later than six months from the date that the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date that the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination (5 CCR 4630)
	The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or

designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)

6. When a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying is filed anonymously, the compliance officer shall pursue an investigation or other response as appropriate, depending on the specificity and reliability of the information provided and the seriousness of the allegation

CSBA NOTE: Districts should<u>It</u> is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel before honoring a confidentiality request to withhold the victim's name from the alleged perpetrator, <u>especially in the case of alleged sexual assault</u>, as this may affect the district's ability to conduct a thorough investigation or provide supportive measures to the victim.

7. When a complainant of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or the alleged victim, when not the complainant, requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform the complainant or victim that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the conduct or take other necessary action

\_\_\_\_\_When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district shall nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and resolve/respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

#### Mediation

CSBA NOTE: The following section should be used only by those districts that have decided to establish procedures for attempting to resolve complaints through alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures such as mediation; see the accompanying Board policy. The following section may be modified to specify the ADR method and timelines used within the district.

<u>Districts may not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student; see AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.</u>

Within three business days after receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with all the parties the possibility of using mediation to resolve the complaint. Mediation shall be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving an allegation of sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. If the parties agree to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to permit the mediator access to all relevant confidential information. The compliance officer shall also notify all parties of the right to end the informal process at any time.

If the mediation process does not resolve the <u>problemcomplaint</u> within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with an investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. If mediation is successful and the complaint is withdrawn, then the district shall take only the actions agreed upon through the mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the district shall then continue with subsequent steps specified in this administrative regulation.

#### **Investigation of Complaint**

CSBA NOTE: <u>CSBA NOTE</u>: <u>The timeline specified below may be modified to reflect district practice</u>. 5 CCR 4631, which requires the district to provide the complainant with the opportunity to present relevant information, does not provide any timeline. <del>Thus, the timeline specified below may be modified to reflect district practice</del>.

The compliance officer shall begin an investigation into the complaint within 10 business days of receiving the complaint.

Within one business day of initiating the investigation, the compliance officer shall provide the complainant and/or the complainant's representative with the opportunity to present the information contained in the complaint to the compliance officer and shall notify the complainant and/or representative of the opportunity to present the compliance officer with any evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegations in the complaint. Such evidence or information may be presented at any time during the investigation.

CSBA NOTE: During the investigation, the compliance officer should consider all relevant circumstances, such as how the alleged misconduct affected one or more students' education; the type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct; the identity, age, and sex of the individuals involved in and impacted by the conduct and the relationship between them; the number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed; the size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred; and other incidents at the school involving different individuals.

In conducting the investigation, the compliance officer shall collect all available documents and review all available records, notes, or statements related to the complaint, including any additional evidence or information received from the parties during the course of the investigation. The compliance officer shall individually interview all available witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint, and may visit any reasonably accessible location where the relevant actions are alleged to have taken place. At appropriate intervals, the compliance officer shall inform the parties of the status of the investigation.

To investigate a complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the compliance officer shall interview the alleged victim(s), any alleged offender(s), and other relevant witnesses privately, separately, and in a confidential manner. As necessary, additional staff or legal counsel may conduct or support the investigation.

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4631 allows the district to dismiss a complaint when the complainant refuses to provide the investigator with relevant documents or otherwise obstructs the investigation. 5 CCR 4631 also provides that, if the district refuses to provide the investigator with access to records or other documents, the investigator may issue a finding in favor of the complainant. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that both of these statements regarding the provision of access to information are included in the district's policy or procedures, as specified below.

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4631 allows the district to dismiss a complaint when the complainant refuses to provide the investigator with relevant documents or otherwise obstructs the investigation. 5 CCR 4631 also provides that, if the district refuses to provide the investigator with access to records or other documents, the investigator may issue a finding in favor of the complainant.

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. Refusal by the district to provide the investigator with access to records and/or information related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or any other obstruction of the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

#### **Timeline for Investigation Report**

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

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, only a complainant has the right to receive the investigation report and to file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision. However, under certain circumstances, some of the same rights should be extended to a respondent in order to make the process equitable. For example, since the respondent to a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying is usually an individual, the respondent should be notified when the complainant has agreed to an extension of timelines. Options 1 and 2 reflect these recommendations and may be modified to reflect district practice. When questions arise as to what rights to provide to a respondent, the district should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel accordingly.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4640, when a UCP complaint is erroneously sent to CDE without first being filed with the district, the 60-day period specified in 5 CCR 4631 begins when the district receives the complaint.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, the district's investigation report is required to be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of receiving the complaint. Option 1 below is for districts that do not allow complainants to appeal the compliance officer's decision to the Governing Board.

Option 2 is for districts that allow appeals to the Board, and it requires the compliance officer's decision within 30 calendar days so that the Board's decision can still be given within the 60-day time limit.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4631, only a complainant has the right to receive the investigation report and to file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision. Districts may want to consider extending some of the same rights to a respondent. When questions arise as to what rights to provide to a respondent, it is recommend that the district consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel accordingly.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4640, when a UCP complaint is erroneously sent to CDE without first being filed with the district, the 60-day period specified in 5 CCR 4631 begins when the district receives the complaint.

OPTION 1: (Districts that do not allow complainants to appeal to the Board)

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

For any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the respondent shall be informed of any extension of the timeline agreed to by the complainant.

#### **END OF OPTION 1**

OPTION 2: (Districts that allow complainants to appeal to the Board)

CSBA NOTE: The remainder of this section is for use by districts that select Option 2.

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the investigation report shall be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint.

Within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report, as described in the section "Investigation Report" below. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, the complainant may, within five business days, file the complaint in writing with the Board.

The Board may consider the matter at its next regular Board meeting or at a special Board meeting convened in order to meet the 60-day time limit within which the complaint must be answered. When required by law, the matter shall be considered in closed session. The Board may decide not to hear the complaint, in which case<u>lf the Board decides not to hear the complaint</u>, the compliance officer's decision shall be final.

If the Board hears the complaint, the compliance officer shall send the Board's decision to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's initial receipt of the complaint or within the

time period that has been specified in a written agreement with the complainant. (5 CCR 4631) (5 CCR 4631)

For any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the respondent shall be informed of any extension of the timeline agreed to by the complainant, and, in the same manner as the complainant, may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the decision.

#### **END OF OPTION 2**

## **Investigation Report**

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4631 specifies components that are required to be part of the district's investigation report. Inclusion of these items will help protect the district's position in case of an appeal to CDE, a complaint submitted to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR<sub>7</sub>), or if litigation is filed.

For all complaints, the district's investigation report shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

- 1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered
- 2. A conclusion providing a clear determination for each allegation as to whether the district is in compliance with the relevant law
- 3. Corrective action(s) whenever the district finds merit in the complaint, including, when required by law, a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians and, for a student fees complaint, a remedy that complies with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600
- 4. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's investigation report to CDE, except when the district has used the UCP to address a complaint not specified in 5 CCR 4610
- 5. Procedures to be followed for initiating an appeal to CDE

The investigation report may also include follow-up procedures to prevent recurrence or retaliation and for reporting any subsequent problems.

CSBA NOTE: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.67) protects student privacy, including student records containing details of the actions taken in response to a UCP complaint. However, pursuant to 20 USC 1221, FERPA may not "be construed to affect the applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act, or other statutes prohibiting discrimination, to any applicable program." In February 2015, the Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO), now the Student Privacy Policy Office, released a letter concluding that FERPA permits a district to disclose to a student who was subjected to unlawful discrimination certain information about the sanctions imposed upon the respondent when the sanctions directly relate to that student. Thus, if properly remedying the impact of discrimination would require disclosing to the alleged victim certain information on how the district disciplined the respondent (e.g., an order that the respondent stay away from the alleged victim), FPCO

interprets FERPA as allowing the district to disclose that information.

Given the potential liability from improperly disclosing such information, districts are advised to consult with CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel when presented with a situation where a victim of unlawful discrimination requests information about sanctions imposed upon the respondent.

CSBA NOTE: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.67) protects student privacy, including student records containing details of the actions taken in response to a UCP complaint. However, pursuant to 20 USC 1221, FERPA may not "be construed to affect the applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act, or other statutes prohibiting discrimination, to any applicable program."

In consultation with district legal counsel, information about the relevant part of an investigation report may be communicated to a victim who is not the complainant and to other parties who may be involved in implementing the investigation report or are affected by the complaint, so long as the privacy of the parties is protected. In a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, notice of the investigation report to the alleged victim shall include information about any sanction to be imposed upon the respondent that relates directly to the alleged victim.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 48985 requires that reports sent to parents/guardians be written in their primary language when 15 percent or more of a school's enrolled students speak a single primary language other than English. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure that UCP complaint procedures pertaining to CSPP health and safety issues include a statement that the district response and the investigation report must, whenever Education Code 48985 is applicable, be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed; see the section "Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs" below. The following paragraph extends this provision to all types of complaints to ensure compliance with Education Code 48985. In addition, based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, OCR requires districts to ensure meaningful access to all relevant UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient (LEP) student or parent/guardian, then the district's response, if requested by the complainant, and the investigation report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

CSBA NOTE: During the FPM process, CDE staff will expect to see a statement detailing a complainant's right to pursue civil law remedies (i.e., action in a court of law) in addition to or in conjunction with the right to pursue administrative remedies from CDE.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on state law, the investigation report shall also include a notice to the complainant that:

1. The complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders or other remedies or orders, 60 calendar days after the filing of an appeal with CDE (Education Code 262.3)

- 2. The 60 days-day moratorium does not apply to complaints seeking injunctive relief in state courts or to discrimination complaints based on federal law (Education Code 262.3)
- 3. Complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender, disability, or age may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Education's Office for Civil Rights at www.ed.gov/ocr within 180 days of the alleged discrimination

#### **Corrective Actions**

CSBA NOTE: The following section may be revised to reflect district practice.

When a complaint is found to have merit, the compliance officer shall adopt any appropriate corrective action permitted by law. Appropriate corrective actions that focus on the larger school or district environment may include, but are not limited to, actions to reinforce district policies; training for faculty, staff, and students; updates to school policies practices or procedures; or school climate surveys.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, as amended by AB 1165 (Ch. 22, Statutes of 2023), the district is encouraged to have a student who has been suspended, or for whom other means of correction have been implemented pursuant to Education Code 48900.5 for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation, as well as the victim, to engage in a restorative justice practice suitable to address the needs of both the victim and the perpetrator; to have the perpetrator engage in a culturally sensitive program that promotes racial justice and equity and combats racism and ignorance; and to regularly check on the victim to ensure that the victim is not in danger of suffering from any long-lasting mental health issues; see AR 5131.2 - Bullying. CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 48900.5, the district is encouraged to have a student who has been suspended, or for whom other means of correction have been implemented pursuant to Education Code 48900.5 for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation, as well as the victim, to engage in a restorative justice practice suitable to address the needs of both the victim and the perpetrator; to have the perpetrator engage in a culturally sensitive program that promotes racial justice and equity and combats racism and ignorance; and to regularly check on the victim to ensure that the victim is not in danger of suffering from any longlasting mental health issues; see AR 5131.2 - Bullying.

For complaints involving retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, appropriate remedies that may be offered to the victim but not communicated to the respondent may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Counseling
- 2. Academic support
- 3. Health services
- 4. Assignment of an escort to allow the victim to move safely about campus
- 5. Information regarding available resources and how to report similar incidents or retaliation

- 6. Separation of the victim from any other individuals involved, provided the separation does not penalize the victim
- 7. Restorative justice
- 8. Follow-up inquiries to ensure that the conduct has stopped and there has been no retaliation

For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving a student as the respondent, appropriate corrective actions that may be provided to the student include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
- 2. Parent/guardian conference
- 3. Education regarding the impact of the conduct on others
- 4. Positive behavior support
- 5. Referral to a student success team
- 6. Denial of participation in extracurricular or cocurricular activities or other privileges as permitted by law
- 7. Disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, as permitted by law

When an employee is found to have committed retaliation or unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the district shall take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with applicable law and collective bargaining agreement.

The district may also consider training and other interventions for the larger school community to ensure that students, staff, and parents/guardians understand the types of behavior that constitute unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, that the district does not tolerate it, and how to report and respond to it.

CSBA NOTE: Generally, when a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy is provided to the complainant or other affected person. However, in certain instances, the law may require a remedy to be provided to all affected persons, not just the complainant or subject of the complaint. For example, pursuant to Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600, if the district, or CDE on appeal, finds merit in the complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees and charges, the district is required to provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians, as specified below. The same requirement applies to allegations of noncompliance with required instructional minutes for physical education pursuant to Education Code 51222 and 51223, course periods without educational content pursuant to Education Code 51228.3, and the LCAP requirements pursuant to Education Code 52075. Districts that do not maintain elementary

schoolsserve students in grades transitional kindergarten-6 should delete the reference to physical education below.

When a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy shall be provided to the complainant or other affected person.

However, if a complaint alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges, physical education instructional minutes, courses without educational content, or any requirement related to the LCAP is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education. (Education Code 49013, 51222, 51223, 51228.3, 52075)

For complaints alleging noncompliance with the law regarding student fees, the district, by engaging in reasonable efforts, shall attempt in good faith to identify and fully reimburse all affected students and parents/guardians who paid the unlawful student fees within one year prior to the filing of the complaint. (Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4600)

## Appeals to the California Department of Education

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's investigation report on a complaint regarding any specified federal or state educational program subject to UCP may file an appeal in writing with CDE within 30 calendar days of receiving the district's investigation report. (5 CCR 4632)

The appeal shall be sent to CDE with a copy of the original locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's investigation report for that complaint. The complainant shall specify and explain the basis for the appeal, including at least one of the following: (5 CCR 4632)

- 1. The district failed to follow its complaint procedures
- 2. Relative to the allegations of the complaint, the district's investigation report lacks material findings of fact necessary to reach a conclusion of law
- 3. The material findings of fact in the district's investigation report are not supported by substantial evidence
- 4. The legal conclusion in the district's investigation report is inconsistent with the law
- 5. In a case in which the district found noncompliance, the corrective actions fail to provide a proper remedy

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 4633 requires the district to submit the following documents to CDE within 10 days after the district has been notified that an appeal has been filed. The district's failure to provide a timely and complete response may result in CDE ruling on the appeal without considering information from the district.

Upon notification by CDE that the district's investigation report has been appealed, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to CDE within 10 days of the date of notification: (5 CCR 4633)

- 1. A copy of the original complaint
- 2. A copy of the district's investigation report
- 3. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
- 4. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
- 5. A copy of the district's UCP
- 6. Other relevant information requested by CDE

If notified by CDE that the district's investigation report failed to address allegation(s) raised by the complaint, the district shall, within 20 days of the notification, provide CDE and the appellant with an amended investigation report that addresses the allegation(s) that were not addressed in the original investigation report. The amended report shall also inform the appellant of the right to separately appeal the amended report with respect to the allegation(s) that were not addressed in the original report. (5 CCR 4632)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 5 CCR 4633, CDE is required to issue a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of CDE's receipt of the appeal, unless extended by written agreement with the appellant or documentation by CDE of exceptional circumstances. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4635, if CDE's decision was issued based on evidence in the investigation file CDE received from the district or evidence uncovered after further investigation of the allegations that were the basis of the appeal, either party may request reconsideration by the SPI or designee within 30 days of the appeal decision.

Pursuant to 5 CCR 4650, CDE may directly intervene in a complaint without waiting for action by the district when certain conditions exist, including such as the following: (1) the complaint alleges failure to comply with the UCP, including failure to follow the required timelines and failure to implement the final investigation report, (2) the complainant requests anonymity due to the possibility of retaliation and would suffer immediate and irreparable harm if a complaint was filed and the complainant was named, or (3) the complainant would suffer immediate and irreparable harm as a result of an application of a districtwide policy that is in conflict with state or federal law and that filing a complaint would be futile.

#### Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs

CSBA NOTE: The following section is for use by districts that operate any license-exempt CSPP program. Education Code 8212 mandates districts to adopt policies and procedures for resolving complaints regarding specified health and safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program. Pursuant to Education Code 8212, the district mustis required to use the UCP, with modifications as

necessary, to resolve such complaints. Pursuant to 5 CCR 4610, such complaints mustare required to be addressed through the procedures described in 5 CCR 4690-4694.

See the accompanying exhibits for a sample classroom notice and complaint form.

Any complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) shall be addressed through the procedures described in 5 CCR 4690-4694.

In order to identify appropriate subjects of CSPP health and safety issues pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, a notice shall be posted in each license-exempt CSPP classroom in the district notifying parents/guardians, students, and teachers of the health and safety requirements of Title 5 regulations that apply to CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925 and the location at which to obtain a form to file any complaint alleging noncompliance with those requirements. For this purpose, the Superintendent or designee may download and post a notice available from the CDECDE's website. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4691)

The district's annual UCP notification distributed pursuant to 5 CCR 4622 shall clearly indicate which of its CSPP programs are operating as exempt from licensing and which CSPP programs are operating pursuant to requirements under Title 22 of the Code of Regulations. (5 CCR 4691)

Any complaint regarding specified health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall be filed with the preschool program administrator or designee, and may be filed anonymously. The complaint form shall specify the location for filing the complaint, contain a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to the complaint, and allow a complainant to add as much text as desired to explain the complaint. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4690)

If it is determined that the complaint is beyond the authority of the preschool program administrator, the matter shall be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, not to exceed 10 working days, for resolution. The preschool administrator or the Superintendent or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any complaint within their authority. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

Investigation of a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program shall begin within 10 days of receipt of the complaint. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

The preschool administrator or designee shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form a desire to receive a response to the complaint, the preschool administrator or Superintendent's designee shall, within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint, report the resolution of the complaint to the complainant and CDE's assigned field consultant. If the preschool administrator makes this report, the information shall be reported at the same time to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4692)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 48985 requires that reports sent to parents/guardians be written in their primary language when 15 percent or more of a school's enrolled students speak a single primary language other than English. During the FPM process, CDE staff will check to ensure

compliance with this requirement. Based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, OCR requires districts to ensure meaningful access to all relevant UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

If a complaint regarding health or safety issues in a license-exempt CSPP program involves an LEP student or parent/guardian, then the district's response, if requested by the complainant, and the investigation report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was filed.

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, the complainant has the right to describe the complaint to the Board at a regularly scheduled hearing and, within 30 days of the date of the written report, may file a written appeal of the district's decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 8212; 5 CCR 4693, 4694)

All complaints and responses are public records. (5 CCR 4690)

On a quarterly basis, the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all CSPP health and safety complaints, including the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints, to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting and to the County Superintendent. (5 CCR 4693)

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### Exhibit 1312.3-E(1): Uniform Complaint Procedures

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CSBA NOTE: Education Code 8212, as renumbered by AB 131 (Ch. 116, Statutes of 2021), requires that the following notice be posted in each classroom with a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) (Education Code 8207-8225, as renumbered by AB 131). The notice mustis required to include the health and safety requirements that apply to such CSPP programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1596.7925, which may be the subject of a complaint under the uniform complaint procedures.

## NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS: PRESCHOOL COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers:

Pursuant to Education Code 8212, you are hereby notified that any California State Preschool Program that is exempt from licensure must have:

- 1. Outdoor shade that is safe and in good repair
- 2. Drinking water that is accessible and readily available throughout the day
- 3. Safe and sanitary restroom facilities with one toilet and handwashing fixture for every 15 children
- 4. Restroom facilities that are available only for preschoolers and kindergartners
- 5. Visual supervision of children at all times
- 6. Indoor and outdoor space that is properly contained or fenced and provides sufficient space for the number of children using the space at any given time
- 7. Playground equipment that is safe, in good repair, and age appropriate

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 8212, as renumbered by AB 131, requires that the notice include the location to obtain a complaint form and provides that posting a notice downloadable from the California Department of Education's web sitewebsite will satisfy this requirement. The law does not require that complaint forms be placed in any specific location. The following paragraph lists

locations where complaint forms may be available and should be modified to reflect district practice, including adding the school and district web sitewebsite addresses.

If you choose to file a complaint alleging that any of the above conditions is not being met, your complaint will be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures as required by law. A complaint form may be obtained at the school or district office, or downloaded from the school or district web site. website. You may also download a copy of the California Department of Education (CDE) complaint form when available from the following web sitewebsite:

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CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 8212, as renumbered by AB 131 (Ch. 116, Statutes of 2021), uniform complaint procedures are required to be used for complaints alleging that a license-exempt California State Preschool Program does not comply with any of the health and safety requirements specified in Health and Safety Code 1596.7925.

## PRESCHOOL COMPLAINT FORM: UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Education Code 8212 requires that the district's uniform complaint procedures be used for the filing of complaints concerning noncompliance with health and safety standards for license-exempt California State Preschool Programs. The complaint and response are public documents, as provided by law. Complaints may be filed anonymously. However, if you wish to receive a response to your complaint, you must provide the contact information below.

Response requested?   Yes   No
Contact information: (if response is requested)
Name:
Address:
Phone number: Day:Evening:
E-mail address, if any:
Date problem was observed:
Location of the problem that is the subject of this complaint:  School name/address:  Room number/name of room/location of facility:
Room number/name of room/location of facility:
Only the following issues may be the subject of this complaint process. If you wish to complain about an issue not specified below, please contact the school or district for the appropriate district complaint procedure.
Specific issue(s) of the complaint: (Please check all that apply. A complaint may contain more than one allegation.)
The preschool does not have outdoor shade that is safe and in good repair.
Drinking water is not accessible and/or readily available throughout the day.

The preschool does not provide safe and sanitary restroom facilities with one toilet and handwashing fixture for every 15 children.
Restroom facilities are not available only for preschoolers and kindergartners.
The preschool program does not provide visual supervision of children at all times.
□ Indoor or outdoor space is not properly contained or fenced or does not provide sufficient space for the number of children using the space at any given time.
Playground equipment is not safe, in good repair, or age appropriate-
Please describe the issue of your complaint in detail. You may attach additional pages and include as much text as necessary and as you wish to fully describe the situation.
CSBA NOTE: Education Code 8212, as renumbered by AB 131, requires complaints identified above to be filed with the preschool administrator or designee. Districts should specify the names and/or locations in the spaces below.
Please file this complaint at the following location:
(preschool administrator or designee)  (address)
Please provide a signature below. If you wish to remain anonymous, a signature is not required. However, all complaints, even anonymous ones, should be dated.
(Signature) (Date)
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### Regulation 3512: Equipment

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CSBA NOTE: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice.

The California Department of Education's (CDE) "California School Accounting Manual," distinguishes between "equipment" and "supplies" and defines equipment as having relatively permanent value (e.g., is serviceable for more than one year) and substantially increasing the value of the district's physical assets. Equipment is generally not of an expendable nature and does not easily deteriorate in use. Examples include computer systems, machinery, vehicles, and playground equipment, and technology-based equipment such as computer systems.

District equipment shall be used primarily for educational purposes and/or to conduct district business. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees, students, and other users understand the appropriate use of district equipment and that any misuse may be cause for disciplinary action or loss of user privilege.

School-connected organizations may be granted reasonable use of the equipment for schooldistrict-related matters as long as it, if such use does not interfere with the use by students or employees or otherwise disrupt district operations.

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is optional. It is recommended that important for the district check to be knowledgeable of its liability coverage for off-site use of district equipment and materials. Whenever an individual is authorized to borrow district equipment, he/she could for a district-related purpose, it is recommended that the individual be required to complete a form identifying the equipment and the intended use and indicating that the individual will assume responsibility for any loss or damage to the equipment. See the accompanying Exhibit for a sample form that may be used for this purpose.

The Superintendent or designee shall approve the transfer of any district equipment from one work site to another and the removal of any district equipment for off-site use. When any equipment is taken off site, the borrower is responsible for its safe return and shall be fully liable for any loss or damage. Equipment shall only be used for an approved district-related purpose.

Employees transferred to another work site shall take with them only those personal items that have been purchased with their own funds, unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent or designee or applicable Board policy or administrative regulation.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 35168 requires the district to maintain an inventory containing specified information for all equipment currently valued in excess of \$500. For equipment purchased with federal funds, 2 CFR 200.313-200.314 only require requires districts to maintain

inventory records of tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit, but the state's. However, CDE's Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process reviews whether the district maintains an inventory record for every item of equipment with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more per unit that is purchased with state and/or federal categorical funds. CSBAFor compliance, accountability, and internal control, the California School Accounting Manual recommends an inventory of all equipment currently valued in excess of \$500 in order to simplify the district's inventory.

<u>CDE's FPM will also consist of a review of whether the district maintains written</u> procedures and to comply for managing equipment in accordance with law. federal requirements. Also see AR 3440 - Inventories.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an inventory of all equipment currently valued in excess of \$500. (Education Code 35168; 5 CCR 3946)

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain property records as specified in Administrative Regulation 3440 – Inventories, including updating property records when there is a change in the status of the property.

When equipment is unusable or is no longer needed, it may be sold, donated, or disposed of in accordance with Education Code 17540-17555 or 2 CFR 200.313, as applicable.

### **Equipment Acquired with Federal Funds**

CSBA NOTE: 2 CFR 200.313 and 200.439 require requires a district receiving federal grant funds to obtain prior written approval from its awarding agency before incurring the cost of a capital expenditure including general purpose equipment, and 2 CFR 200.313 requires prior approval from the awarding agency for the disposal or encumbrance of equipment; see AR 3230 - Federal Grant Funds.

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain prior written approval from the California Department of Education (CDE) or other awarding agency before purchasing equipment with federal funds. (2 CFR 200.48,439)

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain prior approval from CDE or other awarding agency before disposing or encumbering equipment purchased with federal funds. (2 CFR 200.313,-)

CSBA NOTE: 2 CFR 200.439)318 mandates that districts maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and the actions of employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts, including disciplinary actions to be applied when officers, employees, or representatives of the district violate conflict of interest standards. CDE's FPM will include a review of whether the district's written standards provide for conduct pertaining to conflicts of interest and the actions of its employees and consequences for violations of the written standards of conduct. See AR 3230 – Federal Grant Funds for language that fulfills this mandate. The district should revise the following paragraph to reflect district practice. For additional information about conflicts of interest, see Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest.

Persons involved in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds shall comply with the requirements specified in 2 CFR 200.313 and 200.318, including conflict of interest requirements, act in accordance with Administrative Regulation 3230 – Federal Grant Funds, and comply with Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest.

All equipment purchased for federal programs funded through the consolidated application pursuant to Education Code 64000-64001 shall be labeled with the name of the project, identification number, and name of the district. (2 CFR 200.313; 5 CCR 3946)

For any equipment acquired in whole or in part with federal funds, the Superintendent or designee shall develop adequate maintenance procedures to keep the property in good condition. He/she shall also Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall develop adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property and shall investigate any loss, damage, or theft. (2 CFR 200.313)

Equipment purchased for use in a federal program shall be used in that program as long as needed, regardless of whether-or not the program continues to be supported by federal funds. The equipment may be used in other activities currently or previously supported by a federal agency when such use does not interfere with the work on the project or program for which it was originally acquired or when use of the equipment is no longer needed for the original program. (2 CFR 200.313)

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5 CCR 4424	Comparability of services
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Ed. Code 35168	Inventory of equipment

Ed. Code 64000-64001 Consolidated application process

Federal Description

2 CFR 200.0-200.521 Federal uniform grant guidance

20 USC 6321 Fiscal requirements/comparability of services

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# **EQUIPMENT LOAN FORM**

I assume the responsibility for the following district equipment:
Description: and condition of equipment:
Equipment ID Number:
School-related purpose: (Note: District-related purpose: (Note: items are not for personal use)
I will return the above equipment to
(administrator or designee) no later than
(date)).

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

Signe	: <u></u>
Date:	
Appro	ved:
Date:	

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### Regulation 3542: School Bus Drivers

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CSBA NOTE: The following administrative regulation is **mandated** pursuant to 5 CCR 14103 (see the sections "Training" and "Authority" below) and is for use by for districts that employ their own school bus drivers or student activity bus drivers pursuant to 5 CCR 14103. For language fulfilling this mandate, see "Training" and "Authority" below. Districts that contract out for all transportation services may revise this regulation as appropriate to ensure that the contracting firm meets all legal requirements regarding qualifications and responsibilities.

<u>Pursuant to Education Code 39879, the district is required to obtain specified written attestations</u> <u>from any private entity with which it contracts to provide student transportation.</u> <u>See BP 3540 - Transportation.</u>

In order to provide a safe and efficient student transportation service, the district may employ its own school bus or student activity bus drivers or may contract with an agency that provides such transportation service. Such school bus or student activity bus drivers shall be required to comply with Board Policy 3540 - Transportation and other applicable district policies and regulations.

#### Qualifications

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Vehicle Code 12517, school bus drivers are required to possess a commercial driver's license issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), with a special endorsement authorizing school bus operation (indicated by the letter S on the driver's license). District employees who operate 15-passenger vans must possess a commercial driver's license with a passenger transport vehicle (PV) endorsement.

In addition, any driver employed to operate a school bus or student activity bus must possess a special certificate from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) permitting such service. Issuance of the certificate is based on successful completion of prescribed examinations conducted by the CHP and compliance with all applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 39877-39878, all drivers providing school-related student transportation for compensation, including drivers employed by the district, contracted by the district, or contracted by any entity with funding from the district, are required to meet the following qualifications. Education Code 39875 provides exceptions from such requirements.

Additional driver requirements pursuant to Education Code 39877-39878 can be found in "Training" and "Responsibilities," below

All drivers employed to operate <u>a school bus or student activity bus shall:</u> (Education Code <u>39877</u>, 3987<u>8</u>)

- 1. Hold a valid California driver's license for the appropriate class of vehicle
- 2. Be at least 18 years of age
- 3. Pass a criminal background check, including fingerprint clearance consistent with Education Code 45125 for district employees and Education Code 45125.1 for all other compensated drivers
- 4. Have a satisfactory driving record that does not include any of the following:
  - a. Within three years, has committed any violation that results in a conviction assigned a violation point count of two or more, as defined in Vehicle Code 12810 and 12810.5
  - b. Within three years, has had driving privilege suspended, revoked, or on probation for any reason involving the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle
  - c. Has been determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to be a negligent or incompetent operator

CSBA NOTE: Prior to excluding a candidate or removing a driver exclusively on the basis of Item #5, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

- 5. Not have demonstrated irrational behavior to the extent that a reasonable and prudent person would have reasonable cause to believe that the driver's ability to perform the duties of a driver may be impaired
- 6. Not have been convicted of an offense listed in Vehicle Code 13370(a)(1), (a)(5) or (b)
- 7. Provide the district or the private entity contracting with the district a report showing the driver's current public record as recorded by the DMV and participate in the DMV's pull-notice system

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12954, the district may not discriminate against a person in any term or condition of employment based on the person's use of cannabis when off the job or away from the workplace. Additionally, Government Code 12954 prohibits the district from requesting information from an applicant related to the applicant's prior use of cannabis, apart from the person's criminal history, unless the district is otherwise legally permitted to consider or inquire about that information. However, state and federal law (Vehicle Code 34520; 49 CFR 382.101-382.605) require that any district employing school bus drivers establish a drug and alcohol testing program, with specified components. For more information see BP/AR 4112.42 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers. It is recommended that districts with questions about cannabis use or screening consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

8. Comply with the district's drug and alcohol testing in accordance with Administrative Regulation 4112.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers, subject to the cannabis discrimination limitations specified in Government Code 12954

- 9. Complete a medical examination not more than two years prior to the driver performing student transportation by a qualified health professional
  - a. The driver shall provide a copy of the medical certificate to the district or the private entity contracting with the district
  - b. The driver shall complete a medical examination pursuant to this paragraph every two years after the initial examination and provide a copy of the medical examiner's certificate of clearance to the district or the private entity contracting with the district
  - c. Within the same month of reaching age 65 years, and annually thereafter, the driver shall undergo a medical examination and provide a copy of the medical examiner's certificate of clearance to the district or the private entity contracting with the district
- 10. Submit and clear a tuberculosis risk assessment pursuant to Education Code 49406

CSBA NOTE: Any driver employed to operate a school bus or student activity bus is required to possess a special certificate from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) permitting such service.

Issuance of the certificate is based on successful completion of prescribed examinations conducted by the CHP and compliance with all applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code.

Additionally, <u>all drivers employed</u> to <u>operate</u> school buses or student activity buses shall possess, and <del>shall</del> retain in their immediate possession while operating the bus, the following documents: (Vehicle Code 12517, 12517.4)

- 1.A valid driver's license issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the appropriate class of vehicle to be driven and endorsed for school bus and/or passenger transportation
- 2.Aa certificate issued by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) which permits the operation of school buses or student activity buses, as applicable. (Vehicle Code 12517, 12517.4)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Vehicle Code 12517.3, applicants for the certificate to drive a school bus or student activity bus mustare required to be fingerprinted by the CHP for submission to the Department of Justice (DOJ), or the fingerprinting may be conducted by the district, county office of education, or a public law enforcement agency using an electronic fingerprinting system (LiveScan) with terminals managed by the DOJ. The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that choose to use this method to conduct the fingerprinting themselves.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Vehicle Code 12517.2, a driver who is initially applying for or seeking renewal of a commercial driver's license or a certificate authorizing him/her to drive a school bus or student activity bus mustis required to provide evidence of having obtained a medical examination by a qualified health professional. The report mustis required to be on a form approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV<sub>1</sub>), which is available on its web sitewebsite.

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the DMV within five days whenever any driver refuses, fails to comply, or receives a positive test result on a drug or alcohol test; is dismissed for a cause related to student transportation safety; or is reinstated after being dismissed for a cause related to student transportation safety. (Vehicle Code 1808.8, 13376)

#### **Training**

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 40082, 40083, and 40085 specify training and experience required for initial and renewed certification as a driver of a school bus or student activity bus. The following section lists additional required and optional training and may be revised to reflect district practice.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Vehicle Code 12522, as part of the application process for a bus driver certificate, each driver must pass a DMV examination on first aid practices deemed necessary for school bus operators. Toward this end, the district is required to provide instruction for bus drivers on necessary first aid practices. CSBA NOTE: Education Code 56195.8 mandates that each entity providing special education adopt policy ensuring that school bus drivers have received the training described in Item #1 below.

1. First aid practices deemed necessary for school bus drivers, through a course of instruction that prepares drivers to pass the related DMV examination (Vehicle Code 12522)

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 56195.8 mandates that each entity providing special education adopt policy ensuring that school bus drivers have received the training described in item #2 below.

2. 1. The proper installation of mobile seating devices in the bus securement systems (Education Code 56195.8)

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

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 39831.3 requires a district to adopt a transportation safety plan, including procedures to ensure that a student is not left unattended on a school bus or student activity bus. See AR 3543 - Transportation and Safety Emergencies

3. The district's Transportation Safety Plan

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 39877-39878, all drivers providing school-related student transportation for compensation, including drivers employed by a district, contracted by a district, or contracted by any entity with funding from a district, are required to meet the following training requirements.

All drivers employed to operate school buses or student activity buses shall complete training at least equivalent to the American Red Cross first aid training program, or hold a valid and current first aid certificate issued by the American Red Cross or equivalent. Additionally, all drivers shall complete training sufficient to gain proficiency in all of the following: (Education Code 39877, 39878)

- a. Pretrip vehicle inspections
- Safe loading and unloading of passengers
- c. Proper use of seatbelts and child safety restraints
- d. Handling accidents, incidents, and emergency situations
- e. Providing proper accommodations for students with disabilities
- f. Defensive driving
- g. Operations in inclement weather
- h. Operations at night or under impaired visibility conditions

CSBA NOTE: To determine additional topics for professional development, the district might review district data as provided in the optional paragraph below. Training courses and guides are also available through governmental agencies and professional associations. For instance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides an inservice training program for experienced school bus drivers, available on its web sitewebsite, which addresses driver attitude, student management, highway-rail grade crossing safety, vehicle training, routes, loading and unloading students, driving under adverse weather conditions, emergency evacuation, and transporting students with special needs.

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

#### **Authority**

CSBA NOTE: 5 CCR 14103 mandates that the Governing Board adopt rules related to bus driver authority, including, but not limited to, specific administrative regulations related to suspension of riding privileges, and to make them available to parents/guardians, students, teachers, and other interested parties. For language related to suspension of riding privileges, see BP/AR 5131.1 - Bus Conduct.Students transported in a school bus or student activity bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. (5 CCR 14103)

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

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

#### Responsibilities

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

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

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

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

CSBA NOTE: Vehicle Code 23125 prohibits a school bus driver from using a wireless telephone while driving the bus, except for work-related or emergency purposes. In addition, Vehicle Code 23123.5 prohibits the driver of any motor vehicle from using a wireless communications device for text-based communication, except when the device is specifically designed and configured to allow voice and hands-free operation. Requirements for "motor vehicles" are applicable to school buses and student activity buses pursuant to the definitions in Vehicle Code 415 and 545. At its discretion, the district may establish conditions that are more restrictive than law. See AR 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies for language detailing these requirements.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 39877-39878, all drivers providing school-related student transportation for compensation, including drivers employed by the district, contracted by the district, or contracted by any entity with funding from the district, are required to meet the following requirements.

All drivers employed to operate school buses or student activity buses shall not drive for more than 10 hours within a work period, or after the end of the 16th hour after coming on duty following eight consecutive hours off duty. Additionally, drivers shall maintain a daily log sheet and complete the daily pretrip inspection of the vehicle before the vehicle is driven. The pretrip inspection shall include a check of the vehicle for fluid leaks and the operability of all lights and the brakes, each of which shall be initialed by the driver. (Education Code 39877, 39878)

The driver shall report at the completion of each day's work on each vehicle operated by the driver, all of the following to the Superintendent or designee:

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 13 CCR 1215, school bus drivers mustare required to prepare and sign a written report at the completion of each day's work regarding the condition of the equipment listed in 13 CCR 1215, as provided in itemItem #1 below. For further information about this report, see AR 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies.

- The condition of the <u>driver's</u> bus at the completion of each work day (13 CCR 1215; <u>49 CFR 396.11</u>, <u>396.13</u>)
- 2. His/herThe driver's duty status for each 24-hour period, including, but not limited to, the number of hours on and off duty (13 CCR 1213)
- 3. Any traffic accident involving the <u>driver's</u> bus (13 CCR 1219)

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

CSBA NOTE: Items #4-8 below are optional and may be revised to reflect district practice.

- 4. Traffic violations by the driver
- 5. Consistently late school dismissals which cause transportation delays for the driver's bus
- 6. Overload runs by the driver

- 7. Recurring and serious student misbehavior on the driver's bus
- 8. Parent/guardian and student complaints regarding the driver or related to the driver's bus

#### Vehicle Idling

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

However, vehicle idling may be allowed under limited conditions, including, but not limited to, <u>all of</u> the following occasions when idling is necessary to: (13 CCR 2480)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify all drivers, upon employment and at least once per year thereafter, of the requirements specified above and the potential legal and employment consequences of failure to comply. All complaints of noncompliance shall be reviewed and remedial action taken as necessary. The Superintendent or designee shall retain records of the training and of any complaints and enforcement actions for at least three years. (13 CCR 2480)

#### Reports

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

1. Each driver's duty status and supporting documents provided pursuant to 13 CCR 1201 and 1213.

Such records shall be retained for six months and made available to the CHP upon request.

- 2. The different types of vehicles and vehicle combinations each driver has demonstrated capability to operate.
- 3. Records of each driver's license, certificate, medical certificate, first aid certificate, and training as specified in 13 CCR 1234.
- 4. Daily vehicle inspection reports prepared by drivers pursuant to 13 CCR 1215-

#### School bus accident reports

A report of each accident that occurred on public or private property involving a school bus with students aboard, including pertinent details of the accident, shall be retained for 12 months from the date of the accident. If the accident was not investigated by CHP, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the report to the local CHP within five business days of the date of the accident.

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These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Boardboard to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
13 CCR 1200-1294	Motor carrier safety
13 CCR 1212-1228	School bus driver requirements
13 CCR 1234	Reports regarding school buses and bus drivers
13 CCR 2480	Vehicle idling; limitations
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49 CFR 382.101-382.727

Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing

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49 CFR 40.1-40.413 Procedures for transportation workplace drug and alcohol

testing programs

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Management Resources Description

Dept. of Motor Vehicles Publication California Commercial Driver Handbook

(https://www.dmv.ca.gov/web/eng\_pdf/comlhdbk.pdf)

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(https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/hs811539b.pdf)

Website CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Website California Department of Motor Vehicles

Website National Transportation Safety Board

Website U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration

Website California Air Resources Board Zero Emission School Bus and

Infrastructure Program

Website California Department of Education, Office of School

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## Policy 4030: Nondiscrimination In Employment

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CSBA NOTE: The following Board policy and accompanying administrative regulation are mandated pursuant to 2 CCR 11023. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) (Government Code 12900-12996) prohibits districts and district employees from harassing or discriminating against employees and job applicants on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, age, religious creed, marital status, pregnancy, reproductive health decision-making, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression. Pursuant to Government Code 12940, these protections apply to employees, job applicants, persons who serve in an unpaid internship or other limited-duration program to gain unpaid work experience, volunteers, and independent contractors.

Additionally, protections are available under various provisions of federal law, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-2000d-7), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e-2000e-17), the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (42 USC 2000gg-2000gg-6), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101-12213), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (42 USC 2000ff-2000ff-11).

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) April 2024, "Enforcement Guidance on Harassment in the Workplace," provides for components of an effective anti-harassment policy, including that the policy (1) defines what conduct is prohibited, (2) is widely disseminated, (3) is comprehensible to employees, (4) requires supervisors to report harassment when they are aware of it, (5) offers multiple avenues for reporting harassment, enabling employees to contact someone other than their harasser, (6) clearly identifies who complaints can be made to, including contact information, and (7) explains the complaint process, including anti-retaliation and confidentiality protections.

For policy addressing sex discrimination and sex-based harassment of and by employees, see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment, and for language regarding Title IX sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, complaint procedures, see AR/E(1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

CSBA NOTE: The following Board policy and accompanying administrative regulation are mandated pursuant to 2 CCR 11023. In accordance with various provisions of state and federal law and regulation, and related court cases, discrimination by district and district employees against employees and job applicants is unlawful when it is based on certain actual or perceived

characteristics of an individual. This includes, but is not limited to discrimination based on race or ethnicity; ancestry; color; ethnic group identification; nationality; national origin; immigration status; sex; sexual orientation; sex stereotypes; gender; gender identity; gender expression; religion; religious creed; age; disability; medical condition; genetic information; pregnancy, false pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or related conditions or recovery; reproductive health decision-making; breastfeeding or related medical conditions; and parental, marital, and family status.

Government Code 12920 and 12926, as amended by SB 1137 (Ch. 779, Statutes of 2024), provide that prohibited discrimination includes discrimination not just because of one protected class under state law, but also because of the combination of two or more protected bases. Pursuant to Government Code 12940, these protections apply to employees, job applicants, persons who serve in an unpaid internship or other limited-duration program to gain unpaid work experience, volunteers, and independent contractors.

Additionally, protections are available under various provisions of federal law, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-2000d-7), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e-2000e-17), the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (42 USC 2000gg-2000gg-6), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101-12213), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (42 USC 2000ff-2000ff-11).

For more information regarding sexual harassment of and by employees, see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment, and regarding Title IX sexual harassment complaint procedures, see AR/E(1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

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

CSBA NOTE: 34 CFR 106.2 and 106.10, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status.

No district employee shall be discriminated against or harassed by any coworker, supervisor, manager, or other person with whom the employee comes in contact in the course of employment, on the basis of the employee's actual or perceived race; color; ancestry; national origin; age; religious creed; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions and recovery; parental, family, or marital status; physical or mental disability;

medical condition; genetic information; veteran or military status; sex; sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; sexual orientation; gender; gender identity; gender expression; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

No district employee shall be discriminated against or harassed by any coworker, supervisor, manager, or other person with whom the employee comes in contact in the course of employment, on the basis of one, or a combination of two or more, protected characteristics which include, but may not be limited to, the employee's actual or perceived race or ethnicity; ancestry; color; ethnic group identification; nationality; national origin; immigration status; sex; sexual orientation; sex stereotypes; gender; gender identity; gender expression; religion; religious creed; age; disability; medical condition; genetic information; pregnancy, false pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or related conditions or recovery; reproductive health decision-making; breastfeeding or related medical conditions; and parental, marital, and family status; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. (Education Code 200, 210.1, 210.2, 212, 212.1, 220, 230, 260; Government Code 11135, 12920, 12926, 12940; 20 USC 1681-1688, 29 USC 621, 42 USC 2000d-2000d-7, 2000e-2)

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 12940 includes reproductive health decision-making as a characteristic for which employment discrimination is prohibited. Pursuant to Government Code 12926(y) "reproductive health decision-making" includes a person's decision to use or access a particular drug, device, product, or medical service for reproductive health.

CSBA NOTE: 2 CCR 11028 prohibits inquiry into an employee's immigration status or discrimination on the basis of such status, unless the district provides clear and convincing evidence that such inquiry is necessary to comply with federal immigration law. It is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel as necessary.

Employers are also prohibited from discrimination against employees or job applicants on the basis of reproductive health decision-making, defined as a person's decision to use or access a particular drug, device, product, or medical service for reproductive health. (Government Code 12926, 12940)

CSBA NOTE: 2 CCR 11028 prohibits inquiry into an employee's immigration status or discrimination on the basis of such status, unless the district provides clear and convincing evidence that such inquiry is necessary to comply with federal immigration law. Districts should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel as necessary.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12954, as amended by SB 700 (Ch. 408, Statutes of 2023), the district may not discriminate against an employee in termination, or any term or condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, based on the person's use of cannabis when off the job or away from the workplace. However, Government Code 12954 does not interfere with the district's right to maintain drug-free schools or to prohibit employees from possessing, being impaired by, or using cannabis while at work. Government Code 12954 also does

not preempt state or federal laws requiring applicants to be tested for controlled substances as a condition of employment or to applicants in the building and construction trades or for positions requiring a federal background investigation. Districts with questions about employee cannabis use or screening should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel. Also see BP 4111 - Recruitment and Selection, AR 4112.5 - Criminal Record Check, BP/AR 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action, and BP/AR 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12954, the district may not discriminate against an employee based on the person's use of cannabis, as described below. However, Government Code 12954 does not preempt state or federal laws requiring applicants to be tested for controlled substances as a condition of employment or to applicants in the building and construction trades or for positions requiring a federal background investigation.

It is recommended that districts with questions about employee cannabis use or screening consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel. Also see BP 4111 – Recruitment and Selection, AR 4112.5 – Criminal Record Check, BP/AR 4118 – Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action, and BP/AR 4218 – Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action.

Unless In addition, unless otherwise provided for in law, the district may not discriminate against an employee, including an applicant for employment, in any term or condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, including termination, based on the person's person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace, or on a drug screening which finds that the person has nonpsychoactive cannabis metabolites in the applicant's person's hair, blood, urine, or other bodily fluid. However, the district retains the right to maintain drug-free schools or prohibit employees from possessing, being impaired by, or using cannabis while on the job. (Government Code 12954)

CSBA NOTE: The following items illustrate unlawful discriminatory practices as specified in Government Code 12940.

Labor Code 1197.5 prohibits the payment of different wage rates to employees for similar work based on sex, race, or ethnicity and prohibits the use of prior salary history by itself to justify any disparity in compensation under the bona fide factor exception. Labor Code 1197.5, as amended by SB 497 (Ch. 612, Statutes of 2023), creates a rebuttable presumption in favor of the employee's claim if a district retaliates against an employee within 90 days of the specified protected activity.

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

1. Hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment

CSBA NOTE: When disciplining an employee, the district must ensure that all the surrounding facts and circumstances are considered and analyzed within the parameters of any applicable

constitutional or legal framework.

In Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the district could not discipline an employee for non-coercive religious conduct while the employee was acting as a private citizen. Also see BP 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action, 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action, and BP 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights.

In Groff v. DeJoy, the U.S. Supreme Court held that Title VII's protections against religious discrimination require an employer who denies an employee's religious accommodation to show that the burden of granting the accommodation would result in substantial increased costs in relation to the conduct of its particular business.

EEOC's April 2024, "Enforcement Guidance on Harassment in the Workplace," notes that while Title VII requires districts to accommodate an employee's sincerely held religious belief, districts are also responsible for protecting employees against unlawful harassment, including harassment motivated by religion. EEOC's guidance suggests that in order to address the dual obligations under Title VII, a district should accommodate an employee's sincerely held religious practice, unless doing so would create a hostile work environment.

In May 2023, the U.S. Department of Education issued, "Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Schools," which includes the extent to which prayer in public schools is legally protected, constitutional principles that relate to religious expression in general, and requirements under federal and state laws relevant to prayer and religious expression. The guidance states that, "Nothing in the First Amendment, however, converts the public schools into religion-free zones, or requires students, teachers, or other school officials to leave their private religious expression behind at the schoolhouse door." The guidance also states that employees may pray when they are not acting in their official capacity and the prayer does not result in any coercion of students.

Employee discipline, especially with respect to suspension and dismissal, involves complex legal considerations and districts are advised to consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel, accordingly.

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

CSBA NOTE: Item #4 below lists some, but not all, specific practices prohibited under Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086 in relation to certain protected categories. For example, because "sex" as defined in Government Code 12926 includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions, any of these conditions may be the basis for an employee's sex discrimination claim. As the specific prohibitions are too numerous to list in policy, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel when questions arise as to any specific claim.

- 4. Actions and practices identified as unlawful or discriminatory pursuant to Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086, such as:
  - a. Sex discrimination as specified in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Sex discrimination based on one, or a combination of two or more protected characteristics, which include, but may not be limited to, an employee's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical condition, or on an employee's gender, gender expression, gender identity, or sexual orientation
  - b. Religious creed discrimination based on an employee's religious belief or, observance, and practice, including religious dress or grooming practices, or based on the district's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement
  - c. Requiring medical or psychological examination of a job applicant or making an inquiry into whether a job applicant has a mental or physical disability or a medical condition or as to the severity of any such disability or condition, without the showing of a job-related need or business necessity
  - d. Failure to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an employee or to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process

with an employee who has requested such accommodations in order to determine the effective reasonable accommodations, if any, to be provided to the employee

e. Requiring an <del>applicant or</del> employee to disclose information relating to the employee's reproductive health decision-making

CSBA NOTE: Retaliation against complainants or other participants in the grievance procedures is prohibited by Government Code 12940 and 34 CFR 110.34. In addition to the general prohibition against retaliation, Government Code 12940 provides that an employee who requests accommodation for a physical or mental disability or religious belief is protected from retaliation as specified below. CSBA recommends that this protection be extended to all protected characteristics, as provided below.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12940, as amended by SB 1100 (Ch. 877, Statutes of 2024), it is an unlawful employment practice for the district to include a statement in a job advertisement, posting, application, or other material that an applicant is required to have a driver's license, unless both of the conditions specified below are satisfied.]

f. Including a statement in a job advertisement, posting, application, or other material that an applicant is required to have a driver's license, unless the district reasonably expects driving to be one of the job functions for the position and reasonably believes that satisfying the job function using an alternative form of transportation would not be comparable in travel time or cost to the district

CSBA NOTE: Retaliation against complainants or other participants in the grievance procedures is prohibited by Government Code 12940 and 34 CFR 110.34. In addition to the general prohibition against retaliation, Government Code 12940 provides that an employee who requests accommodation for a physical or mental disability or religious belief is protected from retaliation as specified below. CSBA recommends that this protection be extended to all protected characteristics, as provided below.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12964.5, the district is prohibited from requiring an employee, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, to sign a nondisparagement agreement or similar document that would deny the employee the right to disclose information about unlawful acts in the workplace or requiring an employee to release the right to file a claim or civil action against the district.

Pursuant to Government Code 12964.5, the above prohibition applies not only to claims or complaints of sex-based harassment or sexual assault, but to those involving harassment or discrimination based on any protected characteristic and to other unlawful employment practices under FEHA.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12964.5, the district is prohibited from requiring an employee, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, to sign a nondisparagement agreement or similar document that would deny the employee the right to disclose information about unlawful acts in the workplace or requiring an employee to release the right to file a claim or civil action against the district.

Pursuant to Government Code 12964.5, the above prohibition applies not only to claims or complaints of sexual harassment or sexual assault, but to those involving harassment or discrimination based on any protected characteristic and to other unlawful employment practices under the Fair Employment and Housing Act.

No employee shall, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, be required to sign a release of the employee's claim or right to file a claim against the district or a nondisparagement agreement or other document that has the purpose or effect of preventing the employee from disclosing information about harassment, discrimination, or other unlawful acts in the workplace, including any conduct that the employee has reasonable cause to believe is unlawful. (Government Code 12964.5)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.11 and 106.44, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, is required to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct. As such a complaint may also fall within the complaint process as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, it is unclear whether districts would additionally be required to follow the procedures specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. Due to this uncertainty, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel prior to utilizing such a complaint process for this purpose. For more information regarding the Title IX grievance procedures, see AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 2 CCR 11019, in certain instances, an employee's (especially a supervisor's) knowledge or notice of prohibited conduct of another employee or individual may subject the district to liability. Therefore, it is recommended that the district require its employees with knowledge of harassment or discrimination to report the incident to the appropriate district authorities. In addition, Government Code 12940 provides that a district may be responsible for harassment of employees by nonemployees when the district knows or should have known of the conduct and failed to take immediate and corrective action, taking into consideration the extent of the district's control and other legal responsibility that the district may have with respect to the conduct of those nonemployees. Also see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment.

See the accompanying administrative regulation for requirements related to the identification of the employee who will be responsible for compliance with nondiscrimination laws.

The following paragraph should be revised to reflect the district's timeline.

However, complaints alleging sex discrimination under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in 34 CFR 106.44 and 106.45 and Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

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See the accompanying administrative regulation for requirements related to the identification of the employee who will be responsible for compliance with nondiscrimination laws.

The following paragraph should be revised to reflect the district's timeline.

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment, including harassment of an employee by a nonemployee, shall report the incident to the Superintendent or designated district coordinator within one workday. All other employees shall report such incidents to their supervisor or designated district coordinator within one workday.

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 12940 and 2 CCR 11023 require districts to take all reasonable steps to prevent prohibited discrimination and harassment, including, but not limited to, dissemination of the district's policy on the prevention of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. Government Code 12950 and 2 CCR 11049 require districts to post, in prominent and accessible locations on district premises, posters developed by the California Civil Rights Department (CRD), formerly the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), which are available on CRD's website. In addition, Executive Order 11246 requires contractors and subcontractors who hold a single federal contract or subcontract in excess of \$10,000, or who hold contracts or subcontracts with the federal government in any 12-month period that have a total value of more than \$10,000, to display EEOC's "Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is lllegal" poster in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment and representatives of each labor union with which the covered contractor or subcontractor has a collective bargaining agreement.

EEOC's April 2024, "Enforcement Guidance on Harassment in the Workplace," provides for components of effective training, including that it (1) explains the district's anti-harassment policy, complaint process, and confidentiality and anti-retaliation protections, (2) describes and provides examples of prohibited conduct under the policy, (3) provides information about employees' rights

if they experience, observe, become aware of, or report prohibited conduct, (4) provides supervisors with information about how to prevent, identify, stop, report, and correct harassment, with clear instructions for addressing and reporting harassment, (5) is tailored to the workplace and workforce, (6) is provided on a regular basis to all employees, and (7) is provided in a clear and easily understood format.

For further information on prevention strategies, including posting requirements, see the accompanying administrative regulation.

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Department (CRD), formerly the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, which are available on CRD's website.

For further information on prevention strategies, including posting requirements, see the accompanying administrative regulation.

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

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

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 12946 makes it an unlawful employment practice for a district to fail to maintain certain records and files for employees, applicants, and terminated employees, as provided in the following paragraph.

CSBA NOTE: 2 CCR 11023 requires a district's policy to include a complaint process for complaints concerning employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, with specified requirements; see the accompanying administrative regulation. However, the complaint procedures specified in the Title IX regulations (34 CFR 106.44- 106.45, as added by 85 Fed.Reg. 30026) are required to be used to address any complaint of sexual harassment, as defined in 34 CFR 106.30, based on conduct that occurred between August 14, 2020 and July 31, 2024, and after January 9, 2025. For complaints initiated between August 1, 2024 and January 9, 2025, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel.

For more information regarding sexual harassment of and by employees, see BP/AR

4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment, and for the Title IX grievance procedures, see AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Complaints concerning employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation shall immediately be investigated in accordance with procedures specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. However, complaints alleging sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 – Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

CSBA NOTE: Government Code 12946 makes it an unlawful employment practice for a district to fail to maintain certain records and files for employees and terminated employees, as provided in the following paragraph.

The district shall maintain and preserve all applications, personnel, membership, or employment referral records and files for at least four years after the records are initially created or received or, for an applicant or a terminated employee, for four years after the date the employment action was taken. However, when the district is notified that a complaint has been filed with the California Civil Rights Department, records related to the employee involved shall be maintained and preserved until the later of the first date after the time for filing a civil action has expired or the first date after the complaint has been fully and finally disposed of and all administrative proceedings, civil actions, appeals, or related proceedings have been terminated. (Government Code 12946)

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These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Boardboard to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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2 CCR 11024	Required training and education on harassment based on sex, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation
2 CCR 11027-11028	National origin and ancestry discrimination
5 CCR 4900-4965	Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance
CA Constitution Article 1, Section 1	Inalienable rights
Civ. Code 51.7	Freedom from violence or intimidation
Ed. Code 200- <del>270</del> <u>262.4</u>	Prohibition of discrimination

Gov. Code 11135	Prohibition of discrimination
Gov. Code 12900-12996	Fair Employment and Housing Act
Gov. Code 12940-12954	Unlawful employment practices
Gov. Code 12960-12976	Unlawful employment practices; complaints
Lab. Code 79-107	Division of Labor Standards Enforcement
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<b>Federal</b> 20 USC 1681-1688	<b>Description</b> Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex
28 CFR 35.101-35.190	Americans with Disabilities Act
29 CFR 1636	Implementation of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
29 USC 218d	Fair Labor Standards Act; Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers (PUMP) Act
29 USC 621-634	Age Discrimination in Employment Act
29 USC 794	Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504
34 CFR 100.6	Title VI; Compliance information
34 CFR 104.7	Section 504; Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievances procedures
34 CFR 104.8	Notice of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap
34 CFR 106.1-106.82	Discrimination on the basis of sex; effectuating Title IX
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42 USC 2000gg-2000gg-6	Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
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## Regulation 4030: Nondiscrimination In Employment

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CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 2 CCR 11023, districts are mandated to adopt rules and regulations to ensure that district programs and activities are free from unlawful discriminatory practices. Pursuant to Government Code 12940, protections against discrimination apply to employees, job applicants, persons who serve in unpaid internship or other limited-duration programs to gain unpaid work experience, volunteers, and independent contractors.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.11 and 106.44, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, is required to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct. As such a complaint may also fall within the complaint process as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, it is unclear whether districts would additionally be required to follow the procedures specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. Due to this uncertainty, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel prior to utilizing such a complaint process for this purpose. For more information regarding the Title IX grievance procedures, see AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

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The following administrative regulation includes procedures to investigate and resolve allegations of discrimination in employment. However, the complaint procedures specified in the Title IX regulations (34 CFR 106.44- 106.45, as added by 85 Fed.Reg. 30026) are required to be used to address any complaint of sexual harassment, as defined in 34 CFR 106.30, based on conduct that occurred between August 14, 2020 and July 31, 2024, and after January 9, 2025. For complaints initiated between August 1, 2024 and January 9, 2025, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel. For more information regarding sexual harassment of and by employees, see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment, and for the Title IX grievance procedures, see AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures All allegations of complaints alleging discrimination in employment, including those involving an employee, job applicant, intern, volunteer, or other person contracted to provide services to as defined in the

districtaccompanying Board policy, shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with procedures specified in this administrative regulation. However, complaints alleging sex discriminationsexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in 34 CFR 106.44 and 106.45 and Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 -\_ Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-BasedSexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

CSBA NOTE: Many nondiscrimination laws and regulations require identification of an employee who is responsible for compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. For example, pursuant to 34 CFR 104.7, 106.8, and 110.25, the district is required to designate the person(s) responsible for the overall implementation of the requirements of federal laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, sex, and age, i.e., Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688), and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (29 USC 621-634). The district should fill in the blanks below to designate the responsible employee and contact information.

34 CFR 106.8 requires the district to designate at least one district employee to coordinate its responsibilities under Title IX, who must be referred to as the Title IX Coordinator. If the district has more than one Title IX Coordinator, it must designate one of its Title IX Coordinators to retain ultimate oversight over those responsibilities and ensure the district's consistent compliance with its responsibilities under Title IX. It is recommended that the Title IX Coordinator be the same person designated below and, if the district wishes to separate out these responsibilities, for one individual to designate designees and maintain oversight; see AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment.

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34 CFR 106.8 requires the district to designate at least one district employee as the Title IX Coordinator to coordinate its responsibilities under Title IX. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for receiving complaints of sexual harassment and determining whether they should be handled in accordance with the procedures specified in this administrative regulation or in accordance with Title IX complaint procedures specified in AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. It is recommended that the Title IX Coordinator be the same person designated below. However, if the district wishes to separate these responsibilities, it is recommended that one individual be responsible for oversight of the complaint process for the district; see AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment.

The district designates the position identified below as its coordinator for nondiscrimination in

employment (coordinator) to organize and manage the district's efforts to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The coordinator may be contacted at:

(position title)	
(address)	
 (telephone number)	
(email)	

#### **Measures to Prevent Discrimination**

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12940 and 2 CCR 11023, the district is required to take all reasonable steps to prevent unlawful discrimination and harassment. 2 CCR 11023 specifies certain requirements to be included in the district's policy.

The following section reflects the requirements of 2 CCR 11023 and other applicable laws or regulations, as indicated.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12950 and 2 CCR 11049, districts are required to post the California Civil Rights Department (CRD), formerly the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), posters, "California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment," "Sexual Harassment," "The Rights of Employees Who Are Transgender or Gender Nonconforming," "Your Rights and Obligations as a Pregnant Employee," and "Family Care and Medical Leave and Pregnancy Disability Leave," as provided in Item #1. CRD rules require that these materials be posted electronically, and in every location where the district has employees (e.g., district office, hiring office, each school site). These posters and the rules for posting are available on CRD's website. Also see AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave.

In addition, Executive Order 11246 requires contractors and subcontractors who hold a single federal contract or subcontract in excess of \$10,000, or who hold contracts or subcontracts with the federal government in any 12-month period that have a total value of more than \$10,000, to display the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) "Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is Illegal" poster in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment and representatives of each labor union with which the covered contractor or subcontractor has a collective bargaining agreement. The poster and rules for posting are available on EEOC's website.

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

CSBA NOTE: As part of its responsibility to monitor district compliance with legal requirements concerning discrimination pursuant to Education Code 234.1, as amended by SB 153 (Ch. 38, Statutes of 2024), the California Department of Education is required to ensure that the district prominently and conspicuously displays its nondiscrimination policies in all areas that are accessible to, and commonly frequented by, school site employees, students, and members of the public at each school site and district office, including, but not limited to, in school office lobbies, staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and on the district's website. Additionally, Title IX requires the district to provided notifications and take specified actions to prevent sex discrimination, including sexual harassment. For more information regarding sexual harassment by and of employees, see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 – Sexual Harassment.

- 2. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and regulation, including the complaint procedures and the coordinator's contact information, by: { (Education Code 234.1: 5 CCR 4960; 34 CFR 100.6, 106.8)
  - a. Including them in each announcement, bulletin, or application form that is used in employee recruitment
  - b. Posting them in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and other prominent locations
  - c. Posting them on the district's website and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available
- 3. Disseminate the district's nondiscrimination policy and administrative regulation to all employees by one or more of the following methods: (2 CCR 11023)
  - a. Printing and providing a copy to all employees, with an acknowledgment form for each employee to sign and return
  - b. Sending a copy via email with an acknowledgment return form

- c. Posting a copy on the district intranet with a tracking system ensuring all employees have read and acknowledged receipt of the policies
- d. Discussing the policy and regulation with employees upon hire and/or during a new hire orientation session
- e. Any other way that ensures employees receive and understand the policy

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Title IX and its implementing regulation 34 CFR 106.8, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, districts are required to provide a notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, as specified below.

- 4. Post in a prominent location on the district's website and include in each handbook, catalog, announcement, bulletin, and application form for students, parents/guardians or other authorized legal representative, and employees, the Title IX notice of nondiscrimination which includes the following: (34 CFR 106.8)
  - a. The district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that it operates
  - b. Inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator and/or the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
  - c. The name or title, office and email address, and telephone number of the district's

    Title IX Coordinator
  - d. How to locate the district's nondiscrimination policy and the district's grievance procedures for Title IX complaints
  - e. How to report conduct that may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX
  - f. How to make a complaint of Title IX sex discrimination

If necessary due to the format or size of any publication specified above, the district may include only the statement that the district prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, that individuals may report concerns or questions to the Title IX Coordinator, and the location of the complete notice on the district's website.

The district shall not distribute a publication stating that the district treats students, employees or applicants differently on the basis of sex, unless such treatment is permitted by Title IX.

5. <u>4.</u> Provide to employees a handbook which contains information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to employees who believe they have been the victim of any discriminatory or harassing behavior

CSBA NOTE: Optional Item #6 below provides for training regarding the district's discrimination policy and reporting procedures. Title IX, and its implementing regulation 34 CFR 106.8, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, requires specified training related to sex discrimination for all district employees, as well as additional training for (1) investigators, decisionmakers, and other persons who are responsible for implementing the district's grievance procedures or have the authority to modify or terminate supportive measures, (2) facilitators of an informal resolution process, and (3) the Title IX Coordinator(s) and designees. For requirements specifically pertaining to sex discrimination and sex-based harassment training, see AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment.

CSBA NOTE: Optional Item #5 below provides for training regarding the district's discrimination policy and reporting procedures. For requirements specifically pertaining to sexual harassment training, see AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.1 - Sexual Harassment.

6. <u>5.</u> Provide training regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy, including what constitutes unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and how and to whom a report of an incident should be made, as well as any additional training as specified in 34 CFR 106.8 related to the prohibition of Title IX sex discrimination

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

- 7. <u>6.</u> Periodically review the district's recruitment, hiring, and promotion processes and regularly monitor the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment to ensure district compliance with law and Board Policy 4111 Recruitment and Selection
- 8. 7. For any district facility where 10 percent of employees have a language other than English as their spoken language, translate the policy into every language spoken by at least 10 percent of the workforce (2 CCR 11023)

## **Complaint Procedure**

CSBA NOTE: 2 CCR 11023 mandates that requires a district's policy to include a complaint process with specified requirements. Some of the requirements of 2 CCR 11023 are similar to those required under existing case law.

In Faragher-Ellerth v. City of Boca Raton and Burlington Industries, Inc v. Ellerth, the Supreme Court

held that liability may be mitigated for hostile environment employment discrimination when (1) the employer took reasonable care to prevent and promptly correct the discriminatory or harassing conduct (i.e., provided a complaint procedure) and (2) the aggrieved employee unreasonably failed to take advantage of corrective opportunities offered by the employer (i.e., failure to file a complaint).

In its April 2024, "Enforcement Guidance on Harassment in the Workplace," EEOC outlines the elements of an effective complaint process including (1) prompt and effective investigations and corrective action, (2) adequate confidentiality protections, and (3) adequate anti-retaliation protections. While EEOC's guidance recommends a "prompt" investigation, neither the law nor EEOC delineates a specific time frame for resolution. EEOC's guidance acknowledges that whether an investigation is considered "prompt" is fact-sensitive and may vary depending on the nature and severity of the alleged harassment and reasons for the delay, and that intermediate measures may be necessary to prevent further harassment during the investigation. The following section, including the listed timelines, is consistent with EEOC's guidance and should be modified to reflect district practice.

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Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination or harassment <u>covered by this administrative</u> <u>regulation and accompanying Board policy</u> shall be addressed in accordance with the following procedures:

1.	Notice and Receipt of Complaint: A complainant may inform a direct supervisor, another
	supervisor, the coordinator, the Superintendent or, if available, a complaint hotline or an
	ombudsman <del>.</del>

\_\_\_\_\_The complainant's direct supervisor may be bypassed in filing a complaint when the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

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

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

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

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

The coordinator shall meet with the complainant to describe the district's complaint procedure and discuss the actions being sought by the complainant in response to the allegation. The coordinator shall inform the complainant that the investigation of the allegations will be fair, timely, and thorough and will be conducted in a manner that provides all parties due process and reaches reasonable conclusions based on the evidence collected. The coordinator shall also inform the parties that the investigation will be kept confidential to the extent possible, but that some information may be disclosed as necessary to conduct an effective investigation.

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

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

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

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

3. Written Report on Findings and Remedial/Corrective Action: No more than 20 business days after receiving the complaint, the coordinator shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of the findings.

\_\_\_\_\_This timeline may be extended by the coordinator for good cause. If an extension is needed, the coordinator shall notify the parties and explain the reasons for the extension.

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

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

4. Appeal to the Governing Board: The complainant or <u>any of</u> the person(s) accused may appeal any findings to the Board within 10 business days of receiving the written report of the coordinator's findings.

\_\_\_\_\_The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with all information presented during the investigation. Upon receiving an appeal, and the Board shall schedule a hearing as soon as practicable. Any complaint against a district employee shall be addressed in closed session in accordance with law. The Board shall render its decision within 10 business days.

#### **Other Remedies**

CSBA NOTE: Items #1-3 below state the time limits within which complaints must be filed.

Employees should be informed that the deadline for filing charges starts to run from the last date of the unlawful act, not from the conclusion of the district's complaint investigation. Pursuant to CRD procedures, CRD will automatically forward any complaint it has accepted for investigation to <a href="mailto:the-employment">the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)</a> when the matter falls within EEOC's jurisdiction.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Government Code 12960, a complaint alleging employment discrimination pursuant to Government Code 12940-12952 mustis required to be filed with CRD within three years of the alleged discriminatory act(s). That period may be extended under certain circumstances. Districts should It is recommended that districts with questions consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel if any questions arise.

1. For filing a complaint with CRD alleging a violation of Government Code 12940-12952, within three years of the alleged discriminatory act(s), unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code 12960 (Government Code 12960)

CSBA NOTE: 42 USC 2000e-5 specifies that a person mustis required to file a discrimination complaint with EEOC within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act. Pursuant to 42 USC 2000e-5, the 180-day timeline for compensation discrimination starts when the discriminatory paycheck is received and that each discriminatory paycheck restarts the timeline for the filing of a complaint.

- 2. For filing a complaint with EEOC, within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) (42 USC 2000e-5)
- 3. For filing a complaint with EEOC after first filing a complaint with CRD, within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by CRD, whichever is earlier (42 USC 2000e-5)

CSBA NOTE: Additional remedies may be available for violation of the PUMP Act (29 USC 218d) under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (42 USC 2000gg-2), and state law pursuant to Labor Code 1030-1034 and Government Code 12925-12954. See BP 4033 - Lactation Accommodation.

CSBA NOTE: Additional remedies may be available for violation of the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers (PUMP) Act (29 USC 218d) under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (42 USC 2000gg-2), and state law pursuant to Labor Code 1030-1034 and Government Code 12925-12954. See BP 4033 – Lactation Accommodation.

An employee may also file a complaint with the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor for an alleged violation of the PUMP Act and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission EEOC for failure to provide reasonable accommodations pursuant to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. (29 USC 218c, 218d, 42 USC 2000gg-2)

Additionally, an employee may file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner at the California Department of Industrial Relations for any alleged violation of Labor Code 1030-1034. (Labor Code 1034)

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## **Policy 4033: Lactation Accommodation**

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CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 1034, districts are mandated to develop policy regarding lactation accommodation with specified components, as provided below.

Both federal and state law require that employees be provided reasonable break time and an appropriate location to accommodate their desire to express breast milk for their infant children. Title IX (20 USC 1681-1688), and its implementing regulation 34 CFR 106.57, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, require districts to provide reasonable break time for employees to express breast milk or breastfeed, and to ensure that employees have access to a lactation space, as specified. Additionally, the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers (PUMP) Act (29 USC 218d) requires employers to provide reasonable break time for nursing employees to express breast milk for one year after the child's birth, and to ensure that employees have access to a lactation space, as specified. In addition, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) (42 USC 2000gg-2000gg-6) requires employers to provide reasonable accommodation to employees due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including lactation. State law (Labor Code 1030-1034; Government Code 12925-12954) also applies to all district employees. Where provisions of the laws conflict, the statute providing greater protections for employees supersedes. The district should consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel if questions arise about the application of conflicting laws to a particular employee.

Government Code 12926 includes breastfeeding or medical conditions related to breastfeeding within the definition of "sex" for purposes of sex discrimination under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. Additionally, 34 CFR 106.10, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, provides that "sex" for purposes of sex discrimination under Title IX includes lactation and related medical conditions or recovery. In addition, Labor Code 1033 prohibits an employer from discharging, or in any manner discriminating or retaliating against, an employee for exercising or attempting to exercise any right related to lactation accommodation. Pursuant to Labor Code 1033, violation of Labor Code 1030-1034 may result in a citation from the Labor Commissioner and/or a civil penalty.

Districts are required to prohibit retaliation when a right or privilege secured by Title IX is interfered with, including when a person reported possible sex discrimination, made a sex-discrimination complaint, or participated or refused to participate in any way in the district's Title IX process. Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.71, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, when the district has information about conduct that reasonably may constitute retaliation under Title IX, the district is required to respond to such conduct using the procedures used for other forms of sex discrimination as specified in 34 CFR 106.44 and 106.45; see AR/E(1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 — Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

The district should ensure consistency of this policy with provisions in the district's collective bargaining agreement, if any, related to break times or other employment issues.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 1034, districts are mandated to develop policy regarding lactation accommodation with specified components, as provided below.

Both federal and state law require that employees be provided reasonable break time and an appropriate location to accommodate their desire to express breast milk for their infant children. The Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers (PUMP) Act (29 USC 218d) requires employers to provide reasonable break time for nursing employees to express breast milk for one year after the child's birth, and to ensure that employees have access to a lactation space, as specified. In addition, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) (42 USC 2000gg-2000gg-6) requires employers to provide reasonable accommodation to employees due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including lactation.

State law (Labor Code 1030-1034) also applies to all district employees. Labor Code 1033 prohibits an employer from discharging, or in any manner discriminating or retaliating against, an employee for exercising or attempting to exercise any right related to lactation accommodation. Pursuant to Labor Code 1033, violation of Labor Code 1030-1034 may result in a citation from the Labor Commissioner and/or a civil penalty.

The district should ensure consistency of this policy with provisions in the district's collective bargaining agreement, if any, related to break times or other employment issues.

Where provisions of the laws conflict, the statute providing greater protections for employees supersedes. It is recommended that the district consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel if questions arise about the application of conflicting laws to a particular employee.

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

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 1034 mandates that requires the district's policy regarding lactation accommodation to include the process by which the employee is to make a lactation accommodation request and the district's obligation to respond to the request. The following paragraph should be modified to reflect the district's process.

For more information regarding workplace accommodations, see AR 4032 -\_ Reasonable Accommodation and for temporary assignments, see BP 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 -\_ Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Labor Code 1032, all districts are required to grant lactation accommodation except when granting the accommodation would "seriously disrupt" district operations. "Serious disruption" is not defined in the law.

Additionally, the PUMP Act (29 USC 218d) and Labor Code 1031 provide an exception for districts with fewer than 50 employees when lactation accommodation would result in "undue hardship" based on significant difficulty or expense in relation to the size, financial resources, nature, or structure of the district. In addition, the PWFA (42 USC 2000gg-1) applies to districts with 15 or more employees, but provides an exception for accommodations that would impose an ""undue hardship."" When a district is able to demonstrate undue hardship, Labor Code 1031 only requires that reasonable efforts be made to provide the employee with the use of a room or other location in close proximity to the employee's work area for the employee to express breast milk in private. Pursuant to Labor Code 1031, the provided room or location may not be a toilet stall For more information regarding lactation space requirements, see "Break Time and Location Requirements," below.

Regardless of the size of the district, the determination of serious disruption or undue hardship should be made on a case-by-case basis and only in limited, stringent circumstances. The burden of demonstrating why accommodation could not be made, even if on a temporary basis or for less time than requested, would likely fall to the district.

Lactation accommodations shall be granted unless there exist limited circumstances exist, as specified in law. (Labor Code 1031, 1032; 29 USC 218d, 42 USC 2000gg-1)

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 1034 mandates that the district's policy include a statement that the district provide a written response to an employee if the district is unable to comply with the break time or location requirements.

34 CFR 106.57, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, requires the district to provide "reasonable" break time for an employee to express breast milk or breastfeed, but does have any qualification related to the requirement to provide a lactation space. Additionally, it would be unlikely that a district would have a valid reason to deny a lactation accommodation pursuant to the PWFA. Thus, districts should proceed with caution before denying a lactation accommodation, and consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel as necessary.

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 1034 requires the district's policy to include a statement that the district provide a written response to an employee if the district is unable to comply with the break time or location requirements. It is recommended districts proceed with caution before denying a lactation accommodation, and consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel as necessary.

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

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

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 1034 mandates that the district's policy regarding lactation accommodation be distributed to employees as provided in the following paragraph.

Additionally, pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, the district's policy regarding the prohibition of sex discrimination, which includes lactation and related conditions, is required to be published, and the district's notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex is required to be posted on the district's website and appear in each handbook, catalog, announcement, bulletin, and application that the district makes available to employees and applicants for employment.

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

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

CSBA NOTE: Although the PUMP Act (29 USC 218d) limits the length of time that an employee is entitled to lactation accommodation to one year after the birth of the child, Labor Code 1030 and the PWFA (42 USC 2000gg-1) do not set a specific limit on the infant child's age and therefore provides greater benefits to employees.

Additionally, 34 CFR 106.57, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, which requires districts to provide reasonable break time for an employee to express breast milk or breastfeed, does not specify a duration of time from birth of the child.

The For at least a year after the birth of a child, the district shall provide a reasonable amount of break time to accommodate an employee each time the employee has a need to express breast milk for an infant child. (Labor Code 1030; 42 USC 2000gg-1; 34 CFR 106.57)

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 1030 and the PUMP Act (29 USC 218d) do not require the district to compensate non-exempt employees for breaks taken for the purpose of expressing breast milk. However, an employee who uses break time already provided by the district as paid time must be compensated for that break time in the same manner as any other employee. Any additional time beyond the authorized paid break time could be uncompensated, provided the employee is completely relieved from duty during that time. If the district instead chooses to provide compensation for such additional break time, it should modify the following paragraph accordingly. The district also may provide flexible scheduling for those employees who choose to work extra time to make up for any uncompensated break time beyond the authorized break time.

To the extent possible, any break time granted for lactation accommodation shall run concurrently with the break time already provided to the employee. Any additional break time used by a non-exempt employee for this purpose shall be unpaid. (Labor Code 1030; 29 USC 218d)

CSBA NOTE: Labor Code 1031 requires the district to provide an employee with the use of a room or location, other than a bathroom, to express breast milk in private. This may include the place where the employee normally works if the location otherwise meets legal requirements, as specified below. Labor Code 1031 authorizes the district to designate a temporary location to express breast milk if the district is unable to provide a permanent location due to operational, financial, or space limitation, as long as the space is in close proximity to the employee's work area, shielded from view, free from intrusion while breast milk is being expressed, and is otherwise compliant with law.

Additionally, the PUMP Act (29 USC 218d) and Title IX (34 CR 106.57, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474) requirerequires the district to ensure that an employee can access a lactation space, other than a bathroom, that is clean, shielded from view, and free from intrusion from others.

The employee shall be provided a lactation space which may be used by the employee for expressing breast milk or breastfeeding as needed. The lactation space shall be a private room or location, other than a bathroom, which may be the employee's work area or another location that is in close proximity to the employee's work area, and shall meet the following requirements: (Labor Code 1031; 29 USC 218d; 34 CFR 106.57)

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

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

#### **Dispute Resolution**

CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is required pursuant to Labor Code 1034.

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

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.11 and 106.44, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, is required to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct. As such a complaint may also fall within the complaint process as specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, it is unclear whether districts would additionally be required to follow the procedures specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. Due to this uncertainty, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County of Office Education Legal Services or district legal counsel prior to utilizing such a complaint process for this purpose. For more information regarding the Title IX grievance procedures, see AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Additional remedies may be available for violation of the PUMP Act (29 USC 218d) under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the PWFA (42 USC 2000gg-2), and state law pursuant to Labor Code 1030-1034 and Government Code 12925-12954.

Complaints alleging sex discrimination under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in 34 CFR 106.44 and 106.45 and Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Additionally, an employee may file a complaint with the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor for an alleged violation of the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for failure to provide reasonable accommodations pursuant to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. (29 USC 218c, 218d, 42 USC 2000gg-2).

# CSBA NOTE: The following paragraph is mandated pursuant to Labor Code 1034.

In addition, an employee may file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner at the California Department of Industrial Relations for any alleged violation of Labor Code 1030-1034. (Labor Code 1034)

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State	Description
2 CCR 11035-11051	Unlawful sex discrimination; pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions
Civ. Code 43.3	Right of mothers to breastfeed in any public or private location
Ed. Code 200-270262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
Gov. Code 12925-12954	Unlawful discriminatory employment practices
Gov. Code 12945	Unlawful discrimination based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions
Lab. Code 1030-1034	Lactation accommodation
Lab. Code 6382	Procedure for listing hazardous substances
Federal	Description
20 USC 1681-1688	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;
	discrimination based on sex

29 CFR 1636	Implementation of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
29 USC 218c	Fair Labor Standards Act; protections for employees
29 USC 218d	Fair Labor Standards Act; Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers (PUMP) Act
34 CFR 106.1-106.82	Discrimination on the basis of sex; effectuating Title IX
42 USC 2000gg-2000gg-6	Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
Management Resources  CA Department of Industrial Relations Publication	<b>Description</b> Rest Periods/Lactation Accommodation, Frequently Asked Questions
California Department of Public Health Publication	Lactation Accommodation for Employers
California Civil Rights Department Decision	Department of Fair Employment and Housing v. Acosta Tacos (Chavez), FEHC Precedential Decision 09-03P, 2009
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office on Women's Health Publication	The Business Case for Breastfeeding: Steps for Creating a Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite, Toolkit, 2008
Federal Register	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, April 29, 2024, Vol. 89, No. 83, pages 33474-33896
Federal Register	Reasonable Break Time for Nursing Mothers, December 21, 2010, Vol. 78, No. 244, pages 80073-80079
Office of the Surgeon General Publication	The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding, 2011
U.S. DoL, Wage and Hour Div., Publication	Education FAQs: Pump at Work Frequently Asked Questions (https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pump-at-work/faqs-education)
U.S. DoL, Wage and Hour Div., Publication	Frequently Asked Questions: Pumping Breast Milk at Work (https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/nursing-mothers/faq)
U.S. DoL, Wage and Hour Div., Publication	Fact Sheet #73: FLSA Protections for Employees to Pump Breast Milk at Work, rev. January 2023
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Standards Enforcement
Website	California Department of Public Health
Website	California Women, Infants and Children Program
Website	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Website	Health Resources and Services Administration

Website Office of the Surgeon General

Website U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, FLSA

Protections to Pump at Work

Website <u>U.S.</u> Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

## **Cross References**

<b>Code</b> 0410	<b>Description</b> Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
4030	Nondiscrimination In Employment
4030	Nondiscrimination In Employment
4032	Reasonable Accommodation
4112.9	Employee Notifications
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4113.4	Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment
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4119.12	Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint ProceduresTitle IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
4119.12-E(1)	<u>Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment</u> <u>Complaint Procedures</u>
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## **Policy 4112.9: Employee Notifications**

Original Adopted Date: 06/01/1994 | Last Revised Date: 06/01/20242025 | Last Reviewed Date: 06/01/<del>2024</del>2025

CSBA NOTE: The following optional policy may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Governing Board believes that providing clear communications to staff is essential to establishing a professional, positive work environment and enhancing their job performance. The Superintendent or designee shall provide district employees all notifications required by law and any other notifications the Superintendent or designee believes will promote staff knowledge of the district's policies, programs, activities, and operations.

When required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, district employees shall be asked to sign an acknowledgment indicating receipt of the notification. Such acknowledgments shall be retained in each employee's personnel file.

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<b>State</b> 13 CCR 1234	<b>Description</b> Reports regarding school buses and bus drivers
13 CCR 2480	Vehicle idling; limitations
2 CCR 11023	Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction
2 CCR 11035-11051	Unlawful sex discrimination; pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions
2 CCR 11087-11098	California Family Rights Act
5 CCR 4622	Uniform complaint procedures
5 CCR 80303	Reports of change in employment status; alleged misconduct
8 CCR 3204	Access to employee exposure and medical records
8 CCR 5191	Chemical hygiene plan
8 CCR 5194	Hazard communication
Civ. Code 1798.29	District records; breach of security
Ed. Code 17612	Notification of pesticide use

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Ed. Code 22455.5	STRS information to potential members
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Ed. Code 231.5	Sexual harassment policy
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Ed. Code 35031	Term of employment
Ed. Code 3550	<u>Insurance</u> <u>carrier</u> <u>notice</u>
Ed. Code 35171	Availability of rules and regulations for evaluation of performance
Ed. Code 37616	Consultation regarding year-round schedule
Ed. Code 44663-44664	Evaluation of certificated employees
Ed. Code 44842	Reemployment notices; certificated employees
Ed. Code 44896	Transfer of administrator or supervisor to teaching position
Ed. Code 44916	Written statement of employment status
Ed. Code 44929.21	Notice of reelection decision; districts with 250 ADA or more
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Ed. Code 44934	Notice of disciplinary action for cause
Ed. Code 44938	Notice of unprofessional conduct and opportunity to correct
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Ed. Code 44948.3-44948.5	Dismissal of probationary employees
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Ed. Code 44949	Dismissal of probationary employees
Ed. Code 44951	Continuation in position unless notified; administrative or supervisory personnel
Ed. Code 44954	Nonreelection of temporary employees
Ed. Code 44955	Reduction in number of permanent employees
Ed. Code 44955.5	Decrease in number of permanent employees during specified time period upon determination related to local control funding formula per unit of average daily attendance
Ed. Code 45113	Notification of charges; classified employees
Ed. Code 45117	Notice of layoff; classified employees
Ed. Code 45169	Employee salary data; classified employees
Ed. Code 45192	Industrial accident and illness leave for classified employees
Ed. Code 45195	Additional leave

Ed. Code 46160-46162	Alternative schedule for junior high and high school; public hearing with notice
Ed. Code 48201	Transfer student's record for acts that resulted in suspension or expulsion
Ed. Code 48851.3	Education of students in foster care and students who are homeless
Ed. Code 49013	Complaints regarding student fees
Ed. Code 49079	Notification to teacher, student who has engaged in acts re: grounds suspension or expulsion
Ed. Code 49414	Epinephrine auto-injectors
Ed. Code 49414.3	Administration of opioid antagonist
Ed. Code 51225.25	Student participating in a newcomer program; definition
Gov. Code 1126	Incompatible activities of employees
Gov. Code 12945.8	Accommodations and leave for victims of a qualifying act of violence
Gov. Code 12950	Sexual harassment
Gov. Code 21029	Retirement credit for period of military service
Gov. Code 54957	Complaints against employees; right to open session
Gov. Code 54963	Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information
Gov. Code 8355	Certification of drug-free workplace, including notification
H&S Code 104420	Tobacco-free schools
H&S Code 120875	Information on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B
H&S Code 120880	Notification to employees re AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B
H&S Code 1797.196	Automated external defibrillators; notification of use and locations
<del>Lab. Code 230</del>	Accommodations and leave for victims of domestic violence
Lab. Code 2800.2	Notification of availability of continuation health coverage
Lab. Code 3550-3553	Notifications: Workers' compensation benefits
Lab. Code 5401	Workers' compensation; claim form and notice of potential eligibility
Pen. Code 11165.7	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act; notification requirement

Pen. Code 11166.5	Employment; statement of knowledge of duty to report child abuse or neglect
Unemp. Ins. Code 2613	Disability insurance; notice of rights and benefits
W&I Code 827	Limited exception to juvenile court record
Federal 20 USC 2354	<b>Description</b> Local application for career and technical education programs
29 CFR 825.300	Family and Medical Leave Act; notice requirement
34 CFR 100	Nondiscrimination under programs receiving federal assistance
34 CFR 104.8	Nondiscrimination
34 CFR 106.9	Severability
34 CFR 84.205-84.210	Drug-free workplace statement
38 USC 4334	Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; notice requirement
40 CFR 763.84	Asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response actions
40 CFR 763.93	Asbestos management plans
41 USC 8101-8106	Drug-Free Workplace Act
42 USC 11431-11435	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
49 CFR 382.113	Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notifications
49 CFR 382.303	Post-accident information, procedures, and instructions
49 CFR 382.601	Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notification
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## **Cross References**

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## **Exhibit 4112.9-E(1): Employee Notifications**

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CSBA NOTE: The following exhibit lists notices that the law requires be provided to employees. See the referenced Board policy, administrative regulation, or Board bylaw for further information about related program and notice requirements.

This exhibit is a non-exhaustive list of notices that the law explicitly requires be provided to employees. Other notices may exist and be identified in the future.

#### I. To All Employees

When/Whom to Notify: At the beginning of school year or upon employment Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 231.5, Government Code 12950 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 Subject: The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints

When/Whom to Notify: Annually and 72 hours before pesticide application Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 17612 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514.2 Subject: Use of pesticide products, active ingredients, Internet address to access information on pesticides

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to implementing year-round schedule Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 37616
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 6117
Subject: Public hearing on implementing year-round program schedule

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to implementing alternative schedule Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 46162
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 6112
Subject: Public hearing on alternative schedule in secondary grades

When/Whom to Notify: Annually

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 1312.3; BP 0460; BP 3260

Subject: Uniform complaint procedures, appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints about

student fees and local control accountability plan

When to Notify: Annually

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.25 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 6173, AR 6173.1, 6173.3, 6175

Subject: Transfer of coursework and credits for foster youth, students experiencing homelessness, former juvenile court school students, children of military family, students who are migratory, and students participating in a newcomer students.program

When/Whom to Notify: Annually

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49414 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141.21

Subject: Request for volunteers to be trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors

When/Whom to Notify: At least once per school year Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49414.7 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: 5141.21

Subject: Request for volunteers to be trained to administer stock albuterol inhalers

When/Whom to Notify: At least once per school year Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49468.2 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: 5141.21

Subject: Request for volunteers to be trained to administer anti-seizure medication

When/Whom to Notify: At least once per year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49414.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141.21

Subject: Request for volunteers to be trained to administer opioid antagonist

When to Notify: When a parent/guardian requests for district designation of volunteers is received for training on emergency use of anti-seizure medication for a student diagnosed with seizures

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49468.2 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141.21

Subject: Request for volunteers to be trained in recognition and response to seizures, including administration of emergency anti-seizure medication, description of training, right to rescind offer to volunteer, prohibition against retaliation.

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 1126

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4136/4236/4336

Subject: Prohibition of activities that are inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to

duties; discipline; appeal

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 8355; 41 USC 8102; 34 CFR 84.205, 84.210

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4020, BP 4159/4259/4359

Subject: District's drug- and alcohol-free workplace; actions that will be taken if violated; available employee assistance programs

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 21029

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: None

Subject: Right to purchase PERS service credit for military service performed prior to public

employment

When/Whom to Notify: Upon placement of automated external defibrillator (AED) in school,

annually thereafter

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1797.196

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141

Subject: Proper use of AED; location of all AEDs on campus, sudden cardiac arrest, school's

emergency response plan

When/Whom to Notify: If the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 104420

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3513.3

Subject: District's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures

When/Whom to Notify: Annually, or more frequently if there is new information

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43

Subject: AIDS and hepatitis B, methods to prevent exposure

When/Whom to Notify: To new employees upon hire and other, all employees annually, and upon

request, in districts with 25 or more employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Government Code 230.112945.8

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2

Subject: Rights pursuant to Labor Government Code 230-230.1 12945.8 pertaining to leaves and

accommodations for victims of crime or abusea qualifying act of violence

When/Whom to Notify: With each paycheck Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 246

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.1/4261.1/4361.1

Subject: Amount of sick leave available

When/Whom to Notify: Upon hire, in employee handbook, and upon request for parental leave

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 1034 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4033 Subject: The district's policy on lactation accommodation

When/Whom to Notify: To covered employees and former employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 2800.2

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4154/4254/4354

Subject: Availability of COBRA/Cal-COBRA continuation and conversion coverage; statement encouraging careful examination of options before declining coverage

When/Whom to Notify: To employees participating in a flexible spending account

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 2810.7 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: None

Subject: Deadline to withdraw funds from account before the end of the plan year

When/Whom to Notify: Post and keep posted in a conspicuous location frequented by employees where the notice may be easily read by employees during the hours of the workday

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 3550

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4157.1

<u>Subject: Current compensation insurance carrier of the employer, or when appropriate, statement that the employer is self-insured, and who is responsible for claims adjustment</u>

When/Whom to Notify: To every new employee, either at the time employee is hired or by end of first pay period

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 3551

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1

Subject: Workers' compensation benefits, how to obtain medical care, role of primary physician, form for reporting personal physician/chiropractor

When/Whom to Notify: Within one day of receiving notice of potential exposure to COVID-19, and remain posted for not less than 15 calendar days, to employees who were on the premises during the infectious period, the exclusive representative, and the employer of subcontracted employees as applicable

Where: Prominently display in all places where notices to employees concerning workplace rules or regulations are customarily posted

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 6409.6

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4157/4257/4357

Subject: Potential exposure to COVID-19; benefits to which employees may be entitled; available leave options; protection against discrimination and retaliation; district's disinfection and safety plan

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to beginning employment

Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141.4

Subject: Status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, reporting obligations, confidentiality rights, copy of law

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment and when leaving work due to pregnancy or

nonoccupational sickness or injury

Education or Other Legal Code: Unemployment Insurance Code 2613 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4154/4254/4354

Subject: Disability insurance rights and benefits

When/Whom to Notify: To principal, counselor who directly supervises or reports on student's behavior or progress, and teacher and other administrators who directly supervise or report on student's behavior or progress when the superintendent or designee believes the employee needs the information for the protection of self or others when working with the student, when Superintendent or designee receives written notification that minor student has committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses

Education or Other Legal Code: Welfare and Institutions Code 827 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4158/4258/4358

Subject: Limited exception to juvenile court record confidentiality to ensure rehabilitation of

juvenile criminal offenders and protect students and staff

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees and job applicants

Education or Other Legal Code: 2 CCR 11023; 34 CFR 104.8, 106.9

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 0410, AR 4030

Subject: District's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee

Education or Other Legal Code: 2 CCR 11091, 11095; 29 CFR 825.300 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8

Subject: Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act

(CFRA); obligation to provide 30 days' notice of need for leave when possible

When/Whom to Notify: Post and keep posted on premises or via electronic posting, in conspicuous places where employees are employed

Education or Other Legal Code: 2 CCR 11095

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8

<u>Subject: A notice explaining the CFRA's provisions and procedures for filing complaints of violations of the Act with the Civil Rights Department.</u>

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees Education or Other Legal Code: 8 CCR 3203

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4157/4257/4357

Subject: The right and procedure to access the injury and illness prevention program

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees Education or Other Legal Code: 34 CFR 106.8

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11

Subject: Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex; contact information for district's Title IX Coordinator; referral of inquiries to Title IX Coordinator and/or Office for Civil Rights

When/Whom to Notify: Annually

Education or Other Legal Code: 40 CFR 763.84, 763.93 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514

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

response actions planned or in progress

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to the beginning of school year or upon employment Education or Other Legal Code: 20 USC 2354; 34 CFR 100 Appendix B, 104.8

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 6178

Subject: All career and technical education opportunities are offered without regard to race, color,

national origin, sex, or disability in accordance with 34 CFR 100

### **II. To Certificated Employees**

When/Whom to Notify: Prominently display in location frequented by certificated employees who serve students in any of grades 7-12

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 234.1

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 5145.3

<u>Subject: Information on existing school site and community resources related to the support of students who may face bias or bullying</u>

When/Whom to Notify: To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and

substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 22455.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4121

Subject: Criteria for membership in retirement system; right to elect membership at any time

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment of a retired certificated individual

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 22461

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.14/4317.14

Subject: Postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction; monthly report of

compensation

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employees Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35171 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4115, BP 4315 Subject: District regulations related to performance evaluations

When/Whom to Notify: 30 days before last day of school year for instructional staff, or by June 30

for noninstructional certificated staff, in any year in which employee is evaluated

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44663 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4115

Subject: Copy of employee's evaluation

When/Whom to Notify: To a certificated employee with unsatisfactory evaluation, once per year for

probationary employee or at least once every other year for permanent employee

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44664 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4115

Subject: Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance

When/Whom to Notify: By May 30, if district elects to issue reemployment notices to certificated

employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44842 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.1

Subject: Request that the employee notify district of intent to remain in service next year

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary and temporary certificated employees upon employment and every July thereafter

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44916

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.1, AR 4121

Subject: Employment status and salary

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary employee, by March 15

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23, 44948.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4116

Subject: Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year

When/Whom to Notify: When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, at any time of year or, for charge of unsatisfactory performance, during instructional year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44934, 44934.1, 44936

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4118; AR 4118

Subject: Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct, at least 45

days prior to suspension/dismissal notice

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44938 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4118 Subject: Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with unsatisfactory performance, at least

90 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice or prior to last quarter of school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44938 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4118 Subject: Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence

offense, within 10 days of entry of judgment in proceedings Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44940.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4118

Subject: Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice unless employee demands hearing

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary employee 30 days prior to dismissal during school year,

but not later than March 15 for a second- year probationary employee

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44948.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4118

Subject: Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal

When/Whom to Notify: By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44949, 44955

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4117.3

Subject: Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board

decision re: termination

When/Whom to Notify: Before the end of the school year to temporary employee who served 75

percent of school year but will be released

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44954 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4121

Subject: District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year

When/Whom to Notify: During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to any permanent or probationary certificated employee, including an employee holding a position that requires administrative or supervisory credential, whose services are terminated

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44955.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4117.3

Subject: Decrease in the number of permanent employees in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board

When/Whom to Notify: To teacher, when a student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49079

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4158/4258/4358

Subject: Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion

When/Whom to Notify: To teacher of a student who is suspended or expelled, when Superintendent or designee receives transfer student's record regarding acts that resulted in suspension or expulsion

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48201

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4158/4258/4358

Subject: Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 80303

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.7/4317.7

Subject: Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing

### III. To Classified Employees

When/Whom to Notify: When a classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in a

nonmerit district

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45113 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4218

Subject: Notice of charges, right to hearing, timeline for requesting hearing

When/Whom to Notify: By March 15, when laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds, with final notice by May 15

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45117 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4217.3

Subject: Notice of layoff, displacement and reemployment rights, right to hearing; final notice of

Board decision regarding termination

When/Whom to Notify: During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to classified employees who are laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45117 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4217.3

Subject: District Statement of Reduction in Force to affected employees in accordance with a

schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board

When/Whom to Notify: At least 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, if the employee's

position must be eliminated due to the expiration of a specially funded program

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45117 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4217.3

Subject: Notice of layoff date, displacement and reemployment rights

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment and upon each change in classification

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45169 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4212

Subject: Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours,

prescribed workweek

When/Whom to Notify: To permanent employee whose leave is exhausted

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45192, 45195 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4261.1, AR 4261.11 Subject: Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave

When/Whom to Notify: To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers prior to expiration of specified documents

Education or Other Legal Code: 13 CCR 1234 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3542

Subject: Expiration date of driver's license, driver's certificate and medical certificate; need to renew

When/Whom to Notify: To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers upon employment and

at least once per year thereafter

Education or Other Legal Code: 13 CCR 2480 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3542

Subject: Limitations on vehicle idling; consequences of not complying

When/Whom to Notify: To school bus drivers, prior to district drug testing program and thereafter upon employment

Education or Other Legal Code: 49 CFR 382.113, 382.601

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42

Subject: Explanation of federal requirements for drug testing program and district's policy; prior to

administration of each drug or alcohol test

When/Whom to Notify: To school bus drivers, prior to operating school bus

Education or Other Legal Code: 49 CFR 382.303

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42

Subject: Post accident information, procedures, and instruction

### IV. To Administrative/Supervisory Personnel

When/Whom to Notify: To superintendent, deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35031

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 2121, BP 4312.1

Subject: Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term

When/Whom to Notify: Upon request by administrative or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44896 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4313.2 Subject: Statement of the reasons for the reassignment

When/Whom to Notify: By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44951 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4313.2

Subject: Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year

# V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances

When/Whom to Notify: In the event of a breach of security of district records to affected employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Civil Code 1798.29

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 3580

Subject: Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, and, as applicable, contact information for credit reporting agencies

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to placing derogatory information in personnel file

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44031

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6

Subject: Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment

When/Whom to Notify: To employees who volunteer to administer epinephrine auto-injector

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49414 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141.21

Subject: Defense and indemnification from civil liability by the district

When/Whom to Notify: To district police officer, within 30 days of decision to impose discipline

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 3304 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3515.3

Subject: Decision to impose discipline, including the date that discipline will be imposed

When/Whom to Notify: New employees upon hire, to all employees annually, at any time upon request, and any time an employee informs an employer that the employee or the employee's family member is a victim

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 12945.8

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4158/4258/4358

Subject: Accommodations and leave for victims of a qualifying act of violence

When/Whom to Notify: To employee returning from military leave of absence, within 30 days of return

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 20997

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5

Subject: Right to receive PERS service credit for military service; application form

When/Whom to Notify: 24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or charges against employee

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 54957

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BB 9321

Subject: Employee's right to have complaints/charges heard in open session

When/Whom to Notify: When taking disciplinary action against employee for disclosure of confidential information

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 54963

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23

Subject: Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session

When/Whom to Notify: When document identifying employee who is victim of domestic violence

is disclosed

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 230

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4158/4258/4358
Subject: Accommodations and leave for victims of domestic violence

When/Whom to Notify: Within one working day of work-related injury or victimization of crime

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 3553, 5401

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1

Subject: Potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, claim form

When/Whom to Notify: When adverse employment action is based on DOJ criminal history

information or subsequent arrest notification

Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code 11105, 11105.2

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5

Subject: Copy of DOJ notification

When/Whom to Notify: To any employee with exposure to blood or potentially infectious materials,

upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter

Education or Other Legal Code: 8 CCR 3204

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42

Subject: The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records

When/Whom to Notify: To any employee assigned to a work area in a laboratory setting where hazardous chemicals are present, within 15 working days after receiving a monitoring result related to an employee exposure determination

Education or Other Legal Code: 8 CCR 5191

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514.1

Subject: Contents of 8 CCR 5191, including location and availability of chemical hygiene plan, exposure limits, signs and symptoms of exposure, location of reference material

When/Whom to Notify: To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous substances in the work area, upon initial assignment and when new hazard is introduced into work area Education or Other Legal Code: 8 CCR 5194

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Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514.1

Subject: Requirements of 8 CCR 5194, including any presence of hazardous substances in the work area, location and availability of hazard communication program, new material safety data sheet, employee rights

When/Whom to Notify: To employee eligible for military leave

Education or Other Legal Code: 38 USC 4334

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5 Subject: Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave

When/Whom to Notify: Within five business days of employee's request for family care and

medical leave, receipt of supporting information, or district's knowledge that the requested leave may qualify as FMLA leave

Education or Other Legal Code: 29 CFR 825.300; 2 CCR 11049, 11091 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8

Subject: Designation of leave as FMLA or non-FMLA; if not eligible, reason not eligible; requirement to use paid leave; any requirement for fitness-for-duty certification; any subsequent changes in designation notice

When/Whom to Notify: Whenever notice of eligibility for FMLA is provided to employee

Education or Other Legal Code: 29 CFR 825.300

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8

Subject: Rights and responsibilities re: use of FMLA; consequences of failure to meet obligations

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees working with families experiencing homelessness

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 48851.3, 42 USC 11432

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 6173

Subject: Duties of district liaison for homeless students and availability of training and services

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2 CCR 11023	Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction
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2 CCR 11087-11098	California Family Rights Act
5 CCR 4622	Uniform complaint procedures
5 CCR 80303	Reports of change in employment status; alleged misconduct
8 CCR 3204	Access to employee exposure and medical records
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8 CCR 5194	Hazard communication
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Ed. Code 17612	Notification of pesticide use
Ed. Code 22455.5	STRS information to potential members
Ed. Code 22461	Postretirement compensation limitation
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Gov. Code 12950	Sexual harassment
Gov. Code 21029	Retirement credit for period of military service
Gov. Code 54957	Complaints against employees; right to open session
Gov. Code 54963	Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information
Gov. Code 8355	Certification of drug-free workplace, including notification
H&S Code 104420	Tobacco-free schools
H&S Code 120875	Information on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B
H&S Code 120880	Notification to employees re AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B
H&S Code 1797.196	Automated external defibrillators; notification of use and locations
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Lab. Code 2800.2	Notification of availability of continuation health coverage

Notifications: Workers' compensation benefits Lab. Code 3550-3553 Workers' compensation; claim form and notice of potential Lab. Code 5401 eligibility Pen. Code 11165.7 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act; notification requirement Employment; statement of knowledge of duty to report child Pen. Code 11166.5 abuse or neglect Disability insurance; notice of rights and benefits Unemp. Ins. Code 2613 Limited exception to juvenile court record **W&I Code 827 Federal** Description Local application for career and technical education programs 20 USC 2354 Family and Medical Leave Act; notice requirement 29 CFR 825.300 Nondiscrimination under programs receiving federal 34 CFR 100 assistance Nondiscrimination 34 CFR 104.8 Severability 34 CFR 106.9 Drug-free workplace statement 34 CFR 84.205-84.210 Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights 38 USC 4334 Act: notice requirement Asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response 40 CFR 763.84 actions Asbestos management plans 40 CFR 763.93 Drug-Free Workplace Act 41 USC 8101-8106 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act 42 USC 11431-11435 Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing 49 CFR 382.113 notifications Post-accident information, procedures, and instructions 49 CFR 382.303 Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notification 49 CFR 382.601 Description **Management Resources** CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services Website **Cross References** 

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Policy 4119.11: Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Sexual Harassment Status: ADOPTED

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CSBA NOTE: Sex discrimination and sex-based harassment are prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e-2000e-17) and/or Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688; 34 CFR 106.1-106.82), as well as the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code 12900-12996).

Education Code 231.5, 2 CCR 11023, and 34 CFR 106.8 mandate that districts have a written policy prohibiting sex discrimination and sex-based harassment against employees. As part of this mandate, districts are also required to adopt a written policy prohibiting sex discrimination and sex-based harassment against students; see BP/AR 5145.7 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment and AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.11 and 106.44, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, is required to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct. As such a complaint may also fall within the complaint process as specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, it is unclear whether districts would additionally be required to follow the procedures specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. Due to this uncertainty, it is recommended that districts consult CSBA's District and County Office of Education Legal Services or district legal counsel prior to utilizing the process specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment for this purpose. For more information regarding the Title IX grievance procedures, see AR 4119.12 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Pursuant to 2 CCR 11034, the district may be liable for sex-based harassment committed by a supervisor, coworker, or a third party. Pursuant to Government Code 12940, employers may also be held liable for sex-based harassment committed against their workers by clients, customers, or other third parties if they knew or should have known of the harassment and failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action to stop the harassment.

CSBA NOTE: Education Code 231.5, 2 CCR 11023, and 34 CFR 106.8 mandate that districts have a written policy prohibiting sexual harassment against employees. As part of this mandate, the district is also required to adopt a written policy prohibiting sexual harassment against students; see BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment and AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Sexual harassment is prohibited pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000e-2000e-17) and/or Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681-1688; 34 CFR 106.1-106.82), as well as the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code 12900-12996).

Although the Title IX regulations were amended by 89 Fed.Reg. 33474, effective August 1, 2024, these amendments were vacated nationwide by the United States District Court in Tennessee v. Cardona on January 9, 2025. Following this decision, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) February 4, 2025 Dear Colleague Letter clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Therefore, references in this Board policy to Title IX and its implementing regulations are to the Title IX regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024.

Whether a complaint of sexual harassment is investigated and resolved through federal Title IX complaint procedures in accordance with AR/E(1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 – Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, or procedures as specified in AR 4030 – Nondiscrimination in Employment is dependent on whether the alleged conduct meets the more stringent federal definition of sexual harassment or the state definition. In order to meet the applicable timelines, in some instances it may be necessary to review a complaint under both procedures concurrently. See the accompanying administrative regulation, AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, and AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

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The following policy shall apply to all district employees, interns, volunteers, contractors, job applicants, and other persons with an employment relationship with the district.

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe work environment that is free of discrimination, harassment, and intimidation. The Board prohibits sex discrimination, including sexbased harassment, as defined in the accompanying administrative regulation, in district programs and activities by and against district employees.

The district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any of its programs or activities and complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations

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CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Education Code 220.1, as added by AB 1955 (Ch. 95, Statutes of 2024), a district, including a Governing Board member, may not retaliate or otherwise take adverse action against an employee, including by placing the employee on administrative leave, on the basis that the employee supported a student exercising rights specified in Education Code 220.1, performed work in a manner consistent with the district's legal obligations related to educational equity, or provided instruction to students consistent with current content standards, curriculum frameworks, instructional materials adopted by the state board, and state law.

Additionally, the Board prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who complains or testifies about conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination, including sexbasedsexual harassment, reports such conduct, or otherwise participates or refuses to participate in the complaint process established for the purpose of this policy. (Education Code 220.1; 34 CFR 106.71)

CSBA NOTE: Federal and state courts have provided guidance that may help employers avoid liability or mitigate damages in sex-based harassment cases. In Department of Health Services v. Superior Court (McGinnis), the California Supreme Court outlined measures that may constitute mitigating factors in the assessment of damages, including establishing anti-harassment policies, communicating those policies to employees, consistently enforcing the policies, preserving the confidentiality of employees who report harassment, and preventing retaliation against reporting employees. The U.S. Supreme Court in Burlington Industries v. Ellerth held that, for certain claims under federal law, an employer may defend against sex-based harassment claims by proving that (1) reasonable care was exercised to prevent and promptly correct any sexually harassing behavior, and (2) the employee (victim) failed to take advantage of the preventive and corrective opportunities provided by the employer. Additionally, in Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, one of the factors relied on by the U.S. Supreme Court in finding liability for harassment by a supervisor was the failure of the policy to provide an assurance to its employees that harassing supervisors may be bypassed in registering complaints.

Pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, employers with five or more employees are required to provide sex-based harassment training to supervisory and nonsupervisory employees which includes training in regard to sex discrimination. Additionally, Title IX, and its implementing regulation 34 CFR 106.8, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, requires specified training related to sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, for all district employees, as well as additional training for (1) investigators, decisionmakers, and other persons who are responsible for implementing the recipient's grievance procedures or have the authority to modify or terminate supportive measures, (2) facilitators of an informal resolution process, and (3) Title IX Coordinators and designees. See the accompanying administrative regulation for timelines and training requirements.

Items #1-4 below reflect the courts' guidance, Government Code 12950.1, and 34 CFR 106.8, and should be modified to reflect district practice.

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factors in the assessment of damages, including establishing anti-harassment policies, communicating those policies to employees, consistently enforcing the policies, preserving the confidentiality of employees who report harassment, and preventing retaliation against reporting employees. The U.S. Supreme Court in *Burlington Industries v. Ellerth* held that, for certain claims under federal law, an employer may defend against sexual harassment claims by proving that (1) reasonable care was exercised to prevent and promptly correct any sexually harassing behavior, and (2) the employee (victim) failed to take advantage of the preventive and corrective opportunities provided by the employer. Additionally, in *Faragher v. City of Boca Raton*, one of the factors relied on by the U.S. Supreme Court in finding liability for harassment by a supervisor was the failure of the policy to provide an assurance to its employees that harassing supervisors may be bypassed in registering complaints.

Pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, districts are required to provide sexual harassment training to supervisory and nonsupervisory employees which includes training in regard to sex discrimination.

Additionally, 34 CFR 106.8 requires specified training related to sexual harassment for Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decisionmakers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. See the accompanying administrative regulation for timelines and training requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sex discrimination and sex-basedsexual harassment, including but not limited to: (Education Code 231.5; Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 11023; 34 CFR 106.8, 106.45)

- 1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
- 2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sex discrimination and sex-based sexual harassment policy to employees and others to whom the policy may apply

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to Title IX and its implementing regulation 34 CFR 106.8, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, districts are required to provide a notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, as specified below. For more information about the content and publication requirements for the notice of nondiscrimination, see AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, districts are required to provide specified notifications to students, parents/guardians, employees, bargaining units, and applicants for admission and employment related to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex, which includes sexual harassment. For more information about the content and publication requirements for such notices, see E(1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 – Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

3. <u>Publicize</u> as specified in Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, a Exhibit (1) 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX notice of nondiscrimination Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, the required notifications related to Title IX to

employees, applicants for employment, and bargaining units

- 4. Ensuring prompt, thorough, fair, and equitable investigation of complaints through the appropriate state and/or federal procedures
- 5. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments)

CSBA NOTE: The following optional paragraph reflects a recommendation of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's informal guidance, "Promising Practices for Preventing Harassment," has been expanded to include sex discrimination, and may be revised to reflect district practice.

The Superintendent or designee shallmay periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the district's strategies to prevent and address sex discrimination and sex-based harassment. Such evaluation may involve conducting regular anonymous employee surveys to assess whether sex discrimination and/or sex-based harassment is occurring or is perceived to be tolerated, partnering with researchers or other agencies with the needed expertise to evaluate the district's prevention strategies, and using any otherother effective tool for receiving feedback on systems and/or processes. As necessary, changes shall be made to harassment policy(ies), complaint procedures, or training, as appropriate and in accordance with law.

### **Reports and Complaints**

CSBA NOTE: 34 CFR 106.8, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, requires the district to designate at least one employee to coordinate its responsibilities under Title IX, who must be referred to as the Title IX Coordinator. See the accompanying administrative regulation.

CSBA NOTE: 34 CFR 106.8 requires the district to designate at least one employee to serve as the Title IX Coordinator and to coordinate the district's responsibilities under Title IX. See the accompanying administrative regulation.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44, the district is required to respond promptly when there is actual knowledge of sexual harassment and in a manner that is not unreasonable in light of the known circumstances. 34 CFR 106.30 defines "actual knowledge" as notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment being submitted to the district's Title IX Coordinator, any official of the district who has authority to institute corrective measures, or any employee of an elementary or secondary school. For this reason, it is recommended that the district train all employees regarding the reporting process.

# The district should modify the timeline in this section to reflect district practice.

Any district employee who has experienced sex discrimination or sex-basedsexual harassment in the district's district's education program or activity may file a complaint with the district's district's Title IX Coordinator. (34 CFR 106.2, 106.448)

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, a district is required to respond promptly and effectively when it has knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sex-based harassment in its education program or activity. 34 CFR 106.44 further obligates a district to require its Title IX Coordinator to monitor the district's programs and activities for barriers to reporting information of such conduct and its employees to notify the Title IX Coordinator when they have such information. The following paragraph should be revised to reflect the district's timeline.

Any employee with knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sex-basedsexual harassment by or against another district employee, a student, or a third party in a district education program or activity shall notify the Title IX Coordinator within one workday. An employee may be subject to discipline for failure to timely report such conduct. (34 CFR 106.44)

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure the complaint or allegation is addressed through Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that the complaint alleging sexual harassment is addressed through Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures or Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, as applicable. Additionally, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that any implementation of Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, concurrently meets the requirements of Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44, as amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 33474, when the Title IX Coordinator is notified of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination, including sexbased harassment, the Title IX Coordinator is required to offer and coordinate supportive measures to the complainant. Thus, districts should not wait to respond until a "formal" complaint is made. If the district has begun grievance procedures or offered an informal resolution process to the respondent, the Title IX Coordinator is required to offer and coordinate supportive measures to the respondent, as appropriate.

CSBA NOTE: Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.44, when the Title IX Coordinator is notified of conduct that reasonably may constitute sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator is required to offer and coordinate supportive measures to the complainant. Thus, districts should not wait to respond until a formal complaint is made. Supportive measures are also required to be offered to the respondent as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

The <u>Before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed,</u> the Title IX Coordinator shall offer and coordinate supportive measures to be provided to the complainant and, if the district has begun grievance procedures or offered an informal resolution process to the respondent, offer and coordinate supportive measures to be provided to the respondent as deemed appropriate under the circumstances. (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

CSBA NOTE: In addition to district discipline imposed on employees who engage in sex-based harassment, Government Code 12940 provides that such employees may be held personally liable in a court of law for any damage to the victim(s).

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Upon investigation of a sex discrimination or sex-basedsexual harassment complaint, any district employee found to have engaged or participated in sex discrimination or sex-basedsexual harassment or to have aided, abetted, incited, compelled, or coerced another to commit sex discrimination or sex-basedsexual harassment in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

### Policy Reference UPDATE Service

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# **Policy Reference Disclaimer:**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Boardboard to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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20 USC 1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination

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29 CFR 1636 Implementation of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

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Website CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

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