SCHOOL PLANS/SITE COUNCILS

The Governing Board believes that comprehensive planning at each district school that is aligned with the district’s local control and accountability plan (LCAP) is necessary at each school, in order to focus school improvement efforts on student academic achievement and facilitate the effective use of district available resources. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school plans provide direction and identify strategies aligned with school and district goals.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Each district school shall establish a school site council in accordance with Education Code 52852 and the accompanying administrative regulation to develop, review, and approve school plans.

For any school that participates in specified state and/or federal categorical programs, the school site council or other schoolwide advisory committee shall consolidate the plans required for those categorical programs into a single plan for student achievement (SPSA). (Education Code 52055.755, 64001)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 1431 - Waivers)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

As appropriate, a school may incorporate any other school plan program into the SPSA. (Education Code 64001)

The Board shall, at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, review and approve each school's SPSA and any subsequent material revisions affecting the academic programs for students participating in the categorical programs addressed in the SPSA. The Board shall certify that, to the extent allowable under federal law, the SPSA is consistent with district local improvement plans required as a condition of receiving federal funding. Any such review and approval shall be at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 64001)

Whenever the Board does not approve a school's SPSA, it shall communicate its specific reasons for disapproval of the plan to the school site council or committee. The school site council or committee shall then revise and resubmit the SPSA to the Board for its approval. (Education Code 52855)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school administrators receive training on the roles and responsibilities of the site council.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
52-53 Designation of schools
33133 Information guide for school site councils
35147 Open meeting laws exceptions
41540-41544 Targeted instructional improvement block grants
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

Policy Adopted: 07/18/07; 02/05/14
52176 Advisory committees
52852 School site councils
54000-54028 Educationally Disadvantaged Youth Programs
54425 Advisory committees (compensatory education)
56000-56867 Special education
64000 Categorical programs included in consolidated application
64001 Single school plan for student achievement, consolidated application programs
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3930-3937 Compliance plans
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 Accountability, adequate yearly progress
6312-6319 Title I programs; plans
6421-6472 Programs for neglected, delinquent, and at-risk children and youth
6601-6651 Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment program
6801-7014 Limited English proficient and immigrant students
7101-7165 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
7341-7355c Rural Education Initiative

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
WEST ED PUBLICATIONS
California Healthy Kids Survey
California School Climate Survey
WEB SITES
California Department of Education, Single Plan for Student Achievement:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/ncsb/srfe/singleplan.asp
WestEd: http://www.wested.org

Policy Adopted: 07/18/07; 02/05/14
UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The Governing Board recognizes the district's responsibility to comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The district shall investigate complaints alleging failure to comply with such laws and/or alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and shall seek to resolve those complaints in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures. (See AR #1312.3)

The district shall use the uniform complaint procedures in AR-1312.3 to resolve any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities based on actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used to address any complaint alleging the district's failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, special education programs, and the development and adoption of the school safety plan.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 3653 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3656 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
(cf. 5149 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center Program)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

The Board prohibits any form of retaliation against any complainant in the complaint process. Participation in the complaint process shall not in any way affect the status, grades, or work assignments of the complainant.

The Board encourages the early, informal resolution of complaints at the site level whenever possible.

The Board recognizes that a neutral mediator can often suggest a compromise that is agreeable to all parties in a dispute. In accordance with uniform complaint procedures, whenever all parties to a complaint agree to try resolving the problem through mediation, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate the process. The Compliance Officer shall ensure that the results are consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved and the integrity of the process shall be protected. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may keep the identity of a complainant confidential to the extent that the investigation of the complaint is not obstructed.

Policy Adopted: 11/07/07; 07/17/13
The district's Administrative Regulation 1312.4, Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure, shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaint related to the following:

1. Sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials
2. Emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff
3. Teacher vacancies and misassignments
4. Deficiency in the district's provision of instruction and/or services to any student who, by the completion of grade 12, has not passed one or both parts of the high school exit examination

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
2200-8498 Child care and development programs
5500-8538 Adult basic education
48100-48203 School libraries
32289 School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures 35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures
41500-41513 Categorical education block grants
48985 Notices in language other than English
49060-49079 Student records
49490-49550 Child nutrition programs
52100-52178 Bilingual education programs
52300-52400 Career-technical education
52600-52616.24 Adult schools
52800-52870 School-based coordinated programs
54000-54028 Economic impact aid programs
54100-54145 Miller-Urquah Right-to-Read Act
54400-54425 Compensatory education programs
54440-54445 Migrant education
54460-54479 Compensatory education programs
56000-56867 Special education programs
59000-59300 Special schools and centers
64000-64001 Consolidated application process
GOVERNMENT CODE
11135 Non-discrimination in programs or activities funded by state
12900-12906 Fair Employment and Housing Act
PEVAL CODE
422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3080 Application of section
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965 Non-discrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6301-6677 Title I basic programs
6601-6777 Title II preparing and recruiting high quality teachers and principals
6801-6871 Title III language instruction for limited-English proficient and immigrant pupils 7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
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, informal resolution of complaints whenever possible and appropriate. To resolve complaints which cannot be resolved through such informal process, the Board shall adopt the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation.

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

1. Any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs (5 CCR 4610)

(c.f. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(c.f. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
(c.f. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
(c.f. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(c.f. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(c.f. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(c.f. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(c.f. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(c.f. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(c.f. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)
(c.f. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
(c.f. 6200 - Adult Education)

2. Any complaint alleging the occurrence of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) against any person, based on his/her actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or based on his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in district programs and activities, including, but not limited to, those funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance (5 CCR 4610)

(c.f. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(c.f. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(c.f. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)
(c.f. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(c.f. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

3. Any complaint alleging district violation of the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities (5 CCR 4610)
4. Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with legal requirements related to the implementation of the local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

5. 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

6. Any other complaint as specified in a district policy

The Board recognizes that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) can, depending on the nature of the allegations, offer a process to reach a resolution to the complaint that is agreeable to all parties. One type of ADR is mediation, which 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 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 state and federal laws and regulations.

The district shall protect all complainants from retaliation. As appropriate for any complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the Superintendent or designee shall keep confidential the identity of the complainant and/or the subject of the complaint, if he/she is different from the complainant, as long as the integrity of the complaint process is maintained.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

When an allegation that is not subject to the 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.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of all UCP complaints and the investigations of those complaints. All such records shall be destroyed in accordance with applicable state law and district policy.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Non-UCP Complaints
The following complaints shall not be subject to the district's UCP but shall be referred to the specified agency: (5 CCR 4611)

1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services, the County Protective Services Division, and the appropriate law enforcement agency.

2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to Department of Social Services and shall, for licensing-exempt facilities, be referred to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator.
3. Any complaint alleging employment discrimination shall be sent to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the compliance officer shall notify the complainant by first class mail of the transfer.

4. Any complaint alleging fraud shall be referred to the California Department of Education.

In addition, the district's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve 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. (Education Code 35166)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
8200-8496 Child care and development programs
8500-8536 Adult basic education
16100-18203 School libraries
32289 School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures
35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures
46965 Notices in language other than English
49010-49013 Student fees
49060-49079 Student records
49040-49590 Child nutrition programs
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan, especially
52075 Complaint for lack of compliance with local control and accountability plan requirements
52160-52178 Bilingual education programs
52300-52349 Career technical education
52500-52616.24 Adult schools
52800-52870 School-based program coordination
54400-54425 Compensatory education programs
54440-54445 Migrant education
54460-54529 Compensatory education programs
56000-56867 Special education programs
59000-59300 Special schools and centers
64000-64001 Consolidated application process
GOVERNMENT CODE
11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
PENAL CODE
422.55 Hate crime; definition
422.56 Interference with constitutional right or privilege
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3080 Application of section
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4987 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1221 Application of laws
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
6301-6577 Title I basic programs
6801-6871 Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students
7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
7201-7283g Title V promoting informed parental choice and innovative programs
7301-7372 Title V rural and low-income school programs

Policy Adopted: 11/07/07; 07/17/13
12101-12213 Title II equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d 2000e 17 Title VI and Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
6101-6107 Age Discrimination Act of 1975
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
100.3 Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin
104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
106.6 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX
106.9 Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex
110.25 Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age

Management Resources:
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS
Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015
Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence, April 2014
Dear Colleague Letter: Bullying of Students with Disabilities, August 2013
Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence, April 2011
Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010
Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance: Harassment of Students by School Employees, Other Students, or Third Parties, January 2001
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr
U.S. Department of Justice: http://www.justice.gov

Policy Adopted: 11/07/07; 07/17/13
SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

In approving employment contracts with the Superintendent, the Governing Board wishes to encourage the Superintendent's long-term commitment to the district and community while carefully considering the financial and legal implications of the contract in order to protect the district from any potentially adverse obligations.

(cf. 2120—Superintendent Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4312.1—Contracts)
(cf. 9000—Role of the Board)

The Board shall designate a representative to negotiate with the Superintendent on its behalf and shall consult legal counsel to draft the contract document.

The Board shall deliberate in closed-session of a regular meeting about the terms of the contract. (Government Code 64966, 54957)

(cf. 9321—Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)
(cf. 9321.1—Closed Session Actions and Reports)

Terms of the contract shall remain confidential until the ratification process commences.

(cf. 9011—Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

The Board shall ratify the Superintendent's contract in an open meeting, which shall be reflected in the Board's minutes. Copies of the contract shall be available to the public upon request. (Government Code 53262)

(cf. 1340—Access to District Records)
(cf. 3580—District Records)

The contract shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for salary and benefits, annual evaluations, term of the contract, and conditions for termination of the contract. The contract shall also include general responsibilities and duties of the Superintendent.

(cf. 2140—Superintendent Responsibilities and Duties)

The term of the contract shall be for no more than four years. (Education Code 35031)

During the term of the contract, the Board may reemploy the Superintendent on those terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by the Board and Superintendent. (Education Code 35031)

The Superintendent's contract shall be extended only by Board action and in accordance with Government Code 3541.2.

(cf. 2140—Evaluation of the Superintendent)

In the event that the Board determines not to reemploy the Superintendent, the Board shall provide written notice to the Superintendent at least 45 days in advance of the expiration of the term of the contract. (Education Code 35031)

The Superintendent's contract shall include a provision specifying the maximum cash settlement that the Superintendent may receive upon termination of the contract. However, if the unexpired term of the contract is greater than 18 months, the maximum cash settlement shall be not more than the Superintendent's monthly salary.

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multiplied by 18. The cash settlement shall not include any noncash items other than health benefits, which may be continued for the unexpired term of the contract up to 18 months or until the Superintendent finds other employment, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 53260, 53261)

(cf. 4117.5/4217.5/4317.5—Termination Agreements)

If the Board terminates the Superintendent's contract upon its belief and subsequent confirmation pursuant to an independent audit that the Superintendent has engaged in fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal practices, the maximum settlement shall be within the limits prescribed by law, as determined by an administrative law judge but no greater than the Superintendent's monthly salary multiplied by six. (Government Code 53260)

In addition, if the Superintendent is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his/her office or position, he/she shall reimburse the district for payments he/she receives as paid leave, salary pending investigation or as cash settlement upon his/her termination, and for any funds expended by the district in his/her defense against a crime involving his/her office or position. (Government Code 53243-53243.4, 53260)

The Governing Board believes that the Superintendent's employment contract should outline the framework through which the Board and Superintendent are to work together to achieve district goals and objectives. When approving the Superintendent's employment contract, the Board shall consider the need for stability in district administration and shall ensure the best use of district resources.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 2120 - Superintendent Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The contract shall be reviewed by the district's legal counsel and may include the following:

1. Term of the contract, which shall be for no more than four years pursuant to Education Code 35031
2. Length of the work year and hours of work
3. Salary, health and welfare benefits, and other compensation for the position

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

4. Reimbursement of work-related expenses, including mileage reimbursement, consistent with Board policies, regulations, and guidelines applicable to other professional administrative staff

(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)

The contract may also address payment for professional dues and activities, the district's provision of cell phones or other technological devices, and the Superintendent's use of his/her personal vehicle.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

5. Vacation, illness and injury leave, and personal leaves

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)
(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
(cf. 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves)
(cf. 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5 - Military Leave)
(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)

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6. General duties and responsibilities of the position  
(cf. 2110 - Superintendent Responsibilities and Duties)

7. Criteria, process, and procedure for the evaluation of the Superintendent  
(cf. 2140 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

8. A statement that any subsequent increase in the Superintendent's salary shall be at the sole discretion of the Board

9. A statement that there shall be no automatic renewal or extension of the contract, although the Board can enter into a new contract with the Superintendent prior to the expiration of the existing contract

10. Timeline for providing written notice to the Superintendent if the Board does not wish to enter into a new contract, which shall be at least 45 days in advance of the expiration of the term of the contract pursuant to Education Code 35031, and the responsibility of the Superintendent to remind the Board in a timely manner of the requirement to give notice

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

11. Conditions and process for termination of the contract, including the maximum cash settlement that the Superintendent may receive if the contract is terminated prior to its expiration date

12. Matters related to liability and indemnification against demands, claims, suits, actions, and legal proceedings brought against the Superintendent in his/her official capacity in the performance of duties related to his/her employment

The Board shall deliberate in closed session about the terms of the contract, except that salary or other compensation shall be discussed in public at a regular meeting. (Government Code 54956, 54957)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)  
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)  
(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

Terms of the contract shall remain confidential until the ratification process commences.  
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

The Board shall ratify the Superintendent's contract in an open meeting, which shall be reflected in the Board's minutes. Copies of the contract shall be available to the public upon request. (Government Code 53262)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)  
(cf. 3580 - District Records)

**Termination of Contract**

Prior to the expiration of the contract, the Board may terminate the Superintendent's employment contract in accordance with law and applicable contract provisions.
(cf. 4117.5/4217.5/4317.5 - Termination Agreements)

In such an event, any cash settlement that the Superintendent may receive upon termination of the contract shall not exceed his/her monthly salary multiplied by the number of months left on the contract or, if the unexpired term of the contract is more than 18 months and the contract was executed prior to January 1, 2016, no greater than the Superintendent's monthly salary multiplied by 18. For any contract executed on or after January 1, 2016, any cash settlement shall not exceed the Superintendent's monthly salary multiplied by 12. (Government Code 53260)

The cash settlement shall not include any noncash items other than health benefits, which may be continued for the same duration of time as covered in the settlement or until the Superintendent finds other employment, whichever occurs first. (Government Code 53260, 53261)

However, when the termination of the Superintendent's contract is based upon the Board's belief and subsequent confirmation through an independent audit that the Superintendent has engaged in fraud, misappropriation of funds, or other illegal fiscal practices, no cash or noncash settlement of any amount shall be provided. (Government Code 53260)

In addition, if the Superintendent is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his/her office or position, he/she shall reimburse the district for payments he/she receives as paid leave salary pending investigation or as cash settlement upon his/her termination, and for any funds expended by the district in his/her defense against a crime involving his/her office or position. (Government Code 53243-53243.4, 53260)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35031 Term of employment
41325-41329.3 Conditions of emergency apportionment
GOVERNMENT CODE
3511.1-3511.2 Local agency executives
53243-53243.4 Abuse of office
53260-53264 Employment contracts
54954 Time and place of regular meetings
54956 Special meetings
54957 Closed session personnel matters
54957.1 Closed session, public report of action taken
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26
105 Self-insured medical reimbursement plan; definition of highly compensated individual
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
300gg-16 Group health plan; nondiscrimination in favor of highly compensated individuals
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
1.105-11 Self-insured medical reimbursement plan

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Superintendent Contract Template, 2015
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
Association of California School Administrators: http://www.acsa.org

Policy Adopted: 11/15/06; 04/18/12
SALE AND DISPOSAL OF BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

When district-owned books, equipment and supplies become unusable, obsolete, or no longer needed, the Superintendent or designee shall identify these items to the Board of Education, together with their estimated value and a recommendation that they be sold or disposed of by one of the methods prescribed in law and administrative regulations. With Board approval, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the sale or disposal of these items.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 6161 - Equipment, Books and Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

Instructional materials may be considered obsolete or unusable when they:

1. Contain information rendered inaccurate or incomplete by new discoveries or technologies
2. Have been replaced by more recent versions or editions of the same material and are of no foreseeable value in other instructional areas
3. Are not aligned with the district's academic standards or course of study
4. Contain demeaning, stereotyping or patronizing references to any group of persons protected against discrimination by law or Board policy
5. Have been inspected and discovered to be damaged beyond use or repair

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to be used when selling equipment for which the federal government has a right to receive all or part of the proceeds. These procedures shall ensure a reasonable amount of competition so as to result in the highest possible revenue.

(cf. 3440 - Inventories)

The Governing Board recognizes its fiscal responsibility to maximize the use of district equipment, supplies, instructional materials, and other personal property while providing up-to-date resources that facilitate student learning and effective district operations. When the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, declares any district-owned personal property unusable, obsolete, or no longer needed, the Board shall determine the estimated value of the property and shall decide whether the property will be donated, sold, or otherwise disposed of as prescribed by law and administrative regulation.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 3512 - Equipment)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

If the Board members who are in attendance at a meeting unanimously agree that the property, whether one or more items, does not exceed $2,500 in value, the property may be sold without advertising for bids. (Education Code 17546)

If the Board members who are in attendance at a meeting unanimously find that the value of the property is insufficient to defray the costs of arranging a sale, the property may be donated to a charitable organization.
deemed appropriate by the Board or may be disposed of by dumping. (Education Code 17546)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to be used whenever the district sells equipment or supplies originally acquired under a federal grant or subgrant. Such procedures shall be designed to ensure the highest possible return. (34 CFR 80.32)

(cf. 3440 - Inventories)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
17540-17542 Sale or lease of personal property by one district to another
17545-17555 Sale of personal property
35168 Inventory, including record of time and mode of disposal
60510-60530 Sale, donation, or disposal of instructional materials
GOVERNMENT CODE
25505 District property; disposition; proceeds
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3944 Consolidated categorical programs, district title to equipment
3946 Disposal of equipment purchased with state and federal consolidated application funds
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 40
549 Surplus property
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
80.32-80.33 Equipment and supplies acquired under a grant or subgrant

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
California School Accounting Manual
Standards for Evaluating Instructional Materials for Social Content, 2013
WEB SITES
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
School Services of California, Inc.: http://www.sscal.com
NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The Governing Board desires to provide a positive work environment where employees and job applicants are free from harassment and are assured of equal access and opportunities in accordance with law. The Board prohibits any district employee from harassing or discriminating against any other district employee or job applicant on the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, or perceived religious creed, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, medical condition, genetic information, or veteran status:

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 0432 – Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 0433 – Lactation Accommodation)
(cf. 4110.44/4219.11/4319.11 – Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 4110.44/4219.44/4319.44 – Employees with Infectious Disease)
(cf. 4154/4254/4354 – Health and Welfare Benefits)
(cf. 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment)

Prohibited discrimination consists of the taking of any adverse employment action against a person, including termination or denial of promotion, job assignment, or training, or in discriminating against the person in compensation, terms, conditions, or other privileges of employment based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above. Harassment consists of any unwelcome verbal, physical, or visual conduct that is based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above and that is so severe and pervasive that it adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with his/her work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee or job applicant who complains, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint procedures instituted pursuant to this policy.

The Board designates the following position(s) as Coordinator(s) for Nondiscrimination in Employment:

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources or
Director, Classified Human Resources
1163 East Seventh Street
Chico, CA 95928
(530) 891-3000

Any employee or job applicant who believes that he/she has been or is being discriminated against or harassed in violation of district policy should, as appropriate, immediately contact his/her supervisor, the Coordinator, or the Superintendent who shall advise the employee or applicant about the district's procedures for filing, investigating, and resolving any such complaint.

Complaints regarding employment discrimination or harassment shall immediately be investigated in accordance with AR 4031 – Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment.

(cf. 4031 – Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment shall report the incident to the Coordinator or Superintendent as soon as practical after the incident. All other employees are encouraged to report such incidents to their supervisor immediately.

Training and Notifications
The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to supervisory employees about how to recognize

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harassment and discrimination, how to respond appropriately, and components of the district’s policies and regulations regarding discrimination.

(cf. 4131 – Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 – Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 – Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly publicize, within the district and in the community, the district’s nondiscrimination policy and the availability of complaint procedures. Such publication shall be included in each announcement, bulletin or application form that is used in employee recruitment. (34 CFR 100.6, 106.9)

The district’s policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all schools and offices including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. (5 CCR 4960)

The Governing Board is determined to provide district employees and job applicants a safe, positive environment where they are assured of full and equal employment access and opportunities, protection from harassment or intimidation, and freedom from any fear of reprisal or retribution for asserting their employment rights in accordance with law. The Board prohibits district employees from discriminating against or harassing any other district employee or job applicant on the basis of the person’s actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, or sexual orientation.

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 – Employees with Infectious Disease)

The Board also prohibits discrimination against any employee or job applicant in compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment and the taking of any adverse employment action, including, but not limited to, termination or the denial of employment, promotion, job assignment, or training, against an employee or job applicant based on any of the categories listed above.

(cf. 4032 – Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4154/4254/4354 – Health and Welfare Benefits)

Prohibited discrimination on the basis of religious creed includes discrimination based on an employee’s or job applicant’s religious belief or observance, including his/her religious dress or grooming practices. In accordance with Government Code 12940, prohibited discrimination on the basis of religious creed also includes the district’s failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee’s or job applicant’s religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement. However, the district shall not accommodate an employee’s religious dress practice or religious grooming practice if it requires segregation of the individual from other employees or the public or if it would result in a violation of this policy or any law prohibiting discrimination.

Prohibited sex discrimination includes discrimination based on an employee’s or job applicant’s pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical condition.

(cf. 4033 – Lactation Accommodation)

Harassment consists of unwelcome verbal, physical, or visual conduct that is based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above and that is so severe or pervasive that it adversely affects an individual’s employment opportunities, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual’s work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 – Sexual Harassment)
The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee or job applicant who opposes any discriminatory employment practice by the district or its employee, agent, or representative or who complains, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint procedures pursuant to this policy. No employee or job applicant 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)

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

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

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

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

(cf. 4116 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4216 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
CIVIL CODE
51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation
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11135 Unlawful discrimination
11138 Rules and regulations
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
PENAL CODE
422.56 Definitions, hate crimes
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
11010 Terms, conditions and privileges of employment
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
621-634 Age Discrimination in Employment Act
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000n-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
6101-6107 Age discrimination in federally assisted programs
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
100.6 Compliance information
104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
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Temporary/Substitute Personnel

The Governing Board recognizes that substitute and temporary personnel perform an essential role in promoting student achievement and desires to employ highly qualified, appropriately credentialed employees to fill such positions.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

Hiring

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend candidates for substitute or temporary positions for Board approval, and shall ensure that all substitute and temporary employees are assigned in accordance with law and the authorizations specified in their credential.

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

Substitute personnel may be employed on an on-call, day-to-day basis.

In addition, after September 1 of any school year, the Board may employ substitute personnel for the remainder of the school year for positions for which no regular employee is available. The district shall first demonstrate to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing the inability to acquire the services of a qualified regular employee. (Education Code 44917)

(cf. 4117.14/4317.14 - Postretirement Employment)

Permanent or probationary certificated employees who were laid off pursuant to Education Code 44955 and who have a preferred right of reappointment shall be given priority for substitute service in the order of their original employment. (Education Code 44956, 44957)

(cf. 4117.3 - Personnel Reduction)

Classification

At the time of initial employment and each July thereafter, the Board shall classify substitute and temporary employees as such. (Education Code 44915, 44916)

The Board may classify as substitute personnel a teacher hired to fill the position of a regularly employed person who is absent from service. (Education Code 44917)

The Board may classify as a temporary employee a teacher who is employed for at least one semester and up to one complete school year based on the need for additional certificated employees when regular employees are absent due to leaves or long-term illness. Any person whose service begins in the second semester and before March 15 may be classified as a temporary employee even if employed for less than a semester. The Board shall determine the number of persons who shall be so employed, which shall not exceed the identified need based on the absence of regular employees. (Education Code 44920)

The Board also shall classify as temporary employees those certificated persons, other than substitute employees, who are employed to:

1. Serve from day-to-day during the first three months of any school term to teach temporary classes which shall not exist after that time, or perform any other duties which do not last longer than the first three months of any school term (Education Code 44919)

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2. Teach in special day and evening classes for adults or in schools of migratory population for not more than four months of any school term (Education Code 44919)

3. Serve in a limited assignment supervising student athletic activities provided such assignments have first been made available to teachers presently employed in the district (Education Code 44919)

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

4. Serve in a position for a period not to exceed 20 working days in order to prevent the stoppage of district business during an emergency when persons are not immediately available for probationary classification (Education Code 44919)

5. Serve only for the first semester because the district expects a reduction in student enrollment during the second semester due to midyear graduations (Education Code 44921)

For purposes of classifying employees pursuant to item #1 or 2 above, the school year shall not be divided into more than two school terms. (Education Code 44919)

Any employee hired to provide services in a categorically funded program or project may be employed for a period less than a full school year. He/she may be classified as a temporary employee if the period of employment will end at the expiration of that program or project. (Education Code 44909)

Salary and Benefits
The Board shall adopt and make public a salary schedule setting the daily or pay period rate(s) for substitute employees for all categories or classes of certificated employees of the district. (Education Code 44977, 45030)

Substitute employees shall not participate in health and welfare benefits or other fringe benefits. Temporary employees shall have the option to participate in health and welfare benefits and other fringe benefits.

Paid Sick Leave
Any temporary or substitute employee who works for 30 or more days within a year of his/her employment shall be entitled to one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked. Such employee may begin to use accrued paid sick days on the 90th day of his/her employment, after which he/she may use the sick days as they are accrued. Accrued paid sick days shall carry over to the following year of employment, up to a maximum of 48 hours. (Labor Code 246)

Except for a retired annuitant who is not reinstated to the retirement system, any temporary or substitute employee who works for 30 or more days within a year of his/her employment shall be entitled to one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked. The maximum amount of credited sick leave service for a service year will be 24 hours. Unused sick leave shall not carry over to the following year of employment.

Any temporary or substitute employee may begin to use accrued paid sick days on the 90th day of his/her employment, after which he/she may use the sick days as they are accrued. (Labor Code 246)

A temporary or substitute employee may use accrued sick leave for absences due to: (Labor Code 246.5)

1. The diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, the employee or his/her family member as defined in Labor Code 245.5

2. Need of the employee to obtain or seek any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee, or his/her child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking

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No employee shall be denied the right to use accrued sick days and the district shall not in any manner discriminate or retaliate against any employee for using or attempting to use sick leave, filing a complaint with the Labor Commissioner, or alleging district violation of Labor Code 245-249. The Superintendent or designee shall display a poster containing required information, provide notice to eligible employees of their sick leave rights, keep of records of employees' use of sick leave for three years, and comply with other requirements specified in Labor Code 245-249 and in AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

Release from Employment/Dismissal
The Board may dismiss a substitute employee at any time at its discretion. (Education Code 44953)

The Board may release a temporary employee at its discretion if the employee has served less than 75 percent of the number of days the regular schools of the district are maintained during one school year. After serving 75 percent of the number of days that district schools are maintained during one school year, a temporary employee may be released as long as he/she is notified, before the last day of June, of the district's decision not to reelect him/her for the following school year. (Education Code 37200, 44954)

Reemployment as a Probationary Employee
Unless released from employment pursuant to Education Code 44954, any person employed for one complete school year as a temporary employee shall, if reemployed for the following school year in a vacant position requiring certification qualifications, be classified as a probationary employee. With the exception of on-call, day-to-day substitutes, if a temporary or substitute employee performs the duties normally required of certificated employees for at least 75 percent of the number of days the regular schools of the district were maintained in that school year and is then employed as a probationary employee for the following school year, his/her previous employment as a temporary or substitute employee shall be credited as one year's employment as a probationary employee for purposes of acquiring permanent status. (Education Code 44917, 44918, 44920)

Vacant position means a position in which the employee is qualified to serve and which is not filled by a permanent or probationary employee. It shall not include a position which would be filled by a permanent or probationary employee except for the fact that such employee is on leave. (Education Code 44920, 44921)

A temporary employee hired pursuant to item #1 or #2 in the section "Classification" above shall be classified as a probationary employee if the duties continue beyond the time limits of the assignment. (Education Code 44919)

A person employed pursuant to item #5 in the section "Classification" above who is then continued in employment beyond the first semester shall be classified as a probationary employee for the entire school year and shall be reemployed to fill any vacant positions in the district for which he/she is certified. Preference for available positions shall be determined by the Board as prescribed by Education Code 44945 and 44946. (Education Code 44921)

With the exception of on-call, day-to-day substitutes, a temporary or substitute employee who was released pursuant to Education Code 44954 but who has nevertheless served for two consecutive school years, for at least 75 percent of each year, shall receive first priority if the district fills a vacant position for the subsequent school year at the grade level at which the employee served during either year. In the case of a departmentalized program, the employee shall have taught the subject matter in which the vacant position occurs. (Education Code 44918)

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Certificated Personnel

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Governing Board believes that, in order to maximize student learning and achievement, certificated staff members must be continuously learning and improving their skills. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a program of ongoing professional development which includes opportunities for teachers to enhance their instructional and classroom management skills and become informed about changes in pedagogy and subject matter.

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

The Superintendent or designee shall involve teachers, site and district administrators, and others, as appropriate, in the development of the district's staff development program. He/she shall ensure that the district's staff development program is aligned with district priorities for student achievement, school improvement objectives, the local control and accountability plan, and other district and school plans.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

The district's staff development program is designed to assist certificated staff in developing knowledge and skills, which may include, but is not limited to:

1. Mastery of subject-matter knowledge, including current state and district academic standards

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf 6142.2 - World/Foreign Language Instruction)
(cf. 6142.3 - Civic Education)
(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)
(cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

2. Use of effective, subject-specific teaching methods, strategies, and skills

3. Use of technologies to enhance instruction

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

4. Sensitivity to and ability to meet the needs of diverse student populations, including, but not limited to, students of various racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities, English language learners, economically disadvantaged students, foster youth, gifted and talented students, and at-risk students

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5. Understanding of how academic and career technical instruction can be integrated and implemented to increase student learning

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

6. Knowledge of strategies that encourage parents/guardians to participate fully and effectively in their children’s education

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

7. Effective classroom management skills and strategies for establishing a climate that promotes respect, fairness, tolerance, and discipline, including conflict resolution and hatred prevention

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)
(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

8. Ability to relate to students, understand their various stages of growth and development, and motivate them to learn

9. Ability to interpret and use data and assessment results to guide instruction

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

10. Knowledge of topics related to student health, safety, and welfare

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

11. Knowledge of topics related to employee health, safety, and security

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 419.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

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The Superintendent or designee may, in conjunction with individual teachers, and interns, and administrators, as appropriate, develop an individualized program of professional growth to increase competence, performance, and effectiveness in teaching and classroom assignments and, as necessary, to assist them in meeting state or federal requirements to be fully qualified for their positions.

Professional learning opportunities offered by the district shall be evaluated based on the criteria specified in Education Code 44277. Such opportunities may be part of a coherent plan that combines school activities within a school, including lesson study or co-teaching, and external learning opportunities that are related to academic subjects taught, provide time to meet and work with other teachers, and support instruction and student learning. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, mentoring projects for new teachers, extra support for teachers to improve practice, and collaboration time for teachers to develop new instructional lessons, select or develop formative assessments, or analyze student data. (Education Code 44277)

The district's staff evaluation process may be used to recommend additional individualized staff development for individual employees.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve teachers, site and district administrators, and others, as appropriate, in the development of the district's staff development program. He/she shall ensure that the district's staff development program is aligned with district priorities for student achievement, school improvement objectives, the local control and accountability plan, and school plans.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a means for continual evaluation of the benefit of staff development activities to both staff and students and may regularly report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of the staff development program. Based on the Superintendent's report, the Board may revise the program as necessary to ensure that the staff development program supports the district's priorities for student achievement.

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EDUCATION CODE
44032 Travel expense payment
44259.5 Standards for teacher preparation

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44300 Emergency permits
44325-44328 District interns
44450-44468 University internship program
44570-44578 Inservice training, secondary education
44830.3 District interns
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52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
56240-56245 Staff development; service to persons with disabilities
99200-99206 Subject matter projects
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3543.2 Scope of representation of employee organization
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All Personnel

HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

The district shall provide health and welfare benefits for certificated and classified employees in bargaining units in accordance with state and federal law and subject to negotiated employee agreements.

(cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4151/4251/4351 – Employee Compensation)

Employees who are not in bargaining units shall receive benefits as specified in Board policy and administrative regulation.

With respect to eligibility to participate in the health benefits plan or the level of health benefits provided, the district shall not discriminate in favor of employees who are among the highest paid 25 percent of all district employees. (26 USC 105; 42 USC 300gg-16)

For purposes of granting benefits pursuant to state law, a registered domestic partner and his/her child shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as a spouse and spouse’s child. (Family Code 297.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall not use or disclose any medical information the district possesses pertaining to an employee without the employee’s authorization obtained in accordance with Civil Code 56.21, except for the purpose of administering and maintaining employee benefit plans and for other purposes specified in law. (Civil Code 56.20)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6—Personnel Records)

Retired Employees

Retired employees and other qualified persons may continue to participate in the district’s group health and welfare benefit plan and dental care benefit plan in accordance with state and federal law. The Superintendent or designee shall advise all employees of their rights and responsibilities related to continuing their health insurance benefits when their eligibility changes. (See Board Policy 4740)

To receive continuation coverage, covered employees and their qualified beneficiaries shall pay the premiums, dues, and other charges as negotiated, including any increases in premiums, dues, and costs incurred by the district in administering the program.

The district shall offer full-time employees who work an average of 30 hours or more per week and their dependents up to age 26 years a health insurance plan that includes coverage for essential health benefits, pays at least 60 percent of the medical expenses covered under the terms of the plan, and meets all other requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

With respect to eligibility to participate in the health benefits plan or the level of health benefits provided, the district shall not discriminate in favor of employees who are among the highest paid 25 percent of all district employees. (26 USC 105; 42 USC 300gg-16)

Continuation of Coverage

Retired certificated employees, other employees who would otherwise lose coverage due to a qualifying event specified in law and administrative regulation, and their qualified beneficiaries may continue to participate in the district’s group health and welfare benefits in accordance with state and federal law.

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Unless otherwise provided for in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, covered employees and their qualified beneficiaries may receive continuation coverage by paying the premiums, dues, and other charges, including any increases in premiums, dues, and costs incurred by the district in administering the program.

Confidentiality
The Superintendent or designee shall not use or disclose any employee's medical information the district possesses without the employee's authorization obtained in accordance with Civil Code 56.21, except for the purpose of administering and maintaining employee benefit plans and for other purposes specified in law. (Civil Code 56.20)

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

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56.20-56.245 Use and disclosure of medical information by employers
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297-297.6 Rights, protections and benefits under law; registered domestic partners
GOVERNMENT CODE
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22750-22944 Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act
53200-53210 Group insurance
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1366.20-1366.29 Cal-COBRA program, health insurance
1367.08 Disclosure of fees and commissions paid related to health care service plan
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1373.621 Continuation coverage, age 60 or older after five years with district
1374.58 Coverage for registered domestic partners, health service plans and health insurers
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4980B COBRA continuation coverage
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5000A Minimum essential coverage

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6056 Report of health coverage provided to employees
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Internal Revenue Service: http://www.irs.gov

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Classified Personnel

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Governing Board recognizes that classified staff does essential work that supports a healthy school environment and the educational program. Classified staff shall have opportunities to participate in staff development activities in order to improve job skills, learn best practices, retrain as appropriate in order to meet changing conditions in the district, and/or enhance personal growth.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)
(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)
(cf. 4261.3 - Professional Leaves)

Staff development opportunities for Classified staff should align with district goals, school improvement objectives, the local control and accountability plan, and other district and school plans.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

Staff development may address general workplace skills and/or skills and knowledge specific to the duties of each classified position, which may include, but are not limited to, the following topics: (Education Code 45391)

1. Student learning and achievement
   a. How paraprofessionals can assist teachers and administrators to improve the academic achievement of students
   b. Alignment of curriculum and instructional materials with Common Core State Standards
   c. The management and use of state and local student data to improve student learning
   d. Best practices in appropriate interventions and assistance to at-risk students

(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)
(cf. 0011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

2. Student and campus safety

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)
(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

Policy Adopted: 02/27/08; 08/20/14
3. Education technology, including management strategies and best practices regarding the use of education technology to improve student performance

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

4. School facility maintenance and operations, including new research and best practices in the operation and maintenance of school facilities, such as green technology and energy efficiency, that help reduce the use and cost of energy at school sites

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3511- Energy and Water Management)

5. Special education, including best practices to meet the needs of special education students and to comply with any new state and federal mandates

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

6. School transportation and bus safety

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541- Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 3542 - Bus Drivers)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

7. Parent involvement, including ways to increase parent involvement at school sites

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

8. Food service, including new research on food preparation to provide nutritional meals, food safety, and food management

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

9. Health, counseling, and nursing services

Policy Adopted: 02/27/08; 08/20/14
10. Environmental safety, including pesticides and other possibly toxic substances so that they may be safely used at school sites

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

For classroom instructional aides or other classified staff involved in direct instruction of students, staff development activities may also include academic content of the core curriculum, teaching strategies, classroom management, or other training designed to improve student performance, conflict resolution, and relationships among students.

The district's staff evaluation process may be used to recommend additional individualized staff development for individual employees.

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
44277 Professional growth programs for individual teachers
44032 Travel expense payment
45300-45387 Retraining and study leave (classified employees)
45390-45392 Professional development for classified school employees
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
56240-56245 Staff development; service to persons with disabilities
GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation of employee organization
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS
United Faculty of Contra Costa Community College District v. Contra Costa Community College District, (1990)
PERB Order No. 804, 14 PERC P21, 085

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
California Association of School Business Officials: http://www.casbo.org
California School Employees Association: http://www.csea.com

Policy Adopted: 02/27/08; 08/20/14
INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE

The Board of Education recognizes that students who reside in one district may choose to attend school in another district and that such choices are made for a variety of reasons.

(cf. 0520.3 – Title I Program Improvement Districts)
(cf. 5111.12 – Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)
(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5118 – Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

Upon request by students' parents/guardians the Superintendent or designee may approve interdistrict attendance permits with other districts on a case-by-case basis to meet individual student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that interdistrict permits stipulate the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. (Education Code 46500)

The Superintendent or designee may deny interdistrict attendance permits because of overcrowding within district schools or limited district resources.

A child of an active military duty parent/guardian shall not be prohibited from transferring out of the district to a school district of choice, if the other school district approves the application for transfer. (Education Code 48301)

(cf. 6173.2 – Education of Children of Military Families)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
41020 Annual district audits
46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements
48204 Residency requirements for school attendance
48300-48316 Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program
48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act
48915 Expulsion; particular circumstances
48915.1 Expelled Individuals: enrollment in another district
48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures
48980 Notice at beginning of term
52317 Regional Occupational Center/Program, enrollment of students, interdistrict attendance
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

Policy Adopted: 02/21/07; 09/01/10; 05/04/11
PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION

The Board of Education expects students to progress through each grade level within one school year. To accomplish this, instruction should accommodate the varying interests and growth patterns of individual students and include strategies for addressing academic deficiencies when needed.

Students shall progress through the grade levels by demonstrating growth in learning and meeting grade-level standards of expected student achievement.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.9 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

When high academic achievement is evident, the teacher may recommend a student for acceleration to a higher grade level. The student's maturity level shall be taken into consideration in making a determination to accelerate a student.

Teachers shall identify students who should be retained or who are at risk of being retained at their current grade level as early as possible in the school year and as early in their school careers as practicable. Such students shall be identified at the following grade levels: (Education Code 48070.5)

1. Between grades 2 and 3
2. Between grades 3 and 4
3. Between grades 4 and 5
4. Between the end of the intermediate grades and the beginning of the middle school grades (or between grades 5 and 6)
5. Between the end of the middle school grades and the beginning of the high school grades (or between grades 8 and 9)

Students shall be identified for retention on the basis of failure to meet minimum levels of proficiency, as indicated by grades and the following additional indicators of academic achievement:

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)

Students between grades 2 and 3 and grades 3 and 4 shall be identified primarily on the basis of their level of proficiency in reading. Proficiency in reading, English language arts, and mathematics shall be the basis for identifying students between grades 4 and 5, between intermediate and middle school grades, and between middle school grades and high school grades. (Education Code 48070.5)

(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)

If a student does not have a single regular classroom teacher, the Superintendent or designee shall specify the teacher(s) responsible for the decision to promote or retain the student. (Education Code 48070.5)

Policy Adopted: 05/19/99; 02/21/07; 08/20/14
The teacher's decision to promote or retain a student may be appealed in accordance with AR 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention.

When a student is any student in grades 2-9 is retained or recommended for retention (or is identified as being at risk for retention), the Superintendent or designee shall offer an appropriate program of remedial instruction to assist the student in meeting grade-level expectations. The Superintendent or designee also may offer supplemental instruction to a student in grades 2-6 who is identified as being at risk for retention. (Education Code 37252.2, 37252.8, 48070.5) Such opportunities may include but are not limited to tutorial programs, after-school programs, summer school programs and/or the establishment of a student study team:

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
37252-37254.1 Supplemental instruction
41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant
48300 Method of computing average daily attendance
48010 Admission to first grade
48011 Promotion/retention following one year of kindergarten
48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention
55345 Elements of individualized education plan
60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
60850-60859 Exit examination
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
200-202 Admission and exclusion of students

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
FAQs Promotion, Retention, and Grading (students with disabilities)
FAQs Pupil Promotion and Retention
Kindergarten Continuance Form
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

Policy Adopted: 05/19/99; 02/21/07, 08/20/14
Bullying

The Governing Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide safe school environments that protect students from physical and emotional harm. District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student.

No student or group of students shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, retaliate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5138 - Gagging)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Cyberbullying includes the creation or transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may collaborate with law enforcement, courts, social services, mental health services, other agencies, and community organizations in the development and implementation of joint strategies to promote safety in schools and the community and to provide services for alleged victims and perpetrators of bullying.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

Bullying Prevention

To the extent possible, district and school strategies shall focus on prevention of bullying by establishing clear rules for student conduct and strategies to establish a positive, collaborative school climate. Students shall be informed, through student handbooks and other appropriate means, of district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for perpetrators of engaging in bullying.

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

The district may provide students with instruction, in the classroom or other educational settings, that promotes effective communication and conflict resolution skills, social skills, character/values education, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, and appropriate online behavior.

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

Based on an assessment of bullying incidents at school, the Superintendent or designee may increase supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as classrooms, playgrounds, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias.

Intervention

Students are encouraged to notify school staff when they are being bullied or suspect that another student is being bullied.

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being victimized. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop means for students to report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously.

School staff who witness an act of bullying shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

When appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators. He/she also may involve school counselors, mental health counselors, and/or law enforcement.

**Complaints and Investigation**

Students may submit to a teacher or administrator a verbal or written complaint of conduct they consider to be bullying. Complaints of bullying shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the district’s uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. AR 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures)

When a student is reported to be engaging in bullying off campus, the Superintendent or designee may investigate and document the activity and may identify specific facts or circumstances that explain the impact or potential impact on school activity, school attendance, or the targeted student’s educational performance.

When the circumstances involve cyberbullying, individuals with information about the activity shall be encouraged to save and print any electronic or digital messages sent to them that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated.

When a student uses a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Superintendent or designee may file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.

** Discipline**

Any student who engages in bullying on school premises, or off campus in a manner that causes or is likely to cause a substantial disruption of a school activity or school attendance, may be subject to discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion, in accordance with district policies and regulations.

(cf. 5138—Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5144—Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1—Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2—Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6159.4—Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

The Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may refer a victim, witness, perpetrator, or other student affected by an act of bullying to a school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, school nurse, or other school support service personnel for case management, counseling, and/or participation in a restorative justice program as appropriate. (Education Code 48900.9)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

**Reporting and Filing of Complaints**

When the circumstances involve cyberbullying, individuals with information about the activity shall be encouraged to save and print any electronic or digital messages that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated. When a student uses a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Superintendent or designee may file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.

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When a report of bullying is submitted, the principal or a district compliance officer shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with AR 1312.3. The student who is the alleged victim of the bullying shall be given an opportunity to describe the incident, identify witnesses who may have relevant information, and provide other evidence of bullying.

Investigation and Resolution of Complaints

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3.

If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

Discipline

Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900, may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.

(cf. 5136 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

Any employee who permits or engages in bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
32282 Comprehensive safety plan
32283.5 Bullying; online training
35181 Governing board policy on responsibilities of students
35291-35291.5 Rules
48900-48925 Suspension or expulsion
48985 Translation of notices
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
PENAL CODE
422.55 Definition of hate crime
647 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor
647.7 Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; punishment
653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47
254 Universal service discounts (e-rate)
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints

Policy Adopted: 06/20/12; 07/17/13
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX
110.25 Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Final Guidance: AB 1266, Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students, Privacy, Programs, Activities & Facilities, Legal Guidance, March 2014
Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014
Addressing the Conditions of Children: Focus on Bullying, Governance Brief, December 2012
Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011
Building Healthy Communities: A School Leaders Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009
Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2008
Bullying at School, 2003
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS
Dear Colleague Letter: Bullying of Students with Disabilities, August 2013
Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Safe Schools Office: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ss/ss
Common Sense Media: http://www.commonsensemedia.org
National School Safety Center: http://www.schoolsafety.us
ON[the]LINE, digital citizenship resources: http://www.onthelineca.org
HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The Superintendent or designee shall require parents/guardians to provide emergency information in order to facilitate immediate contact with parents/guardians if an accident or illness occurs.

Do Not Resuscitate Orders

The Board believes that staff members should not be placed in the position of determining whether or not to follow any parental or medical "do not resuscitate" orders. Staff shall not accept or follow any such orders unless they have been informed by the Superintendent or designee that the request to accept such an order has been submitted to the Superintendent or designee, signed by the parent/guardian, and supported by a written statement from the student's physician and an order from an appropriate court.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all parents/guardians are informed of this policy.

Automated External Defibrillators

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by school employees in an emergency.

The authorization of AEDs in district schools shall not be deemed to create a guarantee that an AED will be present or will be used in the case of an emergency, or that a trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency, or that the AED will operate properly.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
32040-32044 First aid equipment
49300-49307 School safety patrols
49407 Liability for treatment
49408 Emergency information
49409 Athletic events; physicians and surgeons; emergency medical care; immunity
49417 Automated external defibrillators
49470 Medical and hospital services for athletic program
49471 Medical and hospital services not provided or available
49472 Medical and hospital services for pupils
49474 Ambulance services
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
CIVIL CODE
1714.21 Defibrillators; CPR; immunity from civil liability
FAMILY CODE
6550-6552 Caregivers
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
1797.196 Automated external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability
1797.200 Emergency medical services agency
1799.102 Personal liability immunity

Policy Adopted: 02-21-07
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
5193 California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
100031-100042 Automated external defibrillators

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
American Heart Association: http://www.americanheart.org
American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org
California Department of Health Care Services: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov

Policy Adopted: 02-21-07
IMMUNIZATIONS

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Board of Education desires to cooperate with state and local health agencies to encourage immunization of all district students against preventable diseases.

(cf. 1400 - Relations between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.26 – Tuberculosis Testing)
(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)

Students entering a district school or transferring between school campuses, shall present an immunization record which shows at least the month and year of each immunization in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.32 – Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

A transfer student may be conditionally admitted for up to 30 school days while his/her immunization records are being transferred from the previous school. If these records do not arrive within 30 school days, the student shall present written documentation by an authorized health care provider showing that the required immunizations were received. If such documentation is not presented, the student shall be excluded from school until immunization requirements are met. (17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youths)
(cf. 6173.2 – Education of Children of Military Families)

Each student enrolling for the first time in a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program or, after July 1, 2016, enrolling in or advancing to grade 7 shall present an immunization record from any authorized private or public health care provider certifying that he/she has received all required immunizations in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.32 – Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

Each transfer student shall be requested to present his/her immunization record upon registration at a district school.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youths)
(cf. 6173.2 – Education of Children of Military Families)

The Superintendent or designee may arrange for an authorized health care provider to administer immunizations at school to any student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing. At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of their right to provide consent for the administration of an immunization to
their child at school. (Education Code 49403)

(Ed. Code 5141.3 – Health Examinations)
(Ed. Code 5141.6 – School Health Services)
(Ed. Code 5145.6 – Parental Notification)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
44871 Qualifications of supervisor of health
46010 Total days of attendance
48216 Immunization
48853.5 Immediate enrollment of foster youth
48980 Required notification of rights
49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunizations
49425 Duties of school nurses
49701 Flexibility in enrollment of children of military families
51745-51749.6 Independent study
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable disease, especially;
120335 Immunization requirement for admission
120395 Information about meningococcal disease, including recommendation for vaccination
120440 Disclosure of immunization information
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
430 Student records
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
11432 Immediate enrollment of homeless children
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
California Immunization Handbook for Child Care Programs and Schools, August 2015
Guide to Immunizations Required for Child Care
Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry
Parents’ Guide to Immunizations Required for Child Care
Parents’ Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry
EDUCATION AUDIT APPEALS PANEL PUBLICATIONS
Guide for Annual Audits of Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting, July 2015
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and H1N1, October 2009
WEB SITES
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize
California Department of Public Health, Shots for Schools: http://shotsforschools.org
Education Audit Appeals Panel: http://www.eaap.ca.gov

Policy Adopted: 02-21-07; 05-04-11
BEFORE/AF TER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Governing Board desires to provide before- and/or after-school enrichment programs that support the regular education program and provide safe, constructive alternatives for students. In order to increase academic achievement of participating students, the content of such programs shall be aligned with the district's vision and goals for student learning, its curriculum, and district and state academic standards, and shall be integrated with other learning support activities.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

The district's program shall be planned through a collaborative process that includes parents/guardians, students, representatives of participating schools, governmental agencies including city and county parks and recreation departments, local law enforcement, community organizations, and, if appropriate, the private sector. (Education Code 8422, 8482.5)

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The establishment of any program shall be approved by the Board and the principal of each participating school. (Education Code 8421, 8482.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all staff who directly supervise students in the district's before-school and/or after-school program possess appropriate knowledge and experience. As needed, staff and volunteers shall receive ongoing training related to their job responsibilities. (Education Code 8483.4)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The program shall include academic and enrichment elements in accordance with law and administrative regulation. In addition, the program may include support services that reinforce the educational component and promote student health and well-being, including, but not limited to, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling/guidance services, character education, and programs that promote parent/guardian involvement and family literacy.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Policy Adopted: 03-21-07
A fee may be charged to participating families based on the actual cost of services. The fee may be waived or subsidized based on economic disadvantage or other critical needs, in accordance with Education Code 8263 and 8350.

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

Eligible students ages 11-12 years shall be placed in a before-school or after-school program, if and when available, rather than subsidized child care and development services. (Education Code 8263.4)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor student participation rates and shall identify measures that shall be used to determine program effectiveness, such as outcome-based data on academic performance, attendance, and positive behavioral changes. Evaluate program effectiveness. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, student outcomes; program self-assessments; feedback from staff, participating students, and parents/guardians; and observations of program activities.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Every three years, the program shall review its after-school program plan, including program goals, program content, and outcome measures. Documentation of the program plan shall be maintained for a minimum of five years. (Education Code 8482.3)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
8263 Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services
8263.4 Enrollment of students ages 11-12 years
8273.1 Family fees, exemptions
8350-8359.1 Programs for CalWORKS recipients
8350-8370 Personnel qualifications
8420-8428 21st Century After-School Program for Teens
8482-8484.65 After School Education and Safety Program
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8490-8490.7 Distinguished After School Health Recognition Program
17264 New construction; accommodation of before- and after-school programs
35021.3 After-school physical recreation instructors
45125 Criminal record check
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Policy Adopted: 03-21-07
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Quality Standards for Expanded Learning in California: Creating and Implementing a Shared Vision of Quality, 2014
California After School Physical Activity Guidelines, 2009
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
21st Century Community Learning Centers, Nonregulatory Guidance, February 2003
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Before and After School: http://www.cde.ca.gov/fs/ba
California Healthy Kids Survey: https://chks.wested.org
California School-Age Consortium: http://calsac.org
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov
Partnership for Children and Youth: http://pannierforchildren.org

Policy Adopted: 03-21-07
HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

The Board of Education recognizes that accurate information about family life and human sexuality may contribute to a decreased risk for sexually transmitted diseases or unintended pregnancies. The Board also recognizes that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pose a public health crisis and that education is a necessary component for helping to slow the spread of this disease. The Board therefore desires to provide well-planned instruction on health and HIV/AIDS prevention.

(cf. 6142.8—Comprehensive Health Education)

The district's curriculum shall be based on medically accurate and factual information and shall help students understand human sexuality. The district's programs shall comply with the requirements of law and administrative regulation and shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values regarding human sexuality.

(cf. 5141.22—Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.23—Infectious Disease Prevention)
(cf. 5146—Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6142.8—Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6143—Courses of Study)

Parent/Guardian Notification and Excuse

At the beginning of each school year, or at the time of a student's enrollment, parents/guardians shall be notified about instruction in health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education, as well as research on student health behaviors and risks, planned for the coming year. The notice shall advise parents/guardians: (Education Code 48980, 51938)

1. That written and audiovisual educational materials to be used in health and HIV/AIDS-prevention education are available for inspection
2. Whether the health or HIV/AIDS-prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants
3. That parents/guardians have a right to request a copy of Education Code 51930-51938
4. That parents/guardians may request in writing that their child not receive health or HIV/AIDS-prevention education

(cf. 5145.6—Parental Notification)

The district may administer to students in grades 7-12 anonymous, voluntary and confidential research instruments, including tests and surveys, containing age-appropriate questions about their attitudes or practices relating to sex. Prior to administering such a survey or questionnaire, parents/guardians shall receive written notice that the survey is to be administered. Parents/guardians shall be given an opportunity to review the material and to request in writing that their child not participate. (Education Code 51938)

(cf. 5022—Student and Family Privacy Rights)

Parents/guardians shall be asked to sign and return to the school an acknowledgment that they have received the notification.

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07
Upon a written request from his/her parent/guardian, a student shall be excused from participating in health or HIV/AIDS prevention education or from participating in questionnaires or surveys regarding health behaviors and risks. While the instruction is being delivered or the survey instrument is being administered, an alternative educational activity shall be made available to the student. (Education Code 51939)

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty or other sanction if the student’s parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive the instruction. (Education Code 51939)

The Governing Board desires to provide a well-rounded, integrated sequence of medically accurate instruction on comprehensive sexual health and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention. The district's educational program shall provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect them from sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy and to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors. The district's educational program shall also promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development and the development of healthy attitudes and behaviors concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family.

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)  
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education shall be offered to all students in grades 7-12, including at least once in junior high or middle school and at least once in high school. (Education Code 51934)

The district's curriculum shall support the purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act as specified in Education Code 51930-51939, be unbiased and inclusive of all students in the classroom, and be aligned with the state's content standards. The district shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values regarding human sexuality to their children.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)  
(cf. 5141.25 - Availability of Condoms)  
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)  
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Parent/Guardian Consent

Annually, parents/guardians shall be notified, in the manner specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, that they may request in writing that their child be excused from participating in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education. Students so excused by their parents/guardians shall be given an alternative educational activity. (Education Code 51240, 51938, 51939)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student’s parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive the instruction. (Education Code 51939)

Legal Reference:
- EDUCATION CODE
  - 220 Prohibition of discrimination
  - 33544 Inclusion of sexual harassment and violence in health curriculum framework
  - 48980 Notice at beginning of term
  - 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
  - 51210.8 Health education curriculum

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07
51225.35 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation
51240 Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs
51513 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices
51930-51939 California Healthy Youth Act
67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
1255.7 Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby
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 243.4 Sexual battery
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 271.5 Parents voluntarily surrendering custody of a baby
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 1232h Protection of student rights
 7906 Sex education

Management Resources:
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Promoting Healthy Relationships for Adolescents: Board Policy Considerations, Governance Brief, August 2014
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade 12, 2008
Health Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten through Grade 12, 2003
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Sex Education and HIV/STD Instruction: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/se
California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov
California Healthy Kids Resource Center: http://www.californiahealthykids.org
California Safe Schools Coalition: http://www.casafulschoolsc.org
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov
U.S. Food and Drug Administration: http://www.fda.gov

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07
MATHMATICS INSTRUCTION

The Governing Board desires to offer a rigorous mathematics program that progressively develops the knowledge and skills students will need to succeed in college and career. The district's mathematics program shall endeavor to teach mathematical concepts in the context of real-world situations and to help students gain a strong conceptual understanding, a high degree of procedural skill and fluency, and ability to apply mathematics to solve problems.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

For each grade level, the Board shall adopt academic standards for mathematics that meet or exceed the Common Core State Standards.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

The district's mathematics program shall address the following standards for mathematical practices which are the basis for mathematics instruction and learning:

1. Overarching habits of mind of a productive mathematical thinker: Making sense of problems and persevering in solving them; attending to precision

2. Reasoning and explaining: Reasoning abstractly and quantitatively; constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others

3. Modeling and using tools: Modeling with mathematics; using appropriate tools strategically

4. Seeing structure and generalizing: Looking for and making use of structure; looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning

In addition, the program shall be aligned with grade-level standards for mathematics content.

For grades K-8, content shall address, at appropriate grade levels, counting and cardinality, operations and algebraic thinking, number and operations in base ten, fractions, measurement and data, geometry, ratios and proportional relationships, functions, expression and equations, the number system, and statistics and probability. Students shall learn the concepts and skills that prepare them for the rigor of higher mathematics.

For higher mathematics, the district shall offer a pathway of courses through which students shall be taught concepts that address number and quantity, algebra, functions, modeling, geometry, and statistics and probability.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and are not required to repeat a course that they have successfully completed in an earlier grade level. Placement decisions shall be based on multiple objective academic measures.

(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that certificated staff have opportunities to participate in professional development activities designed to increase their knowledge and skills in effective mathematics teaching practices.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students have access to sufficient instructional materials, including manipulatives and technology, to support a balanced, standards-aligned mathematics program.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6161.11 - Supplementary Instructional Materials)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with data from state and district mathematics assessments and program evaluations to enable the Board to monitor program effectiveness.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
51210 Areas of study, grades 1-6
51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12
51224.5 Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12
51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015
51225.3 High school graduation requirements
51284 Financial literacy
60605 State-adopted content and performance standards in core curricular areas
60605.8 Common Core standards

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Governing to the Core, Governance Briefs
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2013
COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS
Appendix A: Designing High School Mathematics Courses Based on the Common Core State Standards
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csbe.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
Common Core State Standards Initiative: http://www.corestandards.org/math

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Consistent with the District philosophy and goals, high school principals will issue a diploma certifying high school graduation to each student who meets the District required course of study. In addition, students must pass 10 credits of coursework that meets or exceeds the academic content standards for Algebra I or Integrated Math I and pass the State of California High School Exit Exam. Those students who have met all District graduation requirements prior to the Commencement Ceremony qualify to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

Students not passing the California High School Exit Exam and/or the Algebra/Integrated Math I requirement, but meeting all other graduation requirements will receive a Certificate of Completion. Those students who have met the requirements for a Certificate of Completion prior to the Commencement Ceremony qualify to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

Students with an Individualized Education Plan who do not meet diploma requirements will qualify for a Certificate of Attendance by meeting the standards specified in his/her Plan. The Plan may include differential standards specifically designed for the student. If differential standards are specified in the Plan, those standards should be attainable by the student, yet represent a reasonable level of proficiency, which will enable the student to become a self-sufficient citizen. Those students who have met the requirements for a Certificate of Attendance prior to the Commencement Ceremony qualify to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

Since individual students learn and achieve at varying rates, it is understood that students will not all meet graduation standards within the same time frame. The District will provide students with the opportunity to receive a diploma or certificate at the end of each semester of the regular school year and at the end of the summer when a summer session is provided.

If a student is unable to pass a course in Algebra/Integrated Math I, and/or the High School Exit Exam for English language arts or mathematics, school personnel will place the student in class(es) or program(s) where remediation will be provided.

The Superintendent and/or designee will be responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring any necessary administrative procedures to implement this policy.

COURSE OF STUDY

The student will, during grades 9 through 12, successfully complete the course and credit requirements listed below.

1. REQUIRED COURSE OF STUDY TO RECEIVE A CUSD DIPLOMA

   Mathematics (Class of 2015 and prior)  20 credits and the pupil must meet or exceed 10 credits of coursework that meets or exceeds the academic content standards for Algebra I or Integrated Math I in any of grades 7 to 12. Regardless of when the Algebra I/Integrated Math I content standards requirement is met, students must earn 20 credits in mathematics during grades 9-12.

   Mathematics (Beginning with the Class of 2017)  30 credits and the pupil must meet or exceed 10 credits of coursework that meets or exceeds the academic content standards for Algebra I or Integrated Math I in any of grades 7 to 12. Regardless of when the Algebra I or Integrated Math content standards requirement is met, students must earn 30 credits in mathematics during grades 9-12.

Policy Adopted: 09/97; 06/01; 08/05; 05/03/07; 09/01/10; 04/18/12; 07/17/13; 03/26/14
Students may be awarded up to one mathematics course credit for successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category c" course based on the "a-g" course requirements for college admission. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6152.1 - Placement in Mathematics Courses)

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<td>History/Social Science</td>
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<td>To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education and be classified as a category &quot;c&quot; based on &quot;a-g&quot; course admission criteria.</td>
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| Electives                             | Adequate number of credits to attain a total of 225 credits for the Class of 2016 and prior or 235 credits beginning with the Class of 2017. A maximum of 20 credits in work experience may be used toward graduation. |

| High-School Exit Exam                 | Student will successfully pass the California High School Exit Exam as required by law. |
| For the Class of 2016 and prior       | **225** Total credits required for diploma plus other course and test requirements stated above. |

Policy Adopted: 09/97; 06/01; 08/05; 05/03/07; 09/01/10; 04/18/12; 07/17/13; 03/26/14
Beginning with the Class of 2017  235  Total credits required for diploma plus other course and test requirements stated above.

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt or waive specific course requirements for foster youth, homeless students, and children of military families in accordance with Education Code 51225.3 and 49701.

(cf. 6173 – Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 – Education for Children of Military Families)

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

2. REQUIRED COURSE OF STUDY TO RECEIVE A CUSD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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20 credits in mathematics during grades 9-12.
30 credits in mathematics during grades 9-12.
40 credits and be continuously enrolled in English classes throughout grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.
10 credits in biological/life science.
10 credits in physical/earth science.
5 Credits (may be taken in grades 7-12).
20 credits - 9th grade required in addition to 1 PE course to be completed in any grade 10 through 12 (these units are not required to meet the continuation high school course of study).
10 credits in world history, culture and geography to be completed during the 10th grade year.
10 credits including U. S. history and geography to be completed in the 11th grade year.
6 credits in American Government and civics and
5 credits in economics to be completed in the 12th grade year.
10 credits in Visual or Performing Arts, Foreign Language, including American Sign Language, or Career Technical Education.

Adequate number of credits to attain a total of 225 credits for the Class of 2016 and prior or 235 credits beginning with the Class of 2017. A maximum of 20 credits in work experience may be used to satisfy this requirement.

225 Total credits required for Certificate of Completion for the Class of 2016 and prior.

Policy Adopted: 09/97; 05/01; 08/05; 05/03/07; 09/01/10; 04/18/12; 07/17/13; 03/26/14
3. **REQUIRED COURSE OF STUDY TO RECEIVE A CUSD CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

   a. Successfully complete requirements as specified by the student's IEP.

**High-School Exit Examination**

As a condition of high school graduation, each student completing grade 12 shall have successfully passed the state exit examination in language arts and mathematics unless he/she receives a waiver or exemption. (Education Code 60851, 60859)

(Ref. 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities)

(Ref. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(Ref. 6167.52 - High School Exit Examination)

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to any student in grade 7-12 who does not demonstrate "sufficient progress" (defined in BP 6178 - Supplemental Instruction) toward passing the exit exam. (Education Code 37252, 60854)

(Ref. 5148.2 - Before/After-School Programs)

(Ref. 6178 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(Ref. 6177 - Summer School)

(Ref. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

**Retroactive Diplomas**

Until July 31, 2018, any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 60851.6)

The district may retroactively grant a high school diploma to a former student who was interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who is an honorably discharged veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that he/she was enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and he/she did not receive a diploma because his/her education was interrupted due to the internment or military service. A deceased former student who satisfies these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by his/her next of kin. (Education Code 51430)

In addition, the district may grant a diploma to a veteran who entered the military service of the United States while he/she was a district student in grade 12 and who had completed the first half of the work required for grade 12. (Education Code 51440)

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**Legal Reference:**

EDUCATION CODE

47612 Enrollment in charter school

48200 Compulsory attendance

48412 Certificate of proficiency

48430 Continuation education schools and classes

48645.5 Acceptance of coursework

48980 Required notification at beginning of term

49701 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life

Policy Adopted: 09/97; 06/01; 08/05; 05/03/07; 09/01/10; 04/18/12; 07/17/13; 03/26/14
51224.5 Algebra instruction
51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements
51225.2 Pupil in foster care defined; acceptance of coursework, credits, retaking of course
51225.3 High school graduation
51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science
51225.36 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation
51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students
51228 Graduation requirements
51240-51246 Exemptions from requirements
51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents
51410-51412 Diplomas
51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates
51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma
51745 Independent study restrictions
56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education
60851.5 Suspension of high school exit examination
60851.6 Retroactive diploma; completion of all graduation requirements except high school exit examination
66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria
67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
1600-1651 Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation

COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
CSBA:  http://www.csba.org
University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses:
http://www.universityoffcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements

Policy Adopted: 09/97; 06/01; 08/05; 05/03/07; 09/01/10; 04/18/12; 07/17/13; 03/26/14
NEW BP**

Placement In Mathematics Courses

The Governing Board believes that a sound educational program must include the study of subjects that prepare students for admission to higher education and/or a fulfilling career. To the extent possible, district students shall be provided an opportunity to complete a sequence of mathematics courses recommended for admission into the University of California and California State University systems.

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

The Superintendent or designee shall work with district staff to develop consistent protocols for placing students in mathematics courses offered at district high schools. Such placement protocols shall systematically take into consideration multiple objective academic measures that may include, but are not limited to, interim and summative assessments, placement tests that are aligned to state-adopted content standards in mathematics, classroom assignment and grades, and report cards.

(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Students shall be enrolled in mathematics courses based on the placement protocols. No student shall repeat a mathematics course which he/she has successfully completed based on the district’s placement protocols.

The placement protocols shall specify a time within the first month of the school year when students shall be reevaluated to ensure that they are appropriately placed in mathematics courses and shall specify the criteria the district will use to make this determination. Any student found to be misplaced shall be promptly placed in the appropriate mathematics course.

Within 10 school days of an initial placement decision or a placement decision upon reevaluation, a student and his/her parent/guardian who disagree with the placement of the student may appeal the decision to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall decide whether or not to overrule the placement determination within 10 school days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the Superintendent or designee shall be final.

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

District staff shall implement the placement protocols uniformly and without regard to students’ race, sex, gender, nationality, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, or other subjective or discriminatory consideration in making placement decisions.

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

This policy and the district’s mathematics placement protocols shall be posted on the district’s web site. (Education Code 51224.7)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall review student data related to placement and advancement in the
mathematics courses offered at district high schools to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures are not held back in a disproportionate manner on the basis of their race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background. The Superintendent or designee shall also consider appropriate recommendations for removing any identified barriers to students' access to mathematics courses.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
220-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
48070.5 Promotion and retention; required policy
51220 Areas of study, grades 7-12
51224.5 Completion of Algebra I or Mathematics I
51224.7 California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015
51225.3 High school graduation requirements
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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2013
California Common Core State Standards: Mathematics, January 2013
COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE PUBLICATIONS
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LAWYERS’ COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA (LCCR)
Held Back - Addressing Misplacement of 9th Grade Students in Bay Area School Math Classes
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
Common Core State Standards Initiative: http://www.corestandards.org/math
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCR): http://www.lccr.com

Policy Adopted: NEW
STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a responsible and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

(cf. 0440—District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1113—District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 4040—Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 5131—Conduit)
(cf. 6163.1—Library Media Centers)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district computers and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

(cf. 5126.2—Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcript)
(cf. 5144—Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1—Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2—Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process: Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 5146.12—Search and Seizure)

On-Line Services/Internet Access

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 6777, 47 USC 264)

The Board desires to protect students from access to harmful matter on the Internet or other on-line services. The Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students’ access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet. He/she also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

Disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding students is prohibited.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying.

Staff shall supervise students while they are using on-line services and may ask teacher aides and student aides to assist in this supervision.

The student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree to not hold the district responsible and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and all district personnel for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, users’ mistakes or negligence, or any costs incurred by users.

(cf. 6162.6—Use of Copyrighted Materials)

In order to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review this policy, the accompanying administrative regulation and other procedures. He/she shall also monitor the district’s filtering software to help ensure its effectiveness.

Policy Adopted: 05/03/07; 10/14/09
The Governing Board intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a safe and responsible manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)
(cf. 6163.1 - Library Media Centers)

Teachers, administrators, and/or library media specialists are expected to review the technological resources and online sites that will be used in the classroom or assigned to students in order to ensure that they are appropriate for the intended purpose and the age of the students.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of district technology, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities in accordance with this Board policy and the district's Acceptable Use Agreement.

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

Before a student is authorized to use district technology, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. In that agreement, the parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the district or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures or user mistakes or negligence and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district staff for any damages or costs incurred.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

The district reserves the right to monitor student use of technology within the jurisdiction of the district without advance notice or consent. Students shall be informed that their use of district technology, including, but not limited to, computer files, email, text messages, instant messaging, and other electronic communications, is not private and may be accessed by the district for the purpose of ensuring proper use. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in use of the district technology. Students' personally owned devices shall not be searched except in cases where there is a reasonable suspicion, based on specific and objective facts, that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law, district policy, or school rules.

(cf. 5145.12 - Search and Seizure)

Whenever a student is found to have violated Board policy or the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, the principal or designee may cancel or limit a student's user privileges or increase supervision of the student's use of the district's equipment and other technological resources, as appropriate. Inappropriate use also may result in disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law and Board policy.

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcript)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))
The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review and update procedures to enhance the safety and security of students using district technology and to help ensure that the district adapts to changing technologies and circumstances.

Internet Safety
The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. (20 USC 6777; 47 USC 254; 47 CFR 54.520)

To reinforce these measures, the Superintendent or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities.

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

The district's Acceptable Use Agreement shall establish expectations for appropriate student conduct when using the Internet or other forms of electronic communication, including, but not limited to, prohibitions against:

1. Accessing, posting, submitting, publishing, or displaying harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race/ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs

(c.f. 5131 - Conduct)
(c.f. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(c.f. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(c.f. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(c.f. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

2. Intentionally uploading, downloading, or creating computer viruses and/or maliciously attempting to harm or destroy district equipment or materials or manipulate the data of any other user, including so-called "hacking"

3. Distributing personal identification information, including the name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personally identifiable information of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
49073 6 Student records; social media
51006 Computer education and resources
51007 Programs to strengthen technological skills
60044 Prohibited instructional materials
PENAL CODE
313 Harmful matter
502 Computer crimes, remedies
632 Eavesdropping or recording confidential communications
653.2 Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

Policy Adopted: 05/03/07; 10/14/09
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15
6501-6506 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:
6777 Internet safety
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47
254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16
312.1-312.12 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47
54.520 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS
How to Protect Kids' Privacy Online: A Guide for Teachers, December 2000
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
American Library Association: http://www.ala.org
California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety: http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov
Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use: http://csru.org
Federal Trade Commission, Children's Online Privacy Protection:
http://www.ftc.gov/privacyprivacyinitiatives/childrens.html

Policy Adopted: 05/03/07; 10/14/09
GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes that a comprehensive counseling program can help promote academic achievement and serve the diverse needs of district students. Counseling staff shall be available to meet with students regarding their educational progress toward academic and/or career goals and, as appropriate, may discuss social, personal, or other issues that may impact student learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all persons employed to provide school counseling, school psychology, and/or school social work services shall possess the appropriate credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing their employment in such positions. Responsibilities of each position shall be clearly defined in a job description.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

Academic and Career Counseling

The Board expects academic counseling to help students establish immediate and long-range educational plans, achieve academic standards, prepare for the high school exit examination, and complete the required curriculum in accordance with their individual needs, abilities and interests. Insofar as possible, parents/guardians shall be included when making educational plans.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

Counseling staff shall help students plan for the future and become aware of their career potential. Academic planning for higher education shall include information about courses needed for admission to colleges and universities, standardized admission tests, financial aid, and scholarships.

(cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives)
(cf. 6030 - Integrated Academic and Vocational Instruction)
(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Beginning in grade 7, parents/guardians shall receive a general notice at least once before career counseling and course selection so that they may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions. (Education Code 221.5)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The counseling program for high school students may include, at appropriate grade levels:

1. Information about courses needed for admission to colleges and universities, standardized admission tests, financial aid, and scholarships

(cf. 6141.5 - Advanced Placement)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation)
(cf. 6146.2 - Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency)

2. An opportunity for each student and, if practicable, his/her parent/guardian to meet with a counselor to discuss the student's career goals, available educational and career technical education options, and community and workplace experiences to support the student's goals

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
3. Monitoring of each student's fulfillment of required coursework and progress toward promotion and graduation, and notification of the student and his/her parent/guardian of remaining academic requirements

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

4. Additional specialized counseling services for students identified as at risk of not graduating with their class

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a program of guidance, placement, and follow-up for all high school students subject to compulsory continuation education. (Education Code 48431)

(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)

No counselor shall unlawfully discriminate against any student. Guidance counseling regarding school programs and career, vocational, or higher education opportunities shall not be differentiated on the basis of any protected category specified in BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

In addition, counselors shall affirmatively explore with students the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers, that are nontraditional for that student's sex. (Education Code 221.5)

For assessing or counseling students, the district shall not use testing or other materials that permit or require impermissible or unlawful differential treatment of students. (5 CCR 4931)

Colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, shall have the same access to students for recruiting purposes. (Education Code 49603; 10 USC 503; 20 USC 7908)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

Personal Counseling

A school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker may provide individualized personal, mental health, or family counseling to students in accordance with the specialization(s) authorized by his/her credential. Such services may include, but are not limited to, support related to the student's social and emotional development, behavior, substance abuse, mental health assessment, depression, or mental illness. As appropriate, students and their parents/guardians shall be informed about community agencies, organizations, or health care providers that offer qualified professional assistance.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
Written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained before mental health counseling or treatment services are provided to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6829, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

Any information of a personal nature disclosed to a school counselor by a student age 12 years or older or by his/her parent/guardian is confidential and shall not become part of the student record without the written consent of the person who disclosed the confidential information. The information shall not be revealed, released, discussed, or referred to except under the limited circumstances specified in Education Code 49602. (Education Code 49602)

A counselor shall consult with the Superintendent or designee and, as appropriate, with the district's legal counsel whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's personal problem or when questions arise regarding the possible release of confidential information regarding a student.

**Crisis Counseling**

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted with a traumatic incident. School counselors may assist in the development of the comprehensive school safety plan, emergency and disaster preparedness plan, and other prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students before and after a crisis.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)  
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall identify crisis counseling resources to train district staff in effective threat assessment, appropriate response techniques, and/or methods to directly help students cope with a crisis if it occurs.

Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)  
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)  
(cf. 5136 - Gangs)  
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

Legal Reference:  
EDUCATION CODE  
221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant
44266 Pupil personnel services credential
48431 Establishing and maintaining high school guidance and placement program
49600-49604 Educational counseling
51250-51251 School age military dependents
51513 Personal beliefs
52378-52380 Supplemental School Counseling Program
FAMILY CODE
6920-6929 Consent by minor for treatment or counseling
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
124260 Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older
PENAL CODE
11166-11170 Reporting known or suspected cases of child abuse
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
5850-5883 Mental Health Services Act
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4930-4931 Counseling
80049-80049.1 Pupil personnel services credential
80632-80632.5 Preparation programs for pupil personnel services
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10
503 Military recruiter access to directory information
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
99.1-99.67 Family educational rights and privacy

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
California Results-Based School Counseling and Student Support Guidelines, 2007
WEB SITES
American School Counselor Association: http://www.schoolcounselor.org
California Association of School Counselors: http://www.schoolcounselor-ca.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation desires to ensure that homeless children have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other children within the district. The district shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging performance standards as other students. Homeless students shall not be segregated into a separate school or program based on their status as homeless, nor shall not homeless students be stigmatized in any way.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that placement decisions for homeless students are based on the student's best interest as defined in law and administrative regulation.

(cf. 51111.13 – Residency for Homeless Children)

Transportation

The district shall provide transportation for a homeless student to and from a district school of origin when the student is residing within the district and the parent/guardian requests that such transportation be provided. If the student moves outside of district boundaries but continues to attend this district's school of origin, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the Superintendent of the district in which the student is now residing to agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs of the transportation. (42 USC 11432)

(cf. 3250 – Transportation Fees)
(cf. 3541 – Transportation Routes and Services)

When there are at least 15 homeless students in the district or a district school, the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP) shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes of homeless students. (Education Code 52052, 52060)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
2558.2 Use of revenue limits to determine average daily attendance of homeless children
39807.5 Payment of transportation costs by parents
48850 Educational rights; participation in extracurricular activities
48852.5 Notice of educational rights of homeless students
48852.7 Enrollment of homeless students
48915.5 Recommended expulsion, homeless student with disabilities
48918.1 Notice of recommended expulsion
51225.1-51225.3 Graduation requirements
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Partial Credit Model Policy and Practice Recommendations
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07
Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process, January 30, 2007  
NATIONAL CENTER FOR HOMELESS EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS  
Homeless Liaison Toolkit, 2013  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE  
Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, Non Regulatory Guidance, July 2004  
WEB SITES  
California Department of Education, Homeless Children and Youth Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hcy  
National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE: http://www.serve.org/nche  
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: http://www.nlchp.org  

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07
SUMMER SCHOOL

The Governing Board recognizes that an extended break from the instructional program may result in learning loss, especially among disadvantaged and low-achieving students, and desires to provide opportunities during the summer for students to practice essential skills and make academic progress.

Summer programs offered by the district shall be aligned with the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), other applicable district and school plans, and the educational program provided during the school year. When feasible, summer programs shall blend high-quality academic instruction in core curricular and/or elective subjects with recreation, nutrition programs, social/emotional development, and support services that encourage attendance, student engagement in learning, and student wellness.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development Program)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Summer School

The Superintendent or designee, with Board approval and appropriate funding, may establish summer school day and/or evening classes.

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Program)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

The district's summer school program may be used to provide supplemental instruction for students needing remediation and/or enrichment in core academic subjects.

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

Enrollment Priorities

As appropriate, priority to enroll in summer programs shall be given to district students who:

1. Need course credits in order to graduate from high school before the beginning of the next school year
2. Have not made sufficient progress toward passing the state exit examination required for high school graduation
   (cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
3. Have been retained or are at risk of being retained at their grade level
   (cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
4. Demonstrate academic deficiencies in core curriculum areas
   (cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
5. Are in targeted student groups identified in the district's LCAP as needing increased or improved services to succeed in the educational program

Policy Adopted: 05/03/07; 07/17/13; 08/20/14
The remaining openings shall be offered to district students on a first-come first-serve basis.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
8482-8484.6  After School Education and Safety Program
8484.7  8484.0  21st Century Community Learning Centers
37252-37254.1  Supplemental instruction
39837  Transportation to summer employment programs
41505-41508  Pupil Retention Block Grant
41976.5  Summer school programs, substantially disabled persons or graduating high school seniors
42238.01-42238.07  Local control funding formula
42238.8  Revenue limit per unit of average daily attendance
48070-48070.5  Promotion and retention
51210  Areas of study for elementary schools
51220  Areas of study for grades 1-6
51730-51732  Powers of governing boards (authorization for elementary summer school classes)
52060-52077  Local control and accountability plan
54444.3  Summer program for migrant students
55345  Extended-year program for special education students
58700-58702  Credit towards summer school apportionments for tutoring and homework assistance
58806  Summer school apportionments
60861  Supplemental instruction toward exit examination
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3043  Extended school year, special education students
11470-11472  Summer school
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311-6322  Improving basic programs for disadvantaged students
7171-7176  21st Century Community Learning Centers

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Summer Learning and Wellness Resource Guide
School's Out, Now What? How Summer Programs Are Improving Student Learning and Wellness, Policy Brief, April 2013
NATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS
Healthy Summers for Kids: Turning Risk into Opportunity, May 2012
New Vision for Summer School, 2010
RAND CORPORATION PUBLICATIONS
Making Summer Count: How Summer Programs Can Boost Children's Learning, 2011
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
National Summer Learning Association: http://www.summerlearning.org
Partnership for Children and Youth: http://partnerforchildren.org
RAND Corporation: http://www.rand.org
Summer Matters: http://summematters2you.net

Policy Adopted: 05/03/07; 07/17/13; 08/20/14
SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

The Board of Education shall provide supplemental instructional programs to motivate and support students to overcome academic deficiencies, attain grade-level academic standards or enhance critical skills. The Governing Board recognizes that high-quality supplemental instruction can motivate and support students to attain grade-level academic standards, overcome academic deficiencies, and/or acquire critical skills. The district may offer programs of direct, systematic, and intensive supplemental instruction to meet student needs. Supplemental instruction shall be offered in accordance with law and may be used to assist the district in meeting its goals for student achievement.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 5149 - At-Risk Students)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6145.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6145.6 - Elementary/Middle School Graduation Requirements)
(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams)

Supplemental instructional programs may be offered during and outside the regular school day. Such programs may be offered during the summer, before school, after school, on Saturday and/or during intersessions. It may also be provided during the regular school day provided it does not supplant the student's instruction in the core curriculum areas or physical education.

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)
(cf. 6112 - School Day)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

As appropriate, supplemental instruction may be provided through a classroom setting, individual or small group instruction, technology-based instruction, and/or an arrangement with a community or other external service provider.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

When determined to be necessary by the principal or designee, a student may be required to participate in supplemental instruction outside the regular school day. In such cases, written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained for the student's participation.

Supplemental instruction shall be offered to:

1. Eligible students from low-income families whenever the district or a district school receiving federal Title I funds has been identified by the California Department of Education for program improvement for two or more consecutive years (20 USC 6316)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts)

2. Students in grades 2-9 who have been retained or recommended for retention at their current grade level or are at-risk of retention (Education Code 48070.5)

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
3. Students in grades 7-12 who do not demonstrate "sufficient progress" toward passing the state exit examination required for high school graduation (Education Code 60640.1)

(see 6162.52—High School Exit Examination)

"Sufficient progress" shall be determined based on a student's results on state assessments administered pursuant to Education Code 60640-60649 and the minimum levels of proficiency recommended by the State Board of Education.

(see 6162.51—State Academic Achievement Tests)

The curriculum of the supplemental instructional program shall reflect state academic content standards to the extent that the district curriculum is aligned with those state standards, and shall be designed to assist students to succeed on the exit exam. (Education Code 60664)

In addition, contingent on the district budget and local control and accountability plan (LCAP), supplemental instruction may be offered to students who:

1. Based on state assessment results, grades, or other indicators, demonstrate academic deficiencies in core curriculum areas that may jeopardize their attainment of academic standards.

2. Have not passed one or both parts of the high school exit exam by the end of grade 12.

3. Are in targeted student groups identified in the district’s LCAP as needing increased or improved services to succeed in the educational program.

(see 0460—Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(see 3100—Budget)

(see 3553—Free and Reduced-Price Meals)

(see 5173.1—Education for Foster Youth)

(see 6174—Education for English Language Learners)

4. Desire enrichment in core academic areas, visual and performing arts, physical education, or other subjects as approved by the Board.

(see 6142.6—Visual and Performing Arts Education)

(see 6142.7—Physical Education and Activity)

(see 6142.91—Reading/Language Arts Instruction)

(see 6142.92—Mathematics Instruction)

(see 6142.93—Science Instruction)

(see 6142.94—History-Social Science Instruction)

(see 6143—Courses of Study)

(see 6172—Gifted and Talented Student Program)

As appropriate, supplemental instruction may be provided through a classroom setting, individual or small group instruction, technology-based instruction, and/or an arrangement with a community or other external service provider.

(see 1020—Youth Services)

Policy Adopted: 05-03-07; 08-20-14
When determined to be necessary by the principal or designee, a student may be required to participate in a supplemental instruction. In such cases, written parent/guardian consent shall be obtained for the student’s participation.

In addition, supplemental instruction may be offered to:

1. Students who are identified as being at risk for retention based on state assessment results, grades, or other indicators
   (cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement;)
   (cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

2. Students who demonstrate academic deficiencies that may jeopardize their attainment of academic standards
   (cf. 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education)
   (cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
   (cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
   (cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
   (cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)
   (cf. 6142.94 - History-Social Science Instruction)

3. High school students who need support to successfully complete courses required for graduation

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
37200-37202 School calendar
37223 Weekend classes
37252-37254.1 Supplemental instruction, summer school
42238.01-42238.07 Local control funding formula
46100 Length of school day
48070-48070.5 Promotion and retention
48200 Compulsory education
48985 Translation of notices
51210-51212 Courses of study, elementary schools
51220-51228 Courses of study, secondary schools
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
60603 Definitions, core curriculum areas
60640-60649 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
60850-60859 High school exit examination, especially:
60851.5 Suspension of high school exit examination
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
11470-11472 Summer school
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6316 Program improvement schools and districts

Management Resources:
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE
Supplemental Educational Services, January 14, 2009
Innovations in Education: Creating Strong Supplemental Educational Services Programs, May 2004
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

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EVALUATION OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

The Governing Board recognizes that it is accountable to students, parents/guardians, and the community for the effectiveness of the district's educational program in meeting district goals for student learning.

(cf. 0200 – Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6141 – Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate and report data for each district school and for every numerically significant subgroup of the student population, including but not limited to school and subgroup performance on statewide achievement indicators and progress toward goals specified in the district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

(cf. 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 0510 - School Accountability Report Card)
(cf. 0520 - Intervention for Underperforming Schools)
(cf. 0520.1 - High Priority Schools Grant Program)
(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)
(cf. 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6174 – Education for English Language Learners)

Based on these evaluations, the Board shall take appropriate actions to maintain the effectiveness of programs and, as needed, to improve the quality of education that district students receive.

Categorical Program Monitoring

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the California Department of Education (CDE) in the conduct of on-site monitoring to ensure that district categorical programs comply with federal and state laws and regulations. The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding the results of these reviews.

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 0420.1 – School-Based Program Coordination)
(cf. 0520.2 – Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 0520.3 – Title I Program Improvement Districts)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3613.3 – Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 5020 – Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 5118 – Child Care and Development Programs)
(cf. 5148.1 – Child Care Services for Parenting Student)
(cf. 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education)
(cf. 6171 – Title I Programs)
(cf. 6172 – Gifted and Talented Student Program)
(cf. 6173 – Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6174 – Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6175 – Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 6176 – Vocational Education)
(cf. 6178.1 – Work Experience Education)

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Evaluation of Consolidated Categorical Programs

The Superintendent or designee and the Board shall annually determine whether the district's categorical programs funded through the state's consolidated application are supportive of the core curriculum and are effective in meeting the needs of the students they are intended to serve. As a basis for this evaluation, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the specific, measurable criteria that shall be used at each school and at the district level. These criteria shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, progress toward goals contained in the school's single plan for student achievement and progress of the total student population and each numerically significant subgroup toward growth targets on the statewide Academic Performance Index.

Annual Monitoring of Consolidated Application Programs

The Superintendent or designee shall review the district's state categorical programs to ensure their effectiveness in meeting the needs of the students they are intended to serve. This review should include, but is not necessarily limited to, the progress of all students and of each numerically significant subgroup toward goals contained in the district's LCAP, the school's single plan for student achievement, Title I local educational agency plan, and/or other applicable district or school plans.

Federal Program Monitoring

When the district is selected by the CDE for a Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) compliance review, the Superintendent or designee shall gather and submit all documentation and data required for the review and shall cooperate with CDE staff to facilitate program monitoring.

In the event that the FPM review results in a finding of noncompliance in relation to any program, the Superintendent or designee shall submit a proposed resolution to the CDE within 45 days of the date the district was notified of the finding. The resolution shall be implemented in accordance with the terms and timeframe

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specified in the resolution agreement with the CDE.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding the results of the review process.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation
The Board believes that accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) can foster excellence and ongoing academic improvement in the district's schools. The accreditation process also may demonstrate to parents/guardians and the community that the schools are meeting their goals and objectives and the WASC criteria for school effectiveness through a viable instructional program.

The Superintendent or designee shall undertake procedures whereby district schools may achieve and maintain full WASC accreditation status. The schools shall conduct a self-study in accordance with WASC requirements, cooperate with the WASC committee during a site visit, and develop and review action plans to increase the effectiveness of the instructional program for students. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board on the status of district schools and any WASC recommendations for school improvement.

If any district school loses its accreditation status, the Board shall give official notice at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification to each parent/guardian of a student in the school that the school has lost its accreditation status, including the potential consequences of the loss of accreditation status. This notice shall also be posted on the district's website and the school's website. (Education Code 35178.4)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
33400-33407 Educational evaluations
35178.4 Notice of accreditation status
44662 Evaluation and assessment guidelines, certificated employee performance
48985 Compliance with translation of parental notifications
51041 Education program, evaluation and revisions
51226 Model curriculum standards
52052-52052.1 Academic Performance Index; numerically significant student subgroups
52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan
62005.5 Failure to comply with purposes of funds
64000-64001 Consolidated application process

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
3930-3937 Program requirements
3942 Continuity of funding

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 Adequate yearly progress

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
FPM Frequently Asked Questions
Federal Program Monitoring Instruments
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PUBLICATIONS
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Testing and Accountability: http://www.cde.ca.gov/tta
Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Accrediting Commission for Schools: http://www.acswasc.org

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