



Chico Unified School District

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ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

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

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

In response to a public records request, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to locate the requested records, including, but not limited to, any electronic communication substantively related to the records, such as email, text messages, instant messages, and other electronic communications, regardless of whether they are transmitted through a district-provided device or account or through an employee's or Board member's personal device or account.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications)

The district may charge for copies of public records or other materials requested by individuals or groups, unless they are using their own personal equipment to reproduce the record. The charge shall be based on actual costs of duplication, as determined by the Superintendent or designee and as specified in administrative regulation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

35145 Public meetings

35170 Authority to secure copyrights

35250 Duty to keep certain records and reports

41020 Requirement for annual audit

42103 Publication of proposed budget; hearing

44031 Personnel file contents and inspections

44839 Medical certificates; periodic medical examination

49060-49079 Student records

49091.10 Parental review of curriculum and instruction

GOVERNMENT CODE

3547 Proposals relating to representation

6250-6270 California Public Records Act

6275-6276.48 California Public Records Act; other exemptions from disclosure

8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act

53262 Employment contracts

54957.2 Minute book record of closed sessions



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54957.5 Agendas and other writings distributed for discussion or consideration
81008 Political Reform Act, public records; inspection and reproduction
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 1, Section 3 Right of access to governmental information
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
430-438 Individual student records
COURT DECISIONS
City of San Jose v. Superior Court (2017) 2 Cal.5th 608
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors v. Superior Court (2016) 2 Cal.5th 282
Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System v. Superior Court (2011) 195 Cal. App. 4th 440
International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers v. The Superior Court of Alameda County, (2007)
42 Cal.4th 319
Los Angeles Times v. Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, (2001) 88 Cal.App.4th 1381
Kleitman v. Superior Court, (1999) 74 Cal.App. 4th 324
Fairley v. Superior Court, (1998) 66 Cal.App. 4th 1414
North County Parents Organization for Children with Special Needs v. Department of Education, (1994) 23 Cal.App.
4th 144
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
71 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 235 (1988)
64 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 186 (1981)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Legal Alert: Tips for Governing Boards in Response to Public Records Act Ruling on Electronic Communications,
March 2017
CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS
Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12
Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018
California Department of Justice Guidelines for Access to Public Records, October 2017
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PUBLICATIONS
The People's Business: A Guide to the California Public Records Act, rev. April 2017
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>
Institute for Local Government: <http://www.cacities.org>
State Bar of California: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov>