Pacific Grove Unified School District

Board Policy Manual

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Policy 4000: Concepts And Roles

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

bargaining agreements and in conformance with state and federal law and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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Policy 4020: Drug And Alcohol-Free Workplace

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The Board of Trustees believes that the maintenance of drug- and alcohol-free workplaces is essential to school and District operations.

No employee shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance as defined in 21 USC 81 at any school District workplace. These prohibitions apply before, during and after school hours. A school District workplace is any place where school District work is performed, any school-owned or school- approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; any off-school sites when accommodating a school-sponsored or school- approved activity or function where students are under District jurisdiction; or during any period of time when an employee is supervising students on behalf of the District or otherwise engaged in District business.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees of these prohibitions. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 702)

An employee shall abide by the terms of this policy and notify the District, within five days, of any criminal drug or alcohol statute conviction that he/she receives for a violation occurring in the workplace. (41 USC 702)

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

The Board may not employ or retain in employment persons convicted of a controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011. If any such conviction is reversed and the person acquitted in a new trial or the charges dismissed, his/her employment is no longer prohibited. A plea or verdict of guilty, a finding of guilt by a court in a trial without a jury, or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere shall be deemed to be a conviction. (Education Code 44836, 45123)

A classified employee may be reemployed after conviction of such an offense if the Board determines, from the evidence presented, that the person has been rehabilitated for at least five years. (Education Code 45123).

The Board may take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, or require the employee to satisfactorily participate in and complete a drug assistance or rehabilitation program approved by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a drug-and alcohol-free awareness program to inform employees about: (Government code 8355).

- 1. The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace
- 2. The District policy of maintaining drug and alcohol-free workplaces
- 3. Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs
- 4. The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug and alcohol abuse violations.

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Policy 4030: Nondiscrimination In Employment

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

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

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

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

- 1. Hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment
- 2. Taking of adverse employment actions such as termination or denial of employment, promotion, job assignment, or training
- 3. Unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is so severe or pervasive as to adversely affect an employee's employment opportunities or that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment
- 4. Actions and practices identified as unlawful or discriminatory pursuant to Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086, such as:
 - a. Sex discrimination based on an employee's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical condition or on an employee's gender, gender expression, or gender identity, including transgender status
 - b. Religious creed discrimination based on an employee's religious belief or observance, including religious dress or grooming practices, or based on the district's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement
 - c. Requiring medical or psychological examination of a job applicant or making an inquiry into whether a job applicant has a mental or physical disability or a medical condition or as to the severity of any such disability or condition, without the showing of a job-related need or business necessity
 - d. Failure to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an employee or to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with an employee who has requested such accommodations in order to determine the effective reasonable accommodations, if any, to be provided to the employee

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

No employee shall, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, be

required to sign a release of the employee's claim or right to file a claim against the district or a nondisparagement agreement or other document that has the purpose or effect of preventing the employee from disclosing information about harassment, discrimination, or other unlawful acts in the workplace, including any conduct that the employee has reasonable cause to believe is unlawful. (Government Code 12964.5)

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

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

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

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

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

Superintendent

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

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Regulation 4030: Nondiscrimination In Employment

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

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

Superintendent

435 Hillcrest Avenue

831.646.6510

rporras@pgusd.org

Measures to Prevent Discrimination

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

- 1. Display in a prominent and accessible location at every work site where the district has employees, and post electronically in a conspicuous location on computers for employee use, up-to-date California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) posters on the prohibition of workplace discrimination and harassment, the rights of transgender employees, and the rights and obligations of employees who are pregnant, have a related medical condition, or are recovering from childbirth (Government Code 12950; 2 CCR 11013, 11023, 11049)
- 2. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and regulation, including the complaint procedures and the coordinator's contact information, by: (5 CCR 4960; 34 CFR 100.6, 106.9)
 - a. Including them in each announcement, bulletin, or application form that is used in employee recruitment
 - b. Posting them in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and other prominent locations
 - c. Posting them on the district's web site and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available
- 3. Disseminate the district's nondiscrimination policy and administrative regulation to all employees by one or more of the following methods: (2 CCR 11023)
 - a. Printing and providing a copy to all employees, with an acknowledgment form for each employee to sign and return
 - b. Sending a copy via email with an acknowledgment return form
 - c. Posting a copy on the district intranet with a tracking system ensuring all employees have read and acknowledged receipt of the policies
 - d. Discussing the policy and regulation with employees upon hire and/or during a new hire orientation session
 - e. Any other way that ensures employees receive and understand the policy
- 4. Provide to employees a handbook which contains information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to employees who believe

they have been the victim of any discriminatory or harassing behavior

5. Provide training regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy, including what constitutes unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and how and to whom a report of an incident should be made

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

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

Complaint Procedure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other Remedies

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

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

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Regulation 4032: Reasonable Accommodation

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

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

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

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

Definitions

Disability, with respect to an individual, is defined as any of the following: (Government Code 12926; 29 CFR 1630.2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Request for Reasonable Accommodation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Granting Reasonable Accommodation

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

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

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

- a. The nature and net cost of the accommodation needed, taking into consideration the availability of tax credits and deductions and/or outside funding
- b. The overall financial resources of the facility making the accommodation, the number of persons employed at this facility, and the effect on expenses and resources of the facility
- c. The overall financial resources, number of employees, and the number, type, and location of facilities of the district

- d. The type of operation of the district, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce and the geographic separateness and administrative or fiscal relationship of the facility making the accommodation to other district facilities
- e. The impact of the accommodation on the operation of the facility, including the impact on the ability of other employees to perform their duties and the impact on the facility's ability to conduct business

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

Reasonable Accommodation Committee

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

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

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

Appeal Process

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

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

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

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

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Policy 4033: Lactation Accommodation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Break Time and Location Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

Dispute Resolution

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

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Policy 4040: Employee Use Of Technology

in the appropriate use of these resources.

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

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

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

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

Employees shall not use district technology to access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, sexually explicit, or unethical or that promotes any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors and that the operation of such measures is enforced. The Superintendent or designee may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose. (20 USC 7131; 47 USC 254)

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

In addition, employees shall be notified that records maintained on any personal device or messages sent or received on a personal device that is being used to conduct district business may be subject to disclosure, pursuant to a subpoena or other lawful request.

Employees shall report any security problem or misuse of district technology to the Superintendent or designee.

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

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Exhibit (PDF) 4040-E PDF(1): Employee Use Of Technology

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Descriptor Code: 4040

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

Note: The following Exhibit presents a sample Acceptable Use Agreement outlining obligations and responsibilities of employees using the district's technological resources. The district is encouraged to consult legal counsel in the development of such an agreement.

Districts using an Acceptable Use Agreement should require all employees who use district technology to sign the agreement as an acknowledgment that they have read and understood its contents; see the accompanying Board policy. As appropriate, the district may also require contractors and affiliated third parties to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement.

For a sample Acceptable Use Agreement for students, see E 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology.

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

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

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

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

Definitions

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

Employee Obligations and Responsibilities

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

The employee in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Employees shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned. Employees shall not gain unauthorized access to the files or equipment of others, access electronic resources by using another person's name or electronic identification, or send anonymous electronic communications. Furthermore, employees shall not attempt to access any data, documents, emails, or programs in the district's system for which they do not have authorization.

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

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

Privacy

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

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

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

Personally Owned Devices

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

Records

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

Reporting

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

Consequences for Violation

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

Employee Acknowledgment

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement, BP 4040 - Employee Use of Technology, and other applicable laws and district policies and regulations governing the use of district technology. I understand that there is no expectation of

privacy when using district technology or when my personal electronic devices use district technology. I further understand that any violation may result in revocation of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

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

Name:	Position:	
(Please print)		
School/Work Site:		
Signature:	Date:	

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Policy 4100: Certificated Personnel

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

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

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

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

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4111: Recruitment And Selection

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire, orally or in writing, in regard to an applicant's salary history information, including compensation and benefits. He/she shall also not rely on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment to an applicant or the salary to offer. However, the Superintendent or designee may consider salary information that is disclosable under state or federal law or that the applicant discloses voluntarily and without prompting. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the applicant the pay scale for the position to which he/she is applying. (Labor Code 432.3)

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

Incentives

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

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4111.2: Legal Status Requirement

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

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

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

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Regulation 4111.2: Legal Status Requirement

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Within three business days of hire, the Superintendent or designee shall physically examine the documentation presented by the employee establishing his/her identity and employment authorization as set forth in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9. The employee may present either an original document which establishes both employment authorization and identity or two separate original documents which establish

The Superintendent or designee shall: (8 CFR 274a.2)

1. Ensure that the documents presented appear to be genuine and relate to the individual

authorization and identity. Only unexpired documents are acceptable. (8 CFR 274a.2)

2. Complete the "Employer Review and Verification" section and sign the attestation with a handwritten signature or electronic signature on Form I-9

Persons employed for three business days or less must provide such documentation on their first day. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If unable to provide satisfactory documentation because the document was lost, stolen, or damaged, the employee shall furnish a receipt indicating that a replacement document has been requested. This receipt must be presented within three business days of the hire, and the replacement document must be provided within 90 days of the hire. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If an individual's employment authorization expires, the Superintendent or designee must reverify Form I-9, by noting the document's identification number and expiration date on the form, no later than the date the work authorization expires. The employee shall present a document that shows either continuing employment authorization or a new grant of work authorization. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The district shall retain an individual's Form I-9 for three years after the date of the hire or for one year after the date his/her employment is terminated, whichever is later. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall copy documents presented by an individual for verification and shall retain them with the individual's Form I-9. The documents shall be kept confidential and used only as needed to help justify the district's past decision to accept the documents as valid.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4112: Appointment And Conditions Of Employment

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

Individuals appointed to the certificated staff shall:

- 1. Possess the appropriate certification qualifications and register the certification document in accordance with law and Board policy (Education Code 44250-44279, 44330)
- 2. Demonstrate proficiency in basic skills as required by law and Board policy (Education Code 44252.5, 44830)
- 3. Submit to fingerprinting as required by law (Education Code 44830.1)
- 4. Not have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5 or 1192.7, unless the individual has received a certificate of rehabilitation and pardon (Education Code 44830.1)
- 5. Not have been convicted of any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010 (Education Code 44836)
- 6. Not have been required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 because of a conviction for a crime where the victim was a minor under the age of 16 (Penal Code 290.95)
- 7. Not have been determined to be a sexual psychopath pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 6300-6332 (Education Code 44837)
- 8. Not have been convicted of any controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011 (Education Code 44836)
- 9. Submit to a physical examination, tuberculosis testing and/or provide a medical certificate as required by law and Board policy (Education Code 44839, 49406)
- 10. Submit to drug and alcohol testing as required by Board policy
- 11. Furnish a statement of military service and, if any was rendered, a copy of the discharge or release from service or, if no such document is available, other suitable evidence of the termination of service (Education Code 44838)
- 12. File the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by Government Code 3100-3109
- 13. Fulfill any other requirements as specified by law, collective bargaining agreement, Board policy or administrative regulation

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4112.2: Certification

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

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

Priorities for Hiring Based on Unavailability of Credentialed Teacher

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

- 1. A candidate who enrolls in an approved intern program in the region of the district and possesses an intern credential
- 2. A candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months and who is granted a provisional internship permit (PIP) or short-term staff permit issued by the CTC
 - The Board shall approve, as an action item at an open Board meeting, a notice of its intent to employ a PIP applicant for a specific position. (5 CCR 80021.1)
- 3. An individual who has been granted a credential waiver by the CTC

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

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

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

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification

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

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

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

Parental Notifications

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

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

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

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Regulation 4112.2: Certification

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Verification of Credentials

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

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

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

Basic Skills Proficiency

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

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

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

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

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

Short-Term Staff Permit

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

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

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

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

- 1. Verification that the district has conducted a local recruitment for the permit being requested
- 2. Verification that the district has provided the permit holder with orientation to the curriculum and to instruction and classroom management techniques and has assigned a mentor teacher for the term of the permit
- 3. Written justification for the permit signed by the Superintendent or designee

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

Provisional Internship Permit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Long-Term Emergency Permits

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

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

Substitute Teaching Permits

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

1. A person holding an emergency 30-day substitute teaching permit, STSP, PIP, TPSL, or any valid teaching or

services credential that requires at least a bachelor's degree and completion of the California Basic Educational Skills Test, shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. He/she shall not serve as a substitute in a special education classroom for more than 20 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025, 80025.3, 80025.4)

- 2. A person with an emergency career substitute teaching permit shall not serve as a substitute for more than 60 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.1)
- 3. A person with an emergency substitute teaching permit for prospective teachers shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year and not more than 90 days total during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.2)
- 4. A person with an emergency designated subjects 30-day substitute teaching permit for career technical education shall teach only in a program of technical, trade, or vocational education and shall not serve as a substitute for more than 30 days for any one teacher during the school year. (5 CCR 80025.5)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Memorandum of Understanding

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

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

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

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

Support and Supervision of Interns

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

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

- 1. Professional Development Plan: The Superintendent or designee shall, in cooperation with the college/university, counsel each intern and, with the concurrence of the intern, shall develop a plan for the intern to complete the requirements to earn a credential in the content or specialty area(s) of the intern credential.
 - The plan shall include the components described in Education Code 44830.3,including, but not limited to, provisions for at least 120 clock hours (or the semester or quarter unit equivalent) of mandatory preservice training tailored to the grade level or class to be taught, additional instruction during the first semester or first year of service when required, and an annual evaluation of the intern.
- 2. Assignment of Mentor Teacher: Before an intern assumes daily teaching responsibilities, the Superintendent or designee shall assign him/her a mentor teacher who possesses a valid corresponding life or clear teaching credential and a minimum of three years of successful teaching experience.
 - The intern shall receive support from a mentor teacher who is assigned to the same school. If two or more mentor teachers are assigned to an intern, at least one of them shall be experienced in the curricular area(s) of the intern's assignment.
- 3. Support During School Year: Support and supervision shall include coaching, modeling, and demonstrating within the classroom. In addition, the intern shall receive assistance with course planning and with problem-solving regarding students, curriculum, and effective teaching methodologies.

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

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

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

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

Early Completion Option

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

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

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Regulation 4112.22: Staff Teaching English Learners

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Definitions

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

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

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

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

Teacher Qualifications

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

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

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Qualifications/Assignment of Special Education Teachers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resource Specialists

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

- 1. Providing instruction and services for students with disabilities whose needs have been identified in an IEP
- 2. Conducting educational assessments
- 3. Providing information and assistance for students with disabilities and their parents/guardians
- 4. Providing consultation, resource information, and material regarding students with disabilities to staff members in the regular education program and the students' parents/guardians

- 5. Coordinating special education services with the regular school program for each student with disabilities enrolled in the resource specialist program
- 6. Monitoring student progress on a regular basis, participating in the review and revision of IEPs as appropriate, and referring students who do not demonstrate appropriate progress to the IEP team
- 7. Providing services for secondary students that emphasize academic achievement, career and vocational development, and preparation for adult life

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

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

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

Caseloads

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

No resource specialist shall have a caseload which exceeds 28 students. As necessary and with the agreement of the resource specialist, the Board of Trustees may request a waiver from the State Board of Education to increase the caseload to no more than 32 students, provided that an individual resource specialist does not have a caseload exceeding 28 students for more than two school years and has the assistance of an instructional aide at least five hours daily during the period of the waiver. (Education Code 56362, 56362.1; 5 CCR 3100)

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

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Regulation 4112.3: Oath Or Affirmation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reimbursement of Expenses for Disaster Service Workers

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

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Regulation 4112.4: Health Examinations

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Tuberculosis Tests

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

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

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

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

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

Whenever the district contracts for the transportation of students, the contract shall require that all drivers who will be transporting students complete the tuberculosis risk assessment and, if indicated, the examination for infectious tuberculosis within 60 days of initial hire. (Education Code 49406)

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

- 1. An applicant/employee who files an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of a well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles, depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion and that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, he/she is free from infectious tuberculosis
 - Such an exemption shall be allowed only if the Board determines by resolution, after a hearing, that the health of students would not be jeopardized. If at any time there is probable cause to believe that the applicant/employee is afflicted with infectious tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from service until the Board is satisfied that he/she is not afflicted.
- 2. A classified employee who is employed for less than a school year and whose functions do not require frequent or prolonged contact with students
- 3. A pregnant employee who has positive results on a tuberculosis skin test, in which case she shall be exempted from the requirement to follow up with an x-ray of the lungs for a period not to exceed 60 days after the end of the pregnancy
- 4. A private contracted driver who transports students infrequently without prolonged contact with students

Examination of Certificated Employees for Disabling Diseases

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

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

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

Certificated employees and/or retirants shall be required to periodically undergo, at district expense, a medical examination pursuant to Education Code 44839 or 44839.5 to determine that they are free from any communicable disease making them unfit to instruct or associate with children. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5)

Mental Examination for Certificated Employees

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

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Pre-Employment Drug/Alcohol Screening for Safety-Sensitive Positions

Applicants shall sign a form consenting to the drug and alcohol testing. The consent form shall authorize release of the test results to the district. To ensure an individual's privacy, the district shall not use test results for any purpose other than those stated in Board policy and administrative regulation, shall maintain the confidentiality of screening records, and shall not disclose such records unless the applicant consents or the Superintendent or designee is presented with a court order requiring the disclosure.

All initial screening tests shall be conducted at the district's expense. If an applicant's initial test is positive, a second test, at the district's expense, shall be administered as soon as possible to confirm the results. Upon obtaining a second positive reasult, the applicant may seek an independent drug and alcohol screening from a recognized medical laboratory at his/her own expense. Any applicant who fails to provide the district with a negative drug and alcohol screening report within five working days of a confirmed positive result shall be determined to have failed the screening and shall not be employed.

Failure to submit to the process or to complete the process shall preclude the applicant from being hired into the position. Disqualified applicants shall not be prohibited from applying for another job within the district.

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Policy 4112.42: Drug And Alcohol Testing For School Bus Drivers

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

A driver shall not report for duty or remain on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.11. A driver is also prohibited from reporting for duty or remaining on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.12-1308.15, unless the driver is using the drug under the direction of a physician who has advised the driver that the substance will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a bus. (49 CFR 382.213)

In addition, a driver shall not consume alcohol while on duty and/or performing safety-sensitive functions, or for four hours prior to on-duty time. (49 CFR 382.205, 382.207)

Drivers shall submit to drug and alcohol testing as required under federal law and specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. The district's testing program for drivers shall include pre-employment drug testing and reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing of drivers. (49 USC 31306; 49 CFR 382.301-382.311)

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

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

Consequences Based on Test Results

No driver shall be temporarily removed from the performance of safety-sensitive functions based only on a laboratory report of a confirmed positive test for a drug or drug metabolite before the certified medical review officer has completed verification of the test results, unless the district has obtained a waiver from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.21, 382.107, 382.119)

Any driver for whom the district receives a verified positive drug test result or who is found to have a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04 or higher shall be immediately removed from performing safety-sensitive functions in accordance with 49 CFR 40.23 and 382.211. An alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04 requires temporary removal of the bus driver for a 24-hour period following the test. Any driver who refuses to take a required drug or alcohol test shall not be permitted to perform or continue to perform safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 40.23, 382.211)

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

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

Any driver provided with an opportunity to return to a safety-sensitive duty following a violation shall be evaluated by a qualified substance abuse professional and complete the evaluation recommendations before returning to such duty. (49 CFR 40.289)

If the substance abuse professional recommends that further and ongoing services are needed to assist the driver to maintain sobriety or abstinence from drug use, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to participate in the recommended services as part of a return-to-duty agreement and shall monitor the driver's compliance. Any drop from a rehabilitation or return-to-duty program or a subsequent positive test result shall be reported to the

DMV. (Vehicle Code 13376; 49 CFR 40.285, 40.287, 40.303, 382.605)

Voluntary Self-Identification

Whenever a driver admits to alcohol or drug misuse under the district's voluntary self-identification program, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure all of the following: (49 CFR 382.121)

- 1. No adverse action shall be taken against the driver by the district.
- 2. The driver shall be allowed sufficient opportunity to seek evaluation, education, or treatment to establish control over the drug or alcohol problem.
- 3. The driver shall be permitted to participate in safety-sensitive functions only after:
 - a. Successfully completing an education or treatment program, as determined by a drug and alcohol abuse evaluation expert, such as an employee assistance professional, substance abuse professional, or qualified drug and alcohol counselor
 - b. Undergoing a return-to-duty test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02 and/or a verified negative result for drug use

A driver who admits to alcohol or drug misuse shall not be subject to federal requirements related to referral, evaluation, and treatment, provided that the driver does not self-identify in order to avoid drug or alcohol testing, makes the admission prior to performing a safety-sensitive function, and does not perform a safety-sensitive function until the driver has been evaluated and has successfully completed education or treatment requirements in accordance with program guidelines. (49 CFR 382.121)

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Regulation 4112.42: Drug And Alcohol Testing For School Bus Drivers

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Definitions

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

Alcohol concentration (or content) means the alcohol in a volume of breath expressed in terms of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath as indicated by an evidential breath test. (49 CFR 40.3, 382.107)

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

Designated Employer Representative

The Superintendent or designee shall identify a designated employer representative who is authorized to take immediate action to remove drivers from safety-sensitive functions and to make required decisions in the testing and evaluation processes. The designated employer representative shall also be responsible for receiving test results and other communications. The name and telephone number of the designated employer representative shall be provided to the testing contractor to contact about any problems or issues that may arise during the testing process. (49 CFR 40.35, 40.215)

Pre-employment Testing

When hiring a new driver, the Superintendent or designee shall, with the driver's written consent, conduct a preemployment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse to obtain information about whether the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations. (49 CFR 382.701)

The Superintendent or designee shall also, with the driver's consent, request the driver's past drug and alcohol testing record, as specified in 49 CFR 40.25 and 382.413, from any employer who has employed the driver at any time during the previous three years. To the extent practicable, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain and review such information before the driver first performs safety-sensitive functions. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ask the driver if there was a positive test, or a refusal to test, on any pre-employment drug or alcohol test that was administered during the past two years in the course of applying for another safety-sensitive transportation position that was not obtained. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413)

The driver shall not be permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions if the driver refuses to provide consent to obtain the information from previous employers or from the Clearinghouse; the information from previous employers is not received within 30 days of the date on which the driver first performed safety-sensitive functions for the district; or the driver, the Clearinghouse, or a previous employer reports a violation of a drug or alcohol regulation without subsequent completion of the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413, 382.701, 382.703)

A driver whom the district intends to hire or use shall undergo testing for drugs and receive a verified negative test result prior to the first time the driver performs safety-sensitive functions for the district. This testing requirement may be waived if all of the following conditions exist: (49 CFR 382.301)

- 1. The driver has participated in a qualified drug testing program within the previous 30 days.
- 2. While participating in the program, the driver either was tested within the past six months from the date of application or participated in a random drug testing program for the previous 12 months from the date of application.
- 3. No prior employer of the driver of whom the district has knowledge has records of the driver's violation of

federal drug testing regulations within the previous six months.

The Superintendent or designee shall contact the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and obtain information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.

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

Post-Accident Testing

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

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

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

No driver required to take a post-accident alcohol test pursuant to 49 CFR 382.303 shall use alcohol for eight hours following the accident or until the driver undergoes a post-accident alcohol test, whichever occurs first. (49 CFR 382.209)

Random Testing

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that random, unannounced drug and alcohol tests of bus drivers are conducted on testing dates reasonably spread throughout the year.

Such tests shall be unannounced and conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 382.305)

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

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

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

Reasonable Suspicion Testing

A driver shall be required to submit to a drug or alcohol test whenever the Superintendent or designee has reasonable suspicion that the driver has violated the prohibitions against the use of drugs or alcohol. Such reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations, conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions, concerning the driver's appearance, behavior, speech, and/or body odors. Reasonable suspicion of drug use may also include indications of the chronic and withdrawal effects of drugs. (49 CFR 382.307)

The person who makes the required observations for reasonable suspicion testing for drugs or alcohol shall be trained in accordance with 49 CFR 382.603. The person who makes the determination that reasonable suspicion

exists to conduct an alcohol test shall not be the same person who conducts the alcohol test. (49 CFR 382.307)

Within 24 hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug or alcohol test are released, whichever is earlier, a written record of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion test shall be made and signed by the person who made the observations. (49 CFR 382.307)

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

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

Return-to-Duty Testing

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.305, the district may return a driver to safety-sensitive functions after the driver completes required education and treatment services as described in the accompanying Board policy and a return-to-duty drug or alcohol test. Such personnel decisions may be subject to collective bargaining or other legal requirements.

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

Follow-Up Testing

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

Mandatory Reporting and Annual Queries to the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Clearinghouse any violation of federal drug and alcohol regulations, any refusal to test, and other required information by the close of the third business day following the date on which the information was obtained. (49 CFR 382.705)

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a query using the Clearinghouse at least once a year for all drivers to determine whether information exists in the Clearinghouse about the drivers. (49 CFR 382.701)

In lieu of a full query, the Superintendent or designee may obtain the individual driver's consent to conduct a limited query that is effective for more than one year and informs the district about whether there is information about the driver in the Clearinghouse without releasing that information to the district. If the limited query shows that information exists in the Clearinghouse about the individual driver, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a full query within 24 hours of conducting the limited query. If a full query is not conducted within 24 hours, the driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function until the results from a full query confirm that the driver may perform such functions. (49 CFR 382.701)

A driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function if the results of a Clearinghouse query demonstrate that the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations. (49 CFR 382.701)

Notifications

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

following: (49 CFR 382.113, 382.303, 382.601)

- 1. The identity of the person designated by the district to answer driver questions about the materials
- 2. The categories of drivers who are subject to drug and alcohol testing
- 3. Sufficient information about the safety-sensitive functions performed by those drivers to make clear what period of the workday the driver is required to be in compliance
- 4. Specific information concerning prohibited driver conduct
- 5. The circumstances under which a driver will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol, including post-accident testing
- 6. The procedures that will be used to test for the presence of drugs and alcohol, protect the driver and the integrity of the testing processes, safeguard the validity of the test results, and ensure that those results are attributed to the correct driver
- 7. The requirement that a driver submit to drug and alcohol tests
- 8. An explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test and the attendant consequences
- 9. The consequences for drivers found to have violated the prohibitions against drug or alcohol use, including the circumstances under which drivers will be removed immediately from safety-sensitive functions and the requirements for education, treatment, and return-to-duty testing
- 10. The consequences for drivers found to have a blood alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04
- 11. Information concerning the effects of drug and alcohol use on an individual's health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of a drug or alcohol problem (the driver's or a co-worker's); and available methods of intervening when a drug or alcohol problem is suspected, including confrontation, referral to any employee assistance program, and/or referral to management
- 12. The requirement that personal information collected and maintained pursuant to 49 CFR 382 shall be reported to the Clearinghouse

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

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

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

Records

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

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Regulation 4112.5: Criminal Record Check

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall not issue a temporary certificate of clearance to a person whose application for a credential, certificate, or permit is being processed by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing if that person has been convicted of a violent or serious felony, unless the person is otherwise exempt pursuant to Education Code 44332.6 or 44830.1. (Education Code 44332.5, 44332.6)

Pre-Employment Record Check

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

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

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

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

Subsequent Arrest Notification

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

45125; Penal Code 11105.2)

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

When the district receives written electronic notification by the DOJ of the fact of conviction, the temporary employee, substitute employee, or probationary employee serving before March 15 of his/her second probationary year shall be terminated automatically unless the employee challenges the DOJ record and the DOJ withdraws its notification in writing. Upon receipt of the written withdrawal of notification by the DOJ, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately reinstate that employee with full restoration of salary and benefits for the period of time from the suspension without pay to the reinstatement if the employee is still employed by the district. (Education Code 44830.1, 45122.1)

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

Notification of Applicant/Employee

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

Maintenance of Records

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interagency Agreement

Subject to an interagency agreement with other school districts, the district shall submit and receive CORI on behalf of all participating districts. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

Upon receipt from the DOJ of a report of conviction of a serious or violent felony, the district shall communicate that fact to participating districts and shall remove the affected employee from the common list of persons eligible for employment. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

In addition, upon receipt from the DOJ of a criminal history record or report of subsequent arrest for any person on a common list of persons eligible for employment, the district shall give notice to the superintendent of any participating district, or the person designated in writing by that superintendent, that the report is available for inspection on a confidential basis by the superintendent or the authorized designee. The report shall be made

available at the district office for 30 days following the receipt of the notice. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

The district shall not release a copy of that information to any participating district or any other person. In addition, the district shall retain or dispose of the information in the manner specified in law and in this administrative regulation after all participating districts have had an opportunity to inspect it in accordance with law. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

The district shall maintain a record of all persons to whom the information has been shown and shall make this record available to the DOJ. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

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Regulation 4112.6: Personnel Files

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

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

Personnel files for district police or security officers shall be maintained and accessed in accordance with Government Code 3305-3306.5 and AR 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department.

Placement of Material in Personnel Files

Any supervisor or administrator who places written material or drafts written material for placement in an employee's file shall sign the material and indicate the date of the placement.

When an employee is asked to sign any material that is to be placed in his/her file, he/she shall be informed that the signature only signifies that he/she has read the material and does not necessarily indicate that he/she agrees with its contents.

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

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

Derogatory Information

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

Persons with Authorized Access

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

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

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

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

File Review by Employee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Record Retention

Personnel records for current and former employees shall be retained in accordance with 5 CCR 16023.

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

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Regulation 4112.61: Employment References

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The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for processing requests for employment references, letters of recommendation, or information about the reasons for separation regarding all district employees other than himself/herself. All letters of recommendation to be issued on behalf of the district for current or former employees shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee. At his/her discretion, the Superintendent or designee may refuse to give a recommendation.

The Superintendent or designee may communicate information about the job performance or qualifications of a current or former district employee when such information is based upon credible evidence and is given to a prospective employer without malice and at the prospective employer's request. (Civil Code 47)

Any reference, letter of recommendation, or information provided about the reasons for separation issued on behalf of the district shall provide a truthful and accurate account of the employee's job performance and qualifications.

No certificated employee shall write or sign any letter or memorandum which intentionally omits significant facts, or which states as facts matters which the writer does not know of his/her own knowledge to be true, relating to the professional qualifications or personal fitness to perform certificated services of any person who the writer knows will use the letter or memorandum to obtain professional employment. (5 CCR 80332)

No certificated employee shall agree to provide a positive letter of recommendation which misrepresents facts as a condition of another employee's resigning or withdrawing action against the district. (5 CCR 80332)

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Policy 4112.8: Employment Of Relatives

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The Board of Trustees desires to maximize staff and community confidence in district hiring, promotion, and other employment decisions by promoting practices that are free of conflicts of interest or the appearance of impropriety.

The Board prohibits the appointment of any person to a position for which his/her relative maintains management, supervisory, evaluation, or promotion responsibilities and prohibits an employee from participating in any decision that singularly applies to any of his/her relatives.

For purposes of this policy, relative includes the individual's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse or domestic partner.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to appoint a person to a position in the same department or facility as an employee with whom he/she maintains a personal relationship when that relationship has the potential to create (1) an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, or morale of other district employees or (2) a conflict of interest for the individuals involved which is greater because of the their relationship than it would be for another person.

An employee shall notify his/her supervisor within 30 days of any change in his/her circumstances that may constitute a violation of this policy.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4112.9-E PDF(2): Employee Notifications

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

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees			
At the beginning of school year or upon employment	Education Code 231.5; Government Code 12950	AR 4119.11 4219.11 4319.11	The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints
Annually, and 72 hours before pesticide application	Education Code 17612	AR 3514.2	Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information on pesticides
Prior to implementing year-round schedule	Education Code 37616	BP 6117	Public hearing on year-round program
Prior to implementing alternative schedule	Education Code 46162	BP 6112	Public hearing on alternative schedule in secondary grades
Annually	Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622	AR 1312.3 BP 0460 BP 3260	Uniform complaint procedures, appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints about student fees and local control and accountability plan
Annually	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors
At least once per year	Education Code 49414.3	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer opioid antagonist
To all employees	Government Code 1126	BP 4136 4236 4336	Prohibition of activities that are inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties; discipline; appeal
When/Whom	Education or Other Legal	Board Policy/ Administrative	

to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To all employees	Government Code 8355; 41 USC 8102; 34 CFR 84.205, 84.210	BP 4020 BP 4159 4259 4359	District's drug- and alcohol- free workplace; actions to be taken if violated; available employee assistance programs
Upon employment	Government Code 21029	None	Right to purchase PERS service credit for military service performed prior to public employment
Upon placement of automated external defibrillator (AED) in school, and annually thereafter	Health and Safety Code 1797.196	AR 5141	Proper use of AED; location of all AEDs on campus, sudden cardiac arrest, school's emergency response plan
If the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds	Health and Safety Code 104420	AR 3513.3	District's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures
Annually, or more frequently if there is new information	Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880	BP 4119.43 4219.43 4319.43	AIDS and hepatitis B, including methods to prevent exposure
To new employees upon hire and other employees upon request, in districts with 25 or more employees	Labor Code 230.1	AR 4161.2 4261.2 4361.2	Rights pursuant to Labor Code 230-230.1 pertaining to leaves and accommodations for victims of crime or abuse
With each paycheck	Labor Code 246	AR 4161.1 4361.1	Amount of sick leave available

AR 4261.1

Upon hire, in employee handbook, and upon request for parental leave	Labor Code 1034	BP 4033	The district's policy on lactation accommodation
To covered employees and former employees	Labor Code 2800.2	AR 4154 4254 4354	Availability of COBRA/ Cal-COBRA continuation and conversion coverage; statement encouraging careful examination of options before declining coverage
When/Whom to Notify I. To All Employees (continued)	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
To employees participating in a flexible spending account	Labor Code 2810.7	None	Deadline to withdraw funds from account before the end of the plan year
To every new employee, either at the time employee is hired or by end of first pay period	Labor Code 3551	AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Workers' compensation benefits, how to obtain medical care, role of primary physician, form for reporting personal physician/chiropractor
Within one day of receiving notice of potential exposure to COVID-19, to employees who were on the premises during the infectious period,	Labor Code 6409.6	AR 4157 4257 4357	Potential exposure to COVID-19; benefits to which employees may be entitled; available leave options; protection against

the exclusive representative, and the employer of subcontracted employees as applicable			discrimination and retaliation; district's disinfection and safety plan
Prior to beginning employment	Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5	AR 5141.4	Status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, reporting obligations, confidentiality rights, copy of law
Upon employment, and when employee goes on leave for specified reasons	Unemployment Insurance Code 2613	AR 4154 4254 4354	Disability insurance rights and benefits
To principal, counselor who directly supervises or reports on student's behavior or progress, and teacher and other administrators who directly supervise or report on student's behavior or progress when principal believes needs the information for the protection of self or others when working with student, when Superintendent or designee receives written notification that minor studen has committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses	:	AR 4158 4258 4358	Limited exception to juvenile court record confidentiality to ensure rehabilitation of juvenile criminal offenders and protect students and staff
To all employees and job applicants	2 CCR 11023; 34 CFR 104.8, 106.9	BP 0410 AR 4030	District's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures
To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee	2 CCR 11091, 11095; 29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA); obligation to provide 30 days' notice of need for leave when possible
To all employees	8 CCR 3203	AR 4157 4257 4357	The right and procedure to access the injury and illness prevention program
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To all employees working with homeless families	42 USC 11432	AR 6173Duties students	of district liaison for homeless
To all employees	34 CFR 106.8	AR 4119.11 4219.11	Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex; contact

		4319.11 Title IX inquiries to	information for district's Coordinator; referral of Title IX Coordinator and/or Office for Civil Rights
Annually	40 CFR 763.84, 763.93	AR 3514	Availability of asbestos management plan; inspections, response actions, post-response actions planned or in progress
II. To Certificated Employees			
To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire	Education Code 22455.5	AR 4121	Criteria for membership in retirement system; right to elect membership at any time
Upon employment of a retired certificated individual	Education Code 22461	AR 4117.14 4317.14	Postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction; monthly report of compensation
To certificated employees	Education Code 35171	AR 4115 BP 4315	District regulations related to performance evaluations
30 days before last day of school year for instructional staff, or by June 30 for noninstructional certificated staff, in any year in which employee is evaluated	Education Code 44663	AR 4115	Copy of employee's evaluation
To a certificated employee with unsatisfactory evaluation, once per year for probationary employee or at least once every other year for permanent employee	Education Code 44664	AR 4115	Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. To Certificated Employees (conti	nued)		
By May 30, if district issues reemployment notices to certificated employees	Education Code 44842	AR 4112.1	Request that the employee notify district of intent to remain in service next year
To probationary and temporary	Education Code	AR 4112.1	Employment status and salary

certificated employees upon employment, and every July thereafter	44916	AR 4121		
To probationary employee, by March 15	Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23, 44948.5	BP 4116	Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year	
When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, at any time of year or, for charge of unsatisfactory performance, during instructional year	Education Code 44934, 44934.1, 44936	BP 4118 AR 4118	Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice	
To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct, at least 45 days prior to suspension/ dismissal notice	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct	
To certificated employee charged with unsatisfactory performance, at least 90 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice or prior to last quarter of school year	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct	
To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, within 10 days of entry judgment in proceedings	Education Code 44940.5	AR 4118	Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice unless employee demands hearing	
To probationary employee 30 days prior to dismissal during school year, but not later than March 15 for a second-year probationary employee	Education Code 44948.3	AR 4118	Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal	
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject	
II. To Certificated Employees (continued)				
By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15	Education Code 44949, 44955	BP 4117.3	Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board decision re: termination	
Before the end of the school year to temporary employee who served 75 percent of school year but will be released	Education Code 44954	BP 4121	District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year	

During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to any permanent or probationary certificated employee, including an employee holding a position that requires administrative or supervisory credential, whose services are terminated		BP 4117.3	Decrease in the number of permanent employees in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board
To teacher, when a student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts	Education Code 49079	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To teacher of a student who is suspended or expelled, when Superintendent or designee receives transfer student's record regarding act that resulted in suspension or expulsion	Education Code 48201 s	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct or while allegation is pending	5 CCR 80303	AR 4117.7 4317.7	Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing
III. To Classified Employees			
When classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in nonmerit district	Education Code 45113	AR 4218	Notice of charges, right to hearing, timeline for requesting hearing
By March 15, when laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds, with final notice by May 15	Education Code 45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff, displacement and reemployment rights, right to hearing; final notice of Board decision regarding termination
During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to classified employees who are laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds		AR 4217.3	District Statement of Reduction in Force to affected employees in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board

At least 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, if the employee's position must be eliminated due to the expiration of a specially funded program	st 45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff date, displacement and reemployment rights
Upon employment and upon each change in classification	Education Code 45169	AR 4212	Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours, prescribed workweek
To permanent employee whose leave is exhausted	Education Code 45192, 45195	AR 4261.1 AR 4261.11	Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave
When/Whom	Education or Other Legal	Board Policy/ Administrative	
to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject
III. To Classified Employees (contin	nued)		
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers prior to expiration of specified documents	13 CCR 1234	AR 3542	Expiration date of driver's license, driver's certificate and medical certificate; need to renew
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers upon employment and at least once per year thereafter	13 CCR 2480	AR 3542	Limitations on vehicle idling; consequences of not complying
To school bus drivers, prior to district drug testing program and thereafter upon employment	49 CFR 382.113, 382.601	AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Explanation of federal requirements for drug testing program and district's policy; prior to administration of each drug or alcohol test
To school bus drivers, prior to operating school bus	49 CFR 382.303	AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Post-accident information, procedures, and instructions
IV. To Administrative/Supervisory P	Personnel		
To superintendent, deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract	Education Code 35031	BP 2121 BP 4312.1	Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term
Upon request by administrative	Education Code	AR 4313.2	Statement of the reasons for

or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position	44896		the reassignment
By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year	Education Code 44951	AR 4313.2	Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances		
In the event of a breach of security of district records, to affected employees	Civil Code 1798.29	BP 3580	Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, and, as applicable, contact information for credit reporting agencies
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances ((continued)	
Prior to placing derogatory information personnel file	tion in Education Code 44031	AR 4112.6 4212.6 4312.6	Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment
1 2	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Defense and indemnification from civil liability by the
auto-injector			district
To district police officer, within 30 days of decision to impose discipline	Government Code 3304	AR 3515.3	Decision to impose discipline, including the date that discipline will be imposed
To employee returning from military leave of absence, within 30 days of return	Government Code 20997	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Right to receive PERS service credit for military service; application form
24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or charges against employee	Government Code 54957	BB 9321	Employee's right to have complaints/charges heard in open session
When taking disciplinary action against employee for disclosure of confidential information	Government Code 54963	BP 4119.23 4219.23 4319.23	Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session
When document identifying employ who is victim of domestic violence disclosed		AR 4158 4258 4358	Accommodations and leave for victims of domestic violence
Within one working day of work-related injury or victimization of crime	Labor Code 3553, 5401	AR 4157.1 4257.1	Potential eligibility for workers' compensation
		4357.1	benefits, claim form

action is based on DOJ criminal history information or subsequent arrest notification	11105.2	4212.5 4312.5	
To any employee with exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter	8 CCR 3204	AR 4119.42 4219.42 4319.42	The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records
	Education or	Board Policy/	
When/Whom	Other Legal	Administrative	
to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances (continued)	
To any employee assigned to a work area where hazardous chemical signs and chemicals present, upon in symptoms of exposure, location of reference material			Location and availability of al hygiene plan, exposure limits, tuation
location of reference material			
To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous	8 CCR 5194 substan	AR 3514.1 ces in the work are	Any presence of hazardous ea, substances in the work
area,	ocation and availability o	of upon initial assi	gnment and
	tion when new hazard is		program, new
material safety introduced into work	area	data she	eet, employee rights
To employee eligible for military leave	38 USC 4334	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave
FMLA leave, 2 CCR 11049, receipt of supporting information, or district's knowledge that the requested leave may qualify as FMLA leave	11091	or non-FMLA; if i	eligible, reason not eligible; requirement to use paid leave; any requirement for fitness- for-duty certification; any subsequent changes in designation notice
Whenever notice of eligibility for FMLA is provided to employee	29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Rights and responsibilities re: use of FMLA; consequences of failure to meet obligations

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Policy 4113: Assignment

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In order to serve the best interests of students and the educational program, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent or designee to assign certificated personnel to positions for which they are qualified pursuant to their certification, preparation, professional experience, and aptitude.

Teachers may be assigned to any school within the district in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement or Board policy.

Assignment to Courses/Classes

The Superintendent or designee shall assign teachers based on the grade level and subject matter authorized by their credentials.

When there is no credential authorization requirement for teaching an elective course, the Superintendent or designee shall select the credentialed teacher whose knowledge and skills best prepare the teacher to provide instruction in that subject.

When specifically authorized by law or regulation, the Superintendent or designee may, with the teacher's consent, assign a teacher to a position outside the teacher's credential authorization in accordance with the local teaching assignment options described in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (CTC) Administrator's Assignment Manual. Such assignments shall be annually approved by Board resolution. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall reference in district records the statute or regulation under which the assignment is authorized.

If at any time a certificated employee is required by the district to accept an assignment which the employee believes is not legally authorized by the employee's credential, the employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee, in writing, of the misassignment. Within 15 working days, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the employee of the legality of the assignment. If no action is taken by the district, the employee shall provide written notification to the County Superintendent of Schools. No adverse action shall be taken against an employee who files a notice of misassignment. (Education Code 44258.9)

Vacancies and Misassignments

Annually, the district shall review potential misassignments and vacant positions throughout the district. Upon receiving notification from CTC of the availability of data regarding potential misassignments and vacant positions in the district, the Superintendent shall review the data within 60 days. When necessary, the Superintendent or designee may respond by submitting additional documentation to the County Superintendent showing that an employee is legally authorized for an assignment and/or that a position identified as vacant was miscoded and a legally authorized employee is assigned to the position. (Education Code 44258.9)

If the district subsequently receives, within 90 days of CTC's initial notification, a notification from the County Superintendent indicating that a certificated employee in the district is assigned to a position for which the employee has no legal authorization, the district shall correct the assignment within 30 calendar days. (Education Code 44258.9)

The district shall serve as the monitoring authority for teacher assignments in any charter school it has authorized, in accordance with Education Code 44258.9-44258.10.

Any complaint alleging teacher misassignment or vacancy shall be filed and addressed through the district's procedures specified in AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

The school accountability report card for each school shall include any assignment of teachers outside their subject areas of competence, misassignments, including misassignments of teachers of English learners, and the number of vacant teacher positions for the most recent three-year period. (Education Code 33126)

Equitable Distribution of Qualified and Experienced Teachers

The Superintendent or designee shall identify and address the equitable distribution of highly qualified and

experienced teachers among district schools, including those with higher than average levels of low-income, minority, and/or academically underperforming students. The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board comparisons of teacher qualifications across district schools, including the number of teachers serving under a provisional internship permit, short-term staff permit, intern credential, emergency permit, or credential waiver.

Strategies for ensuring equitable access to experienced teachers may include, but are not limited to, incentives for voluntary transfers, provision of professional development, and/or programs to recruit and retain effective teachers.

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Assignment to Departmentalized Classes Outside Credential Authorization

Any holder of a credential other than an emergency permit may be assigned, with consent, to teach departmentalized classes in grades K-12 regardless of the designations on the teaching credential, provided that the teacher's subject matter knowledge is verified prior to the assignment. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures for verifying a teacher's subject matter knowledge shall be developed and implemented by the Superintendent or designee with the involvement of appropriate subject matter specialists, including curriculum specialists, resource teachers, classroom teachers certified to teach the subject, staff assigned to regional subject matter projects or curriculum institutes, or college faculty. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures to be used for this purpose shall specify: (Education Code 44258.3)

- 1. One or more of the following ways in which subject matter competence shall be assessed:
 - a. Observation by subject matter specialists
 - b. Oral interviews
 - c. Demonstration lessons
 - d. Presentation of curricular portfolios
 - e. Written examinations
- 2. Specific criteria and standards for verifying subject matter knowledge by any of the above methods. These criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, evidence of the individual's knowledge of the subject matter to be taught, including demonstrated knowledge of the curriculum framework for the subject and the specific content of the district's course of study for the subject at the grade level to be taught.

Whenever a teacher is assigned to teach departmentalized classes pursuant to Education Code 44258.3, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the exclusive representative of the district's certificated employees. (Education Code 44258.3)

Assignment to Elective Courses Outside Credential Authorization

A full-time teacher with special skills and preparation outside the credential authorization may, with the teacher's consent and the prior approval of a district committee on assignments, be assigned to teach an elective course in the area of the special skills or preparation, excluding a course in English, mathematics, science, or social studies. (Education Code 44258.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a committee on assignments, consisting of an equal number of teachers selected by teachers and school administrators selected by school administrators, to approve such assignments. (Education Code 44258.7)

Committee members shall serve a two-year term but may be reappointed using the same procedure as the initial appointment.

When determining whether a teacher is qualified for an assignment pursuant to Education Code 44258.7, the committee may consider the teacher's education, prior experience, observation by subject matter specialists, oral interviews, demonstration lessons, presentation of curricular portfolios, and/or written examinations.

Assignments approved by the committee shall be for a maximum of one school year, but may be extended by action of the committee upon application by the principal and teacher. (Education Code 44258.7)

Assignment to Special Schedules

The Superintendent or designee shall make every reasonable effort to accommodate the preferences of certificated staff when assigning them to schools with year-round or regular schedules. (Education Code 37616)

Full-time probationary or permanent classroom teachers employed by the district prior to implementation of weekend classes shall not, without their written consent, be required to teach for more than 180 full days during a school year or for more than the number of full days during the preceding school year, whichever is greater. No teacher shall be assigned to work on a Saturday or Sunday if the teacher objects in writing that such assignment would conflict with religious beliefs or practices. (Education Code 44824)

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Policy 4113.4: Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that, when employees have temporarily disabling medical conditions, temporary modified or light-duty assignments can allow the district to continue to use their valuable knowledge, skills, and abilities while minimizing time away from work. Temporary modified/light-duty assignments may also serve to facilitate the employee's transition back to his/her regular duties or full-time work.

Any employee may request a modified or light-duty assignment when he/she has a temporary medical condition which prevents the performance of the essential functions of his/her current assignment or position. The Superintendent or designee shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a suitable temporary position currently exists to accommodate the physical restrictions specified by the employee's medical provider.

An employee's initial assignment to a temporary modified or light-duty position shall be for a limited duration, not to exceed 30 days. At the end of the initial assignment, the employee may request that the Superintendent or designee extend the assignment. When requesting any such extension, the employee shall submit documentation from his/her medical provider verifying that the employee is still temporarily disabled and is not medically able to return to his/her regular assignment. Temporary assignments generally shall not exceed 90 days, but may be extended at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee for an additional 90 days upon verification by the employee's medical provider that such an extension will allow the employee to return to unrestricted regular duties.

An employee who rejects a temporary modified/light-duty assignment may be subject to a loss of workers' compensation benefits in accordance with district's insurance policy.

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Policy 4113.5: Working Remotely

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that working remotely at home or at another alternative location may be necessary at times when widespread illness, natural disaster, or other emergency condition makes the school or worksite unsafe or otherwise interrupts the district's ability to effectively conduct operations at the school or worksite. A full-time, part-time, or short-term remote work arrangement may also be granted by the Superintendent or designee to an individual employee, upon request, provided that the position is suitable for remote work, the employee has consistently demonstrated the ability to work independently and meet performance expectations, and the work arrangement does not hinder district operations.

The opportunity to work remotely shall be entirely at the district's discretion, and no grievance or appeal right may arise from district denial of any employee request for remote work.

Employees approved for remote work shall comply with all district policies, administrative regulations, work schedules, and job assignments. Except when specifically agreed, approval of remote work shall not change the compensation, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment of an employee.

Unless otherwise approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee, employees working remotely shall do so within regular work hours established for the position. Employees are entitled and expected to take appropriate, uninterrupted meal and rest breaks, and shall keep accurate records of the hours they work. Employees shall notify their supervisor when unable to perform work assignments due to illness, equipment failure, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Employees working remotely are expected to conduct their work in a location that is safe and free of obstructions, hazards, and distractions. Such employees shall report to their supervisor any serious injury or illness occurring in the home workspace or in connection with their employment as soon as practically possible in accordance with Board policy.

The district shall provide to employees who work remotely all supplies, materials, apparatus, and equipment reasonably necessary to perform their jobs, including, as necessary, a technology device and Internet access. Employees shall use caution in accessing the Internet from public locations and in accessing information from networks outside of the district in order to safeguard confidential information. Employees shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting equipment on loan from the district and shall adhere to the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. The employee's personally owned equipment may only be used for district business when approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Work done at a remote work location is considered official public business. District records and communications shall be retained and safeguarded against damage or loss, and shall be kept confidential or made accessible to the public in accordance with law.

Any employee working remotely shall be available during work hours to the employee's supervisor and other staff, students, parents/guardians, and members of the public, as appropriate, via email, phone, or other means. Lack of responsiveness on the part of the employee may result in discipline and/or termination of remote work responsibilities. Employees shall be required to attend virtual or in-person meetings when directed by their supervisor.

Employee productivity shall be evaluated on the basis of time spent on tasks and projects, task completion, and quality of job performance in the same manner as all employees in the same position at the assigned school or office.

Remote work arrangements may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

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Policy 4115: Evaluation/Supervision

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The Board of Trustees believes that regular, comprehensive evaluations designed to hold instructional staff accountable for their performance are key to improving their teaching skills and raising students' levels of achievement.

Evaluations shall be used to recognize the exemplary skills and accomplishments of staff and to identify areas needing improvement. When areas needing improvement are identified, the Board expects employees to accept responsibility for improving their performance and encourages them to take initiative to request assistance as necessary, including participation in appropriate staff development and/or individualized teacher support and guidance programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the performance of certificated instructional staff as it reasonably relates to the following criteria: (Education Code 44662)

- 1. Students' progress toward meeting district standards of expected achievement for their grade level in each area of study and, if applicable, towards the state-adopted content standards as measured by state-adopted criterion-referenced assessments
- 2. The instructional techniques and strategies used by the employee
- 3. The employee's adherence to curricular objectives
- 4. The establishment and maintenance of a suitable learning environment within the scope of the employee's responsibilities

With the agreement of the exclusive representative of the certificated staff when applicable, the Superintendent or designee may incorporate objective standards from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and/or the California Standards for the Teaching Profession into district evaluation standards.

The evaluation of certificated employee performance shall not include the use of publishers' norms established by standardized tests. (Education Code 44662)

Noninstructional certificated employees shall be evaluated on their performance in fulfilling their defined job responsibilities. (Education Code 44662)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that evaluation ratings have uniform meaning and are uniformly applied throughout the district.

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Regulation 4115: Evaluation/Supervision

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Evaluation of certificated employees shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established in this administrative regulation and applicable collective bargaining agreements. To the extent that any of those provisions conflict, the procedures in the collective bargaining agreement shall be implemented.

The Superintendent or designee shall print and make available to certificated employees written regulations related to the evaluation of their performance in their assigned duties. (Education Code 35171)

Frequency of Evaluations

Each probationary certificated employee shall be evaluated at least once each school year. (Education Code 44664)

Each certificated employee with permanent status shall be evaluated and assessed at least every other year. If the employee receives an unsatisfactory evaluation, he/she shall be annually evaluated until he/she achieves a positive evaluation or is separated from the district. (Education Code 44664)

Alternatively, a permanent employee who has been employed by the district at least 10 years and who was rated in his/her previous evaluation as meeting or exceeding standards shall be evaluated at least every five years, if he/she and the evaluator so agree. Either the evaluator or the employee may withdraw consent for the alternative schedule at any time. (Education Code 44664)

Evaluation Results

Certificated instructional employees shall receive a written copy of their evaluation no later than 30 days before the last scheduled school day of the school year in which the evaluation takes place. Before the last scheduled school day of the school year, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

Noninstructional certificated staff members employed on a 12-month basis shall receive a copy of their evaluation no later than June 30 of the year in which the evaluation takes place. Before July 30, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

Instructional and noninstructional certificated employees shall have the right to respond in writing to their evaluation. This response shall become a permanent attachment to the employee's personnel file. (Education Code 44663)

Evaluations shall include recommendations, if necessary, as to areas in need of improvement in the employee's performance. If an employee is not performing satisfactorily according to teaching standards approved by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Education Code 44662, the Superintendent or designee shall so notify the employee in writing and shall describe the unsatisfactory performance. The Superintendent or designee shall confer with the employee, make specific recommendations as to areas needing improvement, and endeavor to provide assistance to the employee in his/her performance. (Education Code 44664)

The Superintendent or designee may require any certificated employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating in the area of teaching methods or instruction to participate in a program designed to improve appropriate areas of performance and to further student achievement and the district's instructional objectives. (Education Code 44664)

Qualifications of Evaluators

The Superintendent or designee shall assign the principal or other appropriate supervisory personnel to evaluate certificated staff. He/she shall ensure that the evaluator:

- 1. Possesses a valid administrative credential
- 2. Is competent in the instructional methodologies used by the teachers being evaluated
- 3. Is skilled in the supervision of instruction and in techniques and procedures related to the evaluation of instruction

4.	Is familiar with district curriculum priorities and practices, district standards for student progress, and district policies and procedures related to personnel supervision, performance evaluation, and staff development

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4116: Probationary/Permanent Status

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The Board of Trustees desires to employ and retain highly qualified certificated personnel to implement the district's educational program. Newly hired certificated personnel shall serve a probationary period during which the Board shall determine their suitability for long-term district employment.

Certificated employees who satisfactorily complete the probationary period shall be granted permanent status.

A probationary employee who has been employed by the district in position(s) requiring certification for two complete consecutive school years and is then reelected for the next succeeding school year shall become a permanent employee at the beginning of the third year. (Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23)

During the probationary period, employees shall receive professional development and assistance which may consist of inservice training and/or meetings with the employee's evaluator to discuss areas of strength and areas requiring improvement. Inservice training may be provided during school hours as part of a comprehensive staff development program.

The performance of each probationary employee shall be evaluated and assessed at least once every school year.

Dismissal/Nonreelection of Probationary Employees

During the school year, a probationary employee may be suspended or dismissed only for cause and in accordance with district procedures. (Education Code 44948.3)

With proper notice, the Board may, without cause, elect not to reemploy a probationary employee for the subsequent year. (Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide the Board with recommendations regarding the reelection or nonreelection of probationary certificated personnel for the ensuing school year.

At any time during a probationary employee's first year of employment in the district, the Board may give written notice to the employee of the Board's decision not to reelect the employee for a second school year. If the Board does not give written notice, the employee shall be deemed reelected for the next succeeding school year.

During the final year of the probationary period, the Board may decide not to reelect the employee for the following year, and shall so notify the employee in writing on or before March 15. If the Board does not give written notice on or before March 15, the employee shall be deemed reelected for the next succeeding school year. (Education Code 44929.21, 44948.5)

Such notices shall be delivered through personal service upon the employee, certified mail with return receipt, email, or another method which documents actual receipt of the notice by the employee.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4116: Probationary/Permanent Status

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Permanent Status

A probationary teacher who has been employed by the District in a position or positions requiring certification for two complete consecutive school years and is then rehired for the next succeeding school year shall become a permanent employee at the beginning of the third year. (EC 44929.21)

A probationary teacher who has been employed by the District in a position or positions requiring certification for two complete consecutive school years and is then rehired for the next succeeding school year shall become a permanent employee at the beginning of the third year. (Education Code 44929.23)

Permanency Achieved in Other Districts

A person who has achieved permanent status as a certificated employee in another school District may be employed by the Board as a permanent certificated employee. (Education Code 44929.28)

Interns

A person employed as a District or university intern shall be classified as a probationary employee. Following completion of the internship, if he/she is reelected by the District to serve in a position requiring certification quail-fications for the next succeeding school year, he/she shall continue to be classified as a probationary employee during that year. (Education Code 44466, 44885.5)

A person who has completed an internship and at least one complete school year in a position requiring certification qualifications within the District shall be granted permanent status when he/she is reelected for the next succeeding school year to a position requiring certification qualifications. (Education Code 44466, 44885.5)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4117.13: Early Retirement Option

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 05/01/2016

When it is beneficial to the district, the Board of Trustees may offer certificated employees the option to retire early in accordance with law.

Two Years of Service Credit Retirement Incentive

As an incentive to early retirement for certificated employees participating in the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS), the Board may offer such employees an additional two years of service credit. (Education Code 22714, 44929)

Before taking formal action to approve this service incentive, the Board shall determine that encouraging early retirement would be in the best interest of the district due to the curtailment of services or changes in the manner in which services are performed and that the retirement will result in a net savings to the district. The Board shall demonstrate and certify to the County Superintendent of Schools that the formal action taken would result in a net savings to the district. (Education Code 22714, 44929)

The Board may also consider the impact of the early retirement option on the staffing needs of district schools.

To be eligible for the two years of service credit option, the employee must have five or more years of service credit and must retire during a period of 60 to 120 days after the Board takes formal action to implement the option. (Education Code 22714)

In providing the early retirement option, the district shall meet all conditions as specified in Education Code 22714 and 44929.

Two + Two Retirement Incentive: 2 Years of Service Credit + 2 Years of Age Credit

As an incentive to early retirement for certificated employees participating in the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Board may offer an additional two years of service credit and two years of age credit to employees who retire within the "window period" established by the Board in a Memorandum of Understanding or by Board action prior to January 1, 2005 pursuant to repealed Education Code 22714.5.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4117.14: Postretirement Employment

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When necessary, the Board of Trustees may hire a qualified retired certificated individual who possesses the knowledge and experience needed to perform creditable service for the district as an employee, the employee of a third party, or an independent contractor/consultant, provided that all applicable restrictions specified by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) are met. Applicable CalSTRS restrictions include, but are not limited to, a requirement that a retired member be paid compensation comparable to that for active employees for comparable duties and prohibitions against the hiring of a retired member within 180 days of his/her retirement and for the classified service, except as an aide pursuant to Education Code 45134. Additional restrictions and rules may apply to other employment situations, such as when CalSTRS retired members are employed as employees of third parties, independent contractors, or consultants. The Superintendent or designee should consult legal counsel when dealing with such employment situations. (Education Code 22119.5, 22164.5, 24214, 24214.5)

Any retired member of the defined benefit program of CalSTRS who is hired by the district to perform retired member activities as defined pursuant to Education Code 22164.5 shall be paid at an annualized rate of pay that shall not be below the minimum or exceed the maximum paid to other district employees performing comparable duties. However, such a retired individual shall not make contributions to the CalSTRS retirement fund or accrue service credit based on compensation earned from the retired member activity. (Education Code 24214)

No retired member of the CalSTRS defined benefit program shall be hired by the district for at least 180 calendar days after his/her retirement from service, unless he/she has attained the normal retirement age and qualifies for an exemption to the 180-day waiting period. To seek this exemption, the Board shall, during the open session of a Board meeting, adopt a resolution which shall include the following information and findings: (Education Code 24214.5)

- 1. A statement expressing the Board's intent to seek an exemption to the 180-day waiting period
- 2. A description of the nature of the employment of the retiree
- 3. A finding that the retiree has reached the normal retirement age
- 4. A finding that the appointment of the retiree is necessary to fill a critically needed position before the 180-day waiting period has passed
- 5. A finding that the retired individual did not receive additional service credit pursuant to Education Code 22714 or 22715 or any financial inducement to retire. Financial inducement to retire shall include, but is not limited to, cash or any form of compensation or other payment directly or indirectly paid by any public employer to the retired individual before or after his/her retirement, if the individual retires for service on or before a specific date or range of dates established by the public employer on or before the date the inducement is offered
- 6. A finding that the retired individual's termination of employment with the district is not the basis for the need to acquire the services of the retired individual

The resolution shall not be adopted through the Board's consent agenda. (Education Code 24214.5)

When employing a retired individual who is eligible for exemption from the 180-day waiting period, the Superintendent or designee shall submit all required documentation to substantiate eligibility for the exemption to CalSTRS before the retired member begins performing any retired member activities. The Superintendent or designee may contact

CalSTRS to request information as to whether the retired member qualifies for the exemption after 30 days of submitting the required documentation to CalSTRS. (Education Code 24214.5)

Postretirement Compensation Limitation, Notice, and Report

All CalSTRS retirees performing creditable service for the district shall be subject to the applicable CalSTRS earnings limit. Monies earned in excess of the limit may subject the CalSTRS retiree to a reduction in his/her retirement allowance. Compensation subject to the earnings limitation includes, but is not limited to, salary or wages, deferred

compensation plans, purchase of an annuity contract, tax-deferred retirement plan or insurance program, and other plans or contributions when the cost is covered by a district. (Education Code 22119.5, 22164.5, 24214)

Whenever the district retains the services of a CalSTRS retiree as a district employee, employee of a third party, or an independent contractor, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 22461, 24214)

- 1. Advise the retired individual of the postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction set forth in Education Code 22714, 24214, or 24214.5 or any other applicable law
- 2. Maintain accurate records of the retired individual's compensation and report it monthly to CalSTRS and the individual, regardless of the method of payment or the fund from which the payments are made

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4117.2: Resignation

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 07/01/2001

Any district employee who desires to resign his/her position shall submit, in writing, a letter of resignation which indicates the date which the employee intends as his/her last day at work. The Board of Trustees encourages employees to provide advance notice that is appropriate for the position they hold.

The effective date of the resignation shall be a date not later than the close of the school year during which the resignation is received. However, an employee and the Board may agree that a resignation will be accepted at a mutually agreed upon date not later than two years beyond the close of the school year during which the resignation is received by the Board. (Education Code 44930, 45201)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4117.3: Personnel Reduction

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 08/01/2014

The Board of Trustees may reduce the number of probationary and permanent certificated employees when, in its opinion, any of the following conditions makes such reduction necessary:

- 1. Average daily attendance (ADA) in all of the schools in the district during the first six months of the school year has declined below the level for the same period in either of the previous two school years. (Education Code 44955)
- 2. A particular kind of service is to be reduced or discontinued not later than the beginning of the following school year. (Education Code 44955)
- 3. Attendance in the district will decline in the following year as a result of the termination of an interdistrict tuition agreement. (Education Code 44955)
- 4. An amendment of state law requires modification of the curriculum. (Education Code 44955)
- 5. During the time period between five days after the enactment of the Budget Act and August 15 of that fiscal year, the Board determines that the district's total revenue limit per ADA for the fiscal year of that Budget Act has not increased by at least two percent. (Education Code 44955.5)

Determination of the Order of Layoffs

When it is necessary to reduce the number of certificated employees for any of the reasons listed above, the services of employees shall be terminated in the inverse of the order in which they were employed by the district in probationary status, except as otherwise authorized by law. (Education Code 44844, 44955)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the seniority list for this purpose and shall make it available upon request.

Unless otherwise provided by law, a permanent employee shall have the right to be retained over a probationary employee or any employee with less seniority if the position is one for which he/she is certificated and competent to render service. (Education Code 44955)

To determine the order of termination between employees who first rendered paid service on the same date, the Board shall rank order those employees solely on the basis of the needs of the district and students. Upon the request of an employee whose order of termination is to be determined based on such ranking, the Board shall furnish the employee, no later than five days prior to the commencement of the administrative hearing on the layoff, a written statement of the specific criteria used in determining the order of termination and the application of the criteria in ranking the employee relative to the other employees in the group. (Education Code 44955)

The district may deviate from terminating certificated employees in order of seniority for either of the following reasons: (Education Code 44955, 44956)

- To fill a demonstrated specific need for personnel to teach a specific course or courses of study, or to provide services authorized by a services credential with a specialization in either student personnel services or health for a school nurse, when the certificated employee has the necessary special training and experience which others with more seniority do not possess
- 2. To maintain or achieve compliance with constitutional requirements related to equal protection of the law

Notice and Hearing Rights

When it becomes necessary to reduce the number of permanent and/or probationary employees pursuant to Education Code 44955 as specified in items #1-4 above, the district shall give notice to the affected employees, no later than March 15, stating the reasons for the action and the employees' right to a hearing. The district shall adhere to the notice, hearing, and layoff procedures in Education Code 44949, 44955, and other applicable provisions of law.

When an employee has requested a hearing before an administrative law judge regarding the reduction or discontinuation of services, the Board shall make a final decision regarding the sufficiency of the cause and disposition of the layoff upon receipt of the administrative law judge's proposed decision. None of the findings, recommendations, or determinations of the administrative law judge shall be binding on the Board. (Education Code 44949)

The Board may conduct its own hearing, adopt the administrative law judge's proposed decision, refer the case back to the administrative law judge for additional evidence, or reject or modify the proposed decision and make its own determination based upon its review of the record.

Following the Board's decision, the Superintendent or designee shall give final notice, in the manner specified, to the affected employees before May 15 unless the parties agree otherwise in accordance with procedures required by law. (Education Code 44955)

When layoffs become necessary pursuant to Education Code 44955.5 as specified in item #5 above, layoff proceedings shall be carried out as required by law but in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board. (Education Code 44955.5)

Reappointment

If the number of employees is increased or the discontinued service reestablished, permanent certificated employees shall have the right to reappointment, in order of seniority, for 39 months from the date of termination. Probationary certificated employees shall have the same right for 24 months after being terminated, subject to the prior reappointment rights of permanent employees. (Education Code 44846, 44956, 44957)

During the period of the preferred right to reappointment, permanent certificated employees shall, in the order of original employment, be offered first opportunity for substitute service during the absence of any employee who has been granted a leave of absence or who is temporarily absent from duty. Such substitute service may be terminated upon the return to duty of the other employee. Such substitute service shall not affect the retention of the employees' previous classification and rights. Probationary certificated employees shall have the same right to substitute service during the period of preferred right to reappointment to the extent required by law, subject to the rights of permanent certificated employees. (Education Code 44918, 44956, 44957)

Before reappointing any certificated employee to teach a subject which he/she has not previously taught and for which he/she does not have a teaching credential or which is not within the employee's major area of postsecondary study, the Board shall require the employee to pass a subject matter competency test in the appropriate subject. (Education Code 44956)

Reappointed certificated employees shall not be subject to any requirements that were not imposed on employees who continued in service. Their period of absence shall be treated as a leave of absence and not considered a break in the continuity of their service. (Education Code 44956, 44957)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4117.7: Employment Status Reports

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The Superintendent shall report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) any change in the employment status of a certificated employee who, while working in a position requiring a credential and as a result of an allegation of misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending: (Education Code 44030.5, 44242.5; 5 CCR 80303)

- 1. Is dismissed or nonreelected
- 2. Resigns
- 3. Is suspended or placed on unpaid administrative leave for more than 10 days as a final adverse employment action
- 4. Retires
- 5. Is otherwise terminated by a decision not to employ or reemploy

This report is not required when the change in employment status is due solely to unsatisfactory performance pursuant to Education Code 44932 or a reduction in force pursuant to Education Code 44955-44958. (Education Code 44030.5, 44242.5; 5 CCR 80303)

When required, the report of a change in employment status shall be submitted not later than 30 days after the employment action. The report shall be made using a form provided by CTC and shall include all known information about each alleged act of misconduct by the employee. The report shall contain the name and current address of the certificated employee, name of the district, last school or district assignment, an explanation of the allegation of misconduct or pending allegation of misconduct, current contact information for all persons who may have information relating to the alleged misconduct, and any and all documentation related to the case. (Education Code 44030.5; 5 CCR 80303)

Upon a change in employment status as a result of alleged misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending, the Superintendent shall, in writing, inform the employee of the contents of 5 CCR 80303. (5 CCR 80303)

Additional Reports of Employee Misconduct

The Superintendent or designee shall submit a report to CTC, using a form provided by CTC and attaching all relevant documents, whenever:

1. An employee, by complaint, information, or indictment filed in court, is charged with a "mandatory leave of absence offense," defined as a sex or drug offense specified in Education Code 44940 or violation or attempted violation of Penal Code 187 (murder). (Education Code 44242.5, 44940, 44940.5)

Not later than 10 days after receipt of such a complaint, information, or indictment regarding an employee, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the received documents to CTC. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall report to CTC any action taken in connection with extending the employee's mandatory leave beyond the initial period. (Education Code 44940, 44940.5

If the offense results in a change in employment status, the Superintendent shall submit an employment status report in addition to the report of the mandatory leave of absence offense.

2. An employee refuses, without good cause, to fulfill a valid employment contract, or departs from district service without the consent of the Superintendent or Board of Trustees . (Education Code 44242.5, 44420)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee also shall notify CTC of any of the following:

1. A complaint filed with the district regarding a certificated employee's alleged sexual misconduct (Education Code 44242.5)

The notice to CTC shall contain all of the following information: (5 CCR 80304)

- a. Name of the employee alleged to have engaged in the sexual misconduct
- b. Name, age, and address of each victim of the alleged sexual misconduct
- c. A summary of all information known to the district regarding the alleged sexual misconduct
- d. A summary of the action, if any, taken at the district level in response to the complaint of sexual misconduct
- 2. An employee's knowing and willful use of school records of student data in connection with, or in implicit or explicit attempts to recruit a student to be a customer for, any business owned by the certificated employee or in which the certificated employee is an employee (Education Code 44242.5, 44421.1)
- 3. An employee's knowing and willful reporting of false fiscal expenditure data relative to the conduct of any educational program (Education Code 44242.5, 44421.5)
- 4. An employee's subversion or attempt to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination (Education Code 44242.5, 44439)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4118: Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action

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The Board of Trustees expects all employees to perform their jobs satisfactorily, exhibit professional and appropriate conduct, and serve as positive role models both at school and in the community. A certificated employee may be disciplined for conduct or performance in accordance with law, the applicable collective bargaining agreement, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

Disciplinary action shall be based on the particular facts and circumstances involved and the severity of the conduct or performance. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, verbal warnings, written warnings, reassignment, suspension, freezing or reduction of wages, compulsory leave, or dismissal.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that disciplinary actions are taken in a consistent, nondiscriminatory manner and are appropriately documented.

Suspension/Dismissal Procedures

The Superintendent shall notify the Board whenever he/she believes that there is cause to suspend or dismiss an employee pursuant to Education Code 44932 or 44933.

When the Board finds that there is cause to suspend or dismiss an employee pursuant to Education Code 44932 or 44933, it may formulate a written statement of charges specifying instances of behavior and the acts or omissions constituting the charge, the statutes and rules that the employee is alleged to have violated when applicable, and the facts relevant to each charge. The Board shall also review any duly signed and verified written statement of charges filed by any other person. (Education Code 44934, 44934.1)

Based on the written statement of charges, the Board may, upon majority vote, give notice to the employee of its intention to suspend or dismiss him/her at the expiration of 30 days from the date the notice is served. (Education Code 44934, 44934.1)

Prior to serving a suspension or dismissal notice that includes a charge of unsatisfactory performance, the district shall give the employee written notice of the unsatisfactory performance that specifies the nature of the unsatisfactory performance with such specific instances of behavior and with such particularity as to furnish the employee an opportunity to correct his/her faults and overcome the grounds for any unsatisfactory performance charges and, if applicable, that includes the evaluation made pursuant to Education Code 44660-44665. The written notice of the unsatisfactory performance shall be provided at least 90 days prior to the filing of the suspension or dismissal notice or prior to the last one-fourth of the school days in the year. (Education Code 44938)

Prior to serving a suspension or dismissal notice that includes a charge of unprofessional conduct, the district shall give the employee written notice that describes the nature of the unprofessional conduct with such specific instances of behavior and with such particularity as to furnish the employee an opportunity to correct his/her faults and overcome the grounds for any unprofessional conduct charges and, if applicable, that includes the evaluation made pursuant to Education Code 44660-44665. The written notice of the unprofessional conduct shall be provided at least 45 days prior to the filing of the suspension or dismissal notice. (Education Code 44938)

Except for notices that only include charges of unsatisfactory performance, the written suspension or dismissal notice may be served at any time of year. Such notice shall be served upon the employee personally if given outside of the instructional year or, if given during the instructional year, may be served personally or by registered mail to the employee's last known address. Notices with a charge of unsatisfactory performance shall be given only during the instructional year of the school site where the employee is physically employed, and may be served personally or by registered mail to the employee's last known address. (Education Code 44936)

If an employee has been served notice and demands a hearing pursuant to Government Code 11505 and 11506, the Board shall either rescind its action or schedule a hearing on the matter. (Education Code 44941, 44941.1, 44943, 44944)

Pending suspension or dismissal proceedings for an employee who is charged with egregious misconduct, immoral conduct, conviction of a felony or of any crime involving moral turpitude, incompetency due to mental disability, or willful refusal to perform regular assignments without reasonable cause as prescribed by district rules and

regulations, the Board may, if it deems it necessary, immediately suspend the employee from his/her duties. If the employee files a motion with the Office of Administrative Hearings for immediate reversal of the suspension based on a cause other than egregious misconduct, the Board may file a written response before or at the time of the hearing. (Education Code 44939, 44939.1, 44940)

When a suspension or dismissal hearing is to be conducted by a Commission on Professional Competence, the Board shall, no later than 45 days before the date set for the hearing, select one person with a currently valid credential to serve on the Commission. The appointee shall not be an employee of the district and shall have at least three years' experience within the past 10 years at the same grade span or assignment as the employee, as defined in Education Code 44944. (Education Code 44944)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4118: Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action

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Causes for Suspension or Dismissal

A certificated employee with permanent status may be suspended without pay or dismissed only for one or more of the following causes: (Education Code 44932)

- 1. Immoral conduct including, but not limited to, egregious misconduct that is the basis for a sex offense or controlled substance offense described in Education Code 44010 or 44011 or child abuse and neglect as described in Penal Code 11165.2-11165.6
- 2. Unprofessional conduct
- 3. Commission, aiding, or advocating the commission of acts of criminal syndicalism
- 4. Dishonesty
- 5. Unsatisfactory performance
- 6. Evident unfitness for service
- 7. Physical or mental condition unfitting the employee to instruct or associate with children
- 8. Persistent violation of or refusal to obey the school laws or regulations of the state or district
- 9. Conviction of a felony or of any crime involving moral turpitude
- 10. Violation of Education Code 51530 or Government Code 1028 (advocacy of communism)
- 11. Alcoholism or other drug abuse that makes the employee unfit to instruct or associate with children

An employee may be suspended or dismissed on grounds of unprofessional conduct consisting of acts or omissions not listed above if the charge specifies instances of behavior deemed to constitute unprofessional conduct. (Education Code 44933)

An employee shall not be suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, dismissed, or otherwise retaliated against solely for acting to protect a student, or for refusing to infringe on a student's protected conduct, when that student is exercising his/her free speech or press rights pursuant to Education Code 48907 or 48950. (Education Code 48907, 48950)

Suspension/Dismissal of Permanent Employees

When a permanent certificated employee is charged with one or more of the offenses specified in the section "Causes for Suspension or Dismissal" above, the following procedures shall apply:

- 1. The person preparing a written statement of charges that there is cause to suspend or dismiss an employee shall submit the signed statement to the Board of Trustees. (Education Code 44934, 44934.1)
- 2. Upon receiving notice of the Board's intent to suspend or dismiss him/her, the employee may request a hearing on the matter. The hearing shall be conducted by the Commission on Professional Competence, except that any case involving only egregious misconduct shall be heard instead by an administrative law judge and, in any other case, the hearing may be conducted by an administrative law judge when both the district and employee so stipulate. (Education Code 44943, 44944, 44944.05, 44944.1, 44944.3)
- 3. Except when an employee is charged solely with egregious misconduct, the district may amend the charges less than 90 days before the hearing only upon showing of good cause and upon approval of the administrative law judge. (Education Code 44934)
- 4. The employee shall be suspended or dismissed when the Commission on Professional Competence or

administrative law judge has issued its decision supporting suspension or dismissal or, if the employee did not request a hearing, at the expiration of 30 days after service of the notice of intent to suspend or dismiss. (Education Code 44941, 44943, 44944)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Commission on Teacher Credentialing when the employment status of a certificated employee has been changed as a result of alleged misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending. (Education Code 44030.5, 44242.5, 44940; 5 CCR 80303)

Suspension/Dismissal of Probationary Employees

The district may choose not to rehire probationary employees for the following school year without giving a statement of reasons provided that it is done in accordance with AR 4117.6 -Decision Not to Rehire and proper notice is provided by March 15. (Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23)

During the school year, probationary employees in their first or second year of service may be dismissed only for one or more of the causes listed in items #1-11 in the section "Causes for Suspension or Dismissal" above or for unsatisfactory performance determined pursuant to Education Code 44660-44665. (Education Code 44948.2, 44948.3)

Whenever a first- or second-year probationary employee is so charged, the following procedures shall apply for dismissing the employee: (Education Code 44948.3)

- 1. The Superintendent or designee shall give 30 days' prior written notice of dismissal, not later than March 15 in the case of second-year probationary employees. The notice shall include a statement of the reasons for the dismissal, notice of the opportunity to appeal, and, if the cause is unsatisfactory performance, a copy of the evaluation conducted pursuant to Education Code 44664.
- 2. Upon receipt of the notice of dismissal, the employee may be dismissed if no request for a hearing is submitted to the Board within 15 days.
- 3. If a hearing is requested, the district may arrange for the appointment of an administrative law judge to conduct the hearing and to recommend a decision to the Board.

A probationary employee may be suspended without pay for a specified period of time as an alternative to dismissal. (Education Code 44948.3)

Compulsory Leave of Absence

Upon being informed by law enforcement that a certificated employee has been charged with a "mandatory leave of absence offense," the Superintendent or designee shall immediately place the employee on a leave of absence. A mandatory leave of absence offense includes: (Education Code 44830.1, 44940)

- 1. Any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010
- 2. Violation or attempted violation of Penal Code 187 (murder)
- 3. Any offense involving the unlawful sale, use, or exchange to minors of controlled substances as listed in Health and Safety Code 11054, 11055, and 11056

The Superintendent or designee may place on an immediate compulsory leave of absence a certificated employee who is charged with an "optional leave of absence offense," defined as a controlled substance offense specified in Education Code 44011 and Health and Safety Code 11357-11361, 11363, 11364, and 11370.1 except as it relates to marijuana, mescaline, peyote, or tetrahydrocannabinols. (Education Code 44940)

If an employee is charged with an offense that falls into both the mandatory and optional leave of absence definitions, the offense shall be treated as a mandatory leave of absence offense. (Education Code 44940)

An employee's compulsory leave for a mandatory or optional leave of absence offense may extend for not more than 10 days after the entry of judgment in the criminal proceedings. However, the compulsory leave may be extended if the Board gives notice, within 10 days after the entry of judgment in the proceedings, that the employee will be dismissed within 30 days from the date of service of the notice unless he/she demands a hearing. (Education Code

44940, 44940.5)

During the period of compulsory leave, the employee shall be compensated in accordance with Education Code 44940.5.

Upon receipt of telephone or electronic notification from the Department of Justice that a current temporary, substitute, or probationary employee serving before March 15 of his/her second probationary year has been convicted of a violent or serious felony, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately place the employee on leave without pay. Upon receipt of electronic notification of the conviction from the Department of Justice, such employee shall be automatically terminated and without regard to any other termination procedure. (Education Code 44830.1)

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Policy 4119.11: Sexual Harassment

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The following policy shall apply to all district employees, interns, volunteers, contractors, job applicants, and other persons with an employment relationship with the district.

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe work environment that is free of harassment and intimidation. The Board prohibits sexual harassment against district employees and retaliatory behavior or action against any person who complains, testifies, or otherwise participates in the complaint process established for the purpose of this policy.

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, harassment that is based on the sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation of the victim and harassment based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

- 1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
- 2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to employees and others to whom the policy may apply
- 3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, fair, and equitable investigation of complaints
- 4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the district's strategies to prevent and address harassment. Such evaluation may involve conducting regular anonymous employee surveys to assess whether harassment is occurring or is perceived to be tolerated, partnering with researchers or other agencies with the needed expertise to evaluate the district's prevention strategies, and using any other effective tool for receiving feedback on systems and/or processes. As necessary, changes shall be made to the harassment policy, complaint procedures, or training.

Sexual Harassment Reports and Complaints

District employees who feel that they have been sexually harassed in the performance of their district responsibilities or who have knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee shall immediately report the incident to their direct supervisor, a district administrator, or the district's Title IX Coordinator. Employees may bypass their supervisor in filing a complaint if the supervisor is the subject of the complaint. A supervisor or administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure the complaint or allegation is addressed through AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures or AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, as applicable. Because a complaint or allegation that is dismissed or denied under the Title IX complaint procedure may still be subject to consideration under state law, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that any implementation of AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 concurrently meets the requirements of AR 4030.

The Title IX Coordinator shall offer supportive measures to the complainant and respondent, as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any district employee found to have engaged or participated in sexual harassment or to have aided, abetted, incited, compelled, or coerced another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

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Regulation 4119.11: Sexual Harassment

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The following administrative regulation shall apply to all allegations of sexual harassment involving employees, interns, volunteers, and job applicants, but shall not be used to resolve any complaint by or against a student.

Definitions

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, regardless of whether or not the conduct is motivated by sexual desire. Conduct is considered to be sexual harassment when made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the work or educational setting under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 212.5; Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11034)

- 1. Submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual's employment.
- 2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the individual.
- 3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
- 4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits, services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the district.

For purposes of applying the complaint procedures specified in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sexual harassment is defined as any of the following forms of conduct that occurs in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent: (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

- 1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on the person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity
- 3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

Examples of Sexual Harassment

Examples of actions that might constitute sexual harassment under state or federal law in accordance with the definitions above, in the work or educational setting, whether committed by a supervisor, a co-worker, or a non-employee, include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual's body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions, or the spreading of sexual rumors
- 2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, or gestures; sexually explicit emails; displaying sexually suggestive objects
- 3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body; touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over, or impeding normal movements

Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer

The district designates the following individual(s) as the responsible employee(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in accordance with AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, as well as to oversee, investigate, and resolve sexual harassment complaints processed under AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. The Title IX Coordinator(s) may be

contacted at:

Billie Mankey, Director II, HR

Training

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours, and nonsupervisory employees receive at least one hour, of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All newly hired employees and employees promoted to a supervisory position shall receive training within six months of their assumption of the new position. (Government Code 12950.1)

A supervisory employee is any employee having the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to direct them, adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend such action, when the exercise of the authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 12926)

Such training may be completed by employees individually or as part of a group presentation, may be completed in shorter segments as long as the applicable hourly requirement is met, and may be provided in conjunction with other training provided to the employees. The training shall be presented by trainers or educators with knowledge and expertise in the prevention of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. (Government Code 12950.1)

The district's sexual harassment training and education program shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 11024)

- 1. Information and practical guidance regarding federal and state laws concerning the prohibition, prevention, and correction of sexual harassment
- 2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment
- 3. Remedies available for victims in civil actions, and potential employer/individual exposure/liability
- 4. Strategies to prevent harassment in the workplace
- 5. Supervisors' obligation to report sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation of which they become aware
- 6. Practical examples which illustrate sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation using training modalities such as role plays, case studies, and group discussions, based on factual scenarios taken from case law, news and media accounts, and hypotheticals based on workplace situations and other sources
- 7. The limited confidentiality of the complaint process
- 8. Resources for victims of unlawful harassment, such as to whom they should report any alleged harassment
- 9. Steps necessary to take appropriate remedial measures to correct harassing behavior, which includes the district's obligation to conduct an effective workplace investigation of a harassment complaint
- 10. What to do if the supervisor is personally accused of harassment
- 11. The essential elements of the district's anti-harassment policy, and how to use the policy if a harassment complaint is filed
 - Employees shall receive a copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulations, which they shall read and acknowledge that they have received.
- 12. Information, including practical examples, of harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- 13. Prevention of abusive conduct, including a review of the definition and elements of abusive conduct pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, the negative effects that abusive conduct has on the victim and other in the

workplace, the detrimental consequences of this conduct on employee productivity and morale, and that a single act does not constitute abusive conduct unless the act is severe or egregious

The Superintendent or designee shall retain for at least two years the records of any training provided to supervisory employees. Such records shall include the names of trained employees, date of the training, the type of training, and the name of the training provider. (2 CCR 11024)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex as required by Title IX, that the Title IX nondiscrimination requirement extends to employment, and that inquiries about the application of Title IX to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator and/or to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. (34 CFR 106.8)

The district shall notify employees, bargaining units, and applicants for employment of the name or title, office address, email address, and telephone number of the district's Title IX Coordinator. (34 CFR 106.8)

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall:

- 1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building, district office, or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted (Education Code 231.5)
- 2. Be provided to every district employee at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year or whenever a new employee is hired (Education Code 231.5)
- 3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct (Education Code 231.5)
- 4. Be posted, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in a prominent location on the district's web site (34 CFR 106.8)
- 5. Be included, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in any handbook provided to employees or employee organizations (34 CFR 106.8)

All employees shall receive a copy of an information sheet prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the district that contains, at a minimum, components on: (Government Code 12950)

- 1. The illegality of sexual harassment
- 2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
- 3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
- 4. The district's complaint process available to the employee
- 5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- 6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC
- 7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 11021 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

In addition, the district shall post, in a prominent and accessible location, the DFEH poster on discrimination in employment and the illegality of sexual harassment and the DFEH poster regarding transgender rights. (Government Code 12950)

Complaint Procedures

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment by and against employees shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures. The Title IX Coordinator shall review the allegations to determine the applicable procedure for responding to the complaint. All complaints that meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Other sexual harassment complaints shall be investigated and resolved pursuant to AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

If sexual harassment is found following an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator, or designee in consultation with the Coordinator, shall take prompt action to stop the sexual harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effects.

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Regulation 4119.12: Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

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The complaint procedures described in this administrative regulation shall be used to address any complaint governed by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 alleging that a district employee, while in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent, was subjected to one or more of the following forms of sexual harassment: (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

- 1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity
- 3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

All other sexual harassment complaints or allegations shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. The determination of whether the allegations meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be made by the district's Title IX Coordinator.

Because the complainant has a right to pursue a complaint under AR 4030 for any allegation that is dismissed or denied under the Title IX complaint procedure, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that all requirements and timelines for AR 4030 are concurrently met while implementing the Title IX procedure.

Reporting Allegations/Filing a Formal Complaint

An employee who is the alleged victim of sexual harassment may submit a report of sexual harassment to the district's Title IX Coordinator using the contact information listed in AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment or to the employee's direct supervisor or other district administrator, who shall forward the report to the Title IX Coordinator within one day of receiving the report.

Upon receiving such a report, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the complainant of the right to file a formal complaint and the process for filing a formal complaint.

A formal complaint, with the complainant's physical or digital signature, may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by email, or by any other method authorized by the district. (34 CFR 106.30)

Even if the alleged victim chooses not to file a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator shall file a formal complaint in situations when a safety threat exists. In addition, the Title IX Coordinator may file a formal complaint in other situations as permitted under the Title IX regulations, including as part of the district's obligation to not be deliberately indifferent to known allegations of sexual harassment. In such cases, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the alleged victim notices as required by the Title IX regulations at specific points in the complaint process.

The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or a facilitator of an informal resolution process shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent. Such persons shall receive training in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45. (34 CFR 106.45)

Supportive Measures

Upon receipt of a report of Title IX sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures and shall consider the complainant's wishes with respect to the supportive measures implemented. Supportive measures shall be offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures shall be nondisciplinary, nonpunitive, and not unreasonably burden the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment or to deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include, but are not limited to, counseling, extensions of deadlines, modifications of work schedules, mutual restrictions on contact, changes in work locations, leaves of absence, increased security, and monitoring of certain areas of the campus. (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

The district shall maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the district's ability to provide the supportive measures. (34 CFR 106.30)

Emergency Removal

If a district employee is the respondent, the employee may be placed on administrative leave during the pendency of the formal complaint process. (34 CFR 106.44)

If the respondent is a student, the district may, on an emergency basis, remove the student from the district's education program or activity, provided that the district conducts an individualized safety and risk analysis, determines that removal is justified due to an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations, and provides the student with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This authority to remove a student does not modify a student's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. (34 CFR 106.44)

Dismissal of Complaint

The Title IX Coordinator shall dismiss a formal complaint if the alleged conduct would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30 even if proved. The Title IX Coordinator shall also dismiss any complaint in which the alleged conduct did not occur in the district's education program or activity or did not occur against a person in the United States, and may dismiss a formal complaint if the complainant notifies the district in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the complaint or any allegations in the complaint, the respondent is no longer employed by the district, or sufficient circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination with regard to the complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

Upon dismissal, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly send written notice of the dismissal and the reasons for the dismissal simultaneously to the parties, and shall inform them of their right to appeal the dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegation in the complaint in accordance with the appeal procedures described in the section "Appeals" below. (34 CFR 106.45)

If a complaint is dismissed, the conduct may still be addressed pursuant to AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment as applicable.

Informal Resolution Process

When a formal complaint of sexual harassment is filed, the district may offer an informal resolution process, such as mediation, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility. The district shall not require a party to participate in the informal resolution process or to waive the right to an investigation and adjudication of a formal complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

The district may facilitate an informal resolution process provided that the district: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Provides the parties with written notice disclosing the allegations, the requirements of the informal resolution process, the right to withdraw from the informal process and resume the formal complaint process, and any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including that records will be maintained or could be shared.
- 2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process

Written Notice

If a formal complaint is filed, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the known parties with written notice of the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. The district's complaint process, including any informal resolution process
- 2. The allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment with sufficient details known at the time, including the identity of parties involved in the incident if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident if known. Such notice shall be provided with sufficient time

for the parties to prepare a response before any initial interview.

If, during the course of the investigation, new Title IX allegations arise about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the initial notice, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties.

- 3. A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the complaint process
- 4. The opportunity for the parties to have an advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and the ability to inspect and review evidence
- 5. The prohibition against knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the complaint process

The above notice shall also include the name of the investigator, facilitator of an informal process, and decision-maker and shall inform the parties that, if at any time a party has concerns regarding conflict of interest or bias regarding any of these persons, the party should immediately notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Investigation Procedures

During the investigation process, the district's designated investigator shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence
- 2. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence
- 3. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney
- 4. Not limit the choice or presence of an advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding, although the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties
- 5. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all investigative interviews or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate
- 6. Send in an electronic format or hard copy to both parties and their advisors, if any, the evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the complaint, and provide the parties at least 10 days to submit a written response for the investigator to consider prior to the completion of the investigative report
- 7. Objectively evaluate all relevant evidence, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, and determine credibility in a manner that is not based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness
- 8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 days prior to the determination of responsibility, send to the parties and their advisors, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response

Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. (34 CFR 106.45)

Privacy rights of all parties to the complaint shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

If the complaint is against an employee, rights conferred under an applicable collective bargaining agreement shall be

applied to the extent they do not conflict with the Title IX requirements.

Written Decision

The Superintendent shall designate an employee as the decision-maker to determine responsibility for the alleged conduct, who shall not be the Title IX Coordinator or a person involved in the investigation of the matter. (34 CFR 106.45)

After the investigative report has been sent to the parties but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker shall afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that the party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party

The decision-maker shall issue, and simultaneously provide to both parties, a written decision as to whether the respondent is responsible for the alleged conduct. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall be issued within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the complaint.

The timeline may be temporarily extended for good cause with written notice to the complainant and respondent of the extension and the reasons for the action. (34 CFR 106.45)

In making this determination, the decision-maker shall use the "preponderance of the evidence" standard for all formal complaints of sexual harassment. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall include the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30
- 2. A description of the procedural steps taken from receipt of the formal complaint through the written decision, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held if the district includes hearings as part of the grievance process
- 3. Findings of fact supporting the determination
- 4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct or policies to the facts
- 5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a decision regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's educational program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant
- 6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal

Appeals

Either party may appeal the district's decision or dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegation in the complaint, if the party believes that a procedural irregularity affected the outcome, new evidence is available that could affect the outcome, or a conflict of interest or bias by the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) affected the outcome. If an appeal is filed, the district shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties
- 2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is trained in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45 and is not the same decision-maker(s) who reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator
- 3. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome
- 4. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result

5. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties

An appeal must be filed in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving the notice of the decision or dismissal, stating the grounds for the appeal and including any relevant documentation in support of the appeal. Appeals submitted after this deadline are not timely and shall not be considered.

A written decision shall be provided to the parties within 20 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal.

Either party has the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights within 180 days of the date of the most recently alleged misconduct.

The complainant shall be advised of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal antidiscrimination laws, if applicable.

Remedies

When a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, the district shall provide remedies to the complainant. Such remedies may include the same individualized services described above in the section "Supportive Measures," but need not be nondisciplinary or nonpunitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent. (34 CFR 106.45)

Disciplinary Actions

The district shall not impose any disciplinary sanctions or other actions against a respondent, other than supportive measures as described above in the section "Supportive Measures," until the complaint procedure has been completed and a determination of responsibility has been made. (34 CFR 106.44)

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

Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain, for a period of seven years: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. A record of all reported cases and Title IX investigations of sexual harassment, any determinations of responsibility, any audio or audiovisual recording and transcript if applicable, any disciplinary sanctions imposed, any remedies provided to the complainant, and any appeal or informal resolution and the results therefrom.
- 2. A record of any actions, including supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, including the district's basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, the measures taken that were designed to restore or preserve equal access to the education program or activity, and, if no supportive measures were provided to the complainant, the reasons that such a response was not unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.
- 3. All materials used to train the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), decision-maker(s), and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district shall make such training materials publicly available on its web site, or if the district does not maintain a web site, available upon request by members of the public.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4119.12-E PDF(1): Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

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See PDF on the next page.

Descriptor Code: 4119.12

Note: 34 CFR 106.8 requires the district to provide notice to employees, bargaining units, and job applicants of its policy prohibiting sexual harassment and its grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints. The following exhibit presents a sample notification that meets these requirements and may be modified to reflect district practice. For a sample notice for students and parents/guardians, see E 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, the district must provide the Title IX Coordinator's contact information on its web site and in any employee handbook. In addition, state law (Education Code 231.5) requires that the district's sexual harassment policy be provided to employees at the beginning of the school year and when newly hired, displayed in district and school offices, and included in any publication that sets forth standards of employee conduct.

NOTICE OF TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Section 106.8 requires the district to issue the following notification to employees, job applicants, and employee organizations:

The district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that it operates. The prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sex is required by federal law (20 USC 1681-1688; 34 CFR Part 106) and extends to employment. The district also prohibits retaliation against any employee for filing a complaint or exercising any right granted under Title IX.

Title IX requires a school district to take immediate and appropriate action to address any potential Title IX violations that are brought to its attention. Any inquiries about the application of Title IX, this notice, and who is protected by Title IX may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, or both.

Note: The district should enter the name/title and contact information of the district's Title IX Coordinator below. Such information should be consistent with the person/position identified in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

The district has designated and authorized the following employee as the district's Title IX Coordinator, to address concerns or inquiries regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking:

Billie Mankey Director II, Human Resources bmankey@pgusd.org 831.646.6507 Note: The district may expand the following paragraph to include other means of contact or reporting methods available in the district, such as online submission forms or mobile applications.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, the district must provide notice to employees, bargaining units, and job applicants of the district's grievance procedures, and process, including how to report or file a formal complaint of sexual discrimination and/or harassment, and how the district will respond.

Any individual may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, to the Title IX Coordinator or any other school employee at any time, including during non-business hours, by mail, phone, or email. During district business hours, reports may also be made in person. Upon receiving an allegation of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly notify the parties, in writing, of the applicable district complaint procedure.

To view an electronic copy of the district's policies and administrative regulations on sexual harassment, including the grievance process that complies with 34 CFR 106.45, please see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment and AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures on the district's web site at Pgusd.org/TITLE-IX/index.html.

To inspect or obtain a copy of the district's sexual harassment policies and administrative regulations, please contact:

Billie Mankey Director II, Human Resources bmankey@pgusd.org 831.646.6507

Materials used to train the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), decision-maker(s), and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process are also publicly available on the district's web site or at the district office upon request.

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Policy 4119.21: Professional Standards

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The Board of Trustees expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, behave professionally, follow district policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employees shall engage in conduct that enhances the integrity of the district, advances the goals of the district's educational programs, and contributes to a positive school climate.

The Board encourages district employees to accept as guiding principles the professional standards and codes of ethics adopted by educational or professional associations to which they may belong.

Each employee is expected to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill his/her responsibilities and to contribute to the learning and achievement of district students.

Inappropriate Conduct

Inappropriate employee conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, threats of violence, or possession of a firearm or other weapon
- 2. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed
- 3. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child
- 4. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student
- 5. Possessing or viewing any pornography on school grounds, or possessing or viewing child pornography or other imagery portraying children in a sexualized manner at any time
- 6. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members
- 7. Willfully disrupting district or school operations by loud or unreasonable noise or other action
- 8. Using tobacco, alcohol, or an illegal or unauthorized substance, or possessing or distributing any controlled substance, while in the workplace, on district property, or at a school-sponsored activity
- 9. Being dishonest with students, parents/guardians, staff, or members of the public, including, but not limited to, falsifying information in employment records or other school records
- 10. Divulging confidential information about students, district employees, or district operations to persons or entities not authorized to receive the information
- 11. Using district equipment or other district resources for the employee's own commercial purposes or for political activities
- 12. Using district equipment or communications devices for personal purposes while on duty, except in an emergency, during scheduled work breaks, or for personal necessity
 - Employees shall be notified that computer files and all electronic communications, including, but not limited to, email and voice mail, are not private. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technological resources at any time without the employee's consent.
- 13. Causing damage to or engaging in theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district

14. Wearing inappropriate attire

Reports of Misconduct

An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of or suspects child abuse or neglect shall file a report pursuant to the district's child abuse reporting procedures as detailed in AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

Any reports of employee misconduct shall be promptly investigated. Any employee who is found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct in violation of law or Board policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and, in the case of a certificated employee, may be subject to a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

An employee who has knowledge of but fails to report inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.

The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

Notifications

The section(s) of the district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

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CODE OF ETHICS OF THE EDUCATION PROFESSION

Descriptor Code: 4119.21

Note: The following exhibit reproduces the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession adopted by the National Education Association in 1975. This code is used by the California Teachers Association and is distributed to teachers in the CTA Handbook.

Preamble

The educator, believing in the worth and dignity of each human being, recognizes the supreme importance of the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, and the nurturing of democratic principles. Essential to these goals is the protection of freedom to learn and to teach and the guarantee of equal educational opportunity for all. The educator accepts the responsibility to adhere to the highest ethical standards.

The educator recognizes the magnitude of the responsibility inherent in the teaching process. The desire for the respect and confidence of one's colleagues, of students, of parents, and of the members of the community provides the incentive to attain and maintain the highest possible degree of ethical conduct. The Code of Ethics of the Education Profession indicates the aspiration of all educators and provides standards by which to judge conduct.

Principle I. Commitment to the Student

The educator strives to help each student realize his/her potential as a worthy and effective member of society. The educator therefore works to stimulate the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding, and the thoughtful formulation of worthy goals.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the student, the educator:

- 1. Shall not unreasonably restrain the student from independent action in the pursuit of learning
- 2. Shall not unreasonably deny the student access to varying points of view
- 3. Shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter relevant to the student's progress
- 4. Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning or to health and safety
- 5. Shall not intentionally expose the student to embarrassment or disparagement
- 6. Shall not on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, family, social, or cultural background, or sexual orientation, unfairly:

- a. Exclude any student from participation in any program
- b. Deny benefits to any student
- c. Grant any advantage to any student
- 7. Shall not use professional relationships with students for private advantage
- 8. Shall not disclose information in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law

Principle II. Commitment to the Profession

The education profession is vested by the public with a trust and responsibility requiring the highest ideals of professional service.

In the belief that the quality of the services of the education profession directly influences the nation and its citizens, the educator shall exert every effort to raise professional standards, to promote a climate that encourages the exercise of professional judgment, to achieve conditions that attract persons worthy of the trust to careers in education, and to assist in preventing the practice of the profession by unqualified persons.

In fulfillment of the obligation of the profession, the educator:

- 1. Shall not in any application for a professional position deliberately make a false statement or fail to disclose a material fact related to competency and qualifications
- 2. Shall not misrepresent his/her professional qualifications
- 3. Shall not assist any entry into the profession of a person known to be unqualified in respect to character, education, or other relevant attribute
- 4. Shall not knowingly make a false statement concerning the qualifications of a candidate for a professional position
- 5. Shall not assist a noneducator in the unauthorized practice of teaching
- 6. Shall not disclose information about colleagues obtained in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law
- 7. Shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about a colleague
- 8. Shall not accept any gratuity, gift, or favor that might impair or appear to influence professional decisions or action

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Policy 4119.22: Dress And Grooming

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The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming by district employees contribute to a productive learning environment and model positive behavior. During school hours and at school activities, employees shall maintain professional standards of dress and grooming that demonstrate their high regard for education, present an image consistent with their job responsibilities and assignment, and do not endanger the health or safety of employees or students. All employees shall be held to the same standards unless their assignment provides for modified dress as approved by their supervisor.

The district shall allow employees to appear and dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression. (Government Code 12949)

The district shall not discriminate against employees based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists. (Government Code 12926)

The district shall not dismiss an employee, discriminate against an employee in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or refuse to hire a job applicant on the basis of religious dress or grooming practices. (Government Code 12926, 12940)

This policy shall be presented to employees upon employment, through the employee handbook or other appropriate means, and may be periodically reviewed with all employees as necessary.

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Policy 4119.23: Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of keeping confidential information confidential. Staff shall maintain the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of their employment. Confidential/privileged information shall be released only to the extent authorized by law.

Disclosure of Closed Session Information

An employee shall not disclose confidential information acquired by being present during a closed session to a person not entitled to receive such information, unless the Board authorizes disclosure of that information. (Government Code 54963)

Confidential information means a communication made in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the Board to meet lawfully in closed session. (Government Code 54963)

An employee who willfully discloses confidential information acquired during a closed session may be subject to disciplinary action if he/she has received training or notice as to the requirements of this policy. (Government Code 54963)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all employees who attend closed sessions a copy of this policy. New employees who may attend closed sessions shall also receive a copy of this policy.

The district shall not take disciplinary action against any employee for disclosing confidential information acquired in a closed session, nor shall the disclosure be considered a violation of the law or Board policy, when the employee is: (Government Code 54963)

- 1. Making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts necessary to establish the illegality or potential illegality of a Board action that has been the subject of deliberation during a closed session
- 2. Expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of Board action in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the illegal or potentially illegal action
- 3. Disclosing information that is not confidential

Other Disclosures

An employee who willfully releases confidential/privileged information about the district, students or staff shall be subject to disciplinary action.

No employee shall disclose confidential information acquired in the course of his/her official duties. Confidential information includes information that is not a public record subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, information that by law may not be disclosed, or information that may have a material financial effect on the employee.

Any action by an employee which inadvertently or carelessly results in release of confidential/privileged information shall be recorded, and the record shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. Depending on the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may deny the employee further access to any privileged information and shall take any steps necessary to prevent any further unauthorized release of such information.

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Policy 4119.24: Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

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The Board of Trustees desires to provide a positive school environment that protects the safety and well-being of district students. The Board expects all adults with whom students may interact at school or in school-related activities, including employees, independent contractors, and volunteers, to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in their interactions with students both within and outside the educational setting. Such adults shall not engage in unlawful or inappropriate interactions with students and shall avoid boundary-blurring behaviors that undermine trust in the adult-student relationship and lead to the appearance of impropriety.

Employees are prohibited from entering into or attempting to form a romantic or sexual relationship with any student or engaging in sexual harassment of a student, including sexual advances, flirtations, requests for sexual favors, inappropriate comments about a student's body or appearance, or other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Adults shall not intrude on a student's physical or emotional boundaries unless necessary in an emergency or to serve a legitimate purpose related to instruction, counseling, student health, or student or staff safety.

Any employee who observes or has knowledge of another employee's violation of this policy shall report the information to the Superintendent or designee or appropriate agency for investigation pursuant to the applicable complaint procedures. Other adults with knowledge of any violation of this policy are encouraged to report the violation to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall protect anyone who reports a violation from retaliation. Immediate intervention shall be implemented when necessary to protect student safety or the integrity of the investigation.

Employees who engage in any conduct in violation of this policy, including retaliation against a person who reports the violation or participates in the complaint process, shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. Any other adult who violates this policy may be barred from school grounds and activities in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee may also notify law enforcement as appropriate.

The district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

Inappropriate Conduct

Employees shall remain vigilant of their position of authority and not abuse it when relating with students. Examples of employee conduct that can undermine professional adult-student interactions or create the appearance of impropriety include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Initiating inappropriate physical contact
- 2. Being alone with a student outside of the view of others
- 3. Visiting a student's home or inviting a student to visit the employee's home without parent/guardian consent
- 4. Maintaining personal contact with a student that has no legitimate educational purpose, by phone, letter, electronic communications, or other means, without including the student's parent/guardian or the principal

When communicating electronically with students, employees shall use district equipment or technological resources when available. Employees shall not communicate with students through any medium that is designed to eliminate records of the communications. The Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technology at any time without advance notice or consent.

- 5. Creating or participating in social networking sites for communication with students, other than those created by the district, without the prior written approval of the principal or designee
- 6. Inviting or accepting requests from students, or former students who are minors, to connect on personal social networking sites (e.g., "friending" or "following" on social media), unless the site is dedicated to school business

- 7. Singling out a particular student for personal attention and friendship, including giving gifts and/or nicknames to individual students
- 8. Addressing a student in an overly familiar manner, such as by using a term of endearment
- 9. Socializing or spending time with students outside of school-sponsored events, except as participants in community activities
- 10. Sending or accompanying students on personal errands unrelated to any legitimate educational purpose
- 11. Transporting a student in a personal vehicle without prior authorization
- 12. Encouraging students to confide their personal or family problems and/or relationships
- 13. Disclosing personal, family, or other private matters to students or sharing personal secrets with students

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Policy 4119.25: Political Activities Of Employees

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of political activity, voting, and civic engagement, and respects the right of district employees to engage in political discussions and activities as individuals on their own time and at their own expense. When engaging in such activities, employees shall make it clear that they are acting on their own behalf and not as representatives of the district.

District employees, as members of the community, may use school facilities for meetings, including political activities, as permitted under the Civic Center Act and district policy.

Employees shall refrain from prohibited political activities identified in law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. Employees who engage in these activities shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal penalties.

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Regulation 4119.25: Political Activities Of Employees

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No employee shall be prohibited from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions to promote the support or defeat of a ballot measure during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period, or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

District employees shall not:

- 1. Use district funds, services, supplies, equipment, work hours, or other public resources to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board of Trustees (Education Code 7054, 7056; Government Code 8314)
- 2. Use the district's seal in any campaign literature or mass mailing with the intent to deceive voters, including, but not limited to, the use of a reproduction or facsimile of the seal in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous, or false impression that the document is authorized by the Board, a Board member, or the district (Elections Code 18304)
- 3. During working hours, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, civil service or other working conditions (Education Code 7056)
- 4. During working hours, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of other types of ballot measures
- 5. Use district equipment for the preparation or reproduction of political campaign materials
- 6. Post or distribute political campaign materials in classrooms, through distance learning platforms, or on district property
- 7. Disseminate political campaign materials through the district's mail service, e-mail, or staff mailboxes
- 8. Use students to write, address, or distribute political campaign materials
- 9. Present viewpoints on particular candidates or ballot measures in the classroom without giving equal time to the presentation of all perspectives
- 10. Wear buttons, hats, or other articles of clothing that express political opinions on ballot measures or candidates during instructional time

Political Activities of Employee Organizations

Employee organizations shall not use district funds, services, supplies, or equipment, such as staff mailboxes or the district mail system, to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board. (Education Code 7054)

No employee organization or its officers, agents, or representatives shall be prohibited from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period, or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

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Policy 4119.41: Employees With Infectious Disease

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The Board of Trustees desires to promote the health of district students and staff in order to reduce absenteeism and enhance employee and student performance. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases at district schools.

An infectious disease is one that is caused by a microorganism and is potentially transmittable to another individual, whether through airborne transmission, bloodborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. A communicable infectious disease, such as influenza or chicken pox, is contagious and can be readily transmitted by infectious bacteria or viral organisms.

In accordance with law, job applicants shall be required to provide evidence that they are free of tuberculosis or any other communicable infectious disease prior to beginning employment.

To prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases, the Superintendent or designee may provide infection prevention supplies and information to employees, including information about recommended vaccinations. Employees also shall observe universal precautions to avoid contact with potentially infectious blood or other bodily fluids.

Plans for addressing a communicable infectious disease outbreak, including, but not limited to, plans for addressing employee shortages during such an outbreak, shall be included in the district's emergency preparedness plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable infectious disease. In addition, a school nurse or other health care provider who knows of or is in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or conditions listed in 17 CCR 2500 shall make a report to the local health officer. If no health care provider is in attendance, any individual having knowledge of a person who is suspected to be suffering from one of the specified diseases or conditions may make a report to the local health officer. (17 CCR 2500, 2508)

Nondiscrimination/Reasonable Accommodation

The district shall not discriminate against any employee or job applicant who has an infectious disease that meets the federal or state definition of a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, California Fair Employment and Housing Act, or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act. (Government Code 12900-12996; 29 USC 794; 42 USC 12101-12213)

Upon request, any qualified person with a disability shall be provided reasonable accommodation to perform the essential duties of his/her position in accordance with the criteria and processes described in AR 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation.

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Policy 4119.42: Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens

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As part of its commitment to provide a safe and healthy work environment, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of protecting employees from possible infection due to contact with bloodborne pathogens, including, but not limited to, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The Superintendent or designee shall establish a written exposure control plan in accordance with state and federal standards for dealing with potentially infectious materials in the workplace.

The exposure control plan shall be consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7 and 8 CCR 3203. (8 CCR 5193)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which employees have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. In accordance with the district's exposure control plan, employees having occupational exposure shall receive training and be offered the hepatitis B vaccination. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Any employee not identified by the Superintendent or designee as having occupational exposure may submit a request to the Superintendent or designee to be included in the training and hepatitis B vaccination program. The Superintendent or designee may deny a request when there is no reasonable anticipation of contact with any infectious material.

In the event that an employee has an exposure incident, the district shall implement follow-up procedures in accordance with the exposure control plan. All such incidents shall be evaluated to determine whether changes need to be made in district practices.

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Regulation 4119.42: Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens

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Definitions

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Exposure incident means a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, nonintact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that results from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Parenteral contact means piercing mucous membranes or the skin barrier through such events as needlesticks, human bites, cuts, and abrasions. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

A sharp is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

A sharps injury is any injury caused by a sharp, including, but not limited to, cuts, abrasions, or needlesticks. (8 CCR 5193)

Work practice controls are controls that reduce the likelihood of exposure by defining the manner in which a task is performed. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Engineering controls are controls, such as sharps disposal containers, needleless systems, and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection, that isolate or remove the bloodborne pathogens hazard from the workplace. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Engineered sharps injury protection is a physical attribute, such as a barrier, blunting, encapsulation, withdrawal, or other effective mechanism, built into a needle device or into a non-needle sharp which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Personal protective equipment is specialized clothing or equipment worn or used by an employee for protection against a hazard, such as gloves, gowns, laboratory coats, face shields or masks. (8 CCR 5193)

Exposure Control Plan

The district's written exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens shall contain at least the following components: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. A determination of which employees have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, which shall be made without regard to employees' use of personal protective equipment and shall include a list of:
 - a. All job classifications in which all employees have occupational exposure
 - b. Job classifications in which some employees have occupational exposure
 - c. All tasks and procedures, or groups of closely related tasks and procedures, in which occupational exposure occurs and which are performed by employees listed in item #1b above
- 2. The schedule and method of implementing each of the following in accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and this administrative regulation:
 - a. Methods of compliance required by 8 CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030, including universal precautions, general and specific engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment

- b. Hepatitis B vaccination
- c. Bloodborne pathogen post-exposure evaluation and follow-up
- d. Communication of hazards to employees through information and training
- e. Recordkeeping, including medical records, training records, and a log of sharps injuries
- 3. The district's procedure for documenting the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which exposure incidents occurred
- 4. An effective procedure for gathering information about each exposure incident involving a sharp
- 5. An effective procedure for periodically determining the frequency of use of the types and brands of sharps involved in exposure incidents
- 6. An effective procedure for identifying currently available engineering controls and selecting such controls, as appropriate, for the procedures performed by employees in their work areas or departments
- 7. An effective procedure for documenting instances when a licensed healthcare professional directly involved in an employee's care determines that the use of an engineering control would jeopardize the employee's safety or the success of a medical, dental, or nursing procedure involving the employee
- 8. An effective procedure for obtaining the active involvement of employees in reviewing and updating the exposure control plan with respect to the procedures performed by employees in their respective work areas or departments

The exposure control plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and whenever necessary to: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Reflect new or modified tasks and procedures affecting occupational exposure
- 2. Reflect changes in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens and, to the extent that sharps are used in the district, document consideration and implementation of appropriate commercially available needleless systems and needle devices and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection
- 3. Include new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure
- 4. Review and evaluate the exposure incidents which occurred since the previous update
- 5. Review and respond to information indicating that the exposure control plan is deficient in any area

The district's exposure control plan shall be accessible to employees upon request. (8 CCR 3204(e), 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Preventive Measures

The Superintendent or designee shall use engineering controls and work practice controls, as defined above, to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Engineering controls and work practice controls shall be evaluated on a regular schedule and, as applicable, maintained, replaced, or updated to ensure their effectiveness. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Whenever potential occupational exposure continues to exist after institution of engineering and work practice controls, the district shall provide, at no cost to the employee, appropriate personal protective equipment. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Employees shall observe universal precautions to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, including, but not limited to, handwashing, proper use of personal protective equipment, and proper disposal or washing of contaminated garments or objects. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Any use of needleless systems, needle devices, or non-needle sharps shall adhere to the specific requirements of 8

CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030.

Pre-Exposure Hepatitis B Vaccination

The hepatitis B vaccination and vaccination series shall be made available at no cost to all employees who have occupational exposure. The hepatitis B vaccination shall be made available after an employee with occupational exposure has received the required training and within 10 working days of initial assignment, unless the employee has previously received the complete hepatitis B vaccination series, antibody testing has revealed that the employee is immune, or vaccination is contraindicated for medical reasons. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Employees who decline to accept the vaccination shall sign the hepatitis B declination statement. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine designated first aid providers whose primary job assignment is not the rendering of first aid, provided that the district implements the procedures in its exposure control plan for providing hepatitis B vaccine to all unvaccinated first aid providers who have rendered assistance in any situation involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials and provides appropriate follow-up for those who experience an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees with occupational exposure participate in a training program at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place and at least annually thereafter. The training shall be offered during working hours and at no cost to the employee. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The training shall address, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. The exposure control standard contained in 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030
- 2. The epidemiology and symptoms of bloodborne diseases
- 3. Modes of transmission of bloodborne pathogens
- 4. The district's exposure control plan and the means by which employees may obtain a copy of the written plan
- 5. Appropriate methods for recognizing tasks and other activities that may involve exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials
- 6. The use and limitations of methods to prevent or reduce exposure, including appropriate engineering controls, administrative or work practice controls, and personal protective equipment
- 7. The types, proper use, location, removal, handling, decontamination, and disposal of personal protective equipment
- 8. The basis for selecting personal protective equipment
- 9. The hepatitis B vaccine, including its efficacy, safety, and method of administration; the benefits of being vaccinated; and that the vaccine will be offered free of charge
- 10. Appropriate actions to take and persons to contact in an emergency or exposure incident involving blood or other potentially infectious materials
- 11. The post-exposure evaluation and follow-up that the district is required to provide for the employee following an exposure incident

Additional training shall be provided to affected employees whenever a change, such as the introduction or modification of tasks or procedures or the introduction of new engineering, administrative, or work practice controls, affects the employee's exposure. The additional training may be limited to addressing the new exposures created. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Designated first aid providers shall receive training that includes the specifics of reporting first-aid incidents which involve blood or body fluids which are potentially infectious. (8 CCR 5193)

Reporting Incidents

All exposure incidents shall be reported as soon as possible to the Superintendent or designee.

Unvaccinated designated first aid providers must report any first aid incident involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious material, regardless of whether an exposure incident occurred, by the end of the work shift. The full hepatitis B vaccination series shall be made available to such employees no later than 24 hours after the first aid incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Sharps Injury Log

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a log recording each exposure incident involving a sharp. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The exposure incident shall be recorded within 14 working days of the date the incident is reported to the district. (8 CCR 5193)

The information recorded shall include the following, if known or reasonably available: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Date and time of the exposure incident
- 2. Type and brand of sharp involved in the exposure incident
- 3. A description of the exposure incident, including:
 - a. Job classification of the exposed employee
 - b. Department or work area where the exposure incident occurred
 - c. The procedure that the exposed employee was performing at the time of the incident
 - d. How the incident occurred
 - e. The body part involved in the incident
 - f. If the sharp had engineered sharps injury protection, whether the protective mechanism was activated and whether the injury occurred before, during, or after the protective mechanism was activated
 - g. If the sharp had no engineered sharps injury protection, the injured employee's opinion as to whether and how such a mechanism could have prevented the injury
 - h. The employee's opinion about whether any other engineering, administrative, or work practice could have prevented the injury

Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up

Following a report of an exposure incident, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make available to the exposed employee, at no cost, a confidential medical evaluation, post-exposure evaluation, and follow-up. The Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Document the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred
- 2. Identify and document the source individual, unless that identification is not feasible or is prohibited by law
- 3. With the consent of the exposed employee, provide for the collection and testing of the employee's blood for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV serological status

- 4. Provide for post-exposure prophylaxis, when medically indicated, as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service
- 5. Provide for counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the health care professional responsible for the employee's hepatitis B vaccination with a copy of 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030; a description of the employee's duties as they relate to the exposure incident; documentation of the route(s) of exposure and circumstances under which exposure occurred; results of the source individual's blood testing, if available; and all medical records maintained by the district relevant to the appropriate treatment of the employee, including vaccination status. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The district shall maintain the confidentiality of the affected employee and the exposure source during all phases of the post-exposure evaluation. (8 CCR 5193)

Records

Upon an employee's initial employment and at least annually thereafter, the Superintendent or designee shall inform employees with occupational exposure of the existence, location, and availability of related records; the person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; and the employee's right of access to these records. (8 CCR 3204)

The district shall maintain a medical record of each employee with occupational exposure, including the employee's hepatitis B vaccination status, the results of any post-exposure medical examinations and follow-up procedures, a copy of the information provided to the health care professional, and a copy of the health care professional's written opinion. The medical record shall be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by law. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Upon request by an employee, or a designated representative with the employee's written consent, the Superintendent or designee shall provide access to a record in a reasonable time, place, and manner, no later than 15 days after the request is made. (8 CCR 3204)

Records shall be maintained as follows: (8 CCR 3204, 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. The medical records of each employee with occupational exposure shall be maintained for the duration of employment plus 30 years.
- 2. Training records shall be maintained for three years from the date of training.
- 3. The sharps injury log shall be maintained five years from the date the exposure incident occurred.
- 4. Exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.
- 5. Each analysis using medical or exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4119.42-E PDF(1): Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens

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See PDF on the next page.

Descriptor Code: 4119.42

HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

Note: 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030 require the district to ensure that the following statement is signed by any employee with occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens or other potentially infectious materials who declines to accept the hepatitis B vaccination offered by the district.

In accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030, the district makes the hepatitis B vaccine available to employees who may reasonably be expected to have contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials in the performance of their duties. Any employee who declines this vaccine is required to read and sign the following statement:

I understand that, due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to myself.

Employee Name (Please print)	
Signature	
Date	

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Policy 4119.43: Universal Precautions

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In order to protect all employees from contact with potentially infectious blood or other body fluids, the Board of Trustees requires that universal precautions be observed throughout the district. Universal precautions are appropriate for preventing the spread of all infectious diseases and shall be used regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute to employees information provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B. This information shall include, but not be limited to, any appropriate methods employees may use to prevent exposure to AIDS and hepatitis B, including information concerning the availability of a vaccine to prevent contraction of hepatitis B, and that the cost of this vaccination may be covered by the health plan of the employees. Information shall be distributed annually, or more frequently if there is new information supplied by CDE. (Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880)

Information regarding universal precautions may be included in employee handbooks.

Employees shall immediately report any exposure incident or first aid incident in accordance with the district's exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens or other safety procedures.

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Regulation 4119.43: Universal Precautions

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Definitions

Universal precautions are an approach to infection control. All human blood and certain human body fluids, including, but not limited to semen, vaginal secretions, and any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, are treated as if known to be infectious for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and other bloodborne pathogens. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

A sharp is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Infection Control Practices

For the prevention of infectious disease, the district shall:

- 1. Effectively maintain the worksite in a clean and sanitary condition, and implement an appropriate written schedule for cleaning and decontamination of the worksite
- 2. When necessary for employees with occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, provide appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves, masks, and outer garments, at no cost to the employee (8 CCR 5193)
- 3. Provide handwashing facilities which are readily accessible to employees, or, if not feasible, provide an appropriate antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes

Any employee who has contact with blood or other body fluid, regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present, shall:

- 1. Use personal protective equipment as appropriate.
- 2. Wash hands and other skin surfaces thoroughly with soap and running water:
 - a. Immediately or as soon as feasible following contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials
 - b. Immediately after removing gloves or other personal protective equipment
- 3. When handwashing facilities are not available, use antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes. In such instances, hands shall be washed with soap and running water as soon as feasible.
- 4. Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, or handling contact lenses in work areas with a reasonable likelihood of occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
- 5. Clean and decontaminate all equipment and environmental and work surfaces after contact with blood or other potentially infectious material, no later than the end of the shift or more frequently as required by state regulations.
- 6. Rather than using the hands directly, use mechanical means such as a brush and dust pan, tongs, or forceps to clean up broken glassware which may be contaminated.
- 7. Use effective techniques designed to minimize the risk of a sharps injury in all procedures involving the use of sharps.
- 8. Handle, store, treat, and dispose of regulated waste in accordance with Health and Safety Code 117600-118360 and other applicable state and federal regulations.

- a. Immediately or as soon as possible after use, contaminated sharps shall be placed in containers meeting the requirements of 8 CCR 5193.
- b. Specimens of blood or other potentially infectious material shall be placed in a container which prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport, or shipping.

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Regulation 4121: Temporary/Substitute Personnel

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Qualifications

Any candidate recommended by the Superintendent or designee for a substitute or temporary position requiring certification qualifications shall possess the appropriate credential or permit authorizing his/her employment in such position and shall meet all other requirements of law for certificated positions. (Education Code 44830)

The district shall not initially hire a certificated person on a substitute or temporary basis in a capacity designated in his/her credential unless he/she has demonstrated basic skills proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics pursuant to Education Code 44252.5, unless exempted by law. (Education Code 44830)

A noncredentialed person shall not substitute for any special education certificated position. The Superintendent or designee shall recruit and maintain lists of appropriately credentialed substitute teachers for special education positions. He/she shall contact institutes of higher education with approved special education programs for possible recommendations of appropriately credentialed special education personnel. (Education Code 56060, 56063)

Notifications

At the time of initial employment during each school year, each new temporary employee shall receive a written statement indicating his/her employment status and salary. This statement shall clearly indicate the temporary nature of the employment and the length of time for which the person is being employed. (Education Code 44916)

Time of initial employment means before the employee starts work. (Kavanaugh v. West Sonoma County Union High School District)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify all substitute and part-time certificated employees, within 30 days of their hire, of their right to elect membership in a defined benefit program under a qualified retirement plan. The employee shall sign a form provided by the system to acknowledge receipt of this notice and to indicate whether he/she elects or declines membership. Election of membership shall be irrevocable for all future employment to perform creditable service. (Education Code 22455.5, 22515)

Assignments

A person who holds an emergency 30-day substitute permit, emergency career substitute permit, emergency substitute permit for prospective teachers, or emergency substitute permit for career technical education shall be restricted in the number of days he/she may substitute for any one teacher in accordance with 5 CCR 80025-80025.5.

In placing substitute teachers in special education classrooms, the district shall give first priority to substitute teachers with the appropriate special education credential(s), second priority to substitute teachers with any other special education credential, and third priority to substitute teachers with a regular teaching credential. An inappropriately credentialed substitute teacher shall not serve as a substitute for a special education teacher for a period of more than 20 cumulative school days for each special education teacher absent during each school year. The district may apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for an extension of 20 school days, or for a longer period in extraordinary circumstances. (Education Code 56060-56062)

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Policy 4127: Temporary Athletic Team Coaches

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The Board of Trustees desires to employ highly qualified coaches for the district's sports and interscholastic athletic programs in order to enhance the knowledge, skills, motivation, and safety of student athletes.

The Superintendent or designee may hire a certificated or noncertificated employee, other than a substitute employee, to supervise or instruct interscholastic athletic activities as a temporary employee in a limited assignment capacity. (5 CCR 5590)

When hiring a person to fill a position as a temporary athletic team coach, the position shall first be made available to qualified certificated teachers currently employed by the district. (Education Code 44919)

All coaches shall be subject to Board policies, administrative regulations, and California Interscholastic Federation bylaws and codes of ethical conduct.

Noncertificated coaches shall have no authority to assign grades to students. (5 CCR 5591)

Qualifications and Training

The Superintendent or designee shall establish qualification criteria for all athletic coaches in accordance with law and district standards. These criteria shall ensure that coaches possess an appropriate level of competence, knowledge, and skill.

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall, prior to beginning his/her duties, submit to the Superintendent or designee either an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background clearance. (Education Code 49024)

Following the selection of a temporary athletic team coach, the Superintendent or designee shall certify to the Board, at the next regular Board meeting or within 30 days, whichever is sooner, that the coach meets the qualifications and competencies required by 5 CCR 5593. By April 1 of each year, the Board shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of 5 CCR 5593 have been met. (5 CCR 5594)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the extent to which the district's coaches have completed the trainings required by law, including those required pursuant to Education Code 33479.6 and 49032, and by district policy.

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Regulation 4127: Temporary Athletic Team Coaches

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Qualifications

Minimum qualifications for temporary athletic team coaches shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, competencies in the following areas: (5 CCR 5593)

- 1. Care and prevention of athletic injuries, basic sports injury first aid, and emergency procedures, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in the care and prevention of athletic injuries and possession of a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card
 - b. A valid sports injury certificate or first aid card, and a valid CPR card
 - c. A valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I or II card
 - d. A valid trainer's certification issued by the National or California Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA/CATA)
 - e. Possession of both valid CPR and first aid cards and practical experience under the supervision of an athletic coach or trainer or experience assisting in team athletic training and conditioning
- 2. Coaching theory and techniques in the sport or game being coached, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college course in coaching theory and techniques
 - b. Completion of inservice programs arranged by a school district or county office of education
 - c. Prior service as a student coach or assistant athletic coach in the sport or game being coached
 - d. Prior coaching in community youth athletic programs in the sport being coached
 - e. Prior participation in organized competitive athletics at the high school level or above in the sport being coached
- 3. Knowledge of the rules and regulations pertaining to the sport or game being coached, the league rules, and, at the high school level, regulations of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
- 4. Knowledge of child or adolescent psychology, as appropriate, as it relates to sport participation, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in child psychology for elementary school positions and adolescent or sports psychology for secondary school positions
 - b. Completion of a seminar or workshop on human growth and development of youth
 - c. Prior active involvement with youth in school or community sports program

The Superintendent or designee may waive competency requirements for persons enrolled in appropriate training courses leading to acquisition of the competency, provided such persons serve under the direct supervision of a fully qualified coach until the competencies are met. (5 CCR 5593)

Volunteers who supervise or direct an athletic program shall meet the qualification criteria specified in 5 CCR 5593 required for temporary athletic team coaches employed by the district. Any volunteer who does not meet such criteria shall serve only under the supervision of a fully qualified coach and shall not be given charge of an athletic program.

Additional Qualifications of Noncertificated Personnel and Volunteers

In addition to the qualifications listed above, any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall: (5 CCR 5592)

- 1. Be free from tuberculosis and any other contagious disease that would prohibit certificated teachers from teaching, as verified by a written statement, renewable every four years, from a licensed physician or other person approved by the district
- 2. Not have been convicted of any offense referred to in Education Code 44010, 44011, or 44424, or any offense involving moral turpitude or evidencing unfitness to associate with children

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate or a criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. (Education Code 49024)

Training

Each employee or volunteer high school athletic team coach shall complete, at his/her expense, a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the CIF and includes, but is not limited to, training in regard to sport psychology, sport pedagogy, sport physiology, sport management, statewide and school regulations, and CPR and first aid, including the signs, symptoms, and appropriate response to concussions. A high school coach who has completed the education program in another California school district shall be deemed to have met the requirement for this district. An individual who has not completed the education program may be assigned as a coach for no longer than one season of interscholastic competition. (Education Code 35179.1, 49032)

In addition, prior to coaching an athletic activity and every two years thereafter, athletic coaches shall complete an approved training course on the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.6, 33479.7)

Code of Ethical Conduct

Employees providing supervisory or instructional services in interscholastic athletic programs and activities shall: (5 CCR 5596)

- 1. Show respect for players, officials, and other coaches
- 2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
- 3. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship, and proper conduct
- 4. Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority
- 5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times
- 6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players
- 7. Maintain consistency in requiring all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game
- 8. Properly instruct players in the safe use of equipment
- 9. Avoid exerting undue influence on a student's decision to enroll in an athletic program at any public or private postsecondary educational institution
- 10. Avoid exerting undue influence on students to take lighter academic course(s) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics
- 11. Avoid suggesting, providing, or encouraging any athlete to use nonprescription drugs, anabolic steroids, or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Surgeon General, or the American Medical Association

- 12. Avoid recruitment of athletes from other schools
- 13. Follow the rules of behavior and the procedures for crowd control as established by the district and the league in which the district participates

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Policy 4131: Staff Development

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The Board of Trustees believes that, in order to maximize student learning, achievement, and well-being, certificated staff members must be continuously learning and improving relevant 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, become informed about changes in pedagogy and subject matter, and strengthen practices related to social-emotional development and learning.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve teachers, site and district administrators, and others, as appropriate, when creating, reviewing, and amending the district's staff development program. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's staff development program is aligned with district priorities for student learning, achievement and well-being, school improvement objectives, the local control and accountability plan, and other district and school plans.

The district's staff development program shall assist certificated staff in developing knowledge and skills, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Mastery of subject-matter knowledge, including current state and district academic standards
- 2. Use of effective, subject-specific teaching methods, strategies, and skills
- 3. Use of technologies to enhance instruction and learning, including face-to-face, remote, or hybrid instruction
- 4. Sensitivity to and ability to meet the needs of diverse student populations, including, but not limited to, students with characteristics specified in Education Code 200 and/or 220, Government Code 11135, and/or Penal Code 422.55
- 5. Understanding of how academic and career technical instruction can be integrated and implemented to increase student learning
- 6. Knowledge of strategies that encourage parents/guardians to participate fully and effectively in their children's education
- 7. Effective classroom management skills and strategies for establishing a climate that promotes respect, fairness, acceptance, and civility, including conflict resolution, hatred prevention, and positive behavioral interventions and supports
- 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
- 10. Knowledge of topics related to student mental and physical health, safety, and welfare, which may include social-emotional learning and trauma-informed practices
- 11. Knowledge of topics related to employee health, safety, and security

The Superintendent or designee shall, in conjunction with teachers, interns, and administrators, as appropriate, develop an individualized program of professional growth to increase competence, performance, and effectiveness in teaching and classroom management 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 common 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 Board may budget funds for actual and reasonable expenses incurred by staff who participate in staff development activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a means for continual evaluation of the benefit of staff development activities to both staff and students and shall 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 and well-being.

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Policy 4131.1: Teacher Support And Guidance

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the link between teacher effectiveness and student learning and desires to provide structured, individualized support and guidance to teachers as necessary to enhance their performance and support teacher retention. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a program of intensive professional development and consultation to help interns and beginning teachers apply their academic preparation more effectively in the classroom and to assist other teachers who need additional development in subject matter knowledge, instructional methods, and/or classroom management.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate individualized teacher support and guidance activities developed pursuant to this policy with other district staff development programs and staff evaluation processes.

Teachers may volunteer to participate in a teacher support and guidance program or may be referred to such services based on their performance evaluation.

Support providers shall be experienced certificated personnel who are knowledgeable about teacher development and needed competencies and have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Support may include, but is not limited to, classroom observations, regular meetings with the support provider, and an individualized plan for professional development or coursework that takes into consideration the teacher's assignment and prior preparation and experience. The roles and responsibilities of support providers shall be clearly defined in writing and communicated to all participants.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the timely assignment of qualified support providers to participating teachers and for reassignment as needed. He/she shall also ensure that each support provider receives appropriate training to serve in a support capacity and is provided adequate time and resources to assist other teachers.

The district may provide a stipend to support providers in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement and district budget.

The performance of a participating teacher shall be monitored by the support provider, Superintendent or designee, and/or a panel of teachers and administrators in order to determine whether the teacher has met program goals and to make recommendations for follow-up support or employment action, as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the district's teacher support and guidance programs and shall report to the Board regarding program effectiveness in meeting district goals for teacher quality and retention. Evaluation reports may include, but are not limited to, data on program enrollment and completion, subsequent retention rates of participating teachers, and interviews or surveys of program participants.

Beginning Teacher Induction Program

The Superintendent or designee shall inform beginning teachers who possess a preliminary credential about induction programs or other options that are available to help them fulfill the requirements of the clear multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist credential pursuant to Education Code 44259.

The district's beginning teacher induction program shall meet program standards adopted by the CTC and shall support beginning teachers in meeting the competencies described in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession.

The beginning teacher's knowledge and classroom practice shall be regularly assessed using multiple measures and the results shall be used to monitor and revise individual induction plans. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a complete record of each participating teacher's progress toward completion of clear credential requirements.

When the teacher has successfully completed the induction program, the Board shall recommend to the CTC that he/she be awarded a clear teaching credential.

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Regulation 4131.1: Teacher Support And Guidance

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Selection of Support Providers

The Superintendent or designee shall design a written application for certificated personnel who want to be mentor teachers or support providers.

Any employee designated by the Superintendent or designee as a support provider shall, at a minimum, meet the following qualifications:

- 1. Possess a clear credential
- 2. Have at least three years of full-time teaching experience
- 3. Have demonstrated effective communication skills, subject matter knowledge, and mastery of a range of teaching strategies necessary to meet the needs of students

The Superintendent or designee may establish a districtwide or school site advisory committee to verify that candidates fulfill the qualifications established by the district, interview candidates, and recommend candidates to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall make the final selection of support providers and shall assign support providers to participating teachers. To the extent possible, the assigned support provider shall be one who teaches at the same school, the same grade levels, and/or in the same subject matter as the teacher(s) to whom he/she is assigned. No support provider shall be assigned to more than five teachers during a school year.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the support provider and may reassign or revoke his/her designation as a support provider.

Peer Review Panel

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a peer review program to provide struggling teachers with feedback and guidance. When a teacher volunteers to participate or is referred by the principal due to unsatisfactory performance, written performance goals shall be established which are aligned with student learning and teacher evaluation criteria. The teacher shall be assigned a consulting teacher who shall provide assistance and review through multiple observations of the teacher during periods of classroom instruction. In addition, the teacher shall participate in sufficient professional development activities to assist him/her to improve teaching skills and knowledge. The consulting teacher shall maintain a written record of the teacher's activities and performance and shall regularly communicate with the principal regarding the teacher's progress.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a joint teacher-administrator peer review panel composed of a majority of teachers selected by other teachers, with the remainder consisting of administrators selected by the Superintendent or designee. The joint teacher-administrator peer review panel shall review reports prepared by the consulting teacher and shall make recommendations to the Superintendent or designee as to whether the participating teacher should be exited from the program due to satisfactory improvement, remain in the program because he/she would possibly benefit from additional support from the program, or be recommended for dismissal.

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Policy 4132: Publication Or Creation Of Materials

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of creating a work environment that encourages employee innovation in creating and developing high-quality materials to improve student achievement and the efficiency of district operations.

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of instructional materials, computer programs, and other copyrightable materials by employees, independent contractors, and consultants. An employee, independent contractor, or consultant shall notify the Superintendent or designee of his/her intent to publish or register a work developed in whole or in part within the scope of his/her employment.

Instructional materials, computer programs, and other copyrightable materials developed by an employee within the scope of his/her employment shall be the property of the district.

If an employee has developed copyrightable material during both work and non-working hours, and the work was within the scope of his/her employment, the Superintendent or designee shall negotiate a contract with the employee to protect the district's right as to the ownership or partial ownership of the copyright.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any contract with an independent contractor or consultant contains a provision specifying the district's right to ownership of the copyright of any work produced by the contractor or consultant for the district.

The Superintendent or designee may secure copyrights in the name of the district for all copyrightable works developed by the district. All royalties or revenues from these copyrights shall be used for the benefit of the district. (Education Code 35170)

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Policy 4136: Nonschool Employment

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In order to help maintain public trust in the integrity of district operations, the Board of Trustees expects all employees to give the responsibility of their positions precedence over any other outside employment. A district employee may receive compensation for outside activities as long as these activities are not inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his/her district duties.

An outside activity shall be considered inconsistent, incompatible, or inimical to district employment when such activity: (Government Code 1126)

- 1. Requires time periods that interfere with the proper, efficient discharge of the employee's duties
- 2. Entails compensation from an outside source for activities which are part of the employee's regular duties
- 3. Involves using the district's name, prestige, time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain
- 4. Involves service which will be wholly or in part subject to the approval or control of another district employee or Board member

An employee wishing to accept outside employment that may be inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to the employee's duties shall file a written request with his/her immediate supervisor describing the nature of the employment and the time required. The supervisor shall evaluate each request based on the employee's specific duties within the district and determine whether to grant authorization for such employment.

The supervisor shall inform the employee whether the outside employment is prohibited. The employee may appeal a supervisor's denial of authorization to the Superintendent or designee. An employee who continues to pursue a prohibited activity may be subject to disciplinary action.

Tutoring

A certificated employee shall not accept any compensation or other benefit for tutoring a student enrolled in his/her class(es). An employee who wishes to tutor another district student shall first request authorization from his/her supervisor in accordance with this Board policy. If authorization is granted, the employee shall not use district facilities, equipment, or supplies when providing the tutoring service.

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Policy 4143: Negotiations/Consultation

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The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to represent the public's interests in the collective bargaining process. In ratifying agreements on employee contracts, the Board shall balance the needs of staff and the priorities of the district in order to provide students with a high-quality instructional program based on a sound, realistic budget.

The Board and the Superintendent shall establish a bargaining team to assist in analyzing contract provisions and conducting contract negotiations. The Board shall provide its negotiator(s) with expected outcomes and clear parameters for acceptable contract provisions which promote the realization of district goals and priorities.

The Board and its bargaining team shall negotiate in good faith with exclusive employee representatives on wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment identified in law as being within the scope of representation. (Government Code 3543.2)

When the district intends to make any change to matters within the scope of representation, it shall give reasonable written notice of its intent to the exclusive representative for the purpose of providing the exclusive representative a reasonable amount of time to negotiate with the district regarding the proposed changes. (Government Code 3543.2)

A reasonable number of representatives of the employee organization shall have the right to receive reasonable periods of released time without loss of district compensation when meeting and negotiating and/or for the processing of grievances. (Government Code 3543.1)

The Board and its bargaining team shall establish standards of conduct pertaining to the negotiations process for members of the bargaining team. Certain meetings related to negotiations shall not be open to the public in accordance with Government Code 3549.1 and 54957.6, except as otherwise required by law. Matters discussed in these meetings shall be kept in strict confidence in accordance with law.

The Board and its negotiator(s) shall not knowingly provide the employee organization with inaccurate information regarding the financial resources of the district. (Government Code 3543.5)

The Board shall monitor the progress of negotiations and carefully consider how proposed contract provisions would affect the district's short- and long-term fiscal, programmatic, instructional, and personnel goals.

The Board and/or Superintendent or designee shall keep the public informed about the progress of negotiations and the ways in which negotiations may affect district goals unless otherwise agreed upon by the district and exclusive representative.

Whenever the district has a qualified or negative certification on an interim fiscal report, it shall allow the county office of education at least 10 working days to review and comment on any proposed agreement with exclusive representatives of employees. The district shall provide the County Superintendent of Schools with all information relevant to gain an understanding of the financial impact of any final collective bargaining agreement. (Government Code 3540.2)

Once the final terms of the agreement have been ratified by the membership of the employee organization, the contract shall be presented to the Board at a public meeting for acceptance.

Any agreement adopted by the Board may be for a term not to exceed three years. (Government Code 3540.1)

In the event of an impasse in negotiations, the district shall participate in good faith in mediation and fact-finding procedures pursuant to Government Code 3548-3548.8. (Government Code 3543.5)

Following adoption of the collective bargaining agreement, any subsequent amendments shall be executed in writing and ratified by the Board and the employees' exclusive representative.

Consultation

The exclusive representative of certificated staff may consult with the Board on the definition of educational objectives, the determination of the content of courses and curriculum, and the selection of textbooks.

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Policy 4143.1: Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations

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Because the Board of Trustees has a responsibility to represent the public's interest in negotiations with employee organizations, the Board is committed to keeping the public informed about issues being negotiated, providing members of the public an opportunity to express their views, and disclosing the position of each Board member in accordance with law.

Public Notice/Sunshining of Initial Proposals

All initial contract proposals of the Board and an employee organization which relate to matters within the scope of representation shall be presented at a public Board meeting and shall thereafter be public records. (Government Code 3547)

Meeting and negotiating between district and employee organization representatives shall not take place on these initial proposals until a reasonable time has elapsed after the submission of these proposals to enable the public to become informed and to express itself regarding the proposals at a public Board meeting. (Government Code 3547)

After the public has had an opportunity to provide input, the Board shall adopt its initial proposal at a public meeting. (Government Code 3547)

New subjects of meeting and negotiating arising after the presentation of initial proposals shall be made public within 24 hours. If a vote is taken on any such subject by the Board, each Board member's vote also shall be made public within 24 hours. (Government Code 3547)

Public Disclosure of Proposed Agreement

Before entering into a written agreement covering matters within the scope of representation, the Board shall disclose, at a public meeting, the major provisions of the agreement, including, but not limited to, the costs that would be incurred by the district under the agreement for the current and subsequent fiscal years. (Government Code 3547.5)

The Superintendent and chief business official shall certify, in writing, that any costs incurred by the district under the agreement can be met by the district during the term of the agreement and shall submit the certification to the Board prior to the Board's approval of the agreement. The certification shall itemize any budget revision necessary to meet the costs of the agreement in each year of its term. (Government Code 3547.5)

A copy of the proposed agreement shall be made available to the public prior to the day of the Board meeting.

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a summary of the major provisions and changes in the proposed agreement.

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Public Disclosure of Proposed Agreement

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a summary of the proposed agreement which shall include, but may not necessarily be limited to:

- 1. Major provisions of the agreement that affect compensation, such as:
 - a. Direct increases in salaries and percentage change in on-schedule salaries
 - b. Changes in health and welfare benefits
 - c. Changes in health and welfare benefit dollar contributions by the district
 - d. Changes in step and column or longevity provisions
 - e. Changes in overtime, differential, callback, and standby pay provisions
 - f. Changes in staffing ratios
 - g. One-time bonuses or off-the-schedule increases
- 2. Other provisions that will result in increased costs to the district even if they do not involve an increase in employee compensation, such as class-size reduction or increased number of staff development days
- 3. Costs of the proposed agreement, for the current and subsequent fiscal years, categorized for salaries, benefits, other compensation, and other noncompensation costs, including percentage increase of total compensation (salaries, benefits, and other compensation provisions) for the average represented employee as a result of the agreement and the approximate cost to the district of providing a one percent increase in total compensation
- 4. Proposed source(s) of funding for the current and subsequent fiscal years including the assumptions used to determine available resources to meet the obligations of the proposed agreement
- 5. Other major provisions that do not directly affect the district's costs, such as binding arbitration or grievance procedures

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Policy 4144: Complaints

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resolve complaints and disagreements informally before filing a formal complaint.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the need to establish a process to allow employees and job applicants to have their concerns heard in an expeditious and unbiased manner. The Board expects that employees will make every effort to

The Board prohibits retaliation against complainants. The Superintendent or designee may keep a complainant's identity confidential, except to the extent necessary to investigate the complaint.

All matters related to a complaint shall be kept confidential and any document, communication, or record regarding the complaint shall be placed in a separate file and shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file.

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Regulation 4144: Complaints

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Procedures for the resolution of employee complaints provide a route of appeal through administrative channels and to the Board, if necessary.

The following guidelines shall prescribe the manner in which employee complaints are handled:

- 1. A "complaint" shall be defined as an alleged misapplication of the District's policies, regulations, rules or procedures.
- 2. For "whistleblower" complaints filed pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq., see Whistleblower Complaints, below.
- 3. Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination on any basis specified in the District's nondiscrimination policies including complaints of sexual harassment, shall be resolved in accordance with the District's procedures for complaints regarding discrimination in employment.
- 4. Complaints regarding the sufficiency of textbook materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, or an urgent or emergency facility condition shall be resolved in accordance with the District's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 35186)
- 5. Complaints regarding unlawful discrimination in District programs or the District's failure to comply with state or federal laws regarding educational programs shall be resolved in accordance with the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures.
- 6. For complaints regarding working conditions or other subjects of negotiation, the employee shall use the grievance procedure specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.
- 7. So as not to interfere with school schedules, meetings related to a complaint shall be held before or after the complainant's regular working hours.
- 8. With the exception of whistleblower complaints filed pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq. (see Whistleblower Complaints, below), the District will investigate anonymous complaints so long as there is sufficient information to proceed and it is appropriate under the circumstances.
- 9. All matters related to a complaint shall be kept confidential. Only those individuals directly involved in resolving the complaint shall be informed of the complaint.
- 10. All documents, communications and records dealing with the complaint shall be placed in a District complaint file. No such material shall be placed in an employee's personnel file.
- 11. No reprisals shall be taken against any participant in a complaint procedure by reason of such participation.
- 12. In all cases, the complainant is strongly encouraged to prepare the complaint in writing, but if he/she is unable or unwilling to do so, administrative staff may assist the complainant in preparing a written complaint.
- 13. Time limits specified in these procedures may be reduced or extended in any specific instance by written mutual agreement of the parties involved. If specified or adjusted time limits expire, the complaint may proceed to the next step.
- 14. Any complaint not taken to the next step within prescribed time limits shall be considered settled on the basis of the answer given at the preceding step.

Whistleblower Complaints Pursuant to Government Code § 53296 et seq.

Complaints filed pursuant to this Regulation include "whistleblower" complaints made by an employee or job applicant regarding an improper District activity including, but not limited to, an allegation of gross mismanagement a significant waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a specific danger to public health or safety. (Government Code 53296)

Complaints made pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq. must be filed within 60 days of the date of the act or event which is the subject of the complaint. (Government Code 53297) Whistleblower complaints shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the timelines set forth in this Regulation.

Whistleblower complaints brought by employees may not be anonymous and shall be filed under penalty of perjury. (Government Code 53297)

Informal and Formal Complaint Procedures

Informal Complaints

Every effort should be made to resolve a complaint informally at the earliest possible stage. Whenever possible, the complainant should communicate directly to the person(s) involved in order to resolve concerns. If a complainant is unable or unwilling to resolve the complaint directly with the person(s) involved, then the complainant shall follow the process set forth below.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 1

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved informally, the complainant may file a written complaint with his/her immediate supervisor or principal. The written complaint should include a description of efforts to resolve the complaint informally and should specify the nature of the problem, including names, locations, witnesses, and the remedy sought by the employee.

Within five working days of receiving the complaint, the immediate supervisor or principal shall conduct any necessary investigation and meet with the complainant in an effort to resolve the complaint.

The immediate supervisor or principal shall present all concerned parties with a written answer to the complaint within ten working days after the meeting.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 2

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 1, the complainant may file the written complaint with the Superintendent or designee within five working days of receiving the answer at Step 1. All information presented at Step 1 shall be included with the complaint, and the immediate supervisor or principal shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a report describing attempts to resolve the complaint at Step 1.

Within five working days of receiving the complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct any necessary investigation and meet with the complainant in an effort to resolve the complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall present all concerned parties with a written answer to the complaint within ten working days after the meeting.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 3

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 2, the complainant may file a written appeal to the Board of Trustees within five working days of receiving the answer at Step 2. All information presented at Steps 1 and 2 shall be included with the appeal, and the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the Board a report describing attempts to resolve the complaint at Step 2.

An appeal hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after the appeal is filed.

All parties to a complaint may be asked to attend a Board meeting in order to clarify the issue and present all available information.

Complaints concerning an employee shall be heard in closed session of the Board unless the employee requests that the issue be addressed in open session. Before the Board holds a closed session to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee, the employee shall receive written notice of his/her right to have the complaints or charges heard in open session rather than in closed session.

Following the hearing of a complaint, the Board may choose to uphold the Superintendent or designee's decision and

take no further action, adopt the Superintendent or designee's decision as its own, or modify the Superintendent's or designee's decision as it determines.

The decision of the Board shall be final. A copy of the Board's written decision will be provided to all concerned parties within 30 working days following the meeting at which the Board heard the complaint.

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Policy 4151: Employee Compensation

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In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

The Board shall adopt separate salary schedules for certificated, classified, and supervisory and administrative personnel. These schedules shall comply with law and collective bargaining agreements and shall be printed and made available for review at the district office. (Education Code 45022, 45023, 45160, 45162, 45268)

Each certificated employee, except an employee in an administrative or supervisory position, shall be classified on the salary schedule on the basis of uniform allowance for education level and years of experience, unless the Board and employee organization negotiate and mutually agree to a salary schedule based on different criteria. Certificated employees shall not be placed in different classifications on the schedule, nor paid different salaries, solely on the basis of the grade levels at which they teach. (Education Code 45028)

Salary schedules for staff who are not a part of a bargaining unit shall be determined by the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

The Board shall determine the frequency and schedule of salary payments, including whether payments for employees who work less than 12 months per year will be made over the course of the school year or in equal installments over the calendar year. (Education Code 45038, 45039, 45048, 45165)

In extraordinary circumstances or emergency situations, the Board may determine to continue to compensate employees during periods of extended closure or disruption of normal district operations when permitted by law and consistent with collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of understanding.

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice explaining the Fair Labor Standards Act's wage and hour provisions in a conspicuous place at each work site. (29 CFR 516.4)

Overtime Compensation

District employees shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week, or twice their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day or eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work. However, teachers, school administrators, and other employees in positions established by the Board as executive, administrative, or professional shall be exempt from overtime rules. (Education Code 45128, 45130; 29 USC 213; 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, 553.27, 553.32)

When authorized in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between the district and employees, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation, provided the employee has not accrued compensatory time in excess of the limits specified in 29 USC 207. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time shall be allowed to use such time within 12 calendar months after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (Education Code 45129; 29 USC 207; 29 CFR 553.20-553.25)

For each nonexempt employee, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain records on the employee's wages, hours, and other information specified in 29 CFR 516.5-516.6.

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Policy 4156.2: Awards And Recognition

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The Board of Trustees values its instructional and noninstructional staff and desires to recognize their outstanding service in order to increase employee morale and encourage creative and innovative performance.

The Board encourages recognition of all staff during days of significance designated by the Board, state law, or state resolution.

The Board authorizes awards to individual employees who: (Education Code 44015)

- 1. Propose procedures or ideas that result in eliminating or reducing district expenditures or improving district operations
- 2. Perform special acts or services in the public interest
- 3. By their superior accomplishments, make exceptional contributions to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement in district operations

As the district budget permits, the Superintendent or designee may recognize such employees by issuing service pins, certificates, plaques, and/or other mementos. In addition, he/she may recommend employees to the Board for recognition at a public Board meeting.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection of individual employees to receive awards.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint one or more merit award committees consisting of Board members, district employees, and/or private citizens to review employee contributions and recommend awards.

Monetary awards to employees shall not exceed \$200 unless expressly approved by the Board. (Education Code 44015)

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Policy 4157: Employee Safety

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The Board of Trustees is committed to maximizing employee safety and believes that workplace safety is the responsibility of every employee. Working conditions and equipment shall comply with standards prescribed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

No employee shall be required or permitted to be in any place of employment which is unsafe or unhealthful. (Labor Code 6402)

The Superintendent or designee shall promote safety and correct any unsafe work practices through education and enforcement.

All employees are expected to use safe work practices and, to the extent possible, correct any unsafe conditions which may occur. If an employee is unable to correct an unsafe condition, the employee shall immediately report the problem to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement a written injury and illness prevention program, and provide employees with access to such program, in accordance with law. (Labor Code 6401.7; 8 CCR 3203)

The Superintendent or designee shall make first aid materials readily available at district workplaces and shall make effective provisions to prepare for prompt medical treatment in the event of an employee's serious injury or illness. (8 CCR 3400)

No employee shall be discharged or discriminated against for exercising any right regarding employee safety or health specified in Labor Code 6310, including:

- 1. Making a report or complaint
- 2. Instituting proceedings or causing proceedings to be instituted
- 3. Testifying with regard to employee safety or health
- 4. Participating in any occupational health and safety committee established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7
- 5. Requesting access to injury or illness reports and records
- 6. Exercising any other right protected by the Occupational Safety and Health Act

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Regulation 4157: Employee Safety

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide safety devices and implement safeguards, methods, and processes that are reasonably necessary for the safety and health of employees in the workplace. (Labor Code 6401)

Injury and Illness Prevention Program

The district's injury and illness prevention program shall cover all district employees and all other workers whom the district controls or directs and directly supervises on the job to the extent that the workers are exposed to hazards specific to their worksite and job assignment. The obligation of contractors or other employers who control or direct and supervise their own employees on the job shall not be affected by the district's injury and illness prevention program. (Labor Code 6401.7)

The district's injury and illness prevention program shall include: (Labor Code 6401.7; 8 CCR 3203)

- 1. The name/position of the person(s) with authority and responsibility for implementing the program.
- 2. A system for ensuring that employees comply with safe and healthful work practices, which may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Recognition of employees who follow safe and healthful work practices
 - b. Training and retraining programs
 - c. Disciplinary actions
- 3. A system for communicating with employees, in a form readily understandable by all employees on matters related to occupational health and safety, including provisions designed to encourage employees to report hazards at the worksite without fear of reprisal. The communications system may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Meetings
 - b. Training programs
 - c. Posting
 - d. Written communications
 - e. A system of anonymous notification by employees about hazards
 - f. A labor/management safety and health committee
- 4. Procedures for identifying and evaluating workplace hazards, including scheduled periodic inspections to identify unsafe conditions and work practices. Such inspections shall be made:
 - a. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment that represents a new occupational safety or health hazard is introduced into the workplace
 - b. Whenever the district is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard
- 5. A procedure for investigating occupational injury or illness.
- 6. Methods and/or procedures for correcting unsafe or unhealthful conditions, work practices, and work procedures in a timely manner, based on the severity of the hazard, when the hazard is observed or discovered.

When an imminent hazard exists which cannot be immediately abated without endangering employee(s) and/or property, these procedures shall call for the removal of all exposed staff from the area except those necessary to correct the hazardous condition. Employees needed to correct the condition shall be provided

necessary safeguards.

- 7. Provision of training and instruction as follows:
 - a. To all new employees
 - b. To all employees given new job assignments for which training has not previously been received
 - c. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment is introduced into the workplace and represents a new hazard
 - d. Whenever the district is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard
 - e. To supervisors, to familiarize them with the safety and health hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed

The Superintendent or designee shall provide employees, or their representative designated pursuant to 8 CCR 3203, with either of the following: (8 CCR 3203)

1. Access to the district's injury and illness prevention program in a reasonable time, place, and manner, but in no event later than five business days after the request for access is received from an employee or a designated representative of the employee

When an employee or designated representative requests a copy of the district's injury and illness prevention program, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the requester a printed copy unless the employee or designated representative agrees to receive an electronic copy.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide one printed copy free of charge. If the employee or designated representative requests additional copies within one year of the previous request and the district's injury and illness prevention program has not been updated with new information since the prior copy was provided, the district may charge reasonable reproduction costs pursuant to 8 CCR 3204 for the additional copies.

2. Unobstructed access to the district's injury and illness prevention program through the district's server or web site, which allows an employee to review, print, and email the current version of the district's injury and illness prevention program

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate the right and procedure to access the district's injury and illness prevention program to all employees. (8 CCR 3203)

Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee

The district's labor/management safety and health committee shall: (8 CCR 3203)

- 1. Meet regularly, but not less than quarterly.
- 2. Prepare and make available to affected employees written records of the safety and health issues discussed at committee meetings and maintained for review by the California Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) upon request. These records shall be maintained for at least one year.
- 3. Review results of the periodic, scheduled worksite inspections.
- 4. Review investigations of occupational accidents and causes of incidents resulting in occupational injury or illness or exposure to hazardous substances. As appropriate, the committee may submit suggestions to the Superintendent or designee regarding the prevention of future incidents.
- 5. Review investigations of alleged hazardous conditions brought to the attention of any committee member. When determined necessary by the committee, it may conduct its own inspection and investigation to assist in remedial solutions.
- 6. Submit recommendations to assist in the evaluation of employee safety suggestions.

7. Upon request of Cal/OSHA, verify abatement action taken by the district to abate citations issued by Cal/OSHA.

Hearing Protection

Whenever employee noise exposure equals or exceeds the standards specified in law, the Superintendent or designee shall implement a hearing conservation program in accordance with state and federal regulations, including, when required, monitoring of sound levels, audiogram evaluation and audiometric testing of affected employees, the provision of hearing protectors, and employee training. (8 CCR 5095-5100; 29 CFR 1910.95)

Eye Safety Devices

Eye safety devices shall be worn by employees whenever they are engaged in or observing an activity involving hazards or hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. (Education Code 32030-32034)

First Aid and Medical Services

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the ready availability of medical personnel for advice and consultation on matters of industrial health or injury. Whenever a district facility or district grounds are not in close proximity to an infirmary, clinic, or hospital where all injured employees may be treated, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that at least one employee is adequately trained to provide first aid. (8 CCR 3400)

The Superintendent or designee shall make adequate first aid materials readily available for employees at every worksite. Such materials shall be approved by a consulting physician and shall be kept in a sanitary and usable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall frequently inspect all first aid materials and replenish them as necessary. (8 CCR 3400)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body are provided within the work area for immediate emergency use when the eyes or body or any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials. (8 CCR 3400)

To avoid unnecessary delay in medical treatment in the event of an employee's serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall use one or more of the following: (8 CCR 3400)

- 1. A communication system for contacting a physician or emergency medical service, such as access to 911 or equivalent telephone system. The communication system or the employees using the system shall have the ability to direct emergency services to the location of the injured or ill employee.
- 2. Readily accessible and available on-site treatment facilities suitable for treatment of reasonably anticipated injury and illness.
- 3. Proper equipment for prompt medical transport when transportation of injured or ill employees is necessary and appropriate.

Protection from Communicable Diseases and Infections

The Superintendent or designee shall develop an exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens that is consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program. The plan shall include a determination of which job classifications have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials; precautions to be implemented, including universal precautions, engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment; availability of the hepatitis B vaccination; provision of information and training to employees; and follow-up actions to be taken if exposure occurs. The district shall ensure that a copy of the exposure control plan is accessible to employees in accordance with law. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Strategies to prevent and mitigate the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases shall be followed for diseases that are communicated through airborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. Such strategies shall include, but are not limited to, communication and training about the disease(s); campus closures and alternative means of instruction when necessary; preventative measures, such as social distancing, personal protective equipment, temperature checks, and/or any other health screening allowed by law; and cleaning and sanitization of district facilities and equipment.

The Superintendent of designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable disease. (17 CCR 2508)

COVID-19 Exposure

If the district receives notice of potential exposure to COVID-19, the Superintendent or designee shall, within one business day of the notice, take all of the following actions: (Labor Code 6409.6)

- 1. Provide a written notice to all employees, and the employers of subcontracted employees, who were on the premises at the same worksite as the qualifying individual within the infectious period that they may have been exposed to COVID-19. The notice shall be provided in a manner normally used to communicate employment-related information, which may include, but is not limited to, personal service, email, or text message if it can reasonably be anticipated to be received by the employee within one business day of sending.
- 2. Provide a written notice to the exclusive representative, if any, of employees who were on the premises within the infectious period
- 3. Provide all employees who may have been exposed and the exclusive representative, if any, with information regarding:
 - a. COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation
 - b. Available leave options for exposed employees
 - c. Antiretaliation and antidiscrimination protections of the employee
- 4. Notify all employees, and the employers of subcontracted employees and the exclusive representative, if any, of the disinfection and safety plan that the district plans to complete in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines

The above notifications shall be maintained for a period of at least three years. (Labor Code 6409.6)

If the district is notified of the number of cases that meet the definition of a COVID-19 outbreak, as defined by the California Department of Public Health, within 48 hours, the Superintendent or designee shall, within 48 hours of the notice, notify the local public health agency of the names, number, occupation, and worksite of employees who meet the definition of a qualifying individual. The Superintendent or designee shall continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the worksite. (Labor Code 6409.6)

In the event that Cal/OSHA prohibits entry into any district workplace or performance of a district operation or process based on a determination that the workplace exposes employees to the risk of COVID-19 infection and constitutes an imminent hazard to employees, the district shall post a notice thereof provided by Cal/OSHA in a conspicuous place at the work site. This notice shall not be removed except by an authorized representative of Cal/OSHA and only when the place of employment, operation, or process is made safe and the required safeguards or safety appliances or devices are provided. (Labor Code 6325)

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Regulation 4157.2: Ergonomics

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The Superintendent or designee shall implement an ergonomics program to identify risk factors in the work environment that may result in injuries or illnesses to employees and shall design measures to mitigate such risk factors. The program shall include a study of body movements and positions used during work, the tools and equipment used, the physical environment (such as temperature, noise, and lighting), and the organizational environment (such as deadlines, teamwork, and supervision) in order to identify potential causes of stress on the body over time, such as exertion or strain, awkward or sustained posture, or repeated motions.

An employee who experiences pain, numbness, stiffness, swelling, tingling, weakness, or other symptom(s) of a repetitive motion injury (RMI) or other musculoskeletal disorder that may be caused or aggravated by workplace conditions shall report the problem to his/her supervisor.

When an RMI which is objectively identified and diagnosed by a licensed physician to be a musculoskeletal injury has been reported by two or more district employees within a 12-month period, and is determined to be predominantly caused by a repetitive job, process, or operation of an identical work activity, the Superintendent or designee shall: (8 CCR 5110)

- 1. Evaluate each job, process, or operation of identical work activity at the work site, or a representative number of such jobs, processes, or operations of identical work activities, for exposures which have caused RMIs
- 2. Correct in a timely manner, or minimize to the extent feasible if correction is not possible, any exposures that have caused RMIs, taking into consideration engineering controls such as work station redesign, adjustable fixtures, or tool redesign, and administrative controls such as job rotation, work pacing, or work breaks
- 3. Provide staff training that includes an explanation of:
 - a. The district's ergonomics program
 - b. The exposures that have been associated with RMIs
 - c. The symptoms and consequences of injuries caused by repetitive motion
 - d. The importance of reporting symptoms and injuries to the district
 - e. Methods used by the district to minimize RMIs

Strategies adopted for identifying and correcting workplace conditions or practices that may increase employees' risk of RMIs may be incorporated into the district's injury and illness prevention program developed pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7 and 8 CCR 3203.

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The Board of Trustees shall provide for paid and unpaid leaves of absence for employees in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, collective bargaining agreements, and merit system rules, as applicable.

The Board recognizes the following justifiable reasons for employee absence:

- 1. Personal illness or injury
- 2. Industrial accident or illness
- 3. Family care and medical leave
- 4. Military service
- 5. Personal necessity and personal emergencies
- 6. Disability leave for certificated employees in accordance with Education Code 44986
- 7. Vacations for classified staff and certificated management staff, as applicable
- 8. Sabbaticals for purposes of study or training related to the employee's job duties
- 9. Attendance at work-related meetings and staff development opportunities
- 10. Compulsory leave

Long-Term Leaves

With Board approval, an employee may receive a leave of absence, without pay and without accruing seniority or service credit, for a period of up to one school year. Applications for long-term leave shall be made in writing and shall state the purpose for which leave is requested. All long-term leave agreements shall be in writing and shall state the terms and conditions of the leave, including the conditions governing the employee's return.

At the end of a long-term leave, the employee shall be reinstated to a similar position as that held at the time leave was granted, unless otherwise agreed upon.

The Board shall consider any written request by an employee to return to work prior to the expiration date of the leave.

Administrative and Supervisory Personnel

Certificated administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for certificated employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other certificated employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memorandums of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

Classified administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for classified employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other classified employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memoranda of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

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Regulation 4161: Leaves

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Failure to Return to Service After Leave

In the case of a certificated employee who was on leave of absence for 20 or more consecutive working days after April 30 of the previous school year, the district may terminate the employment of such an employee if all of the following circumstances exist: (Education Code 44842)

- 1. The employee fails to report for duty, without good cause, at the beginning of the school year after having notified the Board of Trustees of his/her intention to remain in service with the district in accordance with Education Code 44842.
- 2. The district had specifically notified the employee, at least five days in advance, of the time and place at which the employee was to report to work.
- 3. The employee did not request or was not granted a leave of absence authorized by the Board.

In any such case, the district may terminate the employee's employment on the day following 20 consecutive days of absence. (Education Code 44842)

Use of Leaves by Classified Employees

A classified employee may interrupt or terminate vacation leave in order to begin another type of paid leave without a return to active service, as long as the employee provides adequate notice and relevant supporting information regarding the basis for such interruption or termination. (Education Code 45200)

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Regulation 4161.1: Personal Illness/Injury Leave

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Certificated employees employed five school days per week are entitled to 10 days' leave of absence with full pay for personal illness or injury (sick leave) per school year of service. Employees who work less than five school days per week (part-time employees) shall be granted sick leave in proportion to the time they work. However, any part-time employees who are entitled to less than three days of paid sick leave per year due to the amount of time worked shall be granted sick leave pursuant to Labor Code 246, if they are eligible. (Education Code 44978; Labor Code 245-249)

Use of Sick Leave

Certificated employees may use sick leave for absences due to:

- 1. Accident or illness, whether or not the absence arises out of and in the course of employment; quarantine which results from contact in the course of employment with other persons having a contagious disease; or temporary inability to perform assigned duties because of illness, accident, or quarantine (Education Code 44964)
- 2. Pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and related recovery (Education Code 44965, 44978)
- 3. Personal necessity (Education Code 44981)
- 4. Medical and dental appointments, in increments of not less than one hour
- 5. Industrial accidents or illnesses when leave granted specifically for that purpose has been exhausted (Education Code 44984)
- 6. Need of the employee to bond with a child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement (parental leave) (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6; 29 USC 2612; 29 CFR 825.112)
- 7. Need of the employee's family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care (Labor Code 233, 246.5)
- 8. Need of the employee to seek or obtain any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and/or 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or the employee's child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

For the purposes specified in items #7-8, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement. (Labor Code 233)

An employee may take sick leave at any time during the school year, even if credit for sick leave has not yet been accrued. (Education Code 44978)

An employee shall reimburse the district for any unearned sick leave used as of the date of termination.

Unused days of sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year without limitation. (Education Code 44978)

At the beginning of each school year, employees shall be notified of the amount of sick leave they have accumulated.

The district shall not require new employees to waive leave accumulated in a previous district. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

Refer to CBA for increased number of sick leave days.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any certificated employee who leaves the district after at least one school year of employment that if the employee accepts a certificated position in another district, county office of education, or community college district within one year, the employee may request that the district transfer any accumulated sick leave to the new employer. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a certificated employee who is a former active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 10 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, for a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. An eligible employee who works less than five days per week shall be entitled to such leave in proportion to the time worked. (Education Code 44978.2)

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee either on the date the employee receives confirmation of the submission of the disability application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later. When the employee receives the disability rating decision, the employee shall report that information to the Superintendent or designee. If the disability rating decision makes the employee eligible for the leave, the time used before the decision shall be counted toward the 10-day maximum leave. If the disability rating decision makes the employee ineligible for the leave, the district may change the sick leave time used before the disability rating decision to an alternative leave balance. (Education Code 44978.2)

The Superintendent or designee may require verification, in accordance with the section "Verification Requirements" below, that the employee used the leave to obtain treatment of a military service-connected disability.

Leave for military-service connected disability shall be available for 12 months following the first date that the leave was credited. Leave not used during the 12-month period shall not be carried over and shall be forfeited. (Education Code 44978.2)

Notification of Absence

An employee shall notify the district of the need to be absent as soon as such need is known, so that substitute services may be secured. This notification shall include an estimate of the expected duration of absence. If the absence becomes longer than estimated, the employee shall so notify the district. If the duration of absence becomes shorter than estimated, the employee shall notify the district not later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the day preceding the day on which the employee intends to return to work. If the employee fails to notify the district and the failure results in a substitute being secured, the cost of the substitute shall be deducted from the employee's pay.

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay

During each school year, when a certificated employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and, due to illness or accident, continues to be absent for an additional period of up to five school months, the district shall deduct from the employee's regular salary for that period the actual cost of a substitute to fill the position. If the district has made every reasonable effort to secure the services of a substitute and has been unable to do so, the amount that would have been paid to a substitute shall be deducted from the employee's salary. (Education Code 44977)

An employee shall not be provided more than one five-month period per illness or accident. However, if the school year ends before the five-month period is exhausted, the employee may take the balance of the five-month period in a subsequent school year. (Education Code 44977)

Absence Beyond Five-Month Period/Reemployment List

If a certificated employee is not medically able to return to work after the five-month period provided pursuant to Education Code 44977, the employee shall be placed either in another position or on a reemployment list. Placement on the reemployment list shall be for 24 months for probationary employees or 39 months for permanent employees and shall begin at the expiration of the five-month period. If during this time the employee becomes medically able, the employee shall be returned to employment in a position for which the employee is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

Parental Leave

During each school year, a certificated employee may use all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave,

for the purpose of parental leave for a period of up to 12 work weeks. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such parental leave. (Education Code 44977.5)

Eligibility for such leave shall not require 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12 months. (Education Code 44977.5)

An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave shall receive differential pay of at least 50 percent of the employee's regular salary for the remainder of the 12 work weeks. (Education Code 44977.5)

Parental leave taken pursuant to Education Code 44977.5 shall run concurrently with the parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 or 12945.6, and the aggregate amount of parental leave shall not exceed 12 work weeks in a 12-month period. (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6)

Verification Requirements

After any absence due to illness or injury, the employee shall verify the absence by submitting a completed and signed district absence form to the employee's immediate supervisor.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification whenever an employee's absence record shows chronic absenteeism or a pattern of absences immediately before or after weekends and/or holidays or whenever available evidence clearly indicates that an absence is not related to illness or injury.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may require an employee to visit a physician selected by the district, at district expense, in order to receive a report on the employee's need for further leave of absence and a prognosis as to when the employee will be able to return to work. If the report concludes that the employee's condition does not warrant continued absence, the Superintendent or designee may, after giving notice to the employee, deny further leave.

Any district request for additional verification by an employee's physician or a district-selected physician shall be in writing and shall specify that the report to be submitted to the district should not contain the employee's genetic information. Any genetic information received by the district on behalf of an employee shall be treated as a confidential medical record, maintained in a file separate from the employee's personnel file, and not be disclosed except in accordance with 29 CFR 1635.9.

Before returning to work, an employee who has been absent for surgery, hospitalization, or extended medical treatment may be asked to submit a letter from a physician stating that the employee is able to return to duty and stipulating any necessary restrictions or limitations.

Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements

No employee shall be denied the right to use accrued sick days, and the district shall not in any manner discriminate or retaliate against an 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.

To ensure the district's compliance with Labor Code 245-249, the Superintendent or designee shall:

- 1. At a conspicuous location in each workplace, display a poster on paid sick leave that includes the following information:
 - a. That an employee is entitled to accrue, request, and use paid sick days
 - b. The number of sick days provided by Labor Code 245-249
 - c. The terms of use of paid sick days
 - d. That discrimination or retaliation against an employee for requesting and/or using sick leave is prohibited by law and that an employee has the right to file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner if the district discriminates or retaliates against the employee

- 2. Provide at least 24 hours or three days of paid sick leave to each eligible employee to use per year and allow eligible employees to use accrued sick leave upon reasonable request
- 3. Provide eligible employees written notice, on their pay stub or other document issued with their pay check, of the amount of paid sick leave they have available
- 4. Keep a record documenting the hours worked and paid sick days accrued and used by each eligible employee for three years

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4161.11: Industrial Accident/Illness Leave

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An eligible employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence for an industrial accident or illness arising in the course of his/her assigned duties. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

For such leave, the employee shall be granted no more than sixty (60) working days in any one fiscal year for the same industrial accident or illness.

To be eligible for industrial accident or illness leave, a classified employee shall have served in the district continuously for at least three years.

Allowable industrial accident or illness leave shall not be accumulated from year to year. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

When an employee is absent from his/her duties because of an industrial accident or illness: (Education Code 44043, 44044, 44984, 45192)

- 1. The leave shall start on the first day of absence.
- 2. During the period of absence, the employee shall be paid such portion of his/her wage or salary that, when added to the award granted under state workers' compensation laws, will not exceed his/her normal wage or salary.
- 3. The leave shall be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence, regardless of an award granted under workers' compensation laws.
- 4. When the leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the employee is entitled to only the amount of unused leave due the employee for the same illness or injury.

During any paid leave of absence, the employee shall endorse to the district any workers' compensation checks received on account of an industrial accident or illness. The Superintendent or designee shall then issue payment of the employee's normal wage or salary less any appropriate deductions, including, but not limited to, employee retirement contributions. (Education Code 44043)

Absence for industrial accident or illness shall not be considered a break in service of the employee. An employee using such leave shall retain all status and benefits to which he/she would otherwise be entitled.

When available industrial accident or illness leave has been exhausted, the employee shall be so notified in writing and shall be offered an opportunity to request any additional paid or unpaid leave available to the employee. (Education Code 45192)

Upon expiration of allowable leave for an industrial accident or illness, the employee may use personal illness and injury leave provided pursuant to Education Code 44977, 44978, 44983, or 45191, as applicable, provided that such leave, when added to any continuing workers' compensation award, does not result in a payment to the employee of more than his/her full wage or salary. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

If a certificated employee is unable to resume the duties of his/her position after exhausting all accumulated sick leave, including the consecutive five-month period provided by Education Code 44977, he/she shall, if not placed in another position, be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 24 months if he/she is a probationary employee or 39 months if he/she is a permanent employee. If the employee becomes medically able to resume duties during the period of reemployment eligibility, he/she shall be returned to employment in a position for which he/she is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

If a classified employee has exhausted all available leaves of absence, paid or unpaid, and is not medically able to resume the duties of his/her position, he/she shall, if not placed in another position, be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 39 months. If he/she becomes medically able to resume duties during the period of reemployment eligibility, he/she shall be employed in a vacant position in the class of his/her previous assignment over all other candidates except those on a reemployment list established because of lack of work or lack of funds, in which case the employee shall be listed in accordance with seniority regulations. If the employee is medically released to return

to duty but fails to accept an appropriate assignment, he/she shall be dismissed. (Education Code 45192)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4161.5: Military Leave

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Military leave shall be granted in accordance with applicable state and federal law to employees performing military duties on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty, examination to determine fitness for duty, and performance of funeral honors duty. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.01, 395.02, 395.05, 395.1, 395.2, 395.9; 38 USC 4301, 4303, 4316)

An employee who needs to be absent from the district to fulfill his/her military service shall provide advance written or verbal notice to the Superintendent or designee, unless the giving of such notice is precluded by military necessity or is otherwise impossible or unreasonable. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.85, 1002.86)

Salary/Compensation

An employee shall receive his/her salary or compensation for the first 30 days of any one absence for military leave or during one fiscal year, under any of the following conditions:

- 1. Active Military Training or Exercises: The employee is granted a temporary military leave of absence to engage in ordered military duty for purposes of active military training, encampment, naval cruises, special exercises, or like activity as a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or Naval Militia, provided that: (Military and Veterans Code 389, 395, 395.01)
 - a. He/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins.
 - b. The ordered duty does not exceed 180 days, including time involved in going to and returning from such duty.
- 2. Active Military Duty: The employee is on military leave, other than a temporary military leave, to engage in active military duty as a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or the Naval Militia, provided that he/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins. (Military and Veterans Code 389, 395.02)
- 3. War or Other Emergency: The employee, however long employed by the district, is a member of the National Guard who is engaged in military or naval duty during a state of extreme emergency as declared by the Governor, or during such time as the National Guard may be on active duty in situations described in Military and Veterans Code 146, including travel time to and from such duty. (Military and Veterans Code 395.05)
- 4. Inactive Duty Training: The employee is a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or Naval Militia who is engaged in temporary inactive duty training, provided that he/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins and the ordered duty does not exceed 180 days, including time involved in going to and returning from such duty.

In determining the length of district employment when necessary to determine eligibility for compensation for military leave, all recognized military service performed during and prior to district employment shall be included.

For classified employees, 30 days' compensation shall be one month's salary. For certificated employees, 30 days' compensation shall be one-tenth of the employee's annual salary. (Education Code 45059)

Certificated employees shall not be entitled to compensation during non-teaching, non-paying months of the year.

During the period of military leave, an employee may, upon his/her own request, use any vacation or similar paid leave accrued before the commencement of the military leave. The district shall not require the employee to use such leave. (38 USC 4316; 20 CFR 1002.153)

Benefits

An employee may elect to continue his/her health plan coverage during the military leave. The maximum period of

coverage for the employee and his/her dependents shall be either 24 months from the beginning of the leave or until the day after the employee fails to apply for or return to employment, whichever is less. (38 USC 4317; 20 CFR 1002.164)

An employee on military leave may be required to pay the employee cost, if any, of any funded benefit to the extent that other employees on leave are so required. (38 USC 4316)

An employee absent for 30 days or fewer shall not be required to pay more than the employee share for such coverage. An employee absent for 31 days or more may be required to pay not more than 102 percent of the full premium under the plan. (38 USC 4317; 20 CFR 1002.166)

Any employee called into active military duty as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization shall receive, for up to 180 days, the difference between the amount of his/her military pay and the amount the employee would have received from the district and all benefits that the employee would have received if he/she had not been called to active military duty, unless the benefits are prohibited or limited by vendor contracts.

Vacation and Sick Leave Accrual

An employee on temporary military leave under the conditions described in item #1 Active Military Training or Exercises, in the section entitled "Salary/Compensation" above, shall continue to accrue the same vacation, sick leave, and holiday privileges to which he/she would otherwise be entitled if not absent. (Military and Veterans Code 395)

An employee on military leave who is serving in active duty in time of war, national emergency, or United Nations military or police operation shall not accrue sick leave or vacation leave during the period of such leave. (Military and Veterans Code 395.1)

However, an employee who is a National Guard member on active duty as described in item #3 War or Other Emergency, in the section entitled "Salary/Compensation" above, shall not suffer any loss or diminution of vacation or holiday privileges because of his/her leave of absence. (Military and Veterans Code 395.05)

Pension Plan Service Credit

Pension plan service credit and vesting shall continue during an employee's military leave as though no break in service had occurred. Payment of employer and employee contributions shall be made in accordance with law for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System or Public Employees' Retirement System. (Education Code 22850-22856; Government Code 20990-21013)

Employment Status

Absence for military leave shall not affect the classification of any certificated employee. In the case of a certificated probationary employee, the period of such absence shall not count as part of the service required to obtain permanent status, but shall not be construed as a break in the continuity of service for any purpose. (Education Code 44800)

Reinstatement Rights

At the conclusion of the military duty, an employee shall be promptly reinstated in the position held at the beginning of the leave, at the salary to which he/she would otherwise have been entitled, except under the conditions noted below. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.2; 38 USC 4304, 4313; 20 CFR 1002.180-1002.181)

Any employee who performs active military duty in time of war, national emergency, or United Nations military or police operation has a right to return to his/her position within six months of an honorable discharge or placement on inactive duty. Reinstatement rights shall not be extended to any such employee who fails to return within 12 months after the first date upon which he/she could terminate or could cause to be terminated his/her active service. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395.1)

When an employee has been on military leave for reasons other than war or national emergency, the time frame for reinstatement shall depend on the length of military service as follows: (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.115, 1002.118)

- 1. For a leave of 30 days or fewer, the employee shall report for duty no later than the beginning of the first full work day following the completion of military service, provided the employee has a period of eight hours to rest following transportation to his/her residence.
- 2. For a leave of 31-180 days, the employee shall submit a written or verbal application for reinstatement not later than 14 days after the completion of military service.
- 3. For a leave of more than 180 days, the employee shall submit a written or verbal application for reinstatement within 90 days after the completion of military service.

In cases where reporting within the periods specified in items #1 and #2 above is impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the employee, he/she shall report as soon as possible after the expiration of the period. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.115, 1002.117)

An employee who is hospitalized for, or convalescing from, an illness or injury incurred in or aggravated during the performance of military service shall report for duty or submit an application for reinstatement at the end of the period that is necessary to recover from such illness or injury, but no more than two years after the completion of military service unless circumstances beyond the employee's control make reporting within the two-year period impossible or unreasonable. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.116)

Upon receiving an application for reinstatement, the Superintendent or designee shall reinstate the employee as soon as practicable under the circumstances of his/her case, but within a time period not to exceed two weeks, absent unusual circumstances. (20 CFR 1002.181)

If the employee's previous position has been abolished, he/she shall be reinstated in a position of like seniority, status, and pay, if such position exists, or to a comparable vacant position for which he/she is qualified. (Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.1; 38 USC 4313; 20 CFR 1002.192)

An employee failing to apply for reinstatement within the appropriate period does not automatically forfeit his/her rights, but shall be subject to the Board's rules governing unexcused absences. (38 USC 4312)

The Superintendent or designee may elect not to reinstate an employee following military leave if any of the following conditions exists:

- 1. The district's circumstances have so changed as to make such re-employment impossible or unreasonable, such as a reduction in force that would have included the employee. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 2. The accommodation, training, or effort described in 38 USC 4313(a)(3), (a)(4), or (b)(2)(B) would impose an undue hardship on the district as defined in 20 CFR 1002.5 or 1002.198. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 3. The employee's position was for a brief, nonrecurrent period and there was no reasonable expectation that such employment will continue indefinitely or for a significant period. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 4. The employee's cumulative length of absence and length of all previous military leave while employed with the district exceeds five years, excluding those training and service obligations specified in 38 USC 4312(c). (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.99-1002.103)
- 5. The employee was separated from military service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions. (Military and Veterans Code 395.1; 20 USC 4304, 4312; 20 CFR 1002.134-1002.138)

Notices

The Superintendent or designee shall provide employees a notice of the rights, benefits, and obligations of employees granted military leave and of the district under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 38 USC 4301-4334. (38 USC 4334)

This requirement may be met by posting the notice where the district customarily places notices for employees. (38 USC 4334)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4161.9: Catastrophic Leave Program

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that district employees may desire to assist other employees who have an urgent need for a leave of absence but do not have sufficient accrued leave to cover their absence. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a catastrophic leave program by which employees may donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave credits, which shall be placed into a pool for use by eligible employees.

Donations made under the catastrophic leave program shall be strictly voluntary.

The district's policy and procedures regarding catastrophic leave shall be included in the employee handbook. The Superintendent or designee may notify employees annually, or more frequently if the need arises, of the process for donating leave for this purpose.

An employee may apply to use donated leave credits in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation when he/she has exhausted all applicable paid leaves of absence and a catastrophic illness or injury incapacitates the employee or a member of his/her family for an extended period of time. (Education Code 44043.5)

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Regulation 4161.9: Catastrophic Leave Program

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Donations to Catastrophic Leave Program

An employee who chooses to donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave credits to the district's catastrophic leave program shall provide written notice to the Superintendent or designee of the amount and type of leave he/she wishes to donate. The Superintendent or designee shall review the donor's available leave and transfer the leave credits to a district pool of leave credits designated for this purpose.

Donations shall be at a minimum of eight hours, and in hour increments thereafter. (Education Code 44043.5)

All transfers of eligible leave credit shall be irrevocable. (Education Code 44043.5)

Employees should be cautious in making large donations of leave that they may need for their own use in the future.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all donations are confidential.

Requests for Catastrophic Leave

A full-time or part-time employee may apply to the Superintendent or designee to use paid leave from the catastrophic leave program if he/she earns paid time off but has exhausted all his/her accrued paid leave and needs to take time off from work for an extended period of time due to his/her or a family member's catastrophic illness or injury. If the employee is incapacitated, a family member or caretaker may apply on his/her behalf.

The employee shall provide verification of the illness or injury. (Education Code 44043.5)

Verification shall be made by means of a letter, dated and signed by the individual's health care provider, indicating the incapacitating nature and probable duration of the illness or injury.

An employee may apply to receive up to 20 days of paid leave from the catastrophic leave program per school year. At the end of the 20-day period, he/she may apply for up to 20 days of additional leave credits.

Employees receiving compensation under worker's compensation provisions are not eligible to receive leave from the catastrophic leave program until exhausting such benefit.

An employee who is the recipient of donated leave credits shall use those credits within 12 consecutive months. (Education Code 44043.5)

If donated leave credits are not used by the employee within 12 consecutive months, the credits shall be returned to the pool of catastrophic leave for use by other eligible employees.

An employee who receives catastrophic leave shall use any leave credits that he/she continues to accrue on a monthly basis before receiving paid leave pursuant to this program. (Education Code 44043.5)

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Policy 4200: Classified Personnel

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that classified personnel provide essential services that support and enhance the district's educational program. The Board shall fill each of its classified positions with qualified persons, consistent with position requirements.

The Board shall classify all employees and positions not requiring certification qualifications as the classified service, except for those employees and positions specifically exempt from classified service. (Education Code 45103)

Individuals who possess certification qualifications shall not be prohibited from being employed in a classified position. (Education Code 45104)

Each classified position shall have a designated title and regular minimum number of assigned hours per day, days per week, and months per year.

Classified employees shall be assigned by their immediate supervisors with the approval of the Superintendent or designee. They shall be required to perform those duties prescribed by the Board for the position the employee holds, in accordance with applicable job descriptions and collective bargaining agreements.

Each classified employee shall be held accountable for duties assigned to him/her and shall undergo regular performance evaluations in accordance with collective bargaining agreements.

Substitute and Short-Term Employees

The district may employ a substitute employee to replace a classified employee who is temporarily absent from duty. (Education Code 45103)

If the district is in the process of hiring a permanent employee to fill a classified position, the Board may fill the vacancy with one or more substitute employees for no more than 60 calendar days, unless the applicable collective bargaining agreement provides for a different period of time. (Education Code 45103)

The district may employ a short-term employee to perform a service for the district when that service or similar services will not be extended or needed on a continuing basis. Before employing a short-term employee, the Board, at a regularly scheduled meeting, shall specify the service required to be performed by the employee and shall certify the ending date of the service. The Board may shorten or extend the ending date, but the date shall not be extended beyond 195 work days per year, including holidays, sick leave, vacation, and other leaves of absence, irrespective of the number of hours worked per day. (Education Code 45103)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4200: Classified Personnel

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Exemption from Classified Service

Persons hired solely for purposes which are exempted from the classified service shall nevertheless fulfill the obligations of classified employees related to physical examinations pursuant to Education Code 45122, fingerprinting pursuant to Education Code 45125, and tuberculosis tests pursuant to Education Code 49406. (Education Code 45106)

Districts Not Incorporating the Merit System

Individuals hired solely for the following purposes shall not be part of the classified service: (Education Code 45103)

- 1. Substitute or short-term employees who are employed and paid for fewer than 195 work days per year, including holidays, sick leave, vacation, and other leaves of absences, irrespective of the number of hours worked per day
- 2. Apprentices and professional experts employed on a temporary basis for a specific project regardless of length of employment
- 3. Full-time students employed part time
- 4. Part-time students employed part time in any college work study program, or in a work experience education program conducted by a community college district pursuant to Education Code 51760-51769.5 that is financed by state or federal funds

Restricted Positions

Persons employed in restricted positions pursuant to Education Code 45105 or 45108 shall be classified employees for all purposes except that they shall not be subject to the provisions of Education Code 45272 and 45273 related to promotional examinations and the filling of vacancies, and shall not acquire permanent status or seniority credit. Such persons shall be eligible for promotion into the regular classified service only after completing six months of satisfactory service and satisfactorily completing the qualifying examinations required of all other persons serving in the same class in the regular classified service. (Education Code 45105, 45108)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4211: Recruitment And Selection

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire, orally or in writing, in regard to an applicant's salary history information, including compensation and benefits. He/she shall also not rely on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment to an applicant or the salary to offer. However, the Superintendent or designee may consider salary information that is disclosable under state or federal law or that the applicant discloses voluntarily and without prompting. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the applicant the pay scale for the position to which he/she is applying. (Labor Code 432.3)

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

Incentives

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

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4211.2: Legal Status Requirement

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

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

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

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Within three business days of hire, the Superintendent or designee shall physically examine the documentation presented by the employee establishing his/her identity and employment authorization as set forth in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9. The employee may present either an original document which establishes both employment authorization and identity or two separate original documents which establish authorization and identity. Only unexpired documents are acceptable. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall: (8 CFR 274a.2)

- 1. Ensure that the documents presented appear to be genuine and relate to the individual
- 2. Complete the "Employer Review and Verification" section and sign the attestation with a handwritten signature or electronic signature on Form I-9

Persons employed for three business days or less must provide such documentation on their first day. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If unable to provide satisfactory documentation because the document was lost, stolen, or damaged, the employee shall furnish a receipt indicating that a replacement document has been requested. This receipt must be presented within three business days of the hire, and the replacement document must be provided within 90 days of the hire. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If an individual's employment authorization expires, the Superintendent or designee must reverify Form I-9, by noting the document's identification number and expiration date on the form, no later than the date the work authorization expires. The employee shall present a document that shows either continuing employment authorization or a new grant of work authorization. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The district shall retain an individual's Form I-9 for three years after the date of the hire or for one year after the date his/her employment is terminated, whichever is later. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall copy documents presented by an individual for verification and shall retain them with the individual's Form I-9. The documents shall be kept confidential and used only as needed to help justify the district's past decision to accept the documents as valid.

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Regulation 4212: Appointment And Conditions Of Employment

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Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Trustees shall approve the appointment of all classified employees. The position and the pay rate shall be reported to the Board at a regular meeting.

Individuals appointed to the classified staff shall, at a minimum:

- 1. Submit to fingerprinting as required by law (Education Code 45125)
- 2. Not have been convicted of a violent or serious felony (Education Code 45122.1)
- 3. Not have been convicted of any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010 (Education Code 45123)
- 4. Not have been determined to be a sexual psychopath pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 6300-6332 (Education Code 45124).
- 5. If the individual will be working directly and in an unaccompanied setting with minor children on a more than incidental and occasional basis or will have supervision or disciplinary power over minor children, not be required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 because of a conviction for a crime where the victim was a minor under the age of 16 (Penal code 290.95)
- 6. Not have been convicted of any controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011 (Education Code 45123)
- 7. Submit to a physical examination or provide proof thereof as required by law and Board policy (Education Code 45122, 49406)
- 8. File the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by Government Code 3100-3109
- 9. Submit to drug and alcohol testing as required by Board policy
- 10. Fulfill any other requirements as specified by law, collective bargaining agreement, Board policy or administrative regulation.

When first employed and upon each subsequent change in classification, classified employees other than short-term, limited-term or provisional employees shall be given two copies of their class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours and prescribed work week. Salary data shall specify pay period (monthly, semimonthly or other) and applicable rates of compensation (daily, hourly, overtime and differential rates). Employees shall keep one copy of this information and shall sign and date the other copy and return it to their supervisor. (Education Code 45169)

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Regulation 4212.4: Health Examinations

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Tuberculosis Tests

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

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

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

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

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

Whenever the district contracts for the transportation of students, the contract shall require that all drivers who will be transporting students complete the tuberculosis risk assessment and, if indicated, the examination for infectious tuberculosis within 60 days of initial hire. (Education Code 49406)

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

- 1. An applicant/employee who files an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of a well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles, depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion and that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, he/she is free from infectious tuberculosis
 - Such an exemption shall be allowed only if the Board determines by resolution, after a hearing, that the health of students would not be jeopardized. If at any time there is probable cause to believe that the applicant/employee is afflicted with infectious tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from service until the Board is satisfied that he/she is not afflicted.
- 2. A classified employee who is employed for less than a school year and whose functions do not require frequent or prolonged contact with students
- 3. A pregnant employee who has positive results on a tuberculosis skin test, in which case she shall be exempted from the requirement to follow up with an x-ray of the lungs for a period not to exceed 60 days after the end of the pregnancy
- 4. A private contracted driver who transports students infrequently without prolonged contact with students

Examination of Certificated Employees for Disabling Diseases

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

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

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

Certificated employees and/or retirants shall be required to periodically undergo, at district expense, a medical examination pursuant to Education Code 44839 or 44839.5 to determine that they are free from any communicable disease making them unfit to instruct or associate with children. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5)

Mental Examination for Certificated Employees

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

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Regulation 4212.41: Employee Drug Testing

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Pre-Employment Drug/Alcohol Screening for Safety-Sensitive Positions

Applicants shall sign a form consenting to the drug and alcohol testing. The consent form shall authorize release of the test results to the district. To ensure an individual's privacy, the district shall not use test results for any purpose other than those stated in Board policy and administrative regulation, shall maintain the confidentiality of screening records, and shall not disclose such records unless the applicant consents or the Superintendent or designee is presented with a court order requiring the disclosure.

All initial screening tests shall be conducted at the district's expense. If an applicant's initial test is positive, a second test, at the district's expense, shall be administered as soon as possible to confirm the results. Upon obtaining a second positive reasult, the applicant may seek an independent drug and alcohol screening from a recognized medical laboratory at his/her own expense. Any applicant who fails to provide the district with a negative drug and alcohol screening report within five working days of a confirmed positive result shall be determined to have failed the screening and shall not be employed.

Failure to submit to the process or to complete the process shall preclude the applicant from being hired into the position. Disqualified applicants shall not be prohibited from applying for another job within the district.

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Policy 4212.42: Drug And Alcohol Testing For School Bus Drivers

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

A driver shall not report for duty or remain on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.11. A driver is also prohibited from reporting for duty or remaining on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.12-1308.15, unless the driver is using the drug under the direction of a physician who has advised the driver that the substance will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a bus. (49 CFR 382.213)

In addition, a driver shall not consume alcohol while on duty and/or performing safety-sensitive functions, or for four hours prior to on-duty time. (49 CFR 382.205, 382.207)

Drivers shall submit to drug and alcohol testing as required under federal law and specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. The district's testing program for drivers shall include pre-employment drug testing and reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing of drivers. (49 USC 31306; 49 CFR 382.301-382.311)

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

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

Consequences Based on Test Results

No driver shall be temporarily removed from the performance of safety-sensitive functions based only on a laboratory report of a confirmed positive test for a drug or drug metabolite before the certified medical review officer has completed verification of the test results, unless the district has obtained a waiver from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.21, 382.107, 382.119)

Any driver for whom the district receives a verified positive drug test result or who is found to have a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04 or higher shall be immediately removed from performing safety-sensitive functions in accordance with 49 CFR 40.23 and 382.211. An alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04 requires temporary removal of the bus driver for a 24-hour period following the test. Any driver who refuses to take a required drug or alcohol test shall not be permitted to perform or continue to perform safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 40.23, 382.211)

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

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

Any driver provided with an opportunity to return to a safety-sensitive duty following a violation shall be evaluated by a qualified substance abuse professional and complete the evaluation recommendations before returning to such duty. (49 CFR 40.289)

If the substance abuse professional recommends that further and ongoing services are needed to assist the driver to maintain sobriety or abstinence from drug use, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to participate in the recommended services as part of a return-to-duty agreement and shall monitor the driver's compliance. Any drop from a rehabilitation or return-to-duty program or a subsequent positive test result shall be reported to the

DMV. (Vehicle Code 13376; 49 CFR 40.285, 40.287, 40.303, 382.605)

Voluntary Self-Identification

Whenever a driver admits to alcohol or drug misuse under the district's voluntary self-identification program, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure all of the following: (49 CFR 382.121)

- 1. No adverse action shall be taken against the driver by the district.
- 2. The driver shall be allowed sufficient opportunity to seek evaluation, education, or treatment to establish control over the drug or alcohol problem.
- 3. The driver shall be permitted to participate in safety-sensitive functions only after:
 - a. Successfully completing an education or treatment program, as determined by a drug and alcohol abuse evaluation expert, such as an employee assistance professional, substance abuse professional, or qualified drug and alcohol counselor
 - b. Undergoing a return-to-duty test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02 and/or a verified negative result for drug use

A driver who admits to alcohol or drug misuse shall not be subject to federal requirements related to referral, evaluation, and treatment, provided that the driver does not self-identify in order to avoid drug or alcohol testing, makes the admission prior to performing a safety-sensitive function, and does not perform a safety-sensitive function until the driver has been evaluated and has successfully completed education or treatment requirements in accordance with program guidelines. (49 CFR 382.121)

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Regulation 4212.42: Drug And Alcohol Testing For School Bus Drivers

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Definitions

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

Alcohol concentration (or content) means the alcohol in a volume of breath expressed in terms of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath as indicated by an evidential breath test. (49 CFR 40.3, 382.107)

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

Designated Employer Representative

The Superintendent or designee shall identify a designated employer representative who is authorized to take immediate action to remove drivers from safety-sensitive functions and to make required decisions in the testing and evaluation processes. The designated employer representative shall also be responsible for receiving test results and other communications. The name and telephone number of the designated employer representative shall be provided to the testing contractor to contact about any problems or issues that may arise during the testing process. (49 CFR 40.35, 40.215)

Pre-employment Testing

When hiring a new driver, the Superintendent or designee shall, with the driver's written consent, conduct a preemployment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse to obtain information about whether the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations. (49 CFR 382.701)

The Superintendent or designee shall also, with the driver's consent, request the driver's past drug and alcohol testing record, as specified in 49 CFR 40.25 and 382.413, from any employer who has employed the driver at any time during the previous three years. To the extent practicable, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain and review such information before the driver first performs safety-sensitive functions. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ask the driver if there was a positive test, or a refusal to test, on any pre-employment drug or alcohol test that was administered during the past two years in the course of applying for another safety-sensitive transportation position that was not obtained. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413)

The driver shall not be permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions if the driver refuses to provide consent to obtain the information from previous employers or from the Clearinghouse; the information from previous employers is not received within 30 days of the date on which the driver first performed safety-sensitive functions for the district; or the driver, the Clearinghouse, or a previous employer reports a violation of a drug or alcohol regulation without subsequent completion of the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413, 382.701, 382.703)

A driver whom the district intends to hire or use shall undergo testing for drugs and receive a verified negative test result prior to the first time the driver performs safety-sensitive functions for the district. This testing requirement may be waived if all of the following conditions exist: (49 CFR 382.301)

- 1. The driver has participated in a qualified drug testing program within the previous 30 days.
- 2. While participating in the program, the driver either was tested within the past six months from the date of application or participated in a random drug testing program for the previous 12 months from the date of application.
- 3. No prior employer of the driver of whom the district has knowledge has records of the driver's violation of

federal drug testing regulations within the previous six months.

The Superintendent or designee shall contact the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and obtain information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.

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

Post-Accident Testing

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

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

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

No driver required to take a post-accident alcohol test pursuant to 49 CFR 382.303 shall use alcohol for eight hours following the accident or until the driver undergoes a post-accident alcohol test, whichever occurs first. (49 CFR 382.209)

Random Testing

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that random, unannounced drug and alcohol tests of bus drivers are conducted on testing dates reasonably spread throughout the year.

Such tests shall be unannounced and conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 382.305)

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

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

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

Reasonable Suspicion Testing

A driver shall be required to submit to a drug or alcohol test whenever the Superintendent or designee has reasonable suspicion that the driver has violated the prohibitions against the use of drugs or alcohol. Such reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations, conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions, concerning the driver's appearance, behavior, speech, and/or body odors. Reasonable suspicion of drug use may also include indications of the chronic and withdrawal effects of drugs. (49 CFR 382.307)

The person who makes the required observations for reasonable suspicion testing for drugs or alcohol shall be trained in accordance with 49 CFR 382.603. The person who makes the determination that reasonable suspicion

exists to conduct an alcohol test shall not be the same person who conducts the alcohol test. (49 CFR 382.307)

Within 24 hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug or alcohol test are released, whichever is earlier, a written record of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion test shall be made and signed by the person who made the observations. (49 CFR 382.307)

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

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

Return-to-Duty Testing

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.305, the district may return a driver to safety-sensitive functions after the driver completes required education and treatment services as described in the accompanying Board policy and a return-to-duty drug or alcohol test. Such personnel decisions may be subject to collective bargaining or other legal requirements.

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

Follow-Up Testing

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

Mandatory Reporting and Annual Queries to the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Clearinghouse any violation of federal drug and alcohol regulations, any refusal to test, and other required information by the close of the third business day following the date on which the information was obtained. (49 CFR 382.705)

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a query using the Clearinghouse at least once a year for all drivers to determine whether information exists in the Clearinghouse about the drivers. (49 CFR 382.701)

In lieu of a full query, the Superintendent or designee may obtain the individual driver's consent to conduct a limited query that is effective for more than one year and informs the district about whether there is information about the driver in the Clearinghouse without releasing that information to the district. If the limited query shows that information exists in the Clearinghouse about the individual driver, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a full query within 24 hours of conducting the limited query. If a full query is not conducted within 24 hours, the driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function until the results from a full query confirm that the driver may perform such functions. (49 CFR 382.701)

A driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function if the results of a Clearinghouse query demonstrate that the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations. (49 CFR 382.701)

Notifications

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

following: (49 CFR 382.113, 382.303, 382.601)

- 1. The identity of the person designated by the district to answer driver questions about the materials
- 2. The categories of drivers who are subject to drug and alcohol testing
- 3. Sufficient information about the safety-sensitive functions performed by those drivers to make clear what period of the workday the driver is required to be in compliance
- 4. Specific information concerning prohibited driver conduct
- 5. The circumstances under which a driver will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol, including post-accident testing
- 6. The procedures that will be used to test for the presence of drugs and alcohol, protect the driver and the integrity of the testing processes, safeguard the validity of the test results, and ensure that those results are attributed to the correct driver
- 7. The requirement that a driver submit to drug and alcohol tests
- 8. An explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test and the attendant consequences
- 9. The consequences for drivers found to have violated the prohibitions against drug or alcohol use, including the circumstances under which drivers will be removed immediately from safety-sensitive functions and the requirements for education, treatment, and return-to-duty testing
- 10. The consequences for drivers found to have a blood alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04
- 11. Information concerning the effects of drug and alcohol use on an individual's health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of a drug or alcohol problem (the driver's or a co-worker's); and available methods of intervening when a drug or alcohol problem is suspected, including confrontation, referral to any employee assistance program, and/or referral to management
- 12. The requirement that personal information collected and maintained pursuant to 49 CFR 382 shall be reported to the Clearinghouse

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

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

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

Records

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

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Regulation 4212.6: Personnel Files

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

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

Personnel files for district police or security officers shall be maintained and accessed in accordance with Government Code 3305-3306.5 and AR 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department.

Placement of Material in Personnel Files

Any supervisor or administrator who places written material or drafts written material for placement in an employee's file shall sign the material and indicate the date of the placement.

When an employee is asked to sign any material that is to be placed in his/her file, he/she shall be informed that the signature only signifies that he/she has read the material and does not necessarily indicate that he/she agrees with its contents.

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

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

Derogatory Information

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

Persons with Authorized Access

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

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

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

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

File Review by Employee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Record Retention

Personnel records for current and former employees shall be retained in accordance with 5 CCR 16023.

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

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Regulation 4212.61: Employment References

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The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for processing requests for employment references, letters of recommendation, or information about the reasons for separation regarding all district employees other than himself/herself. All letters of recommendation to be issued on behalf of the district for current or former employees shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee. At his/her discretion, the Superintendent or designee may refuse to give a recommendation.

The Superintendent or designee may communicate information about the job performance or qualifications of a current or former district employee when such information is based upon credible evidence and is given to a prospective employer without malice and at the prospective employer's request. (Civil Code 47)

Any reference, letter of recommendation, or information provided about the reasons for separation issued on behalf of the district shall provide a truthful and accurate account of the employee's job performance and qualifications.

No certificated employee shall write or sign any letter or memorandum which intentionally omits significant facts, or which states as facts matters which the writer does not know of his/her own knowledge to be true, relating to the professional qualifications or personal fitness to perform certificated services of any person who the writer knows will use the letter or memorandum to obtain professional employment. (5 CCR 80332)

No certificated employee shall agree to provide a positive letter of recommendation which misrepresents facts as a condition of another employee's resigning or withdrawing action against the district. (5 CCR 80332)

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Policy 4212.8: Employment Of Relatives

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The Board of Trustees desires to maximize staff and community confidence in district hiring, promotion, and other employment decisions by promoting practices that are free of conflicts of interest or the appearance of impropriety.

The Board prohibits the appointment of any person to a position for which his/her relative maintains management, supervisory, evaluation, or promotion responsibilities and prohibits an employee from participating in any decision that singularly applies to any of his/her relatives.

For purposes of this policy, relative includes the individual's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse or domestic partner.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to appoint a person to a position in the same department or facility as an employee with whom he/she maintains a personal relationship when that relationship has the potential to create (1) an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, or morale of other district employees or (2) a conflict of interest for the individuals involved which is greater because of the their relationship than it would be for another person.

An employee shall notify his/her supervisor within 30 days of any change in his/her circumstances that may constitute a violation of this policy.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4212.9-E PDF(2): Employee Notifications

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Descriptor Code: 4212.9

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

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees			
At the beginning of school year or upon employment	Education Code 231.5; Government Code 12950	AR 4119.11 4219.11 4319.11	The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints
Annually, and 72 hours before pesticide application	Education Code 17612	AR 3514.2	Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information on pesticides
Prior to implementing year-round schedule	Education Code 37616	BP 6117	Public hearing on year-round program
Prior to implementing alternative schedule	Education Code 46162	BP 6112	Public hearing on alternative schedule in secondary grades
Annually	Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622	AR 1312.3 BP 0460 BP 3260	Uniform complaint procedures, appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints about student fees and local control and accountability plan
Annually	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors
At least once per year	Education Code 49414.3	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer opioid antagonist
To all employees	Government Code 1126	BP 4136 4236 4336	Prohibition of activities that are inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties; discipline; appeal
When/Whom	Education or Other Legal	Board Policy/ Administrative	

to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To all employees	Government Code 8355; 41 USC 8102; 34 CFR 84.205, 84.210	BP 4020 BP 4159 4259 4359	District's drug- and alcohol- free workplace; actions to be taken if violated; available employee assistance programs
Upon employment	Government Code 21029	None	Right to purchase PERS service credit for military service performed prior to public employment
Upon placement of automated external defibrillator (AED) in school, and annually thereafter	Health and Safety Code 1797.196	AR 5141	Proper use of AED; location of all AEDs on campus, sudden cardiac arrest, school's emergency response plan
If the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds	Health and Safety Code 104420	AR 3513.3	District's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures
Annually, or more frequently if there is new information	Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880	BP 4119.43 4219.43 4319.43	AIDS and hepatitis B, including methods to prevent exposure
To new employees upon hire and other employees upon request, in districts with 25 or more employees	Labor Code 230.1	AR 4161.2 4261.2 4361.2	Rights pursuant to Labor Code 230-230.1 pertaining to leaves and accommodations for victims of crime or abuse
With each paycheck	Labor Code 246	AR 4161.1 4361.1	Amount of sick leave available

AR 4261.1

Upon hire, in employee handbook, and upon request for parental leave	Labor Code 1034	BP 4033	The district's policy on lactation accommodation
To covered employees and former employees	Labor Code 2800.2	AR 4154 4254 4354	Availability of COBRA/ Cal-COBRA continuation and conversion coverage; statement encouraging careful examination of options before declining coverage
When/Whom to Notify I. To All Employees (continued)	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
To employees participating in a flexible spending account	Labor Code 2810.7	None	Deadline to withdraw funds from account before the end of the plan year
To every new employee, either at the time employee is hired or by end of first pay period	Labor Code 3551	AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Workers' compensation benefits, how to obtain medical care, role of primary physician, form for reporting personal physician/chiropractor
Within one day of receiving notice of potential exposure to COVID-19, to employees who were on the premises during the infectious period,	Labor Code 6409.6	AR 4157 4257 4357	Potential exposure to COVID-19; benefits to which employees may be entitled; available leave options; protection against

the exclusive representative, and the employer of subcontracted employees as applicable			discrimination and retaliation; district's disinfection and safety plan
Prior to beginning employment	Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5	AR 5141.4	Status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, reporting obligations, confidentiality rights, copy of law
Upon employment, and when employee goes on leave for specified reasons	Unemployment Insurance Code 2613	AR 4154 4254 4354	Disability insurance rights and benefits
To principal, counselor who directly supervises or reports on student's behavior or progress, and teacher and other administrators who directly supervise or report on student's behavior or progress when principal believes needs the information for the protection of self or others when working with student, when Superintendent or designee receives written notification that minor studen has committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses	:	AR 4158 4258 4358	Limited exception to juvenile court record confidentiality to ensure rehabilitation of juvenile criminal offenders and protect students and staff
To all employees and job applicants	2 CCR 11023; 34 CFR 104.8, 106.9	BP 0410 AR 4030	District's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures
To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee	2 CCR 11091, 11095; 29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA); obligation to provide 30 days' notice of need for leave when possible
To all employees	8 CCR 3203	AR 4157 4257 4357	The right and procedure to access the injury and illness prevention program
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To all employees working with homeless families	42 USC 11432	AR 6173Duties students	of district liaison for homeless
To all employees	34 CFR 106.8	AR 4119.11 4219.11	Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex; contact

		4319.11 Title IX inquiries to	information for district's Coordinator; referral of Title IX Coordinator and/or Office for Civil Rights
Annually	40 CFR 763.84, 763.93	AR 3514	Availability of asbestos management plan; inspections, response actions, post-response actions planned or in progress
II. To Certificated Employees			
To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire	Education Code 22455.5	AR 4121	Criteria for membership in retirement system; right to elect membership at any time
Upon employment of a retired certificated individual	Education Code 22461	AR 4117.14 4317.14	Postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction; monthly report of compensation
To certificated employees	Education Code 35171	AR 4115 BP 4315	District regulations related to performance evaluations
30 days before last day of school year for instructional staff, or by June 30 for noninstructional certificated staff, in any year in which employee is evaluated	Education Code 44663	AR 4115	Copy of employee's evaluation
To a certificated employee with unsatisfactory evaluation, once per year for probationary employee or at least once every other year for permanent employee	Education Code 44664	AR 4115	Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. To Certificated Employees (conti	nued)		
By May 30, if district issues reemployment notices to certificated employees	Education Code 44842	AR 4112.1	Request that the employee notify district of intent to remain in service next year
To probationary and temporary	Education Code	AR 4112.1	Employment status and salary

certificated employees upon employment, and every July thereafter	44916	AR 4121			
To probationary employee, by March 15	Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23, 44948.5	BP 4116	Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year		
When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, at any time of year or, for charge of unsatisfactory performance, during instructional year	Education Code 44934, 44934.1, 44936	BP 4118 AR 4118	Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice		
To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct, at least 45 days prior to suspension/ dismissal notice	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct		
To certificated employee charged with unsatisfactory performance, at least 90 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice or prior to last quarter of school year	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct		
To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, within 10 days of entry judgment in proceedings	Education Code 44940.5	AR 4118	Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice unless employee demands hearing		
To probationary employee 30 days prior to dismissal during school year, but not later than March 15 for a second-year probationary employee	Education Code 44948.3	AR 4118	Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal		
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject		
II. To Certificated Employees (continued)					
By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15	Education Code 44949, 44955	BP 4117.3	Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board decision re: termination		
Before the end of the school year to temporary employee who served 75 percent of school year but will be released	Education Code 44954	BP 4121	District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year		

During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to any permanent or probationary certificated employee, including an employee holding a position that requires administrative or supervisory credential, whose services are terminated		BP 4117.3	Decrease in the number of permanent employees in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board
To teacher, when a student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts	Education Code 49079	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To teacher of a student who is suspended or expelled, when Superintendent or designee receives transfer student's record regarding act that resulted in suspension or expulsion	Education Code 48201	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct or while allegation is pending	5 CCR 80303	AR 4117.7 4317.7	Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing
III. To Classified Employees			
When classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in nonmerit district	Education Code 45113	AR 4218	Notice of charges, right to hearing, timeline for requesting hearing
By March 15, when laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds, with final notice by May 15	Education Code 45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff, displacement and reemployment rights, right to hearing; final notice of Board decision regarding termination
During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to classified employees who are laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds		AR 4217.3	District Statement of Reduction in Force to affected employees in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board

At least 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, if the employee's position mus be eliminated due to the expiration of a specially funded program	st 45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff date, displacement and reemployment rights			
Upon employment and upon each change in classification	Education Code 45169	AR 4212	Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours, prescribed workweek			
To permanent employee whose leave is exhausted	Education Code 45192, 45195	AR 4261.1 AR 4261.11	Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave			
When/Whom	Education or Other Legal	Board Policy/ Administrative				
to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject			
III. To Classified Employees (contin	nued)					
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers prior to expiration of specified documents	13 CCR 1234	AR 3542	Expiration date of driver's license, driver's certificate and medical certificate; need to renew			
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers upon employment and at least once per year thereafter	13 CCR 2480	AR 3542	Limitations on vehicle idling; consequences of not complying			
To school bus drivers, prior to district drug testing program and thereafter upon employment	49 CFR 382.113, 382.601	AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Explanation of federal requirements for drug testing program and district's policy; prior to administration of each drug or alcohol test			
To school bus drivers, prior to operating school bus	49 CFR 382.303	AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Post-accident information, procedures, and instructions			
IV. To Administrative/Supervisory Personnel						
To superintendent, deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract	Education Code 35031	BP 2121 BP 4312.1	Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term			
Upon request by administrative	Education Code	AR 4313.2	Statement of the reasons for			

or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position	44896		the reassignment
By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year	Education Code 44951	AR 4313.2	Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances		
In the event of a breach of security of district records, to affected employees	Civil Code 1798.29	BP 3580	Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, and, as applicable, contact information for credit reporting agencies
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances (continued)	
Prior to placing derogatory informat personnel file	ion in Education Code 44031	AR 4112.6 4212.6 4312.6	Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment
1 2	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Defense and indemnification from civil liability by the
auto-injector			district
To district police officer, within 30 days of decision to impose discipline	Government Code 3304	AR 3515.3	Decision to impose discipline, including the date that discipline will be imposed
To employee returning from military leave of absence, within 30 days of return	Government Code 20997	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Right to receive PERS service credit for military service; application form
24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or charges against employee	Government Code 54957	BB 9321	Employee's right to have complaints/charges heard in open session
When taking disciplinary action against employee for disclosure of confidential information	Government Code 54963	BP 4119.23 4219.23 4319.23	Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session
When document identifying employ who is victim of domestic violence disclosed	ee Labor Code 230 s	AR 4158 4258 4358	Accommodations and leave for victims of domestic violence
Within one working day of work-related injury or victimization of crime	Labor Code 3553, 5401	AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, claim form

action is based on DOJ criminal history information or subsequent arrest notification	11105.2	4212.5 4312.5	
To any employee with exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter	8 CCR 3204	AR 4119.42 4219.42 4319.42	The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records
	Education or	Board Policy/	
When/Whom	Other Legal	Administrative	
to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances (continued)	
To any employee assigned to a work area where hazardous chemical signs and chemicals present, upon in symptoms of exposure, location of reference material			Location and availability of al hygiene plan, exposure limits, tuation
To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous area,	8 CCR 5194 substan		Any presence of hazardous ea, substances in the work
	tion when new hazard is		program, new
material safety introduced into work	area	data she	eet, employee rights
To employee eligible for military leave	38 USC 4334	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave
FMLA leave, 2 CCR 11049, receipt of supporting information, or district's knowledge that the requested leave may qualify as FMLA leave	11091	or non-FMLA; if a	eligible, reason not eligible; requirement to use paid leave; any requirement for fitness- for-duty certification; any subsequent changes in designation notice
Whenever notice of eligibility for FMLA is provided to employee	29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Rights and responsibilities re: use of FMLA; consequences of failure to meet obligations

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Policy 4213.4: Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that, when employees have temporarily disabling medical conditions, temporary modified or light-duty assignments can allow the district to continue to use their valuable knowledge, skills, and abilities while minimizing time away from work. Temporary modified/light-duty assignments may also serve to facilitate the employee's transition back to his/her regular duties or full-time work.

Any employee may request a modified or light-duty assignment when he/she has a temporary medical condition which prevents the performance of the essential functions of his/her current assignment or position. The Superintendent or designee shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a suitable temporary position currently exists to accommodate the physical restrictions specified by the employee's medical provider.

An employee's initial assignment to a temporary modified or light-duty position shall be for a limited duration, not to exceed 30 days. At the end of the initial assignment, the employee may request that the Superintendent or designee extend the assignment. When requesting any such extension, the employee shall submit documentation from his/her medical provider verifying that the employee is still temporarily disabled and is not medically able to return to his/her regular assignment. Temporary assignments generally shall not exceed 90 days, but may be extended at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee for an additional 90 days upon verification by the employee's medical provider that such an extension will allow the employee to return to unrestricted regular duties.

An employee who rejects a temporary modified/light-duty assignment may be subject to a loss of workers' compensation benefits in accordance with district's insurance policy.

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Policy 4213.5: Working Remotely

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that working remotely at home or at another alternative location may be necessary at times when widespread illness, natural disaster, or other emergency condition makes the school or worksite unsafe or otherwise interrupts the district's ability to effectively conduct operations at the school or worksite. A full-time, part-time, or short-term remote work arrangement may also be granted by the Superintendent or designee to an individual employee, upon request, provided that the position is suitable for remote work, the employee has consistently demonstrated the ability to work independently and meet performance expectations, and the work arrangement does not hinder district operations.

The opportunity to work remotely shall be entirely at the district's discretion, and no grievance or appeal right may arise from district denial of any employee request for remote work.

Employees approved for remote work shall comply with all district policies, administrative regulations, work schedules, and job assignments. Except when specifically agreed, approval of remote work shall not change the compensation, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment of an employee.

Unless otherwise approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee, employees working remotely shall do so within regular work hours established for the position. Employees are entitled and expected to take appropriate, uninterrupted meal and rest breaks, and shall keep accurate records of the hours they work. Employees shall notify their supervisor when unable to perform work assignments due to illness, equipment failure, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Employees working remotely are expected to conduct their work in a location that is safe and free of obstructions, hazards, and distractions. Such employees shall report to their supervisor any serious injury or illness occurring in the home workspace or in connection with their employment as soon as practically possible in accordance with Board policy.

The district shall provide to employees who work remotely all supplies, materials, apparatus, and equipment reasonably necessary to perform their jobs, including, as necessary, a technology device and Internet access. Employees shall use caution in accessing the Internet from public locations and in accessing information from networks outside of the district in order to safeguard confidential information. Employees shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting equipment on loan from the district and shall adhere to the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. The employee's personally owned equipment may only be used for district business when approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Work done at a remote work location is considered official public business. District records and communications shall be retained and safeguarded against damage or loss, and shall be kept confidential or made accessible to the public in accordance with law.

Any employee working remotely shall be available during work hours to the employee's supervisor and other staff, students, parents/guardians, and members of the public, as appropriate, via email, phone, or other means. Lack of responsiveness on the part of the employee may result in discipline and/or termination of remote work responsibilities. Employees shall be required to attend virtual or in-person meetings when directed by their supervisor.

Employee productivity shall be evaluated on the basis of time spent on tasks and projects, task completion, and quality of job performance in the same manner as all employees in the same position at the assigned school or office.

Remote work arrangements may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4215: Evaluation/Supervision

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that appropriate supervision and regular, comprehensive evaluations can help employees to continually improve in the performance of their responsibilities. Evaluations shall be made in accordance with procedures specified in negotiated contracts and based on job-specific standards of performance.

The Board expects supervisors to gauge employees' on-the-job effectiveness and skills in a fair, objective, and consistent manner. Evaluations shall address the competence and care with which the employee executes his/her assigned responsibilities. As appropriate, evaluations also may address the extent to which the employee works cooperatively with others and observes school or district rules and regulations.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that evaluation ratings have uniform meaning throughout the district.

Evaluations shall be used to recognize the exemplary skills and accomplishments of staff and to identify areas needing improvement. When the evaluation indicates areas needing improvement, the Board expects employees to accept responsibility and take initiative to improve their performance. The Superintendent or designee shall assist employees in obtaining needed job skills.

The evaluation shall be dated and signed by both the employee and the supervisor.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that classified employees have access to rules and procedures related to performance evaluations.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4216: Probationary/Permanent Status

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The Board of Trustees desires to employ and retain highly qualified classified personnel to support the district's educational program and operations. Newly hired classified employees shall serve a probationary period during which the Board shall determine their suitability for long-term district employment.

A probationary employee who has been employed by the district for six months or 130 days of paid service, whichever is longer, shall be classified as a permanent employee of the district. (Education Code 45113, 45301)

Probationary employees shall receive written performance evaluations by their supervisor during the probationary period. These evaluations shall indicate whether the evaluator is satisfied or not satisfied with the employee's ability, performance, and compatibility with the job.

The district may, without cause, dismiss a new employee during the probationary period.

Permanent employees promoted to a higher classification shall be considered probationary in their new position until they have satisfactorily completed the probationary period.

A permanent employee who accepts a promotion and fails to complete the probationary period for that promotional position shall be employed in the classification from which the employee was promoted. (Education Code 45113)

This policy shall be made available to classified employees and the public. (Education Code 45113)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4217.11: Preretirement Part-Time Employment

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When the Board of Trustees has adopted the reduced workload program, any classified employee may reduce his/her workload from full time to part time in accordance with applicable law, district regulations, and collective bargaining agreement.

When so authorized, any classified employee who is a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System may reduce his/her workload from full time to part time without losing retirement benefits, if all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 45139)

- 1. The employee shall have reached the age of 55 prior to the workload reduction.
- 2. The employee shall have been employed full time in a classified position for at least 10 years, of which the immediately preceding five years were full-time employment.
- 3. During the period immediately preceding a request for reduction in workload, the employee shall have been employed full time in a classified position for a total of at least five years without a break in service.
- 4. The option of part-time employment shall be exercised at the request of the employee and can be revoked only with the mutual consent of the employee and the district.
- 5. The employee shall be paid a salary that is the pro rata share of the salary he/she would be earning had the employee not elected to exercise the option of part-time employment.
- 6. The employee shall retain all other rights and benefits for which he/she makes the payments that would be required if he/she remained in full-time employment. The employee shall receive health benefits in the same manner as a full-time classified employee.
- 7. The minimum part-time employment shall be the equivalent of one-half of the number of hours of service required by the employee's contract during his/her final year of service in a full-time classified position.
- 8. The period of the part-time employment shall not exceed five years.
- 9. The period of part-time employment shall not extend beyond the end of the school year during which the employee reaches his/her 70th birthday.

Prior to the reduction of an employee's workload, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the employee's eligibility for the reduced workload program. (Government Code 20905)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the necessary records to separately identify each employee who participates in the reduced workload program. (Government Code 20905)

The district may allow any classified employee who is not eligible for the reduction of workload pursuant to Education Code 45139 to reduce his/her workload from full time to part time after determining that it is in the best interest of the district. In any such case, the Board shall specify the terms and conditions under which the reduction in workload shall take place.

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Policy 4217.2: Resignation

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Any district employee who desires to resign his/her position shall submit, in writing, a letter of resignation which indicates the date which the employee intends as his/her last day at work. The Board of Trustees encourages employees to provide advance notice that is appropriate for the position they hold.

The effective date of the resignation shall be a date not later than the close of the school year during which the resignation is received. However, an employee and the Board may agree that a resignation will be accepted at a mutually agreed upon date not later than two years beyond the close of the school year during which the resignation is received by the Board. (Education Code 44930, 45201)

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Policy 4218: Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action

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The Board of Trustees expects all employees to perform their jobs satisfactorily and to exhibit professional and appropriate conduct. A classified employee may be disciplined for unprofessional conduct or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with law or any applicable collective bargaining agreement, Board policy, or administrative regulation.

Disciplinary actions shall be based on the particular facts and circumstances involved and the severity of the employee's conduct or performance. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that disciplinary actions are taken in a consistent, nondiscriminatory manner and are appropriately documented.

Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, verbal and written warnings, involuntary reassignment, demotion, suspension without pay, reduction of pay step in class, compulsory leave, and dismissal.

A probationary classified employee may be dismissed by the Superintendent or designee at any time prior to the expiration of the probationary period.

Permanent classified employees shall be subject to disciplinary action only for cause as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 45113)

Procedures for Serious Disciplinary Proceedings

The Superintendent or designee shall develop disciplinary procedures for use when dismissal, suspension, demotion, involuntary reassignment, or other serious disciplinary action is contemplated against an employee. The procedures for such discipline shall include an opportunity for an employee for whom any such disciplinary action is recommended to meet with, or respond in writing to, a designated district official ("Skelly officer") who will determine whether the recommended discipline should proceed further or be modified or withdrawn.

After meeting with the employee or considering the employee's written response, if the Skelly officer determines that the recommended discipline should proceed, the Superintendent or designee shall send the employee a notice of the recommended disciplinary action, a statement of charges, and the results of the Skelly hearing. The notice shall include a statement advising the employee of the right to request a Board hearing on the matter.

If the employee fails to request a hearing within the time specified in the notice, the employee is deemed to have waived the right to do so, and the Board may order the recommended disciplinary action into effect immediately.

If a timely request is submitted, a hearing shall be conducted by the Board. (Education Code 45113, 45312)

The hearing shall be held at the earliest convenient date, taking into consideration the established schedule of the Board and the availability of legal counsel and witnesses. The employee shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing.

The hearing shall be held in closed session, unless the employee requests that the matter be heard in an open session meeting. (Government Code 54957)

The employee shall be entitled to appear personally, produce evidence, and be represented by legal counsel.

The Board may use the services of its legal counsel in ruling upon procedural questions, objections to evidence, and issues of law. The Board may review and consider the records of any prior personnel action proceedings against the employee in which a disciplinary action was ultimately sustained and any records contained in the employee's personnel files and introduced into evidence at the hearing. The Board shall not be bound by rules of evidence used in California courts. Informality in any such hearing shall not invalidate any order or decision made by the Board.

At any time before a matter is submitted to the Board for decision, the Superintendent or designee may, with the consent of the Board, serve on the employee and file with the Board an amended or supplemental recommendation of disciplinary action. If the amended or supplemental recommendation includes new causes or allegations, the employee shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to prepare a defense. Any new causes or allegations shall be deemed controverted and any objections to the amended or supplemental causes or allegations may be made orally

at the hearing and shall be noted on the record.

Following the hearing or, if the employee has not requested a hearing, after reviewing the Superintendent or designee's recommendation for disciplinary action, the Board shall affirm, modify, or reject the recommended disciplinary action. The decision of the Board shall be in writing and shall contain findings of fact and the disciplinary action approved, if any. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Within 10 working days of the Board's final decision, a copy of the decision shall be delivered to the employee and/or designated representative personally or by registered mail.

In lieu of holding a Board hearing on the sufficiency of the causes for disciplinary action, the Board may delegate its authority to an impartial third-party hearing officer. When the matter is heard by a third-party hearing officer, the Board retains the authority to review the determination and to adopt or reject the recommended decision. (Education Code 45113)

If the matter involves an allegation of egregious misconduct as defined in Education Code 44932 and involves a minor, the matter shall be referred to an administrative law judge to determine whether sufficient cause exists for disciplinary action against the employee. In such cases, the ruling of the administrative law judge shall be binding on the district and the employee. (Education Code 45113)

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Regulation 4218: Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action

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Causes for Disciplinary Action

A permanent classified employee may be subject to suspension, demotion, involuntary reassignment, or dismissal for one or more of the following causes:

- 1. Immoral conduct, including, but not limited to, egregious misconduct that is the basis for a sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010, a controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011, or child abuse and neglect as described in Penal Code 11165.2-11165.6
- 2. Conduct that constitutes a violent or serious felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5(c) or 1192.7(c)
- 3. Unlawful discrimination, including harassment, against any student or other employee
- 4. Violation of or refusal to obey state or federal law or regulation, Board policy, or district or school procedure
- 5. Falsification of any information supplied to the district, including, but not limited to, information supplied on application forms, employment records, or any other school district records
- 6. Unsatisfactory performance
- 7. Unprofessional conduct
- 8. Dishonesty
- 9. Neglect of duty or absence without leave
- 10. Insubordination
- 11. Use of alcohol or a controlled substance while on duty or in such close time proximity thereto as to affect the employee's performance
- 12. Destruction or misuse of district property
- 13. Failure to fulfill any ongoing condition of employment including, but not limited to, maintenance of any license, certificate, or other similar requirement specified in the employee's class specification or otherwise necessary for the employee to perform the duties of the position
- 14. A physical or mental condition which precludes the employee from the proper performance of duties and responsibilities as determined by competent medical authority, except as otherwise provided by a contract or by law
- 15. Retaliation against any person who, in good faith, reports, discloses, divulges, or otherwise brings to the attention of any appropriate authority any information relative to an actual or suspected violation of state or federal law occurring on or directly related to the job
- 16. Violation of Education Code 45303 or Government Code 1028 (advocacy of communism)
- 17. Any other misconduct which is of such nature that it causes discredit or injury to the district or the employee's position

An employee shall not be suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, dismissed, or otherwise retaliated against solely for acting to protect a student, or for refusing to infringe on a student's protected conduct, when that student is exercising free speech or press rights pursuant to Education Code 48907 or 48950. (Education Code 48907, 48950)

No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause which arose before the employee became permanent, nor for any cause which arose more than two years before the date of the filing of the notice of cause unless this cause was

concealed or not disclosed by the employee when it could be reasonably assumed that the employee would have disclosed the facts to the district. (Education Code 45113)

Initiation and Notification of Charges

The Superintendent or designee shall provide notice to the employee of a recommendation for discipline, which includes the charges and materials upon which the recommendation is based. The notification shall identify an impartial district official ("Skelly officer") with whom the employee may meet at a specified time and place or to whom the employee may provide a written response to the recommendation of discipline. After meeting with the employee or considering any response from the employee, the Skelly officer shall recommend to the Superintendent or designee whether to proceed with the recommendation for discipline.

The Superintendent or designee shall file any final recommendation for a disciplinary action in writing with the Board of Trustees . A copy of the recommendation shall be served upon the employee either personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, at the employee's last known address.

The notice shall, in ordinary and concise language, inform the employee of the specific charge(s) or cause(s) for the disciplinary action, the specific acts and omissions upon which the action is based, and, if applicable, the district rule or regulation that the employee has allegedly violated. In addition, the notice shall include the employee's right to a hearing on those charges, the time within which the hearing may be requested which shall be not less than five days after service of the notice to the employee, and a card or paper which the employee may sign and file to deny the charges and request a hearing. (Education Code 45113, 45116)

Request for Board Hearing

Within the time specified in the notice of the recommendation of disciplinary action, the employee may request a hearing on the charges by signing and filing the card or paper included with the notice. (Education Code 45113)

Any other written document signed and appropriately filed within the specified time limit by the employee shall constitute a sufficient notice of the request for a hearing. The request shall be delivered to the office of the Superintendent or designee during normal work hours of that office. If mailed to the office of the Superintendent or designee, it must be received or postmarked no later than the time limit specified by the district. In cases where an order of suspension without pay has been issued in conjunction with a recommendation of dismissal, any request for a hearing on the dismissal shall also constitute a request to hear the suspension order, and the necessity of the suspension order shall be an issue in the hearing.

Employment Status Pending a Hearing

A classified employee against whom a recommendation of disciplinary action has been issued shall remain on active duty status pending any hearing on the charges, unless the Superintendent or designee determines that the employee's continuance in active duty would present an unreasonable risk of harm to students, staff, or property. The Superintendent or designee may, in writing, order the employee immediately suspended from duty without pay and shall state the reasons that the suspension is deemed necessary. The suspension order shall be served upon the employee either personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, immediately after issuance.

Compulsory Leave of Absence

Upon being informed by law enforcement that a classified employee has been charged with a "mandatory leave of absence offense," the Superintendent or designee shall immediately place the employee on a leave of absence. A mandatory leave of absence offense includes:

- 1. Any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010
- 2. Violation or attempted violation of Penal Code 187 (murder or attempted murder)
- 3. Any offense involving the unlawful sale, use, or exchange to minors of controlled substances as listed in Health and Safety Code 11054, 11055, and 11056

The Superintendent or designee may place on an immediate compulsory leave of absence a classified employee who is charged with an "optional leave of absence offense," defined as a controlled substance offense specified in Education Code 44011 and Health and Safety Code 11357-11361, 11363, 11364, and 11370.1 except as it relates

to marijuana, mescaline, peyote, or tetrahydrocannabinols.

An employee's compulsory leave for a mandatory or optional leave of absence offense may extend for not more than 10 days after the entry of judgment in the criminal proceedings. However, the compulsory leave may be extended if the Board gives notice, within 10 days after the entry of judgment in the proceedings, that the employee will be dismissed within 30 days from the date of service of the notice unless the employee demands a hearing on the dismissal.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4219.11: Sexual Harassment

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The following policy shall apply to all district employees, interns, volunteers, contractors, job applicants, and other persons with an employment relationship with the district.

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe work environment that is free of harassment and intimidation. The Board prohibits sexual harassment against district employees and retaliatory behavior or action against any person who complains, testifies, or otherwise participates in the complaint process established for the purpose of this policy.

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, harassment that is based on the sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation of the victim and harassment based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

- 1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
- 2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to employees and others to whom the policy may apply
- 3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, fair, and equitable investigation of complaints
- 4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the district's strategies to prevent and address harassment. Such evaluation may involve conducting regular anonymous employee surveys to assess whether harassment is occurring or is perceived to be tolerated, partnering with researchers or other agencies with the needed expertise to evaluate the district's prevention strategies, and using any other effective tool for receiving feedback on systems and/or processes. As necessary, changes shall be made to the harassment policy, complaint procedures, or training.

Sexual Harassment Reports and Complaints

District employees who feel that they have been sexually harassed in the performance of their district responsibilities or who have knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee shall immediately report the incident to their direct supervisor, a district administrator, or the district's Title IX Coordinator. Employees may bypass their supervisor in filing a complaint if the supervisor is the subject of the complaint. A supervisor or administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure the complaint or allegation is addressed through AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures or AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, as applicable. Because a complaint or allegation that is dismissed or denied under the Title IX complaint procedure may still be subject to consideration under state law, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that any implementation of AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 concurrently meets the requirements of AR 4030.

The Title IX Coordinator shall offer supportive measures to the complainant and respondent, as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any district employee found to have engaged or participated in sexual harassment or to have aided, abetted, incited, compelled, or coerced another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

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Regulation 4219.11: Sexual Harassment

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The following administrative regulation shall apply to all allegations of sexual harassment involving employees, interns, volunteers, and job applicants, but shall not be used to resolve any complaint by or against a student.

Definitions

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, regardless of whether or not the conduct is motivated by sexual desire. Conduct is considered to be sexual harassment when made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the work or educational setting under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 212.5; Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11034)

- 1. Submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual's employment.
- 2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the individual.
- 3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
- 4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits, services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the district.

For purposes of applying the complaint procedures specified in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sexual harassment is defined as any of the following forms of conduct that occurs in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent: (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

- 1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on the person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity
- 3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

Examples of Sexual Harassment

Examples of actions that might constitute sexual harassment under state or federal law in accordance with the definitions above, in the work or educational setting, whether committed by a supervisor, a co-worker, or a non-employee, include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual's body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions, or the spreading of sexual rumors
- 2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, or gestures; sexually explicit emails; displaying sexually suggestive objects
- 3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body; touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over, or impeding normal movements

Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer

The district designates the following individual(s) as the responsible employee(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in accordance with AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, as well as to oversee, investigate, and resolve sexual harassment complaints processed under AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. The Title IX Coordinator(s) may be

contacted at:

Billie Mankey, Director II, HR

Training

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours, and nonsupervisory employees receive at least one hour, of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All newly hired employees and employees promoted to a supervisory position shall receive training within six months of their assumption of the new position. (Government Code 12950.1)

A supervisory employee is any employee having the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to direct them, adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend such action, when the exercise of the authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 12926)

Such training may be completed by employees individually or as part of a group presentation, may be completed in shorter segments as long as the applicable hourly requirement is met, and may be provided in conjunction with other training provided to the employees. The training shall be presented by trainers or educators with knowledge and expertise in the prevention of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. (Government Code 12950.1)

The district's sexual harassment training and education program shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 11024)

- 1. Information and practical guidance regarding federal and state laws concerning the prohibition, prevention, and correction of sexual harassment
- 2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment
- 3. Remedies available for victims in civil actions, and potential employer/individual exposure/liability
- 4. Strategies to prevent harassment in the workplace
- 5. Supervisors' obligation to report sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation of which they become aware
- 6. Practical examples which illustrate sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation using training modalities such as role plays, case studies, and group discussions, based on factual scenarios taken from case law, news and media accounts, and hypotheticals based on workplace situations and other sources
- 7. The limited confidentiality of the complaint process
- 8. Resources for victims of unlawful harassment, such as to whom they should report any alleged harassment
- 9. Steps necessary to take appropriate remedial measures to correct harassing behavior, which includes the district's obligation to conduct an effective workplace investigation of a harassment complaint
- 10. What to do if the supervisor is personally accused of harassment
- 11. The essential elements of the district's anti-harassment policy, and how to use the policy if a harassment complaint is filed
 - Employees shall receive a copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulations, which they shall read and acknowledge that they have received.
- 12. Information, including practical examples, of harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- 13. Prevention of abusive conduct, including a review of the definition and elements of abusive conduct pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, the negative effects that abusive conduct has on the victim and other in the

workplace, the detrimental consequences of this conduct on employee productivity and morale, and that a single act does not constitute abusive conduct unless the act is severe or egregious

The Superintendent or designee shall retain for at least two years the records of any training provided to supervisory employees. Such records shall include the names of trained employees, date of the training, the type of training, and the name of the training provider. (2 CCR 11024)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex as required by Title IX, that the Title IX nondiscrimination requirement extends to employment, and that inquiries about the application of Title IX to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator and/or to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. (34 CFR 106.8)

The district shall notify employees, bargaining units, and applicants for employment of the name or title, office address, email address, and telephone number of the district's Title IX Coordinator. (34 CFR 106.8)

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall:

- 1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building, district office, or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted (Education Code 231.5)
- 2. Be provided to every district employee at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year or whenever a new employee is hired (Education Code 231.5)
- 3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct (Education Code 231.5)
- 4. Be posted, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in a prominent location on the district's web site (34 CFR 106.8)
- 5. Be included, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in any handbook provided to employees or employee organizations (34 CFR 106.8)

All employees shall receive a copy of an information sheet prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the district that contains, at a minimum, components on: (Government Code 12950)

- 1. The illegality of sexual harassment
- 2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
- 3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
- 4. The district's complaint process available to the employee
- 5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- 6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC
- 7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 11021 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

In addition, the district shall post, in a prominent and accessible location, the DFEH poster on discrimination in employment and the illegality of sexual harassment and the DFEH poster regarding transgender rights. (Government Code 12950)

Complaint Procedures

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment by and against employees shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures. The Title IX Coordinator shall review the allegations to determine the applicable procedure for responding to the complaint. All complaints that meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Other sexual harassment complaints shall be investigated and resolved pursuant to AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

If sexual harassment is found following an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator, or designee in consultation with the Coordinator, shall take prompt action to stop the sexual harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effects.

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Regulation 4219.12: Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

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The complaint procedures described in this administrative regulation shall be used to address any complaint governed by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 alleging that a district employee, while in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent, was subjected to one or more of the following forms of sexual harassment: (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

- 1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity
- 3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

All other sexual harassment complaints or allegations shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. The determination of whether the allegations meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be made by the district's Title IX Coordinator.

Because the complainant has a right to pursue a complaint under AR 4030 for any allegation that is dismissed or denied under the Title IX complaint procedure, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that all requirements and timelines for AR 4030 are concurrently met while implementing the Title IX procedure.

Reporting Allegations/Filing a Formal Complaint

An employee who is the alleged victim of sexual harassment may submit a report of sexual harassment to the district's Title IX Coordinator using the contact information listed in AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment or to the employee's direct supervisor or other district administrator, who shall forward the report to the Title IX Coordinator within one day of receiving the report.

Upon receiving such a report, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the complainant of the right to file a formal complaint and the process for filing a formal complaint.

A formal complaint, with the complainant's physical or digital signature, may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by email, or by any other method authorized by the district. (34 CFR 106.30)

Even if the alleged victim chooses not to file a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator shall file a formal complaint in situations when a safety threat exists. In addition, the Title IX Coordinator may file a formal complaint in other situations as permitted under the Title IX regulations, including as part of the district's obligation to not be deliberately indifferent to known allegations of sexual harassment. In such cases, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the alleged victim notices as required by the Title IX regulations at specific points in the complaint process.

The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or a facilitator of an informal resolution process shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent. Such persons shall receive training in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45. (34 CFR 106.45)

Supportive Measures

Upon receipt of a report of Title IX sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures and shall consider the complainant's wishes with respect to the supportive measures implemented. Supportive measures shall be offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures shall be nondisciplinary, nonpunitive, and not unreasonably burden the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment or to deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include, but are not limited to, counseling, extensions of deadlines, modifications of work schedules, mutual restrictions on contact, changes in work locations, leaves of absence, increased security, and monitoring of certain areas of the campus. (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

The district shall maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the district's ability to provide the supportive measures. (34 CFR 106.30)

Emergency Removal

If a district employee is the respondent, the employee may be placed on administrative leave during the pendency of the formal complaint process. (34 CFR 106.44)

If the respondent is a student, the district may, on an emergency basis, remove the student from the district's education program or activity, provided that the district conducts an individualized safety and risk analysis, determines that removal is justified due to an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations, and provides the student with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This authority to remove a student does not modify a student's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. (34 CFR 106.44)

Dismissal of Complaint

The Title IX Coordinator shall dismiss a formal complaint if the alleged conduct would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30 even if proved. The Title IX Coordinator shall also dismiss any complaint in which the alleged conduct did not occur in the district's education program or activity or did not occur against a person in the United States, and may dismiss a formal complaint if the complainant notifies the district in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the complaint or any allegations in the complaint, the respondent is no longer employed by the district, or sufficient circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination with regard to the complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

Upon dismissal, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly send written notice of the dismissal and the reasons for the dismissal simultaneously to the parties, and shall inform them of their right to appeal the dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegation in the complaint in accordance with the appeal procedures described in the section "Appeals" below. (34 CFR 106.45)

If a complaint is dismissed, the conduct may still be addressed pursuant to AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment as applicable.

Informal Resolution Process

When a formal complaint of sexual harassment is filed, the district may offer an informal resolution process, such as mediation, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility. The district shall not require a party to participate in the informal resolution process or to waive the right to an investigation and adjudication of a formal complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

The district may facilitate an informal resolution process provided that the district: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Provides the parties with written notice disclosing the allegations, the requirements of the informal resolution process, the right to withdraw from the informal process and resume the formal complaint process, and any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including that records will be maintained or could be shared.
- 2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process

Written Notice

If a formal complaint is filed, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the known parties with written notice of the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. The district's complaint process, including any informal resolution process
- 2. The allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment with sufficient details known at the time, including the identity of parties involved in the incident if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident if known. Such notice shall be provided with sufficient time

for the parties to prepare a response before any initial interview.

If, during the course of the investigation, new Title IX allegations arise about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the initial notice, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties.

- 3. A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the complaint process
- 4. The opportunity for the parties to have an advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and the ability to inspect and review evidence
- 5. The prohibition against knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the complaint process

The above notice shall also include the name of the investigator, facilitator of an informal process, and decision-maker and shall inform the parties that, if at any time a party has concerns regarding conflict of interest or bias regarding any of these persons, the party should immediately notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Investigation Procedures

During the investigation process, the district's designated investigator shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence
- 2. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence
- 3. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney
- 4. Not limit the choice or presence of an advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding, although the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties
- 5. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all investigative interviews or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate
- 6. Send in an electronic format or hard copy to both parties and their advisors, if any, the evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the complaint, and provide the parties at least 10 days to submit a written response for the investigator to consider prior to the completion of the investigative report
- 7. Objectively evaluate all relevant evidence, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, and determine credibility in a manner that is not based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness
- 8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 days prior to the determination of responsibility, send to the parties and their advisors, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response

Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. (34 CFR 106.45)

Privacy rights of all parties to the complaint shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

If the complaint is against an employee, rights conferred under an applicable collective bargaining agreement shall be applied to the extent they do not conflict with the Title IX requirements.

Written Decision

The Superintendent shall designate an employee as the decision-maker to determine responsibility for the alleged conduct, who shall not be the Title IX Coordinator or a person involved in the investigation of the matter. (34 CFR 106.45)

After the investigative report has been sent to the parties but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker shall afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that the party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party

The decision-maker shall issue, and simultaneously provide to both parties, a written decision as to whether the respondent is responsible for the alleged conduct. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall be issued within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the complaint.

The timeline may be temporarily extended for good cause with written notice to the complainant and respondent of the extension and the reasons for the action. (34 CFR 106.45)

In making this determination, the decision-maker shall use the "preponderance of the evidence" standard for all formal complaints of sexual harassment. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall include the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30
- 2. A description of the procedural steps taken from receipt of the formal complaint through the written decision, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held if the district includes hearings as part of the grievance process
- 3. Findings of fact supporting the determination
- 4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct or policies to the facts
- 5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a decision regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's educational program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant
- 6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal

Appeals

Either party may appeal the district's decision or dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegation in the complaint, if the party believes that a procedural irregularity affected the outcome, new evidence is available that could affect the outcome, or a conflict of interest or bias by the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) affected the outcome. If an appeal is filed, the district shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties
- 2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is trained in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45 and is not the same decision-maker(s) who reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator
- 3. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome

- 4. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result
- 5. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties

An appeal must be filed in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving the notice of the decision or dismissal, stating the grounds for the appeal and including any relevant documentation in support of the appeal. Appeals submitted after this deadline are not timely and shall not be considered.

A written decision shall be provided to the parties within 20 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal.

Either party has the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights within 180 days of the date of the most recently alleged misconduct.

The complainant shall be advised of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal antidiscrimination laws, if applicable.

Remedies

When a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, the district shall provide remedies to the complainant. Such remedies may include the same individualized services described above in the section "Supportive Measures," but need not be nondisciplinary or nonpunitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent. (34 CFR 106.45)

Disciplinary Actions

The district shall not impose any disciplinary sanctions or other actions against a respondent, other than supportive measures as described above in the section "Supportive Measures," until the complaint procedure has been completed and a determination of responsibility has been made. (34 CFR 106.44)

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

Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain, for a period of seven years: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. A record of all reported cases and Title IX investigations of sexual harassment, any determinations of responsibility, any audio or audiovisual recording and transcript if applicable, any disciplinary sanctions imposed, any remedies provided to the complainant, and any appeal or informal resolution and the results therefrom.
- 2. A record of any actions, including supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, including the district's basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, the measures taken that were designed to restore or preserve equal access to the education program or activity, and, if no supportive measures were provided to the complainant, the reasons that such a response was not unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.
- 3. All materials used to train the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), decision-maker(s), and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district shall make such training materials publicly available on its web site, or if the district does not maintain a web site, available upon request by members of the public.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4219.12-E PDF(1): Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

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ittle IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

Descriptor Code: 4219.12

Note: 34 CFR 106.8 requires the district to provide notice to employees, bargaining units, and job applicants of its policy prohibiting sexual harassment and its grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints. The following exhibit presents a sample notification that meets these requirements and may be modified to reflect district practice. For a sample notice for students and parents/guardians, see E 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, the district must provide the Title IX Coordinator's contact information on its web site and in any employee handbook. In addition, state law (Education Code 231.5) requires that the district's sexual harassment policy be provided to employees at the beginning of the school year and when newly hired, displayed in district and school offices, and included in any publication that sets forth standards of employee conduct.

NOTICE OF TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Section 106.8 requires the district to issue the following notification to employees, job applicants, and employee organizations:

The district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that it operates. The prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sex is required by federal law (20 USC 1681-1688; 34 CFR Part 106) and extends to employment. The district also prohibits retaliation against any employee for filing a complaint or exercising any right granted under Title IX.

Title IX requires a school district to take immediate and appropriate action to address any potential Title IX violations that are brought to its attention. Any inquiries about the application of Title IX, this notice, and who is protected by Title IX may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, or both.

Note: The district should enter the name/title and contact information of the district's Title IX Coordinator below. Such information should be consistent with the person/position identified in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

The district has designated and authorized the following employee as the district's Title IX Coordinator, to address concerns or inquiries regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking:

Billie Mankey Director II, Human Resources bmankey@pgusd.org 831.646.6507 Note: The district may expand the following paragraph to include other means of contact or reporting methods available in the district, such as online submission forms or mobile applications.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, the district must provide notice to employees, bargaining units, and job applicants of the district's grievance procedures, and process, including how to report or file a formal complaint of sexual discrimination and/or harassment, and how the district will respond.

Any individual may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, to the Title IX Coordinator or any other school employee at any time, including during non-business hours, by mail, phone, or email. During district business hours, reports may also be made in person. Upon receiving an allegation of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly notify the parties, in writing, of the applicable district complaint procedure.

To view an electronic copy of the district's policies and administrative regulations on sexual harassment, including the grievance process that complies with 34 CFR 106.45, please see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment and AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures on the district's web site at Pgusd.org/TITLE-IX/index.html.

To inspect or obtain a copy of the district's sexual harassment policies and administrative regulations, please contact:

Billie Mankey Director II, Human Resources bmankey@pgusd.org 831.646.6507

Materials used to train the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), decision-maker(s), and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process are also publicly available on the district's web site or at the district office upon request.

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Policy 4219.21: Professional Standards

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The Board of Trustees expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, behave professionally, follow district policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employees shall engage in conduct that enhances the integrity of the district, advances the goals of the district's educational programs, and contributes to a positive school climate.

The Board encourages district employees to accept as guiding principles the professional standards and codes of ethics adopted by educational or professional associations to which they may belong.

Each employee is expected to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill his/her responsibilities and to contribute to the learning and achievement of district students.

Inappropriate Conduct

Inappropriate employee conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, threats of violence, or possession of a firearm or other weapon
- 2. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed
- 3. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child
- 4. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student
- 5. Possessing or viewing any pornography on school grounds, or possessing or viewing child pornography or other imagery portraying children in a sexualized manner at any time
- 6. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members
- 7. Willfully disrupting district or school operations by loud or unreasonable noise or other action
- 8. Using tobacco, alcohol, or an illegal or unauthorized substance, or possessing or distributing any controlled substance, while in the workplace, on district property, or at a school-sponsored activity
- 9. Being dishonest with students, parents/guardians, staff, or members of the public, including, but not limited to, falsifying information in employment records or other school records
- 10. Divulging confidential information about students, district employees, or district operations to persons or entities not authorized to receive the information
- 11. Using district equipment or other district resources for the employee's own commercial purposes or for political activities
- 12. Using district equipment or communications devices for personal purposes while on duty, except in an emergency, during scheduled work breaks, or for personal necessity
 - Employees shall be notified that computer files and all electronic communications, including, but not limited to, email and voice mail, are not private. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technological resources at any time without the employee's consent.
- 13. Causing damage to or engaging in theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district

14. Wearing inappropriate attire

Reports of Misconduct

An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of or suspects child abuse or neglect shall file a report pursuant to the district's child abuse reporting procedures as detailed in AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

Any reports of employee misconduct shall be promptly investigated. Any employee who is found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct in violation of law or Board policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and, in the case of a certificated employee, may be subject to a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

An employee who has knowledge of but fails to report inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.

The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

Notifications

The section(s) of the district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

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CODE OF ETHICS CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

School employees who are in daily contact with many phases of educational work should be persons whose conduct is beyond reproach and who sincerely believe in the advancement of education and the betterment of working conditions; therefore, the California School Employees' Association proposes this Code of Ethics as a standard for its members.

AS A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE I WILL:

- 1. Be proud of my vocation in order that I may use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of my position so that I may merit a reputation for high quality of service -- to the end that others may emulate my example.
- 2. Be a person of integrity, clean speech, desirable personal habits, and physical fitness.
- 3. Be just in my criticism and be generous in my praise; to improve and not destroy.
- 4. At all times be courteous in my relations with students, parents, teachers and others.
- 5. Be a resourceful person who readily adapts himself to different kinds of work and changed conditions and finds better ways to do things.
- 6. Conduct myself in a spirit of friendly helpfulness to my fellow employees to the end that I will consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of another.
- 7. Associate myself with employees of other districts for the purpose of discussing school problems and cooperating in the improvement of public school conditions.
- 8. Always uphold my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, my school district and my community, and give them unswerving loyalty.
- 9. Always bear in mind that the purpose of CSEA is to promote the efficiency and raise the standards of all school employees and that I shall be equally obligated to assist all my fellow workers.

SOURCE: CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

CSBA Policy Management Console

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Policy 4219.22: Dress And Grooming

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The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming by district employees contribute to a productive learning environment and model positive behavior. During school hours and at school activities, employees shall maintain professional standards of dress and grooming that demonstrate their high regard for education, present an image consistent with their job responsibilities and assignment, and do not endanger the health or safety of employees or students. All employees shall be held to the same standards unless their assignment provides for modified dress as approved by their supervisor.

The district shall allow employees to appear and dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression. (Government Code 12949)

The district shall not discriminate against employees based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists. (Government Code 12926)

The district shall not dismiss an employee, discriminate against an employee in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or refuse to hire a job applicant on the basis of religious dress or grooming practices. (Government Code 12926, 12940)

This policy shall be presented to employees upon employment, through the employee handbook or other appropriate means, and may be periodically reviewed with all employees as necessary.

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Policy 4219.23: Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of keeping confidential information confidential. Staff shall maintain the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of their employment. Confidential/privileged information shall be released only to the extent authorized by law.

Disclosure of Closed Session Information

An employee shall not disclose confidential information acquired by being present during a closed session to a person not entitled to receive such information, unless the Board authorizes disclosure of that information. (Government Code 54963)

Confidential information means a communication made in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the Board to meet lawfully in closed session. (Government Code 54963)

An employee who willfully discloses confidential information acquired during a closed session may be subject to disciplinary action if he/she has received training or notice as to the requirements of this policy. (Government Code 54963)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all employees who attend closed sessions a copy of this policy. New employees who may attend closed sessions shall also receive a copy of this policy.

The district shall not take disciplinary action against any employee for disclosing confidential information acquired in a closed session, nor shall the disclosure be considered a violation of the law or Board policy, when the employee is: (Government Code 54963)

- 1. Making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts necessary to establish the illegality or potential illegality of a Board action that has been the subject of deliberation during a closed session
- 2. Expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of Board action in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the illegal or potentially illegal action
- 3. Disclosing information that is not confidential

Other Disclosures

An employee who willfully releases confidential/privileged information about the district, students or staff shall be subject to disciplinary action.

No employee shall disclose confidential information acquired in the course of his/her official duties. Confidential information includes information that is not a public record subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, information that by law may not be disclosed, or information that may have a material financial effect on the employee.

Any action by an employee which inadvertently or carelessly results in release of confidential/privileged information shall be recorded, and the record shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. Depending on the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may deny the employee further access to any privileged information and shall take any steps necessary to prevent any further unauthorized release of such information.

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Policy 4219.24: Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

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The Board of Trustees desires to provide a positive school environment that protects the safety and well-being of district students. The Board expects all adults with whom students may interact at school or in school-related activities, including employees, independent contractors, and volunteers, to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in their interactions with students both within and outside the educational setting. Such adults shall not engage in unlawful or inappropriate interactions with students and shall avoid boundary-blurring behaviors that undermine trust in the adult-student relationship and lead to the appearance of impropriety.

Employees are prohibited from entering into or attempting to form a romantic or sexual relationship with any student or engaging in sexual harassment of a student, including sexual advances, flirtations, requests for sexual favors, inappropriate comments about a student's body or appearance, or other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Adults shall not intrude on a student's physical or emotional boundaries unless necessary in an emergency or to serve a legitimate purpose related to instruction, counseling, student health, or student or staff safety.

Any employee who observes or has knowledge of another employee's violation of this policy shall report the information to the Superintendent or designee or appropriate agency for investigation pursuant to the applicable complaint procedures. Other adults with knowledge of any violation of this policy are encouraged to report the violation to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall protect anyone who reports a violation from retaliation. Immediate intervention shall be implemented when necessary to protect student safety or the integrity of the investigation.

Employees who engage in any conduct in violation of this policy, including retaliation against a person who reports the violation or participates in the complaint process, shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. Any other adult who violates this policy may be barred from school grounds and activities in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee may also notify law enforcement as appropriate.

The district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

Inappropriate Conduct

Employees shall remain vigilant of their position of authority and not abuse it when relating with students. Examples of employee conduct that can undermine professional adult-student interactions or create the appearance of impropriety include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Initiating inappropriate physical contact
- 2. Being alone with a student outside of the view of others
- 3. Visiting a student's home or inviting a student to visit the employee's home without parent/guardian consent
- 4. Maintaining personal contact with a student that has no legitimate educational purpose, by phone, letter, electronic communications, or other means, without including the student's parent/guardian or the principal

When communicating electronically with students, employees shall use district equipment or technological resources when available. Employees shall not communicate with students through any medium that is designed to eliminate records of the communications. The Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technology at any time without advance notice or consent.

- 5. Creating or participating in social networking sites for communication with students, other than those created by the district, without the prior written approval of the principal or designee
- 6. Inviting or accepting requests from students, or former students who are minors, to connect on personal social networking sites (e.g., "friending" or "following" on social media), unless the site is dedicated to school business

- 7. Singling out a particular student for personal attention and friendship, including giving gifts and/or nicknames to individual students
- 8. Addressing a student in an overly familiar manner, such as by using a term of endearment
- 9. Socializing or spending time with students outside of school-sponsored events, except as participants in community activities
- 10. Sending or accompanying students on personal errands unrelated to any legitimate educational purpose
- 11. Transporting a student in a personal vehicle without prior authorization
- 12. Encouraging students to confide their personal or family problems and/or relationships
- 13. Disclosing personal, family, or other private matters to students or sharing personal secrets with students

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Policy 4219.25: Political Activities Of Employees

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of political activity, voting, and civic engagement, and respects the right of district employees to engage in political discussions and activities as individuals on their own time and at their own expense. When engaging in such activities, employees shall make it clear that they are acting on their own behalf and not as representatives of the district.

District employees, as members of the community, may use school facilities for meetings, including political activities, as permitted under the Civic Center Act and district policy.

Employees shall refrain from prohibited political activities identified in law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. Employees who engage in these activities shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal penalties.

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Regulation 4219.25: Political Activities Of Employees

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No employee shall be prohibited from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions to promote the support or defeat of a ballot measure during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period, or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

District employees shall not:

- 1. Use district funds, services, supplies, equipment, work hours, or other public resources to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board of Trustees (Education Code 7054, 7056; Government Code 8314)
- 2. Use the district's seal in any campaign literature or mass mailing with the intent to deceive voters, including, but not limited to, the use of a reproduction or facsimile of the seal in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous, or false impression that the document is authorized by the Board, a Board member, or the district (Elections Code 18304)
- 3. During working hours, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, civil service or other working conditions (Education Code 7056)
- 4. During working hours, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of other types of ballot measures
- 5. Use district equipment for the preparation or reproduction of political campaign materials
- 6. Post or distribute political campaign materials in classrooms, through distance learning platforms, or on district property
- 7. Disseminate political campaign materials through the district's mail service, e-mail, or staff mailboxes
- 8. Use students to write, address, or distribute political campaign materials
- 9. Present viewpoints on particular candidates or ballot measures in the classroom without giving equal time to the presentation of all perspectives
- 10. Wear buttons, hats, or other articles of clothing that express political opinions on ballot measures or candidates during instructional time

Political Activities of Employee Organizations

Employee organizations shall not use district funds, services, supplies, or equipment, such as staff mailboxes or the district mail system, to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board. (Education Code 7054)

No employee organization or its officers, agents, or representatives shall be prohibited from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period, or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

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Policy 4219.41: Employees With Infectious Disease

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The Board of Trustees desires to promote the health of district students and staff in order to reduce absenteeism and enhance employee and student performance. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases at district schools.

An infectious disease is one that is caused by a microorganism and is potentially transmittable to another individual, whether through airborne transmission, bloodborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. A communicable infectious disease, such as influenza or chicken pox, is contagious and can be readily transmitted by infectious bacteria or viral organisms.

In accordance with law, job applicants shall be required to provide evidence that they are free of tuberculosis or any other communicable infectious disease prior to beginning employment.

To prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases, the Superintendent or designee may provide infection prevention supplies and information to employees, including information about recommended vaccinations. Employees also shall observe universal precautions to avoid contact with potentially infectious blood or other bodily fluids.

Plans for addressing a communicable infectious disease outbreak, including, but not limited to, plans for addressing employee shortages during such an outbreak, shall be included in the district's emergency preparedness plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable infectious disease. In addition, a school nurse or other health care provider who knows of or is in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or conditions listed in 17 CCR 2500 shall make a report to the local health officer. If no health care provider is in attendance, any individual having knowledge of a person who is suspected to be suffering from one of the specified diseases or conditions may make a report to the local health officer. (17 CCR 2500, 2508)

Nondiscrimination/Reasonable Accommodation

The district shall not discriminate against any employee or job applicant who has an infectious disease that meets the federal or state definition of a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, California Fair Employment and Housing Act, or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act. (Government Code 12900-12996; 29 USC 794; 42 USC 12101-12213)

Upon request, any qualified person with a disability shall be provided reasonable accommodation to perform the essential duties of his/her position in accordance with the criteria and processes described in AR 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation.

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Policy 4219.42: Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

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As part of its commitment to provide a safe and healthy work environment, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of protecting employees from possible infection due to contact with bloodborne pathogens, including, but not limited to, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The Superintendent or designee shall establish a written exposure control plan in accordance with state and federal standards for dealing with potentially infectious materials in the workplace.

The exposure control plan shall be consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7 and 8 CCR 3203. (8 CCR 5193)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which employees have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. In accordance with the district's exposure control plan, employees having occupational exposure shall receive training and be offered the hepatitis B vaccination. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Any employee not identified by the Superintendent or designee as having occupational exposure may submit a request to the Superintendent or designee to be included in the training and hepatitis B vaccination program. The Superintendent or designee may deny a request when there is no reasonable anticipation of contact with any infectious material.

In the event that an employee has an exposure incident, the district shall implement follow-up procedures in accordance with the exposure control plan. All such incidents shall be evaluated to determine whether changes need to be made in district practices.

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Regulation 4219.42: Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

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Definitions

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Exposure incident means a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, nonintact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that results from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Parenteral contact means piercing mucous membranes or the skin barrier through such events as needlesticks, human bites, cuts, and abrasions. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

A sharp is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

A sharps injury is any injury caused by a sharp, including, but not limited to, cuts, abrasions, or needlesticks. (8 CCR 5193)

Work practice controls are controls that reduce the likelihood of exposure by defining the manner in which a task is performed. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Engineering controls are controls, such as sharps disposal containers, needleless systems, and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection, that isolate or remove the bloodborne pathogens hazard from the workplace. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Engineered sharps injury protection is a physical attribute, such as a barrier, blunting, encapsulation, withdrawal, or other effective mechanism, built into a needle device or into a non-needle sharp which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Personal protective equipment is specialized clothing or equipment worn or used by an employee for protection against a hazard, such as gloves, gowns, laboratory coats, face shields or masks. (8 CCR 5193)

Exposure Control Plan

The district's written exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens shall contain at least the following components: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. A determination of which employees have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, which shall be made without regard to employees' use of personal protective equipment and shall include a list of:
 - a. All job classifications in which all employees have occupational exposure
 - b. Job classifications in which some employees have occupational exposure
 - c. All tasks and procedures, or groups of closely related tasks and procedures, in which occupational exposure occurs and which are performed by employees listed in item #1b above
- 2. The schedule and method of implementing each of the following in accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and this administrative regulation:
 - a. Methods of compliance required by 8 CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030, including universal precautions, general and specific engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment

- b. Hepatitis B vaccination
- c. Bloodborne pathogen post-exposure evaluation and follow-up
- d. Communication of hazards to employees through information and training
- e. Recordkeeping, including medical records, training records, and a log of sharps injuries
- 3. The district's procedure for documenting the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which exposure incidents occurred
- 4. An effective procedure for gathering information about each exposure incident involving a sharp
- 5. An effective procedure for periodically determining the frequency of use of the types and brands of sharps involved in exposure incidents
- 6. An effective procedure for identifying currently available engineering controls and selecting such controls, as appropriate, for the procedures performed by employees in their work areas or departments
- 7. An effective procedure for documenting instances when a licensed healthcare professional directly involved in an employee's care determines that the use of an engineering control would jeopardize the employee's safety or the success of a medical, dental, or nursing procedure involving the employee
- 8. An effective procedure for obtaining the active involvement of employees in reviewing and updating the exposure control plan with respect to the procedures performed by employees in their respective work areas or departments

The exposure control plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and whenever necessary to: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Reflect new or modified tasks and procedures affecting occupational exposure
- 2. Reflect changes in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens and, to the extent that sharps are used in the district, document consideration and implementation of appropriate commercially available needleless systems and needle devices and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection
- 3. Include new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure
- 4. Review and evaluate the exposure incidents which occurred since the previous update
- 5. Review and respond to information indicating that the exposure control plan is deficient in any area

The district's exposure control plan shall be accessible to employees upon request. (8 CCR 3204(e), 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Preventive Measures

The Superintendent or designee shall use engineering controls and work practice controls, as defined above, to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Engineering controls and work practice controls shall be evaluated on a regular schedule and, as applicable, maintained, replaced, or updated to ensure their effectiveness. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Whenever potential occupational exposure continues to exist after institution of engineering and work practice controls, the district shall provide, at no cost to the employee, appropriate personal protective equipment. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Employees shall observe universal precautions to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, including, but not limited to, handwashing, proper use of personal protective equipment, and proper disposal or washing of contaminated garments or objects. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Any use of needleless systems, needle devices, or non-needle sharps shall adhere to the specific requirements of 8

CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030.

Pre-Exposure Hepatitis B Vaccination

The hepatitis B vaccination and vaccination series shall be made available at no cost to all employees who have occupational exposure. The hepatitis B vaccination shall be made available after an employee with occupational exposure has received the required training and within 10 working days of initial assignment, unless the employee has previously received the complete hepatitis B vaccination series, antibody testing has revealed that the employee is immune, or vaccination is contraindicated for medical reasons. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Employees who decline to accept the vaccination shall sign the hepatitis B declination statement. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine designated first aid providers whose primary job assignment is not the rendering of first aid, provided that the district implements the procedures in its exposure control plan for providing hepatitis B vaccine to all unvaccinated first aid providers who have rendered assistance in any situation involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials and provides appropriate follow-up for those who experience an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees with occupational exposure participate in a training program at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place and at least annually thereafter. The training shall be offered during working hours and at no cost to the employee. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The training shall address, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. The exposure control standard contained in 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030
- 2. The epidemiology and symptoms of bloodborne diseases
- 3. Modes of transmission of bloodborne pathogens
- 4. The district's exposure control plan and the means by which employees may obtain a copy of the written plan
- 5. Appropriate methods for recognizing tasks and other activities that may involve exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials
- 6. The use and limitations of methods to prevent or reduce exposure, including appropriate engineering controls, administrative or work practice controls, and personal protective equipment
- 7. The types, proper use, location, removal, handling, decontamination, and disposal of personal protective equipment
- 8. The basis for selecting personal protective equipment
- 9. The hepatitis B vaccine, including its efficacy, safety, and method of administration; the benefits of being vaccinated; and that the vaccine will be offered free of charge
- 10. Appropriate actions to take and persons to contact in an emergency or exposure incident involving blood or other potentially infectious materials
- 11. The post-exposure evaluation and follow-up that the district is required to provide for the employee following an exposure incident

Additional training shall be provided to affected employees whenever a change, such as the introduction or modification of tasks or procedures or the introduction of new engineering, administrative, or work practice controls, affects the employee's exposure. The additional training may be limited to addressing the new exposures created. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Designated first aid providers shall receive training that includes the specifics of reporting first-aid incidents which involve blood or body fluids which are potentially infectious. (8 CCR 5193)

Reporting Incidents

All exposure incidents shall be reported as soon as possible to the Superintendent or designee.

Unvaccinated designated first aid providers must report any first aid incident involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious material, regardless of whether an exposure incident occurred, by the end of the work shift. The full hepatitis B vaccination series shall be made available to such employees no later than 24 hours after the first aid incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Sharps Injury Log

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a log recording each exposure incident involving a sharp. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The exposure incident shall be recorded within 14 working days of the date the incident is reported to the district. (8 CCR 5193)

The information recorded shall include the following, if known or reasonably available: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Date and time of the exposure incident
- 2. Type and brand of sharp involved in the exposure incident
- 3. A description of the exposure incident, including:
 - a. Job classification of the exposed employee
 - b. Department or work area where the exposure incident occurred
 - c. The procedure that the exposed employee was performing at the time of the incident
 - d. How the incident occurred
 - e. The body part involved in the incident
 - f. If the sharp had engineered sharps injury protection, whether the protective mechanism was activated and whether the injury occurred before, during, or after the protective mechanism was activated
 - g. If the sharp had no engineered sharps injury protection, the injured employee's opinion as to whether and how such a mechanism could have prevented the injury
 - h. The employee's opinion about whether any other engineering, administrative, or work practice could have prevented the injury

Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up

Following a report of an exposure incident, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make available to the exposed employee, at no cost, a confidential medical evaluation, post-exposure evaluation, and follow-up. The Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Document the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred
- 2. Identify and document the source individual, unless that identification is not feasible or is prohibited by law
- 3. With the consent of the exposed employee, provide for the collection and testing of the employee's blood for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV serological status

- 4. Provide for post-exposure prophylaxis, when medically indicated, as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service
- 5. Provide for counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the health care professional responsible for the employee's hepatitis B vaccination with a copy of 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030; a description of the employee's duties as they relate to the exposure incident; documentation of the route(s) of exposure and circumstances under which exposure occurred; results of the source individual's blood testing, if available; and all medical records maintained by the district relevant to the appropriate treatment of the employee, including vaccination status. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The district shall maintain the confidentiality of the affected employee and the exposure source during all phases of the post-exposure evaluation. (8 CCR 5193)

Records

Upon an employee's initial employment and at least annually thereafter, the Superintendent or designee shall inform employees with occupational exposure of the existence, location, and availability of related records; the person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; and the employee's right of access to these records. (8 CCR 3204)

The district shall maintain a medical record of each employee with occupational exposure, including the employee's hepatitis B vaccination status, the results of any post-exposure medical examinations and follow-up procedures, a copy of the information provided to the health care professional, and a copy of the health care professional's written opinion. The medical record shall be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by law. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Upon request by an employee, or a designated representative with the employee's written consent, the Superintendent or designee shall provide access to a record in a reasonable time, place, and manner, no later than 15 days after the request is made. (8 CCR 3204)

Records shall be maintained as follows: (8 CCR 3204, 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. The medical records of each employee with occupational exposure shall be maintained for the duration of employment plus 30 years.
- 2. Training records shall be maintained for three years from the date of training.
- 3. The sharps injury log shall be maintained five years from the date the exposure incident occurred.
- 4. Exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.
- 5. Each analysis using medical or exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4219.42-E PDF(1): Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

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See PDF on the next page.

Descriptor Code: 4219.42

HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

Note: 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030 require the district to ensure that the following statement is signed by any employee with occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens or other potentially infectious materials who declines to accept the hepatitis B vaccination offered by the district.

In accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030, the district makes the hepatitis B vaccine available to employees who may reasonably be expected to have contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials in the performance of their duties. Any employee who declines this vaccine is required to read and sign the following statement:

I understand that, due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to myself.

Employee Name (Please print)	
Signature	
Date	

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Policy 4219.43: Universal Precautions

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In order to protect all employees from contact with potentially infectious blood or other body fluids, the Board of Trustees requires that universal precautions be observed throughout the district. Universal precautions are appropriate for preventing the spread of all infectious diseases and shall be used regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute to employees information provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B. This information shall include, but not be limited to, any appropriate methods employees may use to prevent exposure to AIDS and hepatitis B, including information concerning the availability of a vaccine to prevent contraction of hepatitis B, and that the cost of this vaccination may be covered by the health plan of the employees. Information shall be distributed annually, or more frequently if there is new information supplied by CDE. (Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880)

Information regarding universal precautions may be included in employee handbooks.

Employees shall immediately report any exposure incident or first aid incident in accordance with the district's exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens or other safety procedures.

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Regulation 4219.43: Universal Precautions

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Definitions

Universal precautions are an approach to infection control. All human blood and certain human body fluids, including, but not limited to semen, vaginal secretions, and any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, are treated as if known to be infectious for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and other bloodborne pathogens. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

A sharp is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Infection Control Practices

For the prevention of infectious disease, the district shall:

- 1. Effectively maintain the worksite in a clean and sanitary condition, and implement an appropriate written schedule for cleaning and decontamination of the worksite
- 2. When necessary for employees with occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, provide appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves, masks, and outer garments, at no cost to the employee (8 CCR 5193)
- 3. Provide handwashing facilities which are readily accessible to employees, or, if not feasible, provide an appropriate antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes

Any employee who has contact with blood or other body fluid, regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present, shall:

- 1. Use personal protective equipment as appropriate.
- 2. Wash hands and other skin surfaces thoroughly with soap and running water:
 - a. Immediately or as soon as feasible following contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials
 - b. Immediately after removing gloves or other personal protective equipment
- 3. When handwashing facilities are not available, use antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes. In such instances, hands shall be washed with soap and running water as soon as feasible.
- 4. Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, or handling contact lenses in work areas with a reasonable likelihood of occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
- 5. Clean and decontaminate all equipment and environmental and work surfaces after contact with blood or other potentially infectious material, no later than the end of the shift or more frequently as required by state regulations.
- 6. Rather than using the hands directly, use mechanical means such as a brush and dust pan, tongs, or forceps to clean up broken glassware which may be contaminated.
- 7. Use effective techniques designed to minimize the risk of a sharps injury in all procedures involving the use of sharps.
- 8. Handle, store, treat, and dispose of regulated waste in accordance with Health and Safety Code 117600-118360 and other applicable state and federal regulations.

- a. Immediately or as soon as possible after use, contaminated sharps shall be placed in containers meeting the requirements of 8 CCR 5193.
- b. Specimens of blood or other potentially infectious material shall be placed in a container which prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport, or shipping.

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Policy 4222: Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that paraprofessionals support student learning by providing valuable assistance to teachers and other certificated personnel and enabling greater individualized instruction and supervision of students. Such employees may perform instructional and/or administrative tasks in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that paraprofessionals possess the qualifications required by law for their positions.

Paraprofessionals shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of certificated personnel.

In determining the assignment of paraprofessionals, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the greatest benefit to students based on such factors as class size, grade levels, student needs, subject matter and teacher workload.

Each paraprofessional shall be provided with a clear definition of his/her roles and responsibilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all paraprofessionals receive ongoing support and regular performance assessments. Teachers shall receive training in how to collaborate effectively with an assistant and are expected to assign duties consistent with written job descriptions for paraprofessionals.

The Board encourages qualified paraprofessionals to pursue opportunities that lead to attainment of a teaching credential and enable them to increase their skills and experience in the classroom.

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Regulation 4222: Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals

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Qualifications

No person shall be initially assigned to assist in instruction as a paraprofessional unless he/she has demonstrated proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics skills up to or exceeding that required for local high school seniors pursuant to Education Code 51220(a) and (f). (Education Code 45330, 45344.5, 45361.5)

A paraprofessional who has passed a proficiency test in another district and was employed in the same capacity shall be considered to have met the district's proficiency standards, unless the district determines that the other district's test is not comparable. (Education Code 45344.5, 45361.5)

Duties

A paraprofessional shall perform only such duties as, in the judgment of the certificated personnel to whom the paraprofessional is assigned, may be performed by a person not licensed as a classroom teacher. These duties shall not include assignment of grades to students. (Education Code 45330)

Instructional aides need not perform their duties only in the physical presence of the teacher, but the teacher shall retain responsibility for the instruction and supervision of the students in his/her charge. (Education Code 45344)

Parental Notification

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians shall be notified that they may request information regarding whether their child is provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the paraprofessional's qualifications. (20 USC 6312)

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Policy 4227: Temporary Athletic Team Coaches

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The Board of Trustees desires to employ highly qualified coaches for the district's sports and interscholastic athletic programs in order to enhance the knowledge, skills, motivation, and safety of student athletes.

The Superintendent or designee may hire a certificated or noncertificated employee, other than a substitute employee, to supervise or instruct interscholastic athletic activities as a temporary employee in a limited assignment capacity. (5 CCR 5590)

When hiring a person to fill a position as a temporary athletic team coach, the position shall first be made available to qualified certificated teachers currently employed by the district. (Education Code 44919)

All coaches shall be subject to Board policies, administrative regulations, and California Interscholastic Federation bylaws and codes of ethical conduct.

Noncertificated coaches shall have no authority to assign grades to students. (5 CCR 5591)

Qualifications and Training

The Superintendent or designee shall establish qualification criteria for all athletic coaches in accordance with law and district standards. These criteria shall ensure that coaches possess an appropriate level of competence, knowledge, and skill.

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall, prior to beginning his/her duties, submit to the Superintendent or designee either an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background clearance. (Education Code 49024)

Following the selection of a temporary athletic team coach, the Superintendent or designee shall certify to the Board, at the next regular Board meeting or within 30 days, whichever is sooner, that the coach meets the qualifications and competencies required by 5 CCR 5593. By April 1 of each year, the Board shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of 5 CCR 5593 have been met. (5 CCR 5594)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the extent to which the district's coaches have completed the trainings required by law, including those required pursuant to Education Code 33479.6 and 49032, and by district policy.

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Regulation 4227: Temporary Athletic Team Coaches

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Qualifications

Minimum qualifications for temporary athletic team coaches shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, competencies in the following areas: (5 CCR 5593)

- 1. Care and prevention of athletic injuries, basic sports injury first aid, and emergency procedures, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in the care and prevention of athletic injuries and possession of a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card
 - b. A valid sports injury certificate or first aid card, and a valid CPR card
 - c. A valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I or II card
 - d. A valid trainer's certification issued by the National or California Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA/CATA)
 - e. Possession of both valid CPR and first aid cards and practical experience under the supervision of an athletic coach or trainer or experience assisting in team athletic training and conditioning
- 2. Coaching theory and techniques in the sport or game being coached, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college course in coaching theory and techniques
 - b. Completion of inservice programs arranged by a school district or county office of education
 - c. Prior service as a student coach or assistant athletic coach in the sport or game being coached
 - d. Prior coaching in community youth athletic programs in the sport being coached
 - e. Prior participation in organized competitive athletics at the high school level or above in the sport being coached
- 3. Knowledge of the rules and regulations pertaining to the sport or game being coached, the league rules, and, at the high school level, regulations of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
- 4. Knowledge of child or adolescent psychology, as appropriate, as it relates to sport participation, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in child psychology for elementary school positions and adolescent or sports psychology for secondary school positions
 - b. Completion of a seminar or workshop on human growth and development of youth
 - c. Prior active involvement with youth in school or community sports program

The Superintendent or designee may waive competency requirements for persons enrolled in appropriate training courses leading to acquisition of the competency, provided such persons serve under the direct supervision of a fully qualified coach until the competencies are met. (5 CCR 5593)

Volunteers who supervise or direct an athletic program shall meet the qualification criteria specified in 5 CCR 5593 required for temporary athletic team coaches employed by the district. Any volunteer who does not meet such criteria shall serve only under the supervision of a fully qualified coach and shall not be given charge of an athletic program.

Additional Qualifications of Noncertificated Personnel and Volunteers

In addition to the qualifications listed above, any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall: (5 CCR 5592)

- 1. Be free from tuberculosis and any other contagious disease that would prohibit certificated teachers from teaching, as verified by a written statement, renewable every four years, from a licensed physician or other person approved by the district
- 2. Not have been convicted of any offense referred to in Education Code 44010, 44011, or 44424, or any offense involving moral turpitude or evidencing unfitness to associate with children

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate or a criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. (Education Code 49024)

Training

Each employee or volunteer high school athletic team coach shall complete, at his/her expense, a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the CIF and includes, but is not limited to, training in regard to sport psychology, sport pedagogy, sport physiology, sport management, statewide and school regulations, and CPR and first aid, including the signs, symptoms, and appropriate response to concussions. A high school coach who has completed the education program in another California school district shall be deemed to have met the requirement for this district. An individual who has not completed the education program may be assigned as a coach for no longer than one season of interscholastic competition. (Education Code 35179.1, 49032)

In addition, prior to coaching an athletic activity and every two years thereafter, athletic coaches shall complete an approved training course on the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.6, 33479.7)

Code of Ethical Conduct

Employees providing supervisory or instructional services in interscholastic athletic programs and activities shall: (5 CCR 5596)

- 1. Show respect for players, officials, and other coaches
- 2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
- 3. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship, and proper conduct
- 4. Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority
- 5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times
- 6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players
- 7. Maintain consistency in requiring all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game
- 8. Properly instruct players in the safe use of equipment
- 9. Avoid exerting undue influence on a student's decision to enroll in an athletic program at any public or private postsecondary educational institution
- 10. Avoid exerting undue influence on students to take lighter academic course(s) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics
- 11. Avoid suggesting, providing, or encouraging any athlete to use nonprescription drugs, anabolic steroids, or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Surgeon General, or the American Medical Association

- 12. Avoid recruitment of athletes from other schools
- 13. Follow the rules of behavior and the procedures for crowd control as established by the district and the league in which the district participates

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Policy 4231: Staff Development

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The Board of Trustees 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall involve classified staff, 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 goals, school improvement objectives, the local control and accountability plan, and other district and school plans.

Staff development may address general workplace skills and/or skills and knowledge specific to the duties of each classified position, including, but 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
- 2. Student and campus safety
- 3. Education technology, including management strategies and best practices regarding the use of education technology to improve student performance
- 4. School facility maintenance and operations, including 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
- 5. Special education, including best practices to meet the needs of special education students and to comply with any new state and federal mandates
- 6. School transportation and bus safety
- 7. Parent involvement, including ways to increase parent involvement at school sites
- 8. Food service, including food preparation to provide nutritional meals, food safety, and food management
- 9. Health, counseling, and nursing services
- 10. Environmental safety, including pesticides and other possibly toxic substances so that they may be safely used at school sites

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. Such professional learning opportunities shall be evaluated based on criteria specified in Education Code 44277 and BP 4131 - Staff Development.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a means for continual evaluation of the benefit of staff development

activities to staff and students and shall regularly report to the Board regarding the effectiveness of the staff development program.

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Policy 4232: Publication or Creation of Materials

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of creating a work environment that encourages employee innovation in creating and developing high-quality materials to improve student achievement and the efficiency of district operations.

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of instructional materials, computer programs, and other copyrightable materials by employees, independent contractors, and consultants. An employee, independent contractor, or consultant shall notify the Superintendent or designee of his/her intent to publish or register a work developed in whole or in part within the scope of his/her employment.

Instructional materials, computer programs, and other copyrightable materials developed by an employee within the scope of his/her employment shall be the property of the district.

If an employee has developed copyrightable material during both work and non-working hours, and the work was within the scope of his/her employment, the Superintendent or designee shall negotiate a contract with the employee to protect the district's right as to the ownership or partial ownership of the copyright.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any contract with an independent contractor or consultant contains a provision specifying the district's right to ownership of the copyright of any work produced by the contractor or consultant for the district.

The Superintendent or designee may secure copyrights in the name of the district for all copyrightable works developed by the district. All royalties or revenues from these copyrights shall be used for the benefit of the district. (Education Code 35170)

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Policy 4236: Nonschool Employment

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In order to help maintain public trust in the integrity of district operations, the Board of Trustees expects all employees to give the responsibility of their positions precedence over any other outside employment. A district employee may receive compensation for outside activities as long as these activities are not inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his/her district duties.

An outside activity shall be considered inconsistent, incompatible, or inimical to district employment when such activity: (Government Code 1126)

- 1. Requires time periods that interfere with the proper, efficient discharge of the employee's duties
- 2. Entails compensation from an outside source for activities which are part of the employee's regular duties
- 3. Involves using the district's name, prestige, time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain
- 4. Involves service which will be wholly or in part subject to the approval or control of another district employee or Board member

An employee wishing to accept outside employment that may be inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to the employee's duties shall file a written request with his/her immediate supervisor describing the nature of the employment and the time required. The supervisor shall evaluate each request based on the employee's specific duties within the district and determine whether to grant authorization for such employment.

The supervisor shall inform the employee whether the outside employment is prohibited. The employee may appeal a supervisor's denial of authorization to the Superintendent or designee. An employee who continues to pursue a prohibited activity may be subject to disciplinary action.

Tutoring

A certificated employee shall not accept any compensation or other benefit for tutoring a student enrolled in his/her class(es). An employee who wishes to tutor another district student shall first request authorization from his/her supervisor in accordance with this Board policy. If authorization is granted, the employee shall not use district facilities, equipment, or supplies when providing the tutoring service.

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Policy 4243: Negotiations/Consultation

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The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to represent the public's interests in the collective bargaining process. In ratifying agreements on employee contracts, the Board shall balance the needs of staff and the priorities of the district in order to provide students with a high-quality instructional program based on a sound, realistic budget.

The Board and the Superintendent shall establish a bargaining team to assist in analyzing contract provisions and conducting contract negotiations. The Board shall provide its negotiator(s) with expected outcomes and clear parameters for acceptable contract provisions which promote the realization of district goals and priorities.

The Board and its bargaining team shall negotiate in good faith with exclusive employee representatives on wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment identified in law as being within the scope of representation. (Government Code 3543.2)

When the district intends to make any change to matters within the scope of representation, it shall give reasonable written notice of its intent to the exclusive representative for the purpose of providing the exclusive representative a reasonable amount of time to negotiate with the district regarding the proposed changes. (Government Code 3543.2)

A reasonable number of representatives of the employee organization shall have the right to receive reasonable periods of released time without loss of district compensation when meeting and negotiating and/or for the processing of grievances. (Government Code 3543.1)

The Board and its bargaining team shall establish standards of conduct pertaining to the negotiations process for members of the bargaining team. Certain meetings related to negotiations shall not be open to the public in accordance with Government Code 3549.1 and 54957.6, except as otherwise required by law. Matters discussed in these meetings shall be kept in strict confidence in accordance with law.

The Board and its negotiator(s) shall not knowingly provide the employee organization with inaccurate information regarding the financial resources of the district. (Government Code 3543.5)

The Board shall monitor the progress of negotiations and carefully consider how proposed contract provisions would affect the district's short- and long-term fiscal, programmatic, instructional, and personnel goals.

The Board and/or Superintendent or designee shall keep the public informed about the progress of negotiations and the ways in which negotiations may affect district goals unless otherwise agreed upon by the district and exclusive representative.

Whenever the district has a qualified or negative certification on an interim fiscal report, it shall allow the county office of education at least 10 working days to review and comment on any proposed agreement with exclusive representatives of employees. The district shall provide the County Superintendent of Schools with all information relevant to gain an understanding of the financial impact of any final collective bargaining agreement. (Government Code 3540.2)

Once the final terms of the agreement have been ratified by the membership of the employee organization, the contract shall be presented to the Board at a public meeting for acceptance.

Any agreement adopted by the Board may be for a term not to exceed three years. (Government Code 3540.1)

In the event of an impasse in negotiations, the district shall participate in good faith in mediation and fact-finding procedures pursuant to Government Code 3548-3548.8. (Government Code 3543.5)

Following adoption of the collective bargaining agreement, any subsequent amendments shall be executed in writing and ratified by the Board and the employees' exclusive representative.

Consultation

The exclusive representative of certificated staff may consult with the Board on the definition of educational objectives, the determination of the content of courses and curriculum, and the selection of textbooks.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4243.1: Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations

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Because the Board of Trustees has a responsibility to represent the public's interest in negotiations with employee organizations, the Board is committed to keeping the public informed about issues being negotiated, providing members of the public an opportunity to express their views, and disclosing the position of each Board member in accordance with law.

Public Notice/Sunshining of Initial Proposals

All initial contract proposals of the Board and an employee organization which relate to matters within the scope of representation shall be presented at a public Board meeting and shall thereafter be public records. (Government Code 3547)

Meeting and negotiating between district and employee organization representatives shall not take place on these initial proposals until a reasonable time has elapsed after the submission of these proposals to enable the public to become informed and to express itself regarding the proposals at a public Board meeting. (Government Code 3547)

After the public has had an opportunity to provide input, the Board shall adopt its initial proposal at a public meeting. (Government Code 3547)

New subjects of meeting and negotiating arising after the presentation of initial proposals shall be made public within 24 hours. If a vote is taken on any such subject by the Board, each Board member's vote also shall be made public within 24 hours. (Government Code 3547)

Public Disclosure of Proposed Agreement

Before entering into a written agreement covering matters within the scope of representation, the Board shall disclose, at a public meeting, the major provisions of the agreement, including, but not limited to, the costs that would be incurred by the district under the agreement for the current and subsequent fiscal years. (Government Code 3547.5)

The Superintendent and chief business official shall certify, in writing, that any costs incurred by the district under the agreement can be met by the district during the term of the agreement and shall submit the certification to the Board prior to the Board's approval of the agreement. The certification shall itemize any budget revision necessary to meet the costs of the agreement in each year of its term. (Government Code 3547.5)

A copy of the proposed agreement shall be made available to the public prior to the day of the Board meeting.

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a summary of the major provisions and changes in the proposed agreement.

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Regulation 4243.1: Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations

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Public Disclosure of Proposed Agreement

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a summary of the proposed agreement which shall include, but may not necessarily be limited to:

- 1. Major provisions of the agreement that affect compensation, such as:
 - a. Direct increases in salaries and percentage change in on-schedule salaries
 - b. Changes in health and welfare benefits
 - c. Changes in health and welfare benefit dollar contributions by the district
 - d. Changes in step and column or longevity provisions
 - e. Changes in overtime, differential, callback, and standby pay provisions
 - f. Changes in staffing ratios
 - g. One-time bonuses or off-the-schedule increases
- 2. Other provisions that will result in increased costs to the district even if they do not involve an increase in employee compensation, such as class-size reduction or increased number of staff development days
- 3. Costs of the proposed agreement, for the current and subsequent fiscal years, categorized for salaries, benefits, other compensation, and other noncompensation costs, including percentage increase of total compensation (salaries, benefits, and other compensation provisions) for the average represented employee as a result of the agreement and the approximate cost to the district of providing a one percent increase in total compensation
- 4. Proposed source(s) of funding for the current and subsequent fiscal years including the assumptions used to determine available resources to meet the obligations of the proposed agreement
- 5. Other major provisions that do not directly affect the district's costs, such as binding arbitration or grievance procedures

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4244: Complaints

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the need to establish a process to allow employees and job applicants to have their concerns heard in an expeditious and unbiased manner. The Board expects that employees will make every effort to resolve complaints and disagreements informally before filing a formal complaint.

The Board prohibits retaliation against complainants. The Superintendent or designee may keep a complainant's identity confidential, except to the extent necessary to investigate the complaint.

All matters related to a complaint shall be kept confidential and any document, communication, or record regarding the complaint shall be placed in a separate file and shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4244: Complaints

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Procedures for the resolution of employee complaints provide a route of appeal through administrative channels and to the Board, if necessary.

The following guidelines shall prescribe the manner in which employee complaints are handled:

- 1. A "complaint" shall be defined as an alleged misapplication of the District's policies, regulations, rules or procedures.
- 2. For "whistleblower" complaints filed pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq., see Whistleblower Complaints, below.
- 3. Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination on any basis specified in the District's nondiscrimination policies including complaints of sexual harassment, shall be resolved in accordance with the District's procedures for complaints regarding discrimination in employment.
- 4. Complaints regarding the sufficiency of textbook materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, or an urgent or emergency facility condition shall be resolved in accordance with the District's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 35186)
- 5. Complaints regarding unlawful discrimination in District programs or the District's failure to comply with state or federal laws regarding educational programs shall be resolved in accordance with the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures.
- 6. For complaints regarding working conditions or other subjects of negotiation, the employee shall use the grievance procedure specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.
- 7. So as not to interfere with school schedules, meetings related to a complaint shall be held before or after the complainant's regular working hours.
- 8. With the exception of whistleblower complaints filed pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq. (see Whistleblower Complaints, below), the District will investigate anonymous complaints so long as there is sufficient information to proceed and it is appropriate under the circumstances.
- 9. All matters related to a complaint shall be kept confidential. Only those individuals directly involved in resolving the complaint shall be informed of the complaint.
- 10. All documents, communications and records dealing with the complaint shall be placed in a District complaint file. No such material shall be placed in an employee's personnel file.
- 11. No reprisals shall be taken against any participant in a complaint procedure by reason of such participation.
- 12. In all cases, the complainant is strongly encouraged to prepare the complaint in writing, but if he/she is unable or unwilling to do so, administrative staff may assist the complainant in preparing a written complaint.
- 13. Time limits specified in these procedures may be reduced or extended in any specific instance by written mutual agreement of the parties involved. If specified or adjusted time limits expire, the complaint may proceed to the next step.
- 14. Any complaint not taken to the next step within prescribed time limits shall be considered settled on the basis of the answer given at the preceding step.

Whistleblower Complaints Pursuant to Government Code § 53296 et seq.

Complaints filed pursuant to this Regulation include "whistleblower" complaints made by an employee or job applicant regarding an improper District activity including, but not limited to, an allegation of gross mismanagement a significant waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a specific danger to public health or safety. (Government Code 53296)

Complaints made pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq. must be filed within 60 days of the date of the act or event which is the subject of the complaint. (Government Code 53297) Whistleblower complaints shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the timelines set forth in this Regulation.

Whistleblower complaints brought by employees may not be anonymous and shall be filed under penalty of perjury. (Government Code 53297)

Informal and Formal Complaint Procedures

Informal Complaints

Every effort should be made to resolve a complaint informally at the earliest possible stage. Whenever possible, the complainant should communicate directly to the person(s) involved in order to resolve concerns. If a complainant is unable or unwilling to resolve the complaint directly with the person(s) involved, then the complainant shall follow the process set forth below.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 1

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved informally, the complainant may file a written complaint with his/her immediate supervisor or principal. The written complaint should include a description of efforts to resolve the complaint informally and should specify the nature of the problem, including names, locations, witnesses, and the remedy sought by the employee.

Within five working days of receiving the complaint, the immediate supervisor or principal shall conduct any necessary investigation and meet with the complainant in an effort to resolve the complaint.

The immediate supervisor or principal shall present all concerned parties with a written answer to the complaint within ten working days after the meeting.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 2

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 1, the complainant may file the written complaint with the Superintendent or designee within five working days of receiving the answer at Step 1. All information presented at Step 1 shall be included with the complaint, and the immediate supervisor or principal shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a report describing attempts to resolve the complaint at Step 1.

Within five working days of receiving the complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct any necessary investigation and meet with the complainant in an effort to resolve the complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall present all concerned parties with a written answer to the complaint within ten working days after the meeting.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 3

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 2, the complainant may file a written appeal to the Board of Trustees within five working days of receiving the answer at Step 2. All information presented at Steps 1 and 2 shall be included with the appeal, and the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the Board a report describing attempts to resolve the complaint at Step 2.

An appeal hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after the appeal is filed.

All parties to a complaint may be asked to attend a Board meeting in order to clarify the issue and present all available information.

Complaints concerning an employee shall be heard in closed session of the Board unless the employee requests that the issue be addressed in open session. Before the Board holds a closed session to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee, the employee shall receive written notice of his/her right to have the complaints or charges heard in open session rather than in closed session.

Following the hearing of a complaint, the Board may choose to uphold the Superintendent or designee's decision and

take no further action, adopt the Superintendent or designee's decision as its own, or modify the Superintendent's or designee's decision as it determines.

The decision of the Board shall be final. A copy of the Board's written decision will be provided to all concerned parties within 30 working days following the meeting at which the Board heard the complaint.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4251: Employee Compensation

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In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

The Board shall adopt separate salary schedules for certificated, classified, and supervisory and administrative personnel. These schedules shall comply with law and collective bargaining agreements and shall be printed and made available for review at the district office. (Education Code 45022, 45023, 45160, 45162, 45268)

Each certificated employee, except an employee in an administrative or supervisory position, shall be classified on the salary schedule on the basis of uniform allowance for education level and years of experience, unless the Board and employee organization negotiate and mutually agree to a salary schedule based on different criteria. Certificated employees shall not be placed in different classifications on the schedule, nor paid different salaries, solely on the basis of the grade levels at which they teach. (Education Code 45028)

Salary schedules for staff who are not a part of a bargaining unit shall be determined by the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

The Board shall determine the frequency and schedule of salary payments, including whether payments for employees who work less than 12 months per year will be made over the course of the school year or in equal installments over the calendar year. (Education Code 45038, 45039, 45048, 45165)

In extraordinary circumstances or emergency situations, the Board may determine to continue to compensate employees during periods of extended closure or disruption of normal district operations when permitted by law and consistent with collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of understanding.

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice explaining the Fair Labor Standards Act's wage and hour provisions in a conspicuous place at each work site. (29 CFR 516.4)

Overtime Compensation

District employees shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week, or twice their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day or eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work. However, teachers, school administrators, and other employees in positions established by the Board as executive, administrative, or professional shall be exempt from overtime rules. (Education Code 45128, 45130; 29 USC 213; 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, 553.27, 553.32)

When authorized in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between the district and employees, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation, provided the employee has not accrued compensatory time in excess of the limits specified in 29 USC 207. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time shall be allowed to use such time within 12 calendar months after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (Education Code 45129; 29 USC 207; 29 CFR 553.20-553.25)

For each nonexempt employee, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain records on the employee's wages, hours, and other information specified in 29 CFR 516.5-516.6.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4256.2: Awards And Recognition

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The Board of Trustees values its instructional and noninstructional staff and desires to recognize their outstanding service in order to increase employee morale and encourage creative and innovative performance.

The Board encourages recognition of all staff during days of significance designated by the Board, state law, or state resolution.

The Board authorizes awards to individual employees who: (Education Code 44015)

- 1. Propose procedures or ideas that result in eliminating or reducing district expenditures or improving district operations
- 2. Perform special acts or services in the public interest
- 3. By their superior accomplishments, make exceptional contributions to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement in district operations

As the district budget permits, the Superintendent or designee may recognize such employees by issuing service pins, certificates, plaques, and/or other mementos. In addition, he/she may recommend employees to the Board for recognition at a public Board meeting.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection of individual employees to receive awards.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint one or more merit award committees consisting of Board members, district employees, and/or private citizens to review employee contributions and recommend awards.

Monetary awards to employees shall not exceed \$200 unless expressly approved by the Board. (Education Code 44015)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4257: Employee Safety

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The Board of Trustees is committed to maximizing employee safety and believes that workplace safety is the responsibility of every employee. Working conditions and equipment shall comply with standards prescribed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

No employee shall be required or permitted to be in any place of employment which is unsafe or unhealthful. (Labor Code 6402)

The Superintendent or designee shall promote safety and correct any unsafe work practices through education and enforcement.

All employees are expected to use safe work practices and, to the extent possible, correct any unsafe conditions which may occur. If an employee is unable to correct an unsafe condition, the employee shall immediately report the problem to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement a written injury and illness prevention program, and provide employees with access to such program, in accordance with law. (Labor Code 6401.7; 8 CCR 3203)

The Superintendent or designee shall make first aid materials readily available at district workplaces and shall make effective provisions to prepare for prompt medical treatment in the event of an employee's serious injury or illness. (8 CCR 3400)

No employee shall be discharged or discriminated against for exercising any right regarding employee safety or health specified in Labor Code 6310, including:

- 1. Making a report or complaint
- 2. Instituting proceedings or causing proceedings to be instituted
- 3. Testifying with regard to employee safety or health
- 4. Participating in any occupational health and safety committee established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7
- 5. Requesting access to injury or illness reports and records
- ${\bf 6. \ \ Exercising \ any \ other \ right \ protected \ by \ the \ Occupational \ Safety \ and \ Health \ Act}$

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4257: Employee Safety

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide safety devices and implement safeguards, methods, and processes that are reasonably necessary for the safety and health of employees in the workplace. (Labor Code 6401)

Injury and Illness Prevention Program

The district's injury and illness prevention program shall cover all district employees and all other workers whom the district controls or directs and directly supervises on the job to the extent that the workers are exposed to hazards specific to their worksite and job assignment. The obligation of contractors or other employers who control or direct and supervise their own employees on the job shall not be affected by the district's injury and illness prevention program. (Labor Code 6401.7)

The district's injury and illness prevention program shall include: (Labor Code 6401.7; 8 CCR 3203)

- 1. The name/position of the person(s) with authority and responsibility for implementing the program.
- 2. A system for ensuring that employees comply with safe and healthful work practices, which may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Recognition of employees who follow safe and healthful work practices
 - b. Training and retraining programs
 - c. Disciplinary actions
- 3. A system for communicating with employees, in a form readily understandable by all employees on matters related to occupational health and safety, including provisions designed to encourage employees to report hazards at the worksite without fear of reprisal. The communications system may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Meetings
 - b. Training programs
 - c. Posting
 - d. Written communications
 - e. A system of anonymous notification by employees about hazards
 - f. A labor/management safety and health committee
- 4. Procedures for identifying and evaluating workplace hazards, including scheduled periodic inspections to identify unsafe conditions and work practices. Such inspections shall be made:
 - a. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment that represents a new occupational safety or health hazard is introduced into the workplace
 - b. Whenever the district is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard
- 5. A procedure for investigating occupational injury or illness.
- 6. Methods and/or procedures for correcting unsafe or unhealthful conditions, work practices, and work procedures in a timely manner, based on the severity of the hazard, when the hazard is observed or discovered.

When an imminent hazard exists which cannot be immediately abated without endangering employee(s) and/or property, these procedures shall call for the removal of all exposed staff from the area except those necessary to correct the hazardous condition. Employees needed to correct the condition shall be provided

necessary safeguards.

- 7. Provision of training and instruction as follows:
 - a. To all new employees
 - b. To all employees given new job assignments for which training has not previously been received
 - c. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment is introduced into the workplace and represents a new hazard
 - d. Whenever the district is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard
 - e. To supervisors, to familiarize them with the safety and health hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed

The Superintendent or designee shall provide employees, or their representative designated pursuant to 8 CCR 3203, with either of the following: (8 CCR 3203)

1. Access to the district's injury and illness prevention program in a reasonable time, place, and manner, but in no event later than five business days after the request for access is received from an employee or a designated representative of the employee

When an employee or designated representative requests a copy of the district's injury and illness prevention program, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the requester a printed copy unless the employee or designated representative agrees to receive an electronic copy.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide one printed copy free of charge. If the employee or designated representative requests additional copies within one year of the previous request and the district's injury and illness prevention program has not been updated with new information since the prior copy was provided, the district may charge reasonable reproduction costs pursuant to 8 CCR 3204 for the additional copies.

2. Unobstructed access to the district's injury and illness prevention program through the district's server or web site, which allows an employee to review, print, and email the current version of the district's injury and illness prevention program

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate the right and procedure to access the district's injury and illness prevention program to all employees. (8 CCR 3203)

Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee

The district's labor/management safety and health committee shall: (8 CCR 3203)

- 1. Meet regularly, but not less than quarterly.
- 2. Prepare and make available to affected employees written records of the safety and health issues discussed at committee meetings and maintained for review by the California Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) upon request. These records shall be maintained for at least one year.
- 3. Review results of the periodic, scheduled worksite inspections.
- 4. Review investigations of occupational accidents and causes of incidents resulting in occupational injury or illness or exposure to hazardous substances. As appropriate, the committee may submit suggestions to the Superintendent or designee regarding the prevention of future incidents.
- 5. Review investigations of alleged hazardous conditions brought to the attention of any committee member. When determined necessary by the committee, it may conduct its own inspection and investigation to assist in remedial solutions.
- 6. Submit recommendations to assist in the evaluation of employee safety suggestions.

7. Upon request of Cal/OSHA, verify abatement action taken by the district to abate citations issued by Cal/OSHA.

Hearing Protection

Whenever employee noise exposure equals or exceeds the standards specified in law, the Superintendent or designee shall implement a hearing conservation program in accordance with state and federal regulations, including, when required, monitoring of sound levels, audiogram evaluation and audiometric testing of affected employees, the provision of hearing protectors, and employee training. (8 CCR 5095-5100; 29 CFR 1910.95)

Eye Safety Devices

Eye safety devices shall be worn by employees whenever they are engaged in or observing an activity involving hazards or hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. (Education Code 32030-32034)

First Aid and Medical Services

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the ready availability of medical personnel for advice and consultation on matters of industrial health or injury. Whenever a district facility or district grounds are not in close proximity to an infirmary, clinic, or hospital where all injured employees may be treated, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that at least one employee is adequately trained to provide first aid. (8 CCR 3400)

The Superintendent or designee shall make adequate first aid materials readily available for employees at every worksite. Such materials shall be approved by a consulting physician and shall be kept in a sanitary and usable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall frequently inspect all first aid materials and replenish them as necessary. (8 CCR 3400)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body are provided within the work area for immediate emergency use when the eyes or body or any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials. (8 CCR 3400)

To avoid unnecessary delay in medical treatment in the event of an employee's serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall use one or more of the following: (8 CCR 3400)

- 1. A communication system for contacting a physician or emergency medical service, such as access to 911 or equivalent telephone system. The communication system or the employees using the system shall have the ability to direct emergency services to the location of the injured or ill employee.
- 2. Readily accessible and available on-site treatment facilities suitable for treatment of reasonably anticipated injury and illness.
- 3. Proper equipment for prompt medical transport when transportation of injured or ill employees is necessary and appropriate.

Protection from Communicable Diseases and Infections

The Superintendent or designee shall develop an exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens that is consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program. The plan shall include a determination of which job classifications have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials; precautions to be implemented, including universal precautions, engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment; availability of the hepatitis B vaccination; provision of information and training to employees; and follow-up actions to be taken if exposure occurs. The district shall ensure that a copy of the exposure control plan is accessible to employees in accordance with law. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Strategies to prevent and mitigate the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases shall be followed for diseases that are communicated through airborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. Such strategies shall include, but are not limited to, communication and training about the disease(s); campus closures and alternative means of instruction when necessary; preventative measures, such as social distancing, personal protective equipment, temperature checks, and/or any other health screening allowed by law; and cleaning and sanitization of district facilities and equipment.

The Superintendent of designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable disease. (17 CCR 2508)

COVID-19 Exposure

If the district receives notice of potential exposure to COVID-19, the Superintendent or designee shall, within one business day of the notice, take all of the following actions: (Labor Code 6409.6)

- 1. Provide a written notice to all employees, and the employers of subcontracted employees, who were on the premises at the same worksite as the qualifying individual within the infectious period that they may have been exposed to COVID-19. The notice shall be provided in a manner normally used to communicate employment-related information, which may include, but is not limited to, personal service, email, or text message if it can reasonably be anticipated to be received by the employee within one business day of sending.
- 2. Provide a written notice to the exclusive representative, if any, of employees who were on the premises within the infectious period
- 3. Provide all employees who may have been exposed and the exclusive representative, if any, with information regarding:
 - a. COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation
 - b. Available leave options for exposed employees
 - c. Antiretaliation and antidiscrimination protections of the employee
- 4. Notify all employees, and the employers of subcontracted employees and the exclusive representative, if any, of the disinfection and safety plan that the district plans to complete in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines

The above notifications shall be maintained for a period of at least three years. (Labor Code 6409.6)

If the district is notified of the number of cases that meet the definition of a COVID-19 outbreak, as defined by the California Department of Public Health, within 48 hours, the Superintendent or designee shall, within 48 hours of the notice, notify the local public health agency of the names, number, occupation, and worksite of employees who meet the definition of a qualifying individual. The Superintendent or designee shall continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the worksite. (Labor Code 6409.6)

In the event that Cal/OSHA prohibits entry into any district workplace or performance of a district operation or process based on a determination that the workplace exposes employees to the risk of COVID-19 infection and constitutes an imminent hazard to employees, the district shall post a notice thereof provided by Cal/OSHA in a conspicuous place at the work site. This notice shall not be removed except by an authorized representative of Cal/OSHA and only when the place of employment, operation, or process is made safe and the required safeguards or safety appliances or devices are provided. (Labor Code 6325)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4257.2: Ergonomics

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The Superintendent or designee shall implement an ergonomics program to identify risk factors in the work environment that may result in injuries or illnesses to employees and shall design measures to mitigate such risk factors. The program shall include a study of body movements and positions used during work, the tools and equipment used, the physical environment (such as temperature, noise, and lighting), and the organizational environment (such as deadlines, teamwork, and supervision) in order to identify potential causes of stress on the body over time, such as exertion or strain, awkward or sustained posture, or repeated motions.

An employee who experiences pain, numbness, stiffness, swelling, tingling, weakness, or other symptom(s) of a repetitive motion injury (RMI) or other musculoskeletal disorder that may be caused or aggravated by workplace conditions shall report the problem to his/her supervisor.

When an RMI which is objectively identified and diagnosed by a licensed physician to be a musculoskeletal injury has been reported by two or more district employees within a 12-month period, and is determined to be predominantly caused by a repetitive job, process, or operation of an identical work activity, the Superintendent or designee shall: (8 CCR 5110)

- 1. Evaluate each job, process, or operation of identical work activity at the work site, or a representative number of such jobs, processes, or operations of identical work activities, for exposures which have caused RMIs
- 2. Correct in a timely manner, or minimize to the extent feasible if correction is not possible, any exposures that have caused RMIs, taking into consideration engineering controls such as work station redesign, adjustable fixtures, or tool redesign, and administrative controls such as job rotation, work pacing, or work breaks
- 3. Provide staff training that includes an explanation of:
 - a. The district's ergonomics program
 - b. The exposures that have been associated with RMIs
 - c. The symptoms and consequences of injuries caused by repetitive motion
 - d. The importance of reporting symptoms and injuries to the district
 - e. Methods used by the district to minimize RMIs

Strategies adopted for identifying and correcting workplace conditions or practices that may increase employees' risk of RMIs may be incorporated into the district's injury and illness prevention program developed pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7 and 8 CCR 3203.

Policy 4261: Leaves Status: DRAFT

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The Board of Trustees shall provide for paid and unpaid leaves of absence for employees in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, collective bargaining agreements, and merit system rules, as applicable.

The Board recognizes the following justifiable reasons for employee absence:

- 1. Personal illness or injury
- 2. Industrial accident or illness
- 3. Family care and medical leave
- 4. Military service
- 5. Personal necessity and personal emergencies
- 6. Disability leave for certificated employees in accordance with Education Code 44986
- 7. Vacations for classified staff and certificated management staff, as applicable
- 8. Sabbaticals for purposes of study or training related to the employee's job duties
- 9. Attendance at work-related meetings and staff development opportunities
- 10. Compulsory leave

Long-Term Leaves

With Board approval, an employee may receive a leave of absence, without pay and without accruing seniority or service credit, for a period of up to one school year. Applications for long-term leave shall be made in writing and shall state the purpose for which leave is requested. All long-term leave agreements shall be in writing and shall state the terms and conditions of the leave, including the conditions governing the employee's return.

At the end of a long-term leave, the employee shall be reinstated to a similar position as that held at the time leave was granted, unless otherwise agreed upon.

The Board shall consider any written request by an employee to return to work prior to the expiration date of the leave.

Administrative and Supervisory Personnel

Certificated administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for certificated employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other certificated employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memorandums of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

Classified administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for classified employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other classified employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memoranda of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

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Regulation 4261: Leaves

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Failure to Return to Service After Leave

In the case of a certificated employee who was on leave of absence for 20 or more consecutive working days after April 30 of the previous school year, the district may terminate the employment of such an employee if all of the following circumstances exist: (Education Code 44842)

- 1. The employee fails to report for duty, without good cause, at the beginning of the school year after having notified the Board of Trustees of his/her intention to remain in service with the district in accordance with Education Code 44842.
- 2. The district had specifically notified the employee, at least five days in advance, of the time and place at which the employee was to report to work.
- 3. The employee did not request or was not granted a leave of absence authorized by the Board.

In any such case, the district may terminate the employee's employment on the day following 20 consecutive days of absence. (Education Code 44842)

Use of Leaves by Classified Employees

A classified employee may interrupt or terminate vacation leave in order to begin another type of paid leave without a return to active service, as long as the employee provides adequate notice and relevant supporting information regarding the basis for such interruption or termination. (Education Code 45200)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4261.1: Personal Illness/Injury Leave

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Before returning to work, an employee who has been absent for surgery, hospitalization or extended medical treatment may be asked to submit a letter from his/her doctor stating that he/she is able to return and stipulating any recommended restrictions or limitations. The District may, at District expense, require the opinion of a physician chosen by the District.

Notifications

When available paid leave has been exhausted, the employee shall be so notified in writing and shall be offered an opportunity to request additional leave. (Education Code 45195)

Employees shall be notified of the amount of sick leave they have accumulated at the beginning of each school year.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4261.11: Industrial Accident/Illness Leave

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 10/01/2015

An eligible employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence for an industrial accident or illness arising in the course of his/her assigned duties. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

For such leave, the employee shall be granted no more than sixty (60) working days in any one fiscal year for the same industrial accident or illness.

To be eligible for industrial accident or illness leave, a classified employee shall have served in the district continuously for at least three years.

Allowable industrial accident or illness leave shall not be accumulated from year to year. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

When an employee is absent from his/her duties because of an industrial accident or illness: (Education Code 44043, 44044, 44984, 45192)

- 1. The leave shall start on the first day of absence.
- 2. During the period of absence, the employee shall be paid such portion of his/her wage or salary that, when added to the award granted under state workers' compensation laws, will not exceed his/her normal wage or salary.
- 3. The leave shall be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence, regardless of an award granted under workers' compensation laws.
- 4. When the leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the employee is entitled to only the amount of unused leave due the employee for the same illness or injury.

During any paid leave of absence, the employee shall endorse to the district any workers' compensation checks received on account of an industrial accident or illness. The Superintendent or designee shall then issue payment of the employee's normal wage or salary less any appropriate deductions, including, but not limited to, employee retirement contributions. (Education Code 44043)

Absence for industrial accident or illness shall not be considered a break in service of the employee. An employee using such leave shall retain all status and benefits to which he/she would otherwise be entitled.

When available industrial accident or illness leave has been exhausted, the employee shall be so notified in writing and shall be offered an opportunity to request any additional paid or unpaid leave available to the employee. (Education Code 45192)

Upon expiration of allowable leave for an industrial accident or illness, the employee may use personal illness and injury leave provided pursuant to Education Code 44977, 44978, 44983, or 45191, as applicable, provided that such leave, when added to any continuing workers' compensation award, does not result in a payment to the employee of more than his/her full wage or salary. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

If a certificated employee is unable to resume the duties of his/her position after exhausting all accumulated sick leave, including the consecutive five-month period provided by Education Code 44977, he/she shall, if not placed in another position, be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 24 months if he/she is a probationary employee or 39 months if he/she is a permanent employee. If the employee becomes medically able to resume duties during the period of reemployment eligibility, he/she shall be returned to employment in a position for which he/she is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

If a classified employee has exhausted all available leaves of absence, paid or unpaid, and is not medically able to resume the duties of his/her position, he/she shall, if not placed in another position, be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 39 months. If he/she becomes medically able to resume duties during the period of reemployment eligibility, he/she shall be employed in a vacant position in the class of his/her previous assignment over all other candidates except those on a reemployment list established because of lack of work or lack of funds, in which case the employee shall be listed in accordance with seniority regulations. If the employee is medically released to return

to duty but fails to accept an appropriate assignment, he/she shall be dismissed. (Education Code 45192)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4261.3: Professional Leaves

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 07/01/2018

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a broad range of experiences can strengthen an employee's ability to meet the district's needs.

The Board may grant a professional leave of absence for up to one year to classified employees for the purpose of permitting study or retraining the employee to meet changing conditions within the district. No more than one such leave of absence may be granted to an employee in a seven-year period for purposes of study or three-year period for purposes of retraining. (Education Code 45381, 45382)

To be eligible for a leave for study purposes, the employee must have served in the district for at least seven consecutive years preceding the granting of the leave. If the leave is for purposes of retraining, the employee must have served in the district for at least three consecutive years preceding the granting of the leave. Any professional leave of absence granted by the Board shall not be deemed a break in service. However, it will not be included as service in computing service for the granting of any subsequent professional leave. (Education Code 45382)

Rather than granting a professional leave for a continuous one-year period, the Board may require that the leave be taken in separate six-month periods or in any other appropriate periods, provided that the total leave is completed within three years. Any period of service by the employee between the separate periods of leave shall comprise a part of the service required for qualifying for a subsequent leave of absence. (Education Code 45381)

The Board and employee may agree in writing to have the employee perform services for the district during the professional leave. (Education Code 45383)

The employee shall receive such compensation during the leave as the Board and employee agree upon in writing, which shall not be less than the difference between the employee's salary and the salary of a substitute employee in the position which the employee held prior to the granting of the leave. In lieu of such a difference, the Board may pay one-half of the salary of the employee or any additional amount up to and including the full salary of the employee. (Education Code 45383)

Compensation during the leave shall be paid in the manner authorized by Education Code 45384.

The Board may grant reimbursement of the costs, including tuition fees, to any classified employee who satisfactorily completes approved training to improve his/her job knowledge, ability, or skill, as long as the employee is not eligible for reimbursement by another governmental agency, organization, or association. Programs eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, courses of study at approved academic institutions, seminars and training institutes conducted by recognized professional associations, conferences, meetings, and other training programs that are designed to upgrade the classified service and encourage the retraining of employees who may otherwise be subject to layoff as the result of technological changes. (Education Code 45387)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4261.5: Military Leave

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 07/01/2006

Military leave shall be granted in accordance with applicable state and federal law to employees performing military duties on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty, examination to determine fitness for duty, and performance of funeral honors duty. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.01, 395.02, 395.05, 395.1, 395.2, 395.9; 38 USC 4301, 4303, 4316)

An employee who needs to be absent from the district to fulfill his/her military service shall provide advance written or verbal notice to the Superintendent or designee, unless the giving of such notice is precluded by military necessity or is otherwise impossible or unreasonable. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.85, 1002.86)

Salary/Compensation

An employee shall receive his/her salary or compensation for the first 30 days of any one absence for military leave or during one fiscal year, under any of the following conditions:

- 1. Active Military Training or Exercises: The employee is granted a temporary military leave of absence to engage in ordered military duty for purposes of active military training, encampment, naval cruises, special exercises, or like activity as a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or Naval Militia, provided that: (Military and Veterans Code 389, 395, 395.01)
 - a. He/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins.
 - b. The ordered duty does not exceed 180 days, including time involved in going to and returning from such duty.
- 2. Active Military Duty: The employee is on military leave, other than a temporary military leave, to engage in active military duty as a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or the Naval Militia, provided that he/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins. (Military and Veterans Code 389, 395.02)
- 3. War or Other Emergency: The employee, however long employed by the district, is a member of the National Guard who is engaged in military or naval duty during a state of extreme emergency as declared by the Governor, or during such time as the National Guard may be on active duty in situations described in Military and Veterans Code 146, including travel time to and from such duty. (Military and Veterans Code 395.05)
- 4. Inactive Duty Training: The employee is a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or Naval Militia who is engaged in temporary inactive duty training, provided that he/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins and the ordered duty does not exceed 180 days, including time involved in going to and returning from such duty.

In determining the length of district employment when necessary to determine eligibility for compensation for military leave, all recognized military service performed during and prior to district employment shall be included.

For classified employees, 30 days' compensation shall be one month's salary. For certificated employees, 30 days' compensation shall be one-tenth of the employee's annual salary. (Education Code 45059)

Certificated employees shall not be entitled to compensation during non-teaching, non-paying months of the year.

During the period of military leave, an employee may, upon his/her own request, use any vacation or similar paid leave accrued before the commencement of the military leave. The district shall not require the employee to use such leave. (38 USC 4316; 20 CFR 1002.153)

Benefits

An employee may elect to continue his/her health plan coverage during the military leave. The maximum period of

coverage for the employee and his/her dependents shall be either 24 months from the beginning of the leave or until the day after the employee fails to apply for or return to employment, whichever is less. (38 USC 4317; 20 CFR 1002.164)

An employee on military leave may be required to pay the employee cost, if any, of any funded benefit to the extent that other employees on leave are so required. (38 USC 4316)

An employee absent for 30 days or fewer shall not be required to pay more than the employee share for such coverage. An employee absent for 31 days or more may be required to pay not more than 102 percent of the full premium under the plan. (38 USC 4317; 20 CFR 1002.166)

Any employee called into active military duty as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization shall receive, for up to 180 days, the difference between the amount of his/her military pay and the amount the employee would have received from the district and all benefits that the employee would have received if he/she had not been called to active military duty, unless the benefits are prohibited or limited by vendor contracts.

Vacation and Sick Leave Accrual

An employee on temporary military leave under the conditions described in item #1 Active Military Training or Exercises, in the section entitled "Salary/Compensation" above, shall continue to accrue the same vacation, sick leave, and holiday privileges to which he/she would otherwise be entitled if not absent. (Military and Veterans Code 395)

An employee on military leave who is serving in active duty in time of war, national emergency, or United Nations military or police operation shall not accrue sick leave or vacation leave during the period of such leave. (Military and Veterans Code 395.1)

However, an employee who is a National Guard member on active duty as described in item #3 War or Other Emergency, in the section entitled "Salary/Compensation" above, shall not suffer any loss or diminution of vacation or holiday privileges because of his/her leave of absence. (Military and Veterans Code 395.05)

Pension Plan Service Credit

Pension plan service credit and vesting shall continue during an employee's military leave as though no break in service had occurred. Payment of employer and employee contributions shall be made in accordance with law for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System or Public Employees' Retirement System. (Education Code 22850-22856; Government Code 20990-21013)

Employment Status

Absence for military leave shall not affect the classification of any certificated employee. In the case of a certificated probationary employee, the period of such absence shall not count as part of the service required to obtain permanent status, but shall not be construed as a break in the continuity of service for any purpose. (Education Code 44800)

Reinstatement Rights

At the conclusion of the military duty, an employee shall be promptly reinstated in the position held at the beginning of the leave, at the salary to which he/she would otherwise have been entitled, except under the conditions noted below. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.2; 38 USC 4304, 4313; 20 CFR 1002.180-1002.181)

Any employee who performs active military duty in time of war, national emergency, or United Nations military or police operation has a right to return to his/her position within six months of an honorable discharge or placement on inactive duty. Reinstatement rights shall not be extended to any such employee who fails to return within 12 months after the first date upon which he/she could terminate or could cause to be terminated his/her active service. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395.1)

When an employee has been on military leave for reasons other than war or national emergency, the time frame for reinstatement shall depend on the length of military service as follows: (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.115, 1002.118)

- 1. For a leave of 30 days or fewer, the employee shall report for duty no later than the beginning of the first full work day following the completion of military service, provided the employee has a period of eight hours to rest following transportation to his/her residence.
- 2. For a leave of 31-180 days, the employee shall submit a written or verbal application for reinstatement not later than 14 days after the completion of military service.
- 3. For a leave of more than 180 days, the employee shall submit a written or verbal application for reinstatement within 90 days after the completion of military service.

In cases where reporting within the periods specified in items #1 and #2 above is impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the employee, he/she shall report as soon as possible after the expiration of the period. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.115, 1002.117)

An employee who is hospitalized for, or convalescing from, an illness or injury incurred in or aggravated during the performance of military service shall report for duty or submit an application for reinstatement at the end of the period that is necessary to recover from such illness or injury, but no more than two years after the completion of military service unless circumstances beyond the employee's control make reporting within the two-year period impossible or unreasonable. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.116)

Upon receiving an application for reinstatement, the Superintendent or designee shall reinstate the employee as soon as practicable under the circumstances of his/her case, but within a time period not to exceed two weeks, absent unusual circumstances. (20 CFR 1002.181)

If the employee's previous position has been abolished, he/she shall be reinstated in a position of like seniority, status, and pay, if such position exists, or to a comparable vacant position for which he/she is qualified. (Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.1; 38 USC 4313; 20 CFR 1002.192)

An employee failing to apply for reinstatement within the appropriate period does not automatically forfeit his/her rights, but shall be subject to the Board's rules governing unexcused absences. (38 USC 4312)

The Superintendent or designee may elect not to reinstate an employee following military leave if any of the following conditions exists:

- 1. The district's circumstances have so changed as to make such re-employment impossible or unreasonable, such as a reduction in force that would have included the employee. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 2. The accommodation, training, or effort described in 38 USC 4313(a)(3), (a)(4), or (b)(2)(B) would impose an undue hardship on the district as defined in 20 CFR 1002.5 or 1002.198. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 3. The employee's position was for a brief, nonrecurrent period and there was no reasonable expectation that such employment will continue indefinitely or for a significant period. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 4. The employee's cumulative length of absence and length of all previous military leave while employed with the district exceeds five years, excluding those training and service obligations specified in 38 USC 4312(c). (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.99-1002.103)
- 5. The employee was separated from military service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions. (Military and Veterans Code 395.1; 20 USC 4304, 4312; 20 CFR 1002.134-1002.138)

Notices

The Superintendent or designee shall provide employees a notice of the rights, benefits, and obligations of employees granted military leave and of the district under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 38 USC 4301-4334. (38 USC 4334)

This requirement may be met by posting the notice where the district customarily places notices for employees. (38 USC 4334)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4261.9: Catastrophic Leave Program

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that district employees may desire to assist other employees who have an urgent need for a leave of absence but do not have sufficient accrued leave to cover their absence. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a catastrophic leave program by which employees may donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave credits, which shall be placed into a pool for use by eligible employees.

Donations made under the catastrophic leave program shall be strictly voluntary.

The district's policy and procedures regarding catastrophic leave shall be included in the employee handbook. The Superintendent or designee may notify employees annually, or more frequently if the need arises, of the process for donating leave for this purpose.

An employee may apply to use donated leave credits in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation when he/she has exhausted all applicable paid leaves of absence and a catastrophic illness or injury incapacitates the employee or a member of his/her family for an extended period of time. (Education Code 44043.5)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4261.9: Catastrophic Leave Program

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Donations to Catastrophic Leave Program

An employee who chooses to donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave credits to the district's catastrophic leave program shall provide written notice to the Superintendent or designee of the amount and type of leave he/she wishes to donate. The Superintendent or designee shall review the donor's available leave and transfer the leave credits to a district pool of leave credits designated for this purpose.

Donations shall be at a minimum of eight hours, and in hour increments thereafter. (Education Code 44043.5)

All transfers of eligible leave credit shall be irrevocable. (Education Code 44043.5)

Employees should be cautious in making large donations of leave that they may need for their own use in the future.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all donations are confidential.

Requests for Catastrophic Leave

A full-time or part-time employee may apply to the Superintendent or designee to use paid leave from the catastrophic leave program if he/she earns paid time off but has exhausted all his/her accrued paid leave and needs to take time off from work for an extended period of time due to his/her or a family member's catastrophic illness or injury. If the employee is incapacitated, a family member or caretaker may apply on his/her behalf.

The employee shall provide verification of the illness or injury. (Education Code 44043.5)

Verification shall be made by means of a letter, dated and signed by the individual's health care provider, indicating the incapacitating nature and probable duration of the illness or injury.

An employee may apply to receive up to 20 days of paid leave from the catastrophic leave program per school year. At the end of the 20-day period, he/she may apply for up to 20 days of additional leave credits.

Employees receiving compensation under worker's compensation provisions are not eligible to receive leave from the catastrophic leave program until exhausting such benefit.

An employee who is the recipient of donated leave credits shall use those credits within 12 consecutive months. (Education Code 44043.5)

If donated leave credits are not used by the employee within 12 consecutive months, the credits shall be returned to the pool of catastrophic leave for use by other eligible employees.

An employee who receives catastrophic leave shall use any leave credits that he/she continues to accrue on a monthly basis before receiving paid leave pursuant to this program. (Education Code 44043.5)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4300: Administrative And Supervisory Personnel

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that effective management is vital to the success of district students and programs. Management personnel are expected to demonstrate initiative and good judgment in the development, implementation, and oversight of district programs. Supervisors shall promote the productivity, professional growth, and teamwork of district staff.

The Board shall adopt policies related to administrative and supervisory personnel insofar as they are needed to comply with law and describe terms of employment within the district.

The Board may, by resolution, establish or abolish any or all positions of the senior management of the classified service. Any employee occupying a senior management position abolished by Board action shall become a member of the classified or certificated service in a position to which he/she would otherwise be entitled if he/she had not been in a senior management position. (Education Code 45104.5)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4300: Administrative And Supervisory Personnel

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 03/01/2007

Classified Senior Management and Supervisory Employees

A senior management employee is either a fiscal advisor to the Superintendent or an employee in the highest position not requiring certification in a principal district program area, with districtwide responsibility for formulating policy or administering the program. (Education Code 45108.5)

Employees holding positions designated as classified senior management and supervisory positions are entitled to all of the rights, benefits, and burdens of other classified employees, except that each senior management and supervisory employees shall not obtain permanent status in a senior management position. (Education Code 45100.5, 45256.5)

If assigned to a position within a bargaining unit, classified management and supervisory employees shall be reclassified at the discretion of the Board of Trustees subject to provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement or, for districts incorporating the merit system, the rules of the personnel commission.

Positions in the senior management of the classified service shall be filled from an unranked list of eligible persons who have demonstrated managerial ability and who have been found qualified for the positions as specified by the Superintendent and determined by the personnel commission. (Education Code 45256.5)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4301: Administrative Staff Organization

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 07/01/2007

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent to organize the administrative and supervisory staff in a manner that best supports student achievement, the educational program, and efficient operations.

The Superintendent shall establish and define job responsibilities for supervisory and administrative personnel. (Education Code 44662)

The Superintendent or designee may adjust staff responsibilities temporarily or permanently as needed to accommodate the workload and/or individual capabilities.

The Superintendent shall maintain a current district organization chart which designates lines of primary responsibility and the relationships among all district positions. Lines of responsibility shall in no way prevent staff members at all levels from collaborating, communicating, and cooperating to develop the best possible programs and provide efficient services.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

(These requirements do not include confidential personnel.)

- 1. Telephone Requirement: Each management person is required to have a listed telephone in the home, and an active cell phone available for school district work use during work hours.
- 2. Community Involvement: Management personnel are encouraged to participate in community affairs. As such, they are encouraged to participate in community service clubs when scheduling permits.
- 3. Inservice and Travel: Within budgetary limitations, management personnel are encouraged and may be required to attend conferences and workshops to improve their management skills. Conference registration, food, lodging and other expenses of travel are reimbursable upon approval of supervisor and the Board of Education. Travel during vacations is encouraged as a means to broaden cultural and educational experiences. Such travel shall not be paid for by the District.

Professional Organizations: Management personnel are encouraged to participate in a professional organization relevant to their assignment. (e.g. ACSA, CASBO, etc.) The annual fee shall be paid for one membership per management employee.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4311: Recruitment And Selection

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire, orally or in writing, in regard to an applicant's salary history information, including compensation and benefits. He/she shall also not rely on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment to an applicant or the salary to offer. However, the Superintendent or designee may consider salary information that is disclosable under state or federal law or that the applicant discloses voluntarily and without prompting. Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the applicant the pay scale for the position to which he/she is applying. (Labor Code 432.3)

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

Incentives

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

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4311.2: Legal Status Requirement

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 03/01/2009

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

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

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

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4311.2: Legal Status Requirement

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 03/01/2009

Within three business days of hire, the Superintendent or designee shall physically examine the documentation presented by the employee establishing his/her identity and employment authorization as set forth in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9. The employee may present either an original document which establishes both employment authorization and identity or two separate original documents which establish authorization and identity. Only unexpired documents are acceptable. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall: (8 CFR 274a.2)

- 1. Ensure that the documents presented appear to be genuine and relate to the individual
- 2. Complete the "Employer Review and Verification" section and sign the attestation with a handwritten signature or electronic signature on Form I-9

Persons employed for three business days or less must provide such documentation on their first day. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If unable to provide satisfactory documentation because the document was lost, stolen, or damaged, the employee shall furnish a receipt indicating that a replacement document has been requested. This receipt must be presented within three business days of the hire, and the replacement document must be provided within 90 days of the hire. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If an individual's employment authorization expires, the Superintendent or designee must reverify Form I-9, by noting the document's identification number and expiration date on the form, no later than the date the work authorization expires. The employee shall present a document that shows either continuing employment authorization or a new grant of work authorization. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The district shall retain an individual's Form I-9 for three years after the date of the hire or for one year after the date his/her employment is terminated, whichever is later. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall copy documents presented by an individual for verification and shall retain them with the individual's Form I-9. The documents shall be kept confidential and used only as needed to help justify the district's past decision to accept the documents as valid.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4312.1: Contracts

positions on a contract basis.

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of employing qualified and competent individuals to manage district programs and to assist the Superintendent in coordinating efforts to achieve district goals and objectives. To that end, the Board may fill certificated administrative and supervisory positions and classified senior management

The Board may offer a continuing contract of up to four years to any deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent; any certificated employee holding a position requiring a supervision or administration credential; or any senior manager of the classified service. (Education Code 35031, 44929.20)

Prior to entering into any such contract, the Board and Superintendent shall consider the financial impact of the contract on the district. The proposed contract shall also be reviewed by legal counsel to ensure that all legally required provisions are included in the contract and to address any potentially adverse obligations for the district.

The Board may deliberate in the closed session of a regular meeting about the terms of an employment contract for a deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent; other certificated employee holding a position requiring a supervision or administration credential; or a senior manager of the classified service. Discussions regarding salary, salary schedule, or other compensation may occur in the closed session of a regular meeting only between the Board and its designated representative(s), as permitted under Government Code 54957.6 (the "labor exception") for the purpose of reviewing the Board's position and/or instructing the designated representative(s) prior to or during bona fide negotiations with the employee. Such deliberations shall not be held during a special meeting. (Government Code 54956, 54957, 54957.6)

The Board shall take final action on an employment contract during an open session of a regularly scheduled Board meeting, and that action shall be reflected in the Board's minutes. At that meeting, prior to taking action, the Board shall orally report a summary of the recommendation for the final action on salary or compensation in the form of fringe benefits. (Government Code 3511.1, 53262, 54953)

Copies of any contract and other public records created or received in the process of developing the recommendation related to the salary, benefits, and other compensation shall be available to the public upon request. (Government Code 53262, 54953)

Extension of Contract/Reemployment

A contract shall be extended only by Board action and subsequent to a satisfactory evaluation of the employee's performance. No employment contract shall include a provision for automatic renewal of the contract.

During the term of the contract and with the consent of the employee involved, the Board may reelect or reemploy the employee starting on the next succeeding first day of July and based on terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by the Board and the employee. (Education Code 35031)

If the Board decides not to reelect or reemploy a deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or a senior manager of the classified service upon the expiration of his/her term, it shall notify the employee in writing 45 calendar days prior to the expiration of the term of the contract. (Education Code 35031)

Termination of Contract

The Board may terminate an employment contract prior to its expiration date in accordance with the conditions and process specified in the contract.

Every employment contract shall include a provision specifying the legal maximum cash settlement that the employee may receive in the event that the contract is terminated prior to its expiration date. (Government Code 3511.2, 53260)

In addition, all employment contracts shall include a provision that, if the employee is convicted of a crime involving an abuse of his/her office or position, he/she shall fully 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

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Regulation 4312.4: Health Examinations

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Tuberculosis Tests

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

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

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

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

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

Whenever the district contracts for the transportation of students, the contract shall require that all drivers who will be transporting students complete the tuberculosis risk assessment and, if indicated, the examination for infectious tuberculosis within 60 days of initial hire. (Education Code 49406)

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

- 1. An applicant/employee who files an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of a well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles, depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion and that, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, he/she is free from infectious tuberculosis
 - Such an exemption shall be allowed only if the Board determines by resolution, after a hearing, that the health of students would not be jeopardized. If at any time there is probable cause to believe that the applicant/employee is afflicted with infectious tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from service until the Board is satisfied that he/she is not afflicted.
- 2. A classified employee who is employed for less than a school year and whose functions do not require frequent or prolonged contact with students
- 3. A pregnant employee who has positive results on a tuberculosis skin test, in which case she shall be exempted from the requirement to follow up with an x-ray of the lungs for a period not to exceed 60 days after the end of the pregnancy
- 4. A private contracted driver who transports students infrequently without prolonged contact with students

Examination of Certificated Employees for Disabling Diseases

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

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

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

Certificated employees and/or retirants shall be required to periodically undergo, at district expense, a medical examination pursuant to Education Code 44839 or 44839.5 to determine that they are free from any communicable disease making them unfit to instruct or associate with children. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5)

Mental Examination for Certificated Employees

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

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Regulation 4312.41: Employee Drug Testing

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Pre-Employment Drug/Alcohol Screening for Safety-Sensitive Positions

Applicants shall sign a form consenting to the drug and alcohol testing. The consent form shall authorize release of the test results to the district. To ensure an individual's privacy, the district shall not use test results for any purpose other than those stated in Board policy and administrative regulation, shall maintain the confidentiality of screening records, and shall not disclose such records unless the applicant consents or the Superintendent or designee is presented with a court order requiring the disclosure.

All initial screening tests shall be conducted at the district's expense. If an applicant's initial test is positive, a second test, at the district's expense, shall be administered as soon as possible to confirm the results. Upon obtaining a second positive reasult, the applicant may seek an independent drug and alcohol screening from a recognized medical laboratory at his/her own expense. Any applicant who fails to provide the district with a negative drug and alcohol screening report within five working days of a confirmed positive result shall be determined to have failed the screening and shall not be employed.

Failure to submit to the process or to complete the process shall preclude the applicant from being hired into the position. Disqualified applicants shall not be prohibited from applying for another job within the district.

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Policy 4312.42: Drug And Alcohol Testing For School Bus Drivers

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

to district employment.

A driver shall not report for duty or remain on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.11. A driver is also prohibited from reporting for duty or remaining on duty when the driver has used any drug listed in 21 CFR 1308.12-1308.15, unless the driver is using the drug under the direction of a physician who has advised the driver that the substance will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a bus. (49 CFR 382.213)

In addition, a driver shall not consume alcohol while on duty and/or performing safety-sensitive functions, or for four hours prior to on-duty time. (49 CFR 382.205, 382.207)

Drivers shall submit to drug and alcohol testing as required under federal law and specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. The district's testing program for drivers shall include pre-employment drug testing and reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing of drivers. (49 USC 31306; 49 CFR 382.301-382.311)

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

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

Consequences Based on Test Results

No driver shall be temporarily removed from the performance of safety-sensitive functions based only on a laboratory report of a confirmed positive test for a drug or drug metabolite before the certified medical review officer has completed verification of the test results, unless the district has obtained a waiver from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.21, 382.107, 382.119)

Any driver for whom the district receives a verified positive drug test result or who is found to have a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04 or higher shall be immediately removed from performing safety-sensitive functions in accordance with 49 CFR 40.23 and 382.211. An alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04 requires temporary removal of the bus driver for a 24-hour period following the test. Any driver who refuses to take a required drug or alcohol test shall not be permitted to perform or continue to perform safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 40.23, 382.211)

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

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

Any driver provided with an opportunity to return to a safety-sensitive duty following a violation shall be evaluated by a qualified substance abuse professional and complete the evaluation recommendations before returning to such duty. (49 CFR 40.289)

If the substance abuse professional recommends that further and ongoing services are needed to assist the driver to maintain sobriety or abstinence from drug use, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to participate in the recommended services as part of a return-to-duty agreement and shall monitor the driver's compliance. Any drop from a rehabilitation or return-to-duty program or a subsequent positive test result shall be reported to the

DMV. (Vehicle Code 13376; 49 CFR 40.285, 40.287, 40.303, 382.605)

Voluntary Self-Identification

Whenever a driver admits to alcohol or drug misuse under the district's voluntary self-identification program, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure all of the following: (49 CFR 382.121)

- 1. No adverse action shall be taken against the driver by the district.
- 2. The driver shall be allowed sufficient opportunity to seek evaluation, education, or treatment to establish control over the drug or alcohol problem.
- 3. The driver shall be permitted to participate in safety-sensitive functions only after:
 - a. Successfully completing an education or treatment program, as determined by a drug and alcohol abuse evaluation expert, such as an employee assistance professional, substance abuse professional, or qualified drug and alcohol counselor
 - b. Undergoing a return-to-duty test with a result indicating an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02 and/or a verified negative result for drug use

A driver who admits to alcohol or drug misuse shall not be subject to federal requirements related to referral, evaluation, and treatment, provided that the driver does not self-identify in order to avoid drug or alcohol testing, makes the admission prior to performing a safety-sensitive function, and does not perform a safety-sensitive function until the driver has been evaluated and has successfully completed education or treatment requirements in accordance with program guidelines. (49 CFR 382.121)

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Definitions

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

Alcohol concentration (or content) means the alcohol in a volume of breath expressed in terms of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath as indicated by an evidential breath test. (49 CFR 40.3, 382.107)

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

Designated Employer Representative

The Superintendent or designee shall identify a designated employer representative who is authorized to take immediate action to remove drivers from safety-sensitive functions and to make required decisions in the testing and evaluation processes. The designated employer representative shall also be responsible for receiving test results and other communications. The name and telephone number of the designated employer representative shall be provided to the testing contractor to contact about any problems or issues that may arise during the testing process. (49 CFR 40.35, 40.215)

Pre-employment Testing

When hiring a new driver, the Superintendent or designee shall, with the driver's written consent, conduct a preemployment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse to obtain information about whether the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations. (49 CFR 382.701)

The Superintendent or designee shall also, with the driver's consent, request the driver's past drug and alcohol testing record, as specified in 49 CFR 40.25 and 382.413, from any employer who has employed the driver at any time during the previous three years. To the extent practicable, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain and review such information before the driver first performs safety-sensitive functions. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ask the driver if there was a positive test, or a refusal to test, on any pre-employment drug or alcohol test that was administered during the past two years in the course of applying for another safety-sensitive transportation position that was not obtained. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413)

The driver shall not be permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions if the driver refuses to provide consent to obtain the information from previous employers or from the Clearinghouse; the information from previous employers is not received within 30 days of the date on which the driver first performed safety-sensitive functions for the district; or the driver, the Clearinghouse, or a previous employer reports a violation of a drug or alcohol regulation without subsequent completion of the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413, 382.701, 382.703)

A driver whom the district intends to hire or use shall undergo testing for drugs and receive a verified negative test result prior to the first time the driver performs safety-sensitive functions for the district. This testing requirement may be waived if all of the following conditions exist: (49 CFR 382.301)

- 1. The driver has participated in a qualified drug testing program within the previous 30 days.
- 2. While participating in the program, the driver either was tested within the past six months from the date of application or participated in a random drug testing program for the previous 12 months from the date of application.
- 3. No prior employer of the driver of whom the district has knowledge has records of the driver's violation of

federal drug testing regulations within the previous six months.

The Superintendent or designee shall contact the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and obtain information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.

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

Post-Accident Testing

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

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

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

No driver required to take a post-accident alcohol test pursuant to 49 CFR 382.303 shall use alcohol for eight hours following the accident or until the driver undergoes a post-accident alcohol test, whichever occurs first. (49 CFR 382.209)

Random Testing

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that random, unannounced drug and alcohol tests of bus drivers are conducted on testing dates reasonably spread throughout the year.

Such tests shall be unannounced and conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 382.305)

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

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

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

Reasonable Suspicion Testing

A driver shall be required to submit to a drug or alcohol test whenever the Superintendent or designee has reasonable suspicion that the driver has violated the prohibitions against the use of drugs or alcohol. Such reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations, conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions, concerning the driver's appearance, behavior, speech, and/or body odors. Reasonable suspicion of drug use may also include indications of the chronic and withdrawal effects of drugs. (49 CFR 382.307)

The person who makes the required observations for reasonable suspicion testing for drugs or alcohol shall be trained in accordance with 49 CFR 382.603. The person who makes the determination that reasonable suspicion

exists to conduct an alcohol test shall not be the same person who conducts the alcohol test. (49 CFR 382.307)

Within 24 hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug or alcohol test are released, whichever is earlier, a written record of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion test shall be made and signed by the person who made the observations. (49 CFR 382.307)

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

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

Return-to-Duty Testing

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR 40.305, the district may return a driver to safety-sensitive functions after the driver completes required education and treatment services as described in the accompanying Board policy and a return-to-duty drug or alcohol test. Such personnel decisions may be subject to collective bargaining or other legal requirements.

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

Follow-Up Testing

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

Mandatory Reporting and Annual Queries to the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Clearinghouse any violation of federal drug and alcohol regulations, any refusal to test, and other required information by the close of the third business day following the date on which the information was obtained. (49 CFR 382.705)

The Superintendent or designee shall conduct a query using the Clearinghouse at least once a year for all drivers to determine whether information exists in the Clearinghouse about the drivers. (49 CFR 382.701)

In lieu of a full query, the Superintendent or designee may obtain the individual driver's consent to conduct a limited query that is effective for more than one year and informs the district about whether there is information about the driver in the Clearinghouse without releasing that information to the district. If the limited query shows that information exists in the Clearinghouse about the individual driver, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct a full query within 24 hours of conducting the limited query. If a full query is not conducted within 24 hours, the driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function until the results from a full query confirm that the driver may perform such functions. (49 CFR 382.701)

A driver may not perform any safety-sensitive function if the results of a Clearinghouse query demonstrate that the driver has committed a violation of federal drug or alcohol regulations. (49 CFR 382.701)

Notifications

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

following: (49 CFR 382.113, 382.303, 382.601)

- 1. The identity of the person designated by the district to answer driver questions about the materials
- 2. The categories of drivers who are subject to drug and alcohol testing
- 3. Sufficient information about the safety-sensitive functions performed by those drivers to make clear what period of the workday the driver is required to be in compliance
- 4. Specific information concerning prohibited driver conduct
- 5. The circumstances under which a driver will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol, including post-accident testing
- 6. The procedures that will be used to test for the presence of drugs and alcohol, protect the driver and the integrity of the testing processes, safeguard the validity of the test results, and ensure that those results are attributed to the correct driver
- 7. The requirement that a driver submit to drug and alcohol tests
- 8. An explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test and the attendant consequences
- 9. The consequences for drivers found to have violated the prohibitions against drug or alcohol use, including the circumstances under which drivers will be removed immediately from safety-sensitive functions and the requirements for education, treatment, and return-to-duty testing
- 10. The consequences for drivers found to have a blood alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04
- 11. Information concerning the effects of drug and alcohol use on an individual's health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of a drug or alcohol problem (the driver's or a co-worker's); and available methods of intervening when a drug or alcohol problem is suspected, including confrontation, referral to any employee assistance program, and/or referral to management
- 12. The requirement that personal information collected and maintained pursuant to 49 CFR 382 shall be reported to the Clearinghouse

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

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

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

Records

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

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Regulation 4312.5: Criminal Record Check

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall not issue a temporary certificate of clearance to a person whose application for a credential, certificate, or permit is being processed by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing if that person has been convicted of a violent or serious felony, unless the person is otherwise exempt pursuant to Education Code 44332.6 or 44830.1. (Education Code 44332.5, 44332.6)

Pre-Employment Record Check

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

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

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

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

Subsequent Arrest Notification

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

45125; Penal Code 11105.2)

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

When the district receives written electronic notification by the DOJ of the fact of conviction, the temporary employee, substitute employee, or probationary employee serving before March 15 of his/her second probationary year shall be terminated automatically unless the employee challenges the DOJ record and the DOJ withdraws its notification in writing. Upon receipt of the written withdrawal of notification by the DOJ, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately reinstate that employee with full restoration of salary and benefits for the period of time from the suspension without pay to the reinstatement if the employee is still employed by the district. (Education Code 44830.1, 45122.1)

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

Notification of Applicant/Employee

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

Maintenance of Records

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interagency Agreement

Subject to an interagency agreement with other school districts, the district shall submit and receive CORI on behalf of all participating districts. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

Upon receipt from the DOJ of a report of conviction of a serious or violent felony, the district shall communicate that fact to participating districts and shall remove the affected employee from the common list of persons eligible for employment. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

In addition, upon receipt from the DOJ of a criminal history record or report of subsequent arrest for any person on a common list of persons eligible for employment, the district shall give notice to the superintendent of any participating district, or the person designated in writing by that superintendent, that the report is available for inspection on a confidential basis by the superintendent or the authorized designee. The report shall be made

available at the district office for 30 days following the receipt of the notice. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

The district shall not release a copy of that information to any participating district or any other person. In addition, the district shall retain or dispose of the information in the manner specified in law and in this administrative regulation after all participating districts have had an opportunity to inspect it in accordance with law. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

The district shall maintain a record of all persons to whom the information has been shown and shall make this record available to the DOJ. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

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Regulation 4312.6: Personnel Files

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

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

Personnel files for district police or security officers shall be maintained and accessed in accordance with Government Code 3305-3306.5 and AR 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department.

Placement of Material in Personnel Files

Any supervisor or administrator who places written material or drafts written material for placement in an employee's file shall sign the material and indicate the date of the placement.

When an employee is asked to sign any material that is to be placed in his/her file, he/she shall be informed that the signature only signifies that he/she has read the material and does not necessarily indicate that he/she agrees with its contents.

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

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

Derogatory Information

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

Persons with Authorized Access

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

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

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

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

File Review by Employee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Record Retention

Personnel records for current and former employees shall be retained in accordance with 5 CCR 16023.

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

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Regulation 4312.61: Employment References

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The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for processing requests for employment references, letters of recommendation, or information about the reasons for separation regarding all district employees other than himself/herself. All letters of recommendation to be issued on behalf of the district for current or former employees shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee. At his/her discretion, the Superintendent or designee may refuse to give a recommendation.

The Superintendent or designee may communicate information about the job performance or qualifications of a current or former district employee when such information is based upon credible evidence and is given to a prospective employer without malice and at the prospective employer's request. (Civil Code 47)

Any reference, letter of recommendation, or information provided about the reasons for separation issued on behalf of the district shall provide a truthful and accurate account of the employee's job performance and qualifications.

No certificated employee shall write or sign any letter or memorandum which intentionally omits significant facts, or which states as facts matters which the writer does not know of his/her own knowledge to be true, relating to the professional qualifications or personal fitness to perform certificated services of any person who the writer knows will use the letter or memorandum to obtain professional employment. (5 CCR 80332)

No certificated employee shall agree to provide a positive letter of recommendation which misrepresents facts as a condition of another employee's resigning or withdrawing action against the district. (5 CCR 80332)

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Policy 4312.8: Employment Of Relatives

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The Board of Trustees desires to maximize staff and community confidence in district hiring, promotion, and other employment decisions by promoting practices that are free of conflicts of interest or the appearance of impropriety.

The Board prohibits the appointment of any person to a position for which his/her relative maintains management, supervisory, evaluation, or promotion responsibilities and prohibits an employee from participating in any decision that singularly applies to any of his/her relatives.

For purposes of this policy, relative includes the individual's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse or domestic partner.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to appoint a person to a position in the same department or facility as an employee with whom he/she maintains a personal relationship when that relationship has the potential to create (1) an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, or morale of other district employees or (2) a conflict of interest for the individuals involved which is greater because of the their relationship than it would be for another person.

An employee shall notify his/her supervisor within 30 days of any change in his/her circumstances that may constitute a violation of this policy.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4312.9-E PDF(2): Employee Notifications

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Descriptor Code: 4312.9

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

When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees			
At the beginning of school year or upon employment	Education Code 231.5; Government Code 12950	AR 4119.11 4219.11 4319.11	The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints
Annually, and 72 hours before pesticide application	Education Code 17612	AR 3514.2	Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information on pesticides
Prior to implementing year-round schedule	Education Code 37616	BP 6117	Public hearing on year-round program
Prior to implementing alternative schedule	Education Code 46162	BP 6112	Public hearing on alternative schedule in secondary grades
Annually	Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622	AR 1312.3 BP 0460 BP 3260	Uniform complaint procedures, appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints about student fees and local control and accountability plan
Annually	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer epinephrine auto-injectors
At least once per year	Education Code 49414.3	AR 5141.21	Request for volunteers to be trained to administer opioid antagonist
To all employees	Government Code 1126	BP 4136 4236 4336	Prohibition of activities that are inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties; discipline; appeal
When/Whom	Education or Other Legal	Board Policy/ Administrative	

to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To all employees	Government Code 8355; 41 USC 8102; 34 CFR 84.205, 84.210	BP 4020 BP 4159 4259 4359	District's drug- and alcohol- free workplace; actions to be taken if violated; available employee assistance programs
Upon employment	Government Code 21029	None	Right to purchase PERS service credit for military service performed prior to public employment
Upon placement of automated external defibrillator (AED) in school, and annually thereafter	Health and Safety Code 1797.196	AR 5141	Proper use of AED; location of all AEDs on campus, sudden cardiac arrest, school's emergency response plan
If the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds	Health and Safety Code 104420	AR 3513.3	District's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures
Annually, or more frequently if there is new information	Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880	BP 4119.43 4219.43 4319.43	AIDS and hepatitis B, including methods to prevent exposure
To new employees upon hire and other employees upon request, in districts with 25 or more employees	Labor Code 230.1	AR 4161.2 4261.2 4361.2	Rights pursuant to Labor Code 230-230.1 pertaining to leaves and accommodations for victims of crime or abuse
With each paycheck	Labor Code 246	AR 4161.1 4361.1	Amount of sick leave available

AR 4261.1

Upon hire, in employee handbook, and upon request for parental leave	Labor Code 1034	BP 4033	The district's policy on lactation accommodation
To covered employees and former employees	Labor Code 2800.2	AR 4154 4254 4354	Availability of COBRA/ Cal-COBRA continuation and conversion coverage; statement encouraging careful examination of options before declining coverage
When/Whom to Notify I. To All Employees (continued)	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
To employees participating in a flexible spending account	Labor Code 2810.7	None	Deadline to withdraw funds from account before the end of the plan year
To every new employee, either at the time employee is hired or by end of first pay period	Labor Code 3551	AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Workers' compensation benefits, how to obtain medical care, role of primary physician, form for reporting personal physician/chiropractor
Within one day of receiving notice of potential exposure to COVID-19, to employees who were on the premises during the infectious period,	Labor Code 6409.6	AR 4157 4257 4357	Potential exposure to COVID-19; benefits to which employees may be entitled; available leave options; protection against

the exclusive representative, and the employer of subcontracted employees as applicable			discrimination and retaliation; district's disinfection and safety plan
Prior to beginning employment	Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5	AR 5141.4	Status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, reporting obligations, confidentiality rights, copy of law
Upon employment, and when employee goes on leave for specified reasons	Unemployment Insurance Code 2613	AR 4154 4254 4354	Disability insurance rights and benefits
To principal, counselor who directly supervises or reports on student's behavior or progress, and teacher and other administrators who directly supervise or report on student's behavior or progress when principal believes needs the information for the protection of self or others when working with student, when Superintendent or designee receives written notification that minor studen has committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses	:	AR 4158 4258 4358	Limited exception to juvenile court record confidentiality to ensure rehabilitation of juvenile criminal offenders and protect students and staff
To all employees and job applicants	2 CCR 11023; 34 CFR 104.8, 106.9	BP 0410 AR 4030	District's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures
To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee	2 CCR 11091, 11095; 29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA); obligation to provide 30 days' notice of need for leave when possible
To all employees	8 CCR 3203	AR 4157 4257 4357	The right and procedure to access the injury and illness prevention program
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
I. To All Employees (continued)			
To all employees working with homeless families	42 USC 11432	AR 6173Duties students	of district liaison for homeless
To all employees	34 CFR 106.8	AR 4119.11 4219.11	Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex; contact

		4319.11 Title IX inquiries to	information for district's K Coordinator; referral of Title IX Coordinator and/or Office for Civil Rights
Annually	40 CFR 763.84, 763.93	AR 3514	Availability of asbestos management plan; inspections, response actions, post-response actions planned or in progress
II. To Certificated Employees			
To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire	Education Code 22455.5	AR 4121	Criteria for membership in retirement system; right to elect membership at any time
Upon employment of a retired certificated individual	Education Code 22461	AR 4117.14 4317.14	Postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction; monthly report of compensation
To certificated employees	Education Code 35171	AR 4115 BP 4315	District regulations related to performance evaluations
30 days before last day of school year for instructional staff, or by June 30 for noninstructional certificated staff, in any year in which employee is evaluated	Education Code 44663	AR 4115	Copy of employee's evaluation
To a certificated employee with unsatisfactory evaluation, once per year for probationary employee or at least once every other year for permanent employee	Education Code 44664	AR 4115	Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
II. To Certificated Employees (conti	nued)		
By May 30, if district issues reemployment notices to certificated employees	Education Code 44842	AR 4112.1	Request that the employee notify district of intent to remain in service next year
To probationary and temporary	Education Code	AR 4112.1	Employment status and salary

certificated employees upon employment, and every July thereafter	44916	AR 4121			
To probationary employee, by March 15	Education Code 44929.21, 44929.23, 44948.5	BP 4116	Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year		
When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, at any time of year or, for charge of unsatisfactory performance, during instructional year	Education Code 44934, 44934.1, 44936	BP 4118 AR 4118	Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice		
To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct, at least 45 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct		
To certificated employee charged with unsatisfactory performance, at least 90 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice or prior to last quarter of school year	Education Code 44938	BP 4118	Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct		
To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, within 10 days of entry judgment in proceedings	Education Code 44940.5 of	AR 4118	Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice unless employee demands hearing		
To probationary employee 30 days prior to dismissal during school year, but not later than March 15 for a second-year probationary employee	Education Code 44948.3	AR 4118	Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal		
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject		
II. To Certificated Employees (continued)					
By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15	Education Code 44949, 44955	BP 4117.3	Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board decision re: termination		
Before the end of the school year to temporary employee who served 75 percent of school year but will be released	Education Code 44954	BP 4121	District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year		

During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to any permanent or probationary certificated employee, including an employee holding a position that requires administrative or supervisory credential, whose services are terminated		BP 4117.3	Decrease in the number of permanent employees in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board
To teacher, when a student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts	Education Code 49079	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To teacher of a student who is suspended or expelled, when Superintendent or designee receives transfer student's record regarding act that resulted in suspension or expulsion	Education Code 48201	AR 4158 4258 4358	Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion
To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct or while allegation is pending	5 CCR 80303	AR 4117.7 4317.7	Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing
III. To Classified Employees			
When classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in nonmerit district	Education Code 45113	AR 4218	Notice of charges, right to hearing, timeline for requesting hearing
By March 15, when laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds, with final notice by May 15	Education Code 45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff, displacement and reemployment rights, right to hearing; final notice of Board decision regarding termination
During the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies when the Board determines that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of ADA for that fiscal year has not increased by at least two percent, to classified employees who are laid off due to lack of work or lack of funds		AR 4217.3	District Statement of Reduction in Force to affected employees in accordance with a schedule of notice and hearing adopted by the Board

At least 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, if the employee's position must be eliminated due to the expiration of a specially funded program	st 45117	AR 4217.3	Notice of layoff date, displacement and reemployment rights
Upon employment and upon each change in classification	Education Code 45169	AR 4212	Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours, prescribed workweek
To permanent employee whose leave is exhausted	Education Code 45192, 45195	AR 4261.1 AR 4261.11	Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave
When/Whom	Education or Other Legal	Board Policy/ Administrative	
to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject
III. To Classified Employees (contin	nued)		
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers prior to expiration of specified documents	13 CCR 1234	AR 3542	Expiration date of driver's license, driver's certificate and medical certificate; need to renew
To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers upon employment and at least once per year thereafter	13 CCR 2480	AR 3542	Limitations on vehicle idling; consequences of not complying
To school bus drivers, prior to district drug testing program and thereafter upon employment	49 CFR 382.113, 382.601	AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Explanation of federal requirements for drug testing program and district's policy; prior to administration of each drug or alcohol test
To school bus drivers, prior to operating school bus	49 CFR 382.303	AR 4112.42 4212.42 4312.42	Post-accident information, procedures, and instructions
IV. To Administrative/Supervisory P	Personnel		
To superintendent, deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract	Education Code 35031	BP 2121 BP 4312.1	Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term
Upon request by administrative	Education Code	AR 4313.2	Statement of the reasons for

or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position	44896		the reassignment
By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year	Education Code 44951	AR 4313.2	Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances		
In the event of a breach of security of district records, to affected employees	Civil Code 1798.29	BP 3580	Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, and, as applicable, contact information for credit reporting agencies
When/Whom to Notify	Education or Other Legal Code	Board Policy/ Administrative Regulation #	Subject
V. To Individual Employees Under	Special Circumstances (continued)	
Prior to placing derogatory informat personnel file	ion in Education Code 44031	AR 4112.6 4212.6 4312.6	Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment
1 2	Education Code 49414	AR 5141.21	Defense and indemnification from civil liability by the
auto-injector			district
To district police officer, within 30 days of decision to impose discipline	Government Code 3304	AR 3515.3	Decision to impose discipline, including the date that discipline will be imposed
To employee returning from military leave of absence, within 30 days of return	Government Code 20997	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Right to receive PERS service credit for military service; application form
24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or charges against employee	Government Code 54957	BB 9321	Employee's right to have complaints/charges heard in open session
When taking disciplinary action against employee for disclosure of confidential information	Government Code 54963	BP 4119.23 4219.23 4319.23	Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session
When document identifying employ who is victim of domestic violence disclosed	ee Labor Code 230 s	AR 4158 4258 4358	Accommodations and leave for victims of domestic violence
Within one working day of work-related injury or victimization of crime	Labor Code 3553, 5401	AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, claim form

action is based on DOJ criminal history information or subsequent arrest notification	11105.2	4212.5 4312.5			
To any employee with exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter	8 CCR 3204	AR 4119.42 4219.42 4319.42	The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records		
	Education or	Board Policy/			
When/Whom	Other Legal	Administrative			
to Notify	Code	Regulation #	Subject		
V. To Individual Employees Und	er Special Circumstanc	es (continued)			
To any employee assigned to a work area where hazardous chemi signs and chemicals present, upor symptoms of exposure, location of reference material			Location and availability of al hygiene plan, exposure limits, ituation		
To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous	8 CCR 5194 sub	AR 3514.1 stances in the work ar	Any presence of hazardous rea, substances in the work		
area, location and availability of upon initial assignment and					
hazard communication when new hazard is program, new					
material safety introduced into work area data sheet, employee rights					
To employee eligible for military leave	38 USC 4334	AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave		
Within five days of employee's FMLA leave, 2 CCR 11049, receipt of supporting information, or district's knowledge that the requested leave may qualify as FMLA leave Whenever notice of eligibility for FMLA is provided to employee	29 CFR 825.300; AR 4261.8 FM 11091 29 CFR 825.300	AR 4161.8 Design 4361.8 AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	ation of leave as request for not eligible, reason not eligible; requirement to use paid leave; any requirement for fitness-for-duty certification; any subsequent changes in designation notice Rights and responsibilities re: use of FMLA; consequences of failure to meet obligations		

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Policy 4313.2: Demotion/Reassignment

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The Board of Trustees may authorize the demotion or reassignment of any administrative or supervisory employee upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee and when such action is determined to be in the best interest of the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district complies with all applicable statutory deadlines and due process procedures when an employee is to be demoted or reassigned.

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Regulation 4313.2: Demotion/Reassignment

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Certificated Administrative Employees

Permanent certificated management staff are not entitled to seniority rights in their administrative positions. However, such staff shall earn and/or retain any seniority earned in service as a classroom teacher or site administrator pursuant to Education Code 44893, 44894, or 44956.5.

End of Year Release/Reassignment of Certificated Administrators

By March 15, an employee shall be notified by either registered mail or in person that he/she may be released or reassigned from his/her position for the following school year. If the notice is presented to the employee in person, the district shall obtain his/her signature acknowledging receipt of the notice on the district's copy of the written notice. (Education Code 44951)

If the March 15 notice indicates that release or reassignment is only a possibility, the Board of Trustees shall take additional action to release/reassign the employee before the new school year and shall send the employee a second notice by June 30 indicating that he/she has been released or reassigned.

If the employee is to be released or reassigned to a teaching position, the Board shall give the employee, upon his/her request, a written statement of the reasons for the release/reassignment. If the reasons include incompetence as an administrator or supervisor, the district shall have completed an evaluation of the employee within the 60-day period immediately preceding the notice date. (Education Code 44896)

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Policy 4313.4: Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that, when employees have temporarily disabling medical conditions, temporary modified or light-duty assignments can allow the district to continue to use their valuable knowledge, skills, and abilities while minimizing time away from work. Temporary modified/light-duty assignments may also serve to facilitate the employee's transition back to his/her regular duties or full-time work.

Any employee may request a modified or light-duty assignment when he/she has a temporary medical condition which prevents the performance of the essential functions of his/her current assignment or position. The Superintendent or designee shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a suitable temporary position currently exists to accommodate the physical restrictions specified by the employee's medical provider.

An employee's initial assignment to a temporary modified or light-duty position shall be for a limited duration, not to exceed 30 days. At the end of the initial assignment, the employee may request that the Superintendent or designee extend the assignment. When requesting any such extension, the employee shall submit documentation from his/her medical provider verifying that the employee is still temporarily disabled and is not medically able to return to his/her regular assignment. Temporary assignments generally shall not exceed 90 days, but may be extended at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee for an additional 90 days upon verification by the employee's medical provider that such an extension will allow the employee to return to unrestricted regular duties.

An employee who rejects a temporary modified/light-duty assignment may be subject to a loss of workers' compensation benefits in accordance with district's insurance policy.

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Policy 4313.5: Working Remotely

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that working remotely at home or at another alternative location may be necessary at times when widespread illness, natural disaster, or other emergency condition makes the school or worksite unsafe or otherwise interrupts the district's ability to effectively conduct operations at the school or worksite. A full-time, part-time, or short-term remote work arrangement may also be granted by the Superintendent or designee to an individual employee, upon request, provided that the position is suitable for remote work, the employee has consistently demonstrated the ability to work independently and meet performance expectations, and the work arrangement does not hinder district operations.

The opportunity to work remotely shall be entirely at the district's discretion, and no grievance or appeal right may arise from district denial of any employee request for remote work.

Employees approved for remote work shall comply with all district policies, administrative regulations, work schedules, and job assignments. Except when specifically agreed, approval of remote work shall not change the compensation, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment of an employee.

Unless otherwise approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee, employees working remotely shall do so within regular work hours established for the position. Employees are entitled and expected to take appropriate, uninterrupted meal and rest breaks, and shall keep accurate records of the hours they work. Employees shall notify their supervisor when unable to perform work assignments due to illness, equipment failure, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Employees working remotely are expected to conduct their work in a location that is safe and free of obstructions, hazards, and distractions. Such employees shall report to their supervisor any serious injury or illness occurring in the home workspace or in connection with their employment as soon as practically possible in accordance with Board policy.

The district shall provide to employees who work remotely all supplies, materials, apparatus, and equipment reasonably necessary to perform their jobs, including, as necessary, a technology device and Internet access. Employees shall use caution in accessing the Internet from public locations and in accessing information from networks outside of the district in order to safeguard confidential information. Employees shall be responsible for maintaining and protecting equipment on loan from the district and shall adhere to the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. The employee's personally owned equipment may only be used for district business when approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Work done at a remote work location is considered official public business. District records and communications shall be retained and safeguarded against damage or loss, and shall be kept confidential or made accessible to the public in accordance with law.

Any employee working remotely shall be available during work hours to the employee's supervisor and other staff, students, parents/guardians, and members of the public, as appropriate, via email, phone, or other means. Lack of responsiveness on the part of the employee may result in discipline and/or termination of remote work responsibilities. Employees shall be required to attend virtual or in-person meetings when directed by their supervisor.

Employee productivity shall be evaluated on the basis of time spent on tasks and projects, task completion, and quality of job performance in the same manner as all employees in the same position at the assigned school or office.

Remote work arrangements may be discontinued at any time at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of placing employees in positions that best utilize their skills and talents, help improve student achievement, and provide the most benefit to the district.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board shall approve the transfer or rotation of administrative or supervisory personnel to the same position at another location for reasons including, but not limited to, the need to improve student achievement and operational efficiency, utilize the skills and talents of the employee more effectively, provide opportunities for professional growth, provide an opportunity for evaluating employees in different school settings or locations, and best accommodate the overall needs of the district.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to enable administrative or supervisory personnel to request a transfer to a vacant position.

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Regulation 4314: Transfers

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Involuntary Transfer

Before recommending the transfer or lateral rotation of an employee, the Superintendent or designee shall confer with the affected employee and notify him/her of the intent to recommend the transfer. For transfers effective at the beginning of the school year, this conference shall take place before May 30. Affected employees shall be notified of the final decision, in writing, as soon as practicable.

Voluntary Transfer

The employee shall submit a transfer request to the Superintendent or designee at the time of the known vacancy. The employee shall be notified in writing of the decision whether or not to grant the transfer request.

Transfer requests may be withdrawn by the employee at any time prior to the final decision.

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Policy 4315: Evaluation/Supervision

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The Board of Trustees believes that regular, comprehensive evaluations designed to hold administrative and supervisory staff accountable for their performance are key to improving their instructional leadership and management skills. Evaluations shall be linked to the district's vision and goals and school improvement plans.

Evaluations shall be used to recognize the exemplary skills and accomplishments of administrative and supervisory employees, serve as a criterion for contract renewals, and identify areas needing improvement. When the evaluation indicates areas needing improvement, the Board expects employees to take the initiative to improve their performance and for their supervisors to assist them in obtaining needed job skills.

Administrative and supervisory employees shall be evaluated in accordance with provisions of employee contracts and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall make written evaluation procedures available to all administrative and supervisory employees.

An employee shall be evaluated annually for the first and second years of employment as an administrator or supervisor in the district, and at least every two years thereafter, unless otherwise provided for in an employee contract or collective bargaining agreement. Evaluations may occur between scheduled periods at the request of the employee, his/her supervisor, or the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish clear, objective criteria for evaluation based on the job responsibilities of each administrative or supervisory position.

Evaluation criteria for certificated school site administrators may be based on the California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (CPSEL) and also may include, but not be limited to, evidence of: (Education Code 44671)

- 1. Academic growth of students, based on multiple measures which may include student work as well as student and school longitudinal data that demonstrate academic growth over time
 - Assessments used for this purpose shall be valid and reliable and used for the intended purposes and for the appropriate student populations. Local and state academic assessments may include, but are not limited to, state standardized assessments and formative, summative, benchmark, end-of-chapter, end-of-course, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, college entrance, and performance assessments.
- 2. Effective and comprehensive teacher evaluations, including, but not limited to, curricular and management leadership, ongoing professional development, teacher-principal teamwork, and professional learning communities
- 3. Culturally responsive instructional strategies to address and eliminate the achievement gap
- 4. The ability to analyze quality instructional strategies and provide effective feedback that leads to instructional improvement
- 5. High expectations for all students and leadership to ensure active student engagement and learning
- 6. Collaborative professional practices for improving instructional strategies
- 7. Effective school management, including personnel and resource management, organizational leadership, sound fiscal practices, a safe campus environment, and appropriate student behavior
- 8. Meaningful self-assessment to improve as a professional educator, which may include, but not be limited to, a self-assessment based on the CPSEL and the identification of areas of strengths and areas for professional growth to engage in activities to foster professional growth
- 9. Consistent and effective relationships with students, parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and other administrators

The evaluation shall be dated and signed by the employee and evaluator. The employee may respond in writing to the evaluation within a reasonable time after receiving a copy of the evaluation. The response shall be attached to the evaluation and placed in the employee's personnel file.

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Policy 4317.13: Early Retirement Option

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When it is beneficial to the district, the Board of Trustees may offer certificated employees the option to retire early in accordance with law.

Two Years of Service Credit Retirement Incentive

As an incentive to early retirement for certificated employees participating in the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS), the Board may offer such employees an additional two years of service credit. (Education Code 22714, 44929)

Before taking formal action to approve this service incentive, the Board shall determine that encouraging early retirement would be in the best interest of the district due to the curtailment of services or changes in the manner in which services are performed and that the retirement will result in a net savings to the district. The Board shall demonstrate and certify to the County Superintendent of Schools that the formal action taken would result in a net savings to the district. (Education Code 22714, 44929)

The Board may also consider the impact of the early retirement option on the staffing needs of district schools.

To be eligible for the two years of service credit option, the employee must have five or more years of service credit and must retire during a period of 60 to 120 days after the Board takes formal action to implement the option. (Education Code 22714)

In providing the early retirement option, the district shall meet all conditions as specified in Education Code 22714 and 44929.

Two + Two Retirement Incentive: 2 Years of Service Credit + 2 Years of Age Credit

As an incentive to early retirement for certificated employees participating in the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Board may offer an additional two years of service credit and two years of age credit to employees who retire within the "window period" established by the Board in a Memorandum of Understanding or by Board action prior to January 1, 2005 pursuant to repealed Education Code 22714.5.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4317.14: Postretirement Employment

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When necessary, the Board of Trustees may hire a qualified retired certificated individual who possesses the knowledge and experience needed to perform creditable service for the district as an employee, the employee of a third party, or an independent contractor/consultant, provided that all applicable restrictions specified by the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) are met. Applicable CalSTRS restrictions include, but are not limited to, a requirement that a retired member be paid compensation comparable to that for active employees for comparable duties and prohibitions against the hiring of a retired member within 180 days of his/her retirement and for the classified service, except as an aide pursuant to Education Code 45134. Additional restrictions and rules may apply to other employment situations, such as when CalSTRS retired members are employed as employees of third parties, independent contractors, or consultants. The Superintendent or designee should consult legal counsel when dealing with such employment situations. (Education Code 22119.5, 22164.5, 24214, 24214.5)

Any retired member of the defined benefit program of CalSTRS who is hired by the district to perform retired member activities as defined pursuant to Education Code 22164.5 shall be paid at an annualized rate of pay that shall not be below the minimum or exceed the maximum paid to other district employees performing comparable duties. However, such a retired individual shall not make contributions to the CalSTRS retirement fund or accrue service credit based on compensation earned from the retired member activity. (Education Code 24214)

No retired member of the CalSTRS defined benefit program shall be hired by the district for at least 180 calendar days after his/her retirement from service, unless he/she has attained the normal retirement age and qualifies for an exemption to the 180-day waiting period. To seek this exemption, the Board shall, during the open session of a Board meeting, adopt a resolution which shall include the following information and findings: (Education Code 24214.5)

- 1. A statement expressing the Board's intent to seek an exemption to the 180-day waiting period
- 2. A description of the nature of the employment of the retiree
- 3. A finding that the retiree has reached the normal retirement age
- 4. A finding that the appointment of the retiree is necessary to fill a critically needed position before the 180-day waiting period has passed
- 5. A finding that the retired individual did not receive additional service credit pursuant to Education Code 22714 or 22715 or any financial inducement to retire. Financial inducement to retire shall include, but is not limited to, cash or any form of compensation or other payment directly or indirectly paid by any public employer to the retired individual before or after his/her retirement, if the individual retires for service on or before a specific date or range of dates established by the public employer on or before the date the inducement is offered
- 6. A finding that the retired individual's termination of employment with the district is not the basis for the need to acquire the services of the retired individual

The resolution shall not be adopted through the Board's consent agenda. (Education Code 24214.5)

When employing a retired individual who is eligible for exemption from the 180-day waiting period, the Superintendent or designee shall submit all required documentation to substantiate eligibility for the exemption to CalSTRS before the retired member begins performing any retired member activities. The Superintendent or designee may contact

CalSTRS to request information as to whether the retired member qualifies for the exemption after 30 days of submitting the required documentation to CalSTRS. (Education Code 24214.5)

Postretirement Compensation Limitation, Notice, and Report

All CalSTRS retirees performing creditable service for the district shall be subject to the applicable CalSTRS earnings limit. Monies earned in excess of the limit may subject the CalSTRS retiree to a reduction in his/her retirement allowance. Compensation subject to the earnings limitation includes, but is not limited to, salary or wages, deferred

compensation plans, purchase of an annuity contract, tax-deferred retirement plan or insurance program, and other plans or contributions when the cost is covered by a district. (Education Code 22119.5, 22164.5, 24214)

Whenever the district retains the services of a CalSTRS retiree as a district employee, employee of a third party, or an independent contractor, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 22461, 24214)

- 1. Advise the retired individual of the postretirement earnings limitation or employment restriction set forth in Education Code 22714, 24214, or 24214.5 or any other applicable law
- 2. Maintain accurate records of the retired individual's compensation and report it monthly to CalSTRS and the individual, regardless of the method of payment or the fund from which the payments are made

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4317.2: Resignation

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 07/01/2001

Any district employee who desires to resign his/her position shall submit, in writing, a letter of resignation which indicates the date which the employee intends as his/her last day at work. The Board of Trustees encourages employees to provide advance notice that is appropriate for the position they hold.

The effective date of the resignation shall be a date not later than the close of the school year during which the resignation is received. However, an employee and the Board may agree that a resignation will be accepted at a mutually agreed upon date not later than two years beyond the close of the school year during which the resignation is received by the Board. (Education Code 44930, 45201)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4317.7: Employment Status Reports

Original Adopted Date: Pending | Last Revised Date: 07/01/2019

The Superintendent shall report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) any change in the employment status of a certificated employee who, while working in a position requiring a credential and as a result of an allegation of misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending: (Education Code 44030.5, 44242.5; 5 CCR 80303)

- 1. Is dismissed or nonreelected
- 2. Resigns
- 3. Is suspended or placed on unpaid administrative leave for more than 10 days as a final adverse employment action
- 4. Retires
- 5. Is otherwise terminated by a decision not to employ or reemploy

This report is not required when the change in employment status is due solely to unsatisfactory performance pursuant to Education Code 44932 or a reduction in force pursuant to Education Code 44955-44958. (Education Code 44030.5, 44242.5; 5 CCR 80303)

When required, the report of a change in employment status shall be submitted not later than 30 days after the employment action. The report shall be made using a form provided by CTC and shall include all known information about each alleged act of misconduct by the employee. The report shall contain the name and current address of the certificated employee, name of the district, last school or district assignment, an explanation of the allegation of misconduct or pending allegation of misconduct, current contact information for all persons who may have information relating to the alleged misconduct, and any and all documentation related to the case. (Education Code 44030.5; 5 CCR 80303)

Upon a change in employment status as a result of alleged misconduct or while an allegation of misconduct is pending, the Superintendent shall, in writing, inform the employee of the contents of 5 CCR 80303. (5 CCR 80303)

Additional Reports of Employee Misconduct

The Superintendent or designee shall submit a report to CTC, using a form provided by CTC and attaching all relevant documents, whenever:

1. An employee, by complaint, information, or indictment filed in court, is charged with a "mandatory leave of absence offense," defined as a sex or drug offense specified in Education Code 44940 or violation or attempted violation of Penal Code 187 (murder). (Education Code 44242.5, 44940, 44940.5)

Not later than 10 days after receipt of such a complaint, information, or indictment regarding an employee, the Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the received documents to CTC. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall report to CTC any action taken in connection with extending the employee's mandatory leave beyond the initial period. (Education Code 44940, 44940.5

If the offense results in a change in employment status, the Superintendent shall submit an employment status report in addition to the report of the mandatory leave of absence offense.

2. An employee refuses, without good cause, to fulfill a valid employment contract, or departs from district service without the consent of the Superintendent or Board of Trustees . (Education Code 44242.5, 44420)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee also shall notify CTC of any of the following:

1. A complaint filed with the district regarding a certificated employee's alleged sexual misconduct (Education Code 44242.5)

The notice to CTC shall contain all of the following information: (5 CCR 80304)

- a. Name of the employee alleged to have engaged in the sexual misconduct
- b. Name, age, and address of each victim of the alleged sexual misconduct
- c. A summary of all information known to the district regarding the alleged sexual misconduct
- d. A summary of the action, if any, taken at the district level in response to the complaint of sexual misconduct
- 2. An employee's knowing and willful use of school records of student data in connection with, or in implicit or explicit attempts to recruit a student to be a customer for, any business owned by the certificated employee or in which the certificated employee is an employee (Education Code 44242.5, 44421.1)
- 3. An employee's knowing and willful reporting of false fiscal expenditure data relative to the conduct of any educational program (Education Code 44242.5, 44421.5)
- 4. An employee's subversion or attempt to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination (Education Code 44242.5, 44439)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4319.11: Sexual Harassment

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The following policy shall apply to all district employees, interns, volunteers, contractors, job applicants, and other persons with an employment relationship with the district.

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a safe work environment that is free of harassment and intimidation. The Board prohibits sexual harassment against district employees and retaliatory behavior or action against any person who complains, testifies, or otherwise participates in the complaint process established for the purpose of this policy.

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, harassment that is based on the sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation of the victim and harassment based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

- 1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
- 2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to employees and others to whom the policy may apply
- 3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, fair, and equitable investigation of complaints
- 4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the district's strategies to prevent and address harassment. Such evaluation may involve conducting regular anonymous employee surveys to assess whether harassment is occurring or is perceived to be tolerated, partnering with researchers or other agencies with the needed expertise to evaluate the district's prevention strategies, and using any other effective tool for receiving feedback on systems and/or processes. As necessary, changes shall be made to the harassment policy, complaint procedures, or training.

Sexual Harassment Reports and Complaints

District employees who feel that they have been sexually harassed in the performance of their district responsibilities or who have knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee shall immediately report the incident to their direct supervisor, a district administrator, or the district's Title IX Coordinator. Employees may bypass their supervisor in filing a complaint if the supervisor is the subject of the complaint. A supervisor or administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure the complaint or allegation is addressed through AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures or AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, as applicable. Because a complaint or allegation that is dismissed or denied under the Title IX complaint procedure may still be subject to consideration under state law, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that any implementation of AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 concurrently meets the requirements of AR 4030.

The Title IX Coordinator shall offer supportive measures to the complainant and respondent, as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any district employee found to have engaged or participated in sexual harassment or to have aided, abetted, incited, compelled, or coerced another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

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Regulation 4319.11: Sexual Harassment

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The following administrative regulation shall apply to all allegations of sexual harassment involving employees, interns, volunteers, and job applicants, but shall not be used to resolve any complaint by or against a student.

Definitions

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, regardless of whether or not the conduct is motivated by sexual desire. Conduct is considered to be sexual harassment when made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the work or educational setting under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 212.5; Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11034)

- 1. Submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual's employment.
- 2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the individual.
- 3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
- 4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits, services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the district.

For purposes of applying the complaint procedures specified in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, sexual harassment is defined as any of the following forms of conduct that occurs in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent: (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

- 1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on the person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity
- 3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

Examples of Sexual Harassment

Examples of actions that might constitute sexual harassment under state or federal law in accordance with the definitions above, in the work or educational setting, whether committed by a supervisor, a co-worker, or a non-employee, include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual's body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions, or the spreading of sexual rumors
- 2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, or gestures; sexually explicit emails; displaying sexually suggestive objects
- 3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body; touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over, or impeding normal movements

Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer

The district designates the following individual(s) as the responsible employee(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in accordance with AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures, as well as to oversee, investigate, and resolve sexual harassment complaints processed under AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. The Title IX Coordinator(s) may be

contacted at:

Billie Mankey, Director II, HR

Training

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours, and nonsupervisory employees receive at least one hour, of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All newly hired employees and employees promoted to a supervisory position shall receive training within six months of their assumption of the new position. (Government Code 12950.1)

A supervisory employee is any employee having the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to direct them, adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend such action, when the exercise of the authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 12926)

Such training may be completed by employees individually or as part of a group presentation, may be completed in shorter segments as long as the applicable hourly requirement is met, and may be provided in conjunction with other training provided to the employees. The training shall be presented by trainers or educators with knowledge and expertise in the prevention of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. (Government Code 12950.1)

The district's sexual harassment training and education program shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 11024)

- 1. Information and practical guidance regarding federal and state laws concerning the prohibition, prevention, and correction of sexual harassment
- 2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment
- 3. Remedies available for victims in civil actions, and potential employer/individual exposure/liability
- 4. Strategies to prevent harassment in the workplace
- 5. Supervisors' obligation to report sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation of which they become aware
- 6. Practical examples which illustrate sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation using training modalities such as role plays, case studies, and group discussions, based on factual scenarios taken from case law, news and media accounts, and hypotheticals based on workplace situations and other sources
- 7. The limited confidentiality of the complaint process
- 8. Resources for victims of unlawful harassment, such as to whom they should report any alleged harassment
- 9. Steps necessary to take appropriate remedial measures to correct harassing behavior, which includes the district's obligation to conduct an effective workplace investigation of a harassment complaint
- 10. What to do if the supervisor is personally accused of harassment
- 11. The essential elements of the district's anti-harassment policy, and how to use the policy if a harassment complaint is filed
 - Employees shall receive a copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulations, which they shall read and acknowledge that they have received.
- 12. Information, including practical examples, of harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- 13. Prevention of abusive conduct, including a review of the definition and elements of abusive conduct pursuant to Government Code 12950.1, the negative effects that abusive conduct has on the victim and other in the

workplace, the detrimental consequences of this conduct on employee productivity and morale, and that a single act does not constitute abusive conduct unless the act is severe or egregious

The Superintendent or designee shall retain for at least two years the records of any training provided to supervisory employees. Such records shall include the names of trained employees, date of the training, the type of training, and the name of the training provider. (2 CCR 11024)

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex as required by Title IX, that the Title IX nondiscrimination requirement extends to employment, and that inquiries about the application of Title IX to the district may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator and/or to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. (34 CFR 106.8)

The district shall notify employees, bargaining units, and applicants for employment of the name or title, office address, email address, and telephone number of the district's Title IX Coordinator. (34 CFR 106.8)

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall:

- 1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building, district office, or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted (Education Code 231.5)
- 2. Be provided to every district employee at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year or whenever a new employee is hired (Education Code 231.5)
- 3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct (Education Code 231.5)
- 4. Be posted, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in a prominent location on the district's web site (34 CFR 106.8)
- 5. Be included, along with the name or title and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, in any handbook provided to employees or employee organizations (34 CFR 106.8)

All employees shall receive a copy of an information sheet prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the district that contains, at a minimum, components on: (Government Code 12950)

- 1. The illegality of sexual harassment
- 2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
- 3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
- 4. The district's complaint process available to the employee
- 5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- 6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC
- 7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 11021 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

In addition, the district shall post, in a prominent and accessible location, the DFEH poster on discrimination in employment and the illegality of sexual harassment and the DFEH poster regarding transgender rights. (Government Code 12950)

Complaint Procedures

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment by and against employees shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures. The Title IX Coordinator shall review the allegations to determine the applicable procedure for responding to the complaint. All complaints that meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Other sexual harassment complaints shall be investigated and resolved pursuant to AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

If sexual harassment is found following an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator, or designee in consultation with the Coordinator, shall take prompt action to stop the sexual harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effects.

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Regulation 4319.12: Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

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The complaint procedures described in this administrative regulation shall be used to address any complaint governed by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 alleging that a district employee, while in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent, was subjected to one or more of the following forms of sexual harassment: (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

- 1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity
- 3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291

All other sexual harassment complaints or allegations shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. The determination of whether the allegations meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be made by the district's Title IX Coordinator.

Because the complainant has a right to pursue a complaint under AR 4030 for any allegation that is dismissed or denied under the Title IX complaint procedure, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that all requirements and timelines for AR 4030 are concurrently met while implementing the Title IX procedure.

Reporting Allegations/Filing a Formal Complaint

An employee who is the alleged victim of sexual harassment may submit a report of sexual harassment to the district's Title IX Coordinator using the contact information listed in AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment or to the employee's direct supervisor or other district administrator, who shall forward the report to the Title IX Coordinator within one day of receiving the report.

Upon receiving such a report, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the complainant of the right to file a formal complaint and the process for filing a formal complaint.

A formal complaint, with the complainant's physical or digital signature, may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by email, or by any other method authorized by the district. (34 CFR 106.30)

Even if the alleged victim chooses not to file a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator shall file a formal complaint in situations when a safety threat exists. In addition, the Title IX Coordinator may file a formal complaint in other situations as permitted under the Title IX regulations, including as part of the district's obligation to not be deliberately indifferent to known allegations of sexual harassment. In such cases, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the alleged victim notices as required by the Title IX regulations at specific points in the complaint process.

The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or a facilitator of an informal resolution process shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent. Such persons shall receive training in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45. (34 CFR 106.45)

Supportive Measures

Upon receipt of a report of Title IX sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures and shall consider the complainant's wishes with respect to the supportive measures implemented. Supportive measures shall be offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures shall be nondisciplinary, nonpunitive, and not unreasonably burden the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment or to deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures may include, but are not limited to, counseling, extensions of deadlines, modifications of work schedules, mutual restrictions on contact, changes in work locations, leaves of absence, increased security, and monitoring of certain areas of the campus. (34 CFR 106.30, 106.44)

The district shall maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the district's ability to provide the supportive measures. (34 CFR 106.30)

Emergency Removal

If a district employee is the respondent, the employee may be placed on administrative leave during the pendency of the formal complaint process. (34 CFR 106.44)

If the respondent is a student, the district may, on an emergency basis, remove the student from the district's education program or activity, provided that the district conducts an individualized safety and risk analysis, determines that removal is justified due to an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations, and provides the student with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. This authority to remove a student does not modify a student's rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. (34 CFR 106.44)

Dismissal of Complaint

The Title IX Coordinator shall dismiss a formal complaint if the alleged conduct would not constitute sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30 even if proved. The Title IX Coordinator shall also dismiss any complaint in which the alleged conduct did not occur in the district's education program or activity or did not occur against a person in the United States, and may dismiss a formal complaint if the complainant notifies the district in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the complaint or any allegations in the complaint, the respondent is no longer employed by the district, or sufficient circumstances prevent the district from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination with regard to the complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

Upon dismissal, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly send written notice of the dismissal and the reasons for the dismissal simultaneously to the parties, and shall inform them of their right to appeal the dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegation in the complaint in accordance with the appeal procedures described in the section "Appeals" below. (34 CFR 106.45)

If a complaint is dismissed, the conduct may still be addressed pursuant to AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment as applicable.

Informal Resolution Process

When a formal complaint of sexual harassment is filed, the district may offer an informal resolution process, such as mediation, at any time prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility. The district shall not require a party to participate in the informal resolution process or to waive the right to an investigation and adjudication of a formal complaint. (34 CFR 106.45)

The district may facilitate an informal resolution process provided that the district: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Provides the parties with written notice disclosing the allegations, the requirements of the informal resolution process, the right to withdraw from the informal process and resume the formal complaint process, and any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including that records will be maintained or could be shared.
- 2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process

Written Notice

If a formal complaint is filed, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the known parties with written notice of the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. The district's complaint process, including any informal resolution process
- 2. The allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment with sufficient details known at the time, including the identity of parties involved in the incident if known, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident if known. Such notice shall be provided with sufficient time

for the parties to prepare a response before any initial interview.

If, during the course of the investigation, new Title IX allegations arise about the complainant or respondent that are not included in the initial notice, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide notice of the additional allegations to the parties.

- 3. A statement that the respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the complaint process
- 4. The opportunity for the parties to have an advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and the ability to inspect and review evidence
- 5. The prohibition against knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the complaint process

The above notice shall also include the name of the investigator, facilitator of an informal process, and decision-maker and shall inform the parties that, if at any time a party has concerns regarding conflict of interest or bias regarding any of these persons, the party should immediately notify the Title IX Coordinator.

Investigation Procedures

During the investigation process, the district's designated investigator shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses, including fact and expert witnesses, and other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence
- 2. Not restrict the ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence
- 3. Provide the parties with the same opportunities to have others present during any grievance proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney
- 4. Not limit the choice or presence of an advisor for either the complainant or respondent in any meeting or grievance proceeding, although the district may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties
- 5. Provide, to a party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all investigative interviews or other meetings, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate
- 6. Send in an electronic format or hard copy to both parties and their advisors, if any, the evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the complaint, and provide the parties at least 10 days to submit a written response for the investigator to consider prior to the completion of the investigative report
- 7. Objectively evaluate all relevant evidence, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, and determine credibility in a manner that is not based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness
- 8. Create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and, at least 10 days prior to the determination of responsibility, send to the parties and their advisors, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response

Questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence are offered to prove that someone other than the respondent committed the conduct alleged by the complainant or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the respondent and are offered to prove consent. (34 CFR 106.45)

Privacy rights of all parties to the complaint shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

If the complaint is against an employee, rights conferred under an applicable collective bargaining agreement shall be applied to the extent they do not conflict with the Title IX requirements.

Written Decision

The Superintendent shall designate an employee as the decision-maker to determine responsibility for the alleged conduct, who shall not be the Title IX Coordinator or a person involved in the investigation of the matter. (34 CFR 106.45)

After the investigative report has been sent to the parties but before reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker shall afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that the party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party

The decision-maker shall issue, and simultaneously provide to both parties, a written decision as to whether the respondent is responsible for the alleged conduct. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall be issued within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the complaint.

The timeline may be temporarily extended for good cause with written notice to the complainant and respondent of the extension and the reasons for the action. (34 CFR 106.45)

In making this determination, the decision-maker shall use the "preponderance of the evidence" standard for all formal complaints of sexual harassment. (34 CFR 106.45)

The written decision shall include the following: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30
- 2. A description of the procedural steps taken from receipt of the formal complaint through the written decision, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held if the district includes hearings as part of the grievance process
- 3. Findings of fact supporting the determination
- 4. Conclusions regarding the application of the district's code of conduct or policies to the facts
- 5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a decision regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions the district imposes on the respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the district's educational program or activity will be provided by the district to the complainant
- 6. The district's procedures and permissible bases for the complainant and respondent to appeal

Appeals

Either party may appeal the district's decision or dismissal of a formal complaint or any allegation in the complaint, if the party believes that a procedural irregularity affected the outcome, new evidence is available that could affect the outcome, or a conflict of interest or bias by the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), or decision-maker(s) affected the outcome. If an appeal is filed, the district shall: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. Notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and implement appeal procedures equally for both parties
- 2. Ensure that the decision-maker(s) for the appeal is trained in accordance with 34 CFR 106.45 and is not the same decision-maker(s) who reached the determination regarding responsibility or dismissal, the investigator(s), or the Title IX Coordinator
- 3. Give both parties a reasonable, equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome

- 4. Issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result
- 5. Provide the written decision simultaneously to both parties

An appeal must be filed in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving the notice of the decision or dismissal, stating the grounds for the appeal and including any relevant documentation in support of the appeal. Appeals submitted after this deadline are not timely and shall not be considered.

A written decision shall be provided to the parties within 20 calendar days from the receipt of the appeal.

Either party has the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights within 180 days of the date of the most recently alleged misconduct.

The complainant shall be advised of any civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal antidiscrimination laws, if applicable.

Remedies

When a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, the district shall provide remedies to the complainant. Such remedies may include the same individualized services described above in the section "Supportive Measures," but need not be nondisciplinary or nonpunitive and need not avoid burdening the respondent. (34 CFR 106.45)

Disciplinary Actions

The district shall not impose any disciplinary sanctions or other actions against a respondent, other than supportive measures as described above in the section "Supportive Measures," until the complaint procedure has been completed and a determination of responsibility has been made. (34 CFR 106.44)

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

Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain, for a period of seven years: (34 CFR 106.45)

- 1. A record of all reported cases and Title IX investigations of sexual harassment, any determinations of responsibility, any audio or audiovisual recording and transcript if applicable, any disciplinary sanctions imposed, any remedies provided to the complainant, and any appeal or informal resolution and the results therefrom.
- 2. A record of any actions, including supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment, including the district's basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, the measures taken that were designed to restore or preserve equal access to the education program or activity, and, if no supportive measures were provided to the complainant, the reasons that such a response was not unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.
- 3. All materials used to train the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), decision-maker(s), and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The district shall make such training materials publicly available on its web site, or if the district does not maintain a web site, available upon request by members of the public.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4319.12-E PDF(1): Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

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Note: 34 CFR 106.8 requires the district to provide notice to employees, bargaining units, and job applicants of its policy prohibiting sexual harassment and its grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of sexual harassment complaints. The following exhibit presents a sample notification that meets these requirements and may be modified to reflect district practice. For a sample notice for students and parents/guardians, see E 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, the district must provide the Title IX Coordinator's contact information on its web site and in any employee handbook. In addition, state law (Education Code 231.5) requires that the district's sexual harassment policy be provided to employees at the beginning of the school year and when newly hired, displayed in district and school offices, and included in any publication that sets forth standards of employee conduct.

NOTICE OF TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Section 106.8 requires the district to issue the following notification to employees, job applicants, and employee organizations:

The district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that it operates. The prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sex is required by federal law (20 USC 1681-1688; 34 CFR Part 106) and extends to employment. The district also prohibits retaliation against any employee for filing a complaint or exercising any right granted under Title IX.

Title IX requires a school district to take immediate and appropriate action to address any potential Title IX violations that are brought to its attention. Any inquiries about the application of Title IX, this notice, and who is protected by Title IX may be referred to the district's Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, or both.

Note: The district should enter the name/title and contact information of the district's Title IX Coordinator below. Such information should be consistent with the person/position identified in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

The district has designated and authorized the following employee as the district's Title IX Coordinator, to address concerns or inquiries regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking:

Billie Mankey Director II, Human Resources bmankey@pgusd.org 831.646.6507 Note: The district may expand the following paragraph to include other means of contact or reporting methods available in the district, such as online submission forms or mobile applications.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8, the district must provide notice to employees, bargaining units, and job applicants of the district's grievance procedures, and process, including how to report or file a formal complaint of sexual discrimination and/or harassment, and how the district will respond.

Any individual may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, to the Title IX Coordinator or any other school employee at any time, including during non-business hours, by mail, phone, or email. During district business hours, reports may also be made in person. Upon receiving an allegation of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly notify the parties, in writing, of the applicable district complaint procedure.

To view an electronic copy of the district's policies and administrative regulations on sexual harassment, including the grievance process that complies with 34 CFR 106.45, please see BP/AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment and AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures on the district's web site at Pgusd.org/TITLE-IX/index.html.

To inspect or obtain a copy of the district's sexual harassment policies and administrative regulations, please contact:

Billie Mankey Director II, Human Resources bmankey@pgusd.org 831.646.6507

Materials used to train the Title IX Coordinator, investigator(s), decision-maker(s), and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process are also publicly available on the district's web site or at the district office upon request.

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Policy 4319.21: Professional Standards

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The Board of Trustees expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, behave professionally, follow district policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employees shall engage in conduct that enhances the integrity of the district, advances the goals of the district's educational programs, and contributes to a positive school climate.

The Board encourages district employees to accept as guiding principles the professional standards and codes of ethics adopted by educational or professional associations to which they may belong.

Each employee is expected to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill his/her responsibilities and to contribute to the learning and achievement of district students.

Inappropriate Conduct

Inappropriate employee conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, threats of violence, or possession of a firearm or other weapon
- 2. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed
- 3. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child
- 4. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student
- 5. Possessing or viewing any pornography on school grounds, or possessing or viewing child pornography or other imagery portraying children in a sexualized manner at any time
- 6. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members
- 7. Willfully disrupting district or school operations by loud or unreasonable noise or other action
- 8. Using tobacco, alcohol, or an illegal or unauthorized substance, or possessing or distributing any controlled substance, while in the workplace, on district property, or at a school-sponsored activity
- 9. Being dishonest with students, parents/guardians, staff, or members of the public, including, but not limited to, falsifying information in employment records or other school records
- 10. Divulging confidential information about students, district employees, or district operations to persons or entities not authorized to receive the information
- 11. Using district equipment or other district resources for the employee's own commercial purposes or for political activities
- 12. Using district equipment or communications devices for personal purposes while on duty, except in an emergency, during scheduled work breaks, or for personal necessity
 - Employees shall be notified that computer files and all electronic communications, including, but not limited to, email and voice mail, are not private. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technological resources at any time without the employee's consent.
- 13. Causing damage to or engaging in theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district

14. Wearing inappropriate attire

Reports of Misconduct

An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of or suspects child abuse or neglect shall file a report pursuant to the district's child abuse reporting procedures as detailed in AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

Any reports of employee misconduct shall be promptly investigated. Any employee who is found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct in violation of law or Board policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and, in the case of a certificated employee, may be subject to a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

An employee who has knowledge of but fails to report inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.

The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

Notifications

The section(s) of the district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

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Exhibit (PDF) 4319.21-E PDF(1): Professional Standards

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Descriptor Code: 4319.21

CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

Note: The following exhibit reflects the <u>California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders</u> (CPSEL), as adopted by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) in February 2014, which describe the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed by school administrators. The CPSEL are the foundation for administrative services credential programs and are used by many districts for administrator induction programs and professional development. Pursuant to Education Code 44671, the CPSEL also may be used by districts as a basis for establishing criteria for evaluating principals; see BP 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision.

As provided below, the CPSEL describes six areas of responsibilities for an education leader, each of which is followed by several "elements" intended to clarify the standard and to organize and define key actions within that standard. Sample indicators, which provide examples of how an education leader might demonstrate the element or standard within his/her practice, are listed in the full CPSEL, available on the CTC's web site.

Standard 1. Development and Implementation of a Shared Vision: Education leaders facilitate the development and implementation of a shared vision of learning and growth of all students.

- 1A. Student-Centered Vision: Leaders shape a collective vision that uses multiple measures of data and focuses on equitable access, opportunities, and outcomes for all students.
- 1B. Developing Shared Vision: Leaders engage others in a collaborative process to develop a vision of teaching and learning that is shared and supported by all stakeholders.
- 1C. Vision Planning and Implementation: Leaders guide and monitor decisions, actions, and outcomes using the shared vision and goals.

Standard 2. Instructional Leadership: Education leaders shape a collaborative culture of teaching and learning informed by professional standards and focused on student and professional growth.

- 2A. Professional Learning Culture: Leaders promote a culture in which staff engages in individual and collective professional learning that results in their continuous improvement and high performance.
- 2B. Curriculum and Instruction: Leaders guide and support the implementation of standards-based curriculum, instruction, and assessments that address student expectations and outcomes.
- 2C. Assessment and Accountability: Leaders develop and use assessment and accountability systems to monitor, improve, and extend educator practice, program outcomes, and student learning.

- **Standard 3. Management and Learning Environment:** Education leaders manage the organization to cultivate a safe and productive learning and working environment.
- 3A. Operations and Facilities: Leaders provide and oversee a functional, safe, and clean learning environment.
- 3B. Plans and Procedures: Leaders establish structures and employ policies and processes that support students to graduate ready for college and career.
- 3C. Climate: Leaders facilitate safe, fair, and respectful environments that meet the intellectual, linguistic, cultural, social-emotional, and physical needs of each learner.
- 3D. Fiscal and Human Resources: Leaders align fiscal and human resources and manage policies and contractual agreements that build a productive learning environment.
- **Standard 4. Family and Community Engagement:** Education leaders collaborate with families and other stakeholders to address diverse student and community interests and mobilize community resources.
- 4A. Parent and Family Engagement: Leaders meaningfully involve all parents and families, including underrepresented communities, in student learning and support programs.
- 4B. Community Partnerships: Leaders establish community partnerships that promote and support students to meet performance and content expectations and graduate ready for college and career.
- 4C. Community Resources and Services: Leaders leverage and integrate community resources and services to meet the varied needs of all students.

Standard 5. Ethics and Integrity: Education leaders make decisions, model, and behave in ways that demonstrate professionalism, ethics, integrity, justice, and equity and hold staff to the same standard.

- 5A. Reflective Practice: Leaders act upon a personal code of ethics that requires continuous reflection and learning.
- 5B. Ethical Decision-Making: Leaders guide and support personal and collective actions that use relevant evidence and available research to make fair and ethical decisions.
- 5C. Ethical Action: Leaders recognize and use their professional influence with staff and the community to develop a climate of trust, mutual respect, and honest communication necessary to consistently make fair and equitable decisions on behalf of all students.

Standard 6. External Context and Policy: Education leaders influence political, social, economic, legal, and cultural contexts affecting education to improve education policies and practices.

- 6A. Understanding and Communicating Policy: Leaders actively structure and participate in opportunities that develop greater public understanding of the education policy environment.
- 6B. Professional Influence: Leaders use their understanding of social, cultural, economic, legal, and political contexts to shape policies that lead all students to graduate ready for college and career.
- 6C. Policy Engagement: Leaders engage with policymakers and stakeholders to collaborate on education policies focused on improving education for all students.

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Policy 4319.22: Dress And Grooming

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The Board of Trustees believes that appropriate dress and grooming by district employees contribute to a productive learning environment and model positive behavior. During school hours and at school activities, employees shall maintain professional standards of dress and grooming that demonstrate their high regard for education, present an image consistent with their job responsibilities and assignment, and do not endanger the health or safety of employees or students. All employees shall be held to the same standards unless their assignment provides for modified dress as approved by their supervisor.

The district shall allow employees to appear and dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression. (Government Code 12949)

The district shall not discriminate against employees based on hair texture and protective hairstyles, including, but not limited to, braids, locks, and twists. (Government Code 12926)

The district shall not dismiss an employee, discriminate against an employee in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or refuse to hire a job applicant on the basis of religious dress or grooming practices. (Government Code 12926, 12940)

This policy shall be presented to employees upon employment, through the employee handbook or other appropriate means, and may be periodically reviewed with all employees as necessary.

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Policy 4319.23: Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of keeping confidential information confidential. Staff shall maintain the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of their employment. Confidential/privileged information shall be released only to the extent authorized by law.

Disclosure of Closed Session Information

An employee shall not disclose confidential information acquired by being present during a closed session to a person not entitled to receive such information, unless the Board authorizes disclosure of that information. (Government Code 54963)

Confidential information means a communication made in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the Board to meet lawfully in closed session. (Government Code 54963)

An employee who willfully discloses confidential information acquired during a closed session may be subject to disciplinary action if he/she has received training or notice as to the requirements of this policy. (Government Code 54963)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all employees who attend closed sessions a copy of this policy. New employees who may attend closed sessions shall also receive a copy of this policy.

The district shall not take disciplinary action against any employee for disclosing confidential information acquired in a closed session, nor shall the disclosure be considered a violation of the law or Board policy, when the employee is: (Government Code 54963)

- 1. Making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts necessary to establish the illegality or potential illegality of a Board action that has been the subject of deliberation during a closed session
- 2. Expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of Board action in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the illegal or potentially illegal action
- 3. Disclosing information that is not confidential

Other Disclosures

An employee who willfully releases confidential/privileged information about the district, students or staff shall be subject to disciplinary action.

No employee shall disclose confidential information acquired in the course of his/her official duties. Confidential information includes information that is not a public record subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, information that by law may not be disclosed, or information that may have a material financial effect on the employee.

Any action by an employee which inadvertently or carelessly results in release of confidential/privileged information shall be recorded, and the record shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. Depending on the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may deny the employee further access to any privileged information and shall take any steps necessary to prevent any further unauthorized release of such information.

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Policy 4319.24: Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

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The Board of Trustees desires to provide a positive school environment that protects the safety and well-being of district students. The Board expects all adults with whom students may interact at school or in school-related activities, including employees, independent contractors, and volunteers, to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in their interactions with students both within and outside the educational setting. Such adults shall not engage in unlawful or inappropriate interactions with students and shall avoid boundary-blurring behaviors that undermine trust in the adult-student relationship and lead to the appearance of impropriety.

Employees are prohibited from entering into or attempting to form a romantic or sexual relationship with any student or engaging in sexual harassment of a student, including sexual advances, flirtations, requests for sexual favors, inappropriate comments about a student's body or appearance, or other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Adults shall not intrude on a student's physical or emotional boundaries unless necessary in an emergency or to serve a legitimate purpose related to instruction, counseling, student health, or student or staff safety.

Any employee who observes or has knowledge of another employee's violation of this policy shall report the information to the Superintendent or designee or appropriate agency for investigation pursuant to the applicable complaint procedures. Other adults with knowledge of any violation of this policy are encouraged to report the violation to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall protect anyone who reports a violation from retaliation. Immediate intervention shall be implemented when necessary to protect student safety or the integrity of the investigation.

Employees who engage in any conduct in violation of this policy, including retaliation against a person who reports the violation or participates in the complaint process, shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. Any other adult who violates this policy may be barred from school grounds and activities in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee may also notify law enforcement as appropriate.

The district's employee code of conduct addressing interactions with students shall be provided to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year and shall be posted on school and/or district web sites. (Education Code 44050)

Inappropriate Conduct

Employees shall remain vigilant of their position of authority and not abuse it when relating with students. Examples of employee conduct that can undermine professional adult-student interactions or create the appearance of impropriety include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Initiating inappropriate physical contact
- 2. Being alone with a student outside of the view of others
- 3. Visiting a student's home or inviting a student to visit the employee's home without parent/guardian consent
- 4. Maintaining personal contact with a student that has no legitimate educational purpose, by phone, letter, electronic communications, or other means, without including the student's parent/guardian or the principal

When communicating electronically with students, employees shall use district equipment or technological resources when available. Employees shall not communicate with students through any medium that is designed to eliminate records of the communications. The Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technology at any time without advance notice or consent.

- 5. Creating or participating in social networking sites for communication with students, other than those created by the district, without the prior written approval of the principal or designee
- 6. Inviting or accepting requests from students, or former students who are minors, to connect on personal social networking sites (e.g., "friending" or "following" on social media), unless the site is dedicated to school business

- 7. Singling out a particular student for personal attention and friendship, including giving gifts and/or nicknames to individual students
- 8. Addressing a student in an overly familiar manner, such as by using a term of endearment
- 9. Socializing or spending time with students outside of school-sponsored events, except as participants in community activities
- 10. Sending or accompanying students on personal errands unrelated to any legitimate educational purpose
- 11. Transporting a student in a personal vehicle without prior authorization
- 12. Encouraging students to confide their personal or family problems and/or relationships
- 13. Disclosing personal, family, or other private matters to students or sharing personal secrets with students

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Policy 4319.25: Political Activities Of Employees

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of political activity, voting, and civic engagement, and respects the right of district employees to engage in political discussions and activities as individuals on their own time and at their own expense. When engaging in such activities, employees shall make it clear that they are acting on their own behalf and not as representatives of the district.

District employees, as members of the community, may use school facilities for meetings, including political activities, as permitted under the Civic Center Act and district policy.

Employees shall refrain from prohibited political activities identified in law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. Employees who engage in these activities shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal penalties.

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Regulation 4319.25: Political Activities Of Employees

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No employee shall be prohibited from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions to promote the support or defeat of a ballot measure during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period, or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

District employees shall not:

- 1. Use district funds, services, supplies, equipment, work hours, or other public resources to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board of Trustees (Education Code 7054, 7056; Government Code 8314)
- 2. Use the district's seal in any campaign literature or mass mailing with the intent to deceive voters, including, but not limited to, the use of a reproduction or facsimile of the seal in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous, or false impression that the document is authorized by the Board, a Board member, or the district (Elections Code 18304)
- 3. During working hours, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, civil service or other working conditions (Education Code 7056)
- 4. During working hours, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of other types of ballot measures
- 5. Use district equipment for the preparation or reproduction of political campaign materials
- 6. Post or distribute political campaign materials in classrooms, through distance learning platforms, or on district property
- 7. Disseminate political campaign materials through the district's mail service, e-mail, or staff mailboxes
- 8. Use students to write, address, or distribute political campaign materials
- 9. Present viewpoints on particular candidates or ballot measures in the classroom without giving equal time to the presentation of all perspectives
- 10. Wear buttons, hats, or other articles of clothing that express political opinions on ballot measures or candidates during instructional time

Political Activities of Employee Organizations

Employee organizations shall not use district funds, services, supplies, or equipment, such as staff mailboxes or the district mail system, to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board. (Education Code 7054)

No employee organization or its officers, agents, or representatives shall be prohibited from soliciting or receiving political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period, or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

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Policy 4319.41: Employees With Infectious Disease

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The Board of Trustees desires to promote the health of district students and staff in order to reduce absenteeism and enhance employee and student performance. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases at district schools.

An infectious disease is one that is caused by a microorganism and is potentially transmittable to another individual, whether through airborne transmission, bloodborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. A communicable infectious disease, such as influenza or chicken pox, is contagious and can be readily transmitted by infectious bacteria or viral organisms.

In accordance with law, job applicants shall be required to provide evidence that they are free of tuberculosis or any other communicable infectious disease prior to beginning employment.

To prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases, the Superintendent or designee may provide infection prevention supplies and information to employees, including information about recommended vaccinations. Employees also shall observe universal precautions to avoid contact with potentially infectious blood or other bodily fluids.

Plans for addressing a communicable infectious disease outbreak, including, but not limited to, plans for addressing employee shortages during such an outbreak, shall be included in the district's emergency preparedness plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable infectious disease. In addition, a school nurse or other health care provider who knows of or is in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or conditions listed in 17 CCR 2500 shall make a report to the local health officer. If no health care provider is in attendance, any individual having knowledge of a person who is suspected to be suffering from one of the specified diseases or conditions may make a report to the local health officer. (17 CCR 2500, 2508)

Nondiscrimination/Reasonable Accommodation

The district shall not discriminate against any employee or job applicant who has an infectious disease that meets the federal or state definition of a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, California Fair Employment and Housing Act, or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act. (Government Code 12900-12996; 29 USC 794; 42 USC 12101-12213)

Upon request, any qualified person with a disability shall be provided reasonable accommodation to perform the essential duties of his/her position in accordance with the criteria and processes described in AR 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation.

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Policy 4319.42: Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

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As part of its commitment to provide a safe and healthy work environment, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of protecting employees from possible infection due to contact with bloodborne pathogens, including, but not limited to, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The Superintendent or designee shall establish a written exposure control plan in accordance with state and federal standards for dealing with potentially infectious materials in the workplace.

The exposure control plan shall be consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7 and 8 CCR 3203. (8 CCR 5193)

The Superintendent or designee shall determine which employees have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. In accordance with the district's exposure control plan, employees having occupational exposure shall receive training and be offered the hepatitis B vaccination. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Any employee not identified by the Superintendent or designee as having occupational exposure may submit a request to the Superintendent or designee to be included in the training and hepatitis B vaccination program. The Superintendent or designee may deny a request when there is no reasonable anticipation of contact with any infectious material.

In the event that an employee has an exposure incident, the district shall implement follow-up procedures in accordance with the exposure control plan. All such incidents shall be evaluated to determine whether changes need to be made in district practices.

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Definitions

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Exposure incident means a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, nonintact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that results from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Parenteral contact means piercing mucous membranes or the skin barrier through such events as needlesticks, human bites, cuts, and abrasions. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

A sharp is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

A sharps injury is any injury caused by a sharp, including, but not limited to, cuts, abrasions, or needlesticks. (8 CCR 5193)

Work practice controls are controls that reduce the likelihood of exposure by defining the manner in which a task is performed. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Engineering controls are controls, such as sharps disposal containers, needleless systems, and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection, that isolate or remove the bloodborne pathogens hazard from the workplace. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Engineered sharps injury protection is a physical attribute, such as a barrier, blunting, encapsulation, withdrawal, or other effective mechanism, built into a needle device or into a non-needle sharp which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Personal protective equipment is specialized clothing or equipment worn or used by an employee for protection against a hazard, such as gloves, gowns, laboratory coats, face shields or masks. (8 CCR 5193)

Exposure Control Plan

The district's written exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens shall contain at least the following components: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. A determination of which employees have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, which shall be made without regard to employees' use of personal protective equipment and shall include a list of:
 - a. All job classifications in which all employees have occupational exposure
 - b. Job classifications in which some employees have occupational exposure
 - c. All tasks and procedures, or groups of closely related tasks and procedures, in which occupational exposure occurs and which are performed by employees listed in item #1b above
- 2. The schedule and method of implementing each of the following in accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and this administrative regulation:
 - a. Methods of compliance required by 8 CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030, including universal precautions, general and specific engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment

- b. Hepatitis B vaccination
- c. Bloodborne pathogen post-exposure evaluation and follow-up
- d. Communication of hazards to employees through information and training
- e. Recordkeeping, including medical records, training records, and a log of sharps injuries
- 3. The district's procedure for documenting the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which exposure incidents occurred
- 4. An effective procedure for gathering information about each exposure incident involving a sharp
- 5. An effective procedure for periodically determining the frequency of use of the types and brands of sharps involved in exposure incidents
- 6. An effective procedure for identifying currently available engineering controls and selecting such controls, as appropriate, for the procedures performed by employees in their work areas or departments
- 7. An effective procedure for documenting instances when a licensed healthcare professional directly involved in an employee's care determines that the use of an engineering control would jeopardize the employee's safety or the success of a medical, dental, or nursing procedure involving the employee
- 8. An effective procedure for obtaining the active involvement of employees in reviewing and updating the exposure control plan with respect to the procedures performed by employees in their respective work areas or departments

The exposure control plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and whenever necessary to: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Reflect new or modified tasks and procedures affecting occupational exposure
- 2. Reflect changes in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens and, to the extent that sharps are used in the district, document consideration and implementation of appropriate commercially available needleless systems and needle devices and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection
- 3. Include new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure
- 4. Review and evaluate the exposure incidents which occurred since the previous update
- 5. Review and respond to information indicating that the exposure control plan is deficient in any area

The district's exposure control plan shall be accessible to employees upon request. (8 CCR 3204(e), 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Preventive Measures

The Superintendent or designee shall use engineering controls and work practice controls, as defined above, to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Engineering controls and work practice controls shall be evaluated on a regular schedule and, as applicable, maintained, replaced, or updated to ensure their effectiveness. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Whenever potential occupational exposure continues to exist after institution of engineering and work practice controls, the district shall provide, at no cost to the employee, appropriate personal protective equipment. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Employees shall observe universal precautions to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, including, but not limited to, handwashing, proper use of personal protective equipment, and proper disposal or washing of contaminated garments or objects. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Any use of needleless systems, needle devices, or non-needle sharps shall adhere to the specific requirements of 8

CCR 5193(d) and 29 CFR 1910.1030.

Pre-Exposure Hepatitis B Vaccination

The hepatitis B vaccination and vaccination series shall be made available at no cost to all employees who have occupational exposure. The hepatitis B vaccination shall be made available after an employee with occupational exposure has received the required training and within 10 working days of initial assignment, unless the employee has previously received the complete hepatitis B vaccination series, antibody testing has revealed that the employee is immune, or vaccination is contraindicated for medical reasons. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Employees who decline to accept the vaccination shall sign the hepatitis B declination statement. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine designated first aid providers whose primary job assignment is not the rendering of first aid, provided that the district implements the procedures in its exposure control plan for providing hepatitis B vaccine to all unvaccinated first aid providers who have rendered assistance in any situation involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials and provides appropriate follow-up for those who experience an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees with occupational exposure participate in a training program at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place and at least annually thereafter. The training shall be offered during working hours and at no cost to the employee. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The training shall address, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. The exposure control standard contained in 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030
- 2. The epidemiology and symptoms of bloodborne diseases
- 3. Modes of transmission of bloodborne pathogens
- 4. The district's exposure control plan and the means by which employees may obtain a copy of the written plan
- 5. Appropriate methods for recognizing tasks and other activities that may involve exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials
- 6. The use and limitations of methods to prevent or reduce exposure, including appropriate engineering controls, administrative or work practice controls, and personal protective equipment
- 7. The types, proper use, location, removal, handling, decontamination, and disposal of personal protective equipment
- 8. The basis for selecting personal protective equipment
- 9. The hepatitis B vaccine, including its efficacy, safety, and method of administration; the benefits of being vaccinated; and that the vaccine will be offered free of charge
- 10. Appropriate actions to take and persons to contact in an emergency or exposure incident involving blood or other potentially infectious materials
- 11. The post-exposure evaluation and follow-up that the district is required to provide for the employee following an exposure incident

Additional training shall be provided to affected employees whenever a change, such as the introduction or modification of tasks or procedures or the introduction of new engineering, administrative, or work practice controls, affects the employee's exposure. The additional training may be limited to addressing the new exposures created. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Designated first aid providers shall receive training that includes the specifics of reporting first-aid incidents which involve blood or body fluids which are potentially infectious. (8 CCR 5193)

Reporting Incidents

All exposure incidents shall be reported as soon as possible to the Superintendent or designee.

Unvaccinated designated first aid providers must report any first aid incident involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious material, regardless of whether an exposure incident occurred, by the end of the work shift. The full hepatitis B vaccination series shall be made available to such employees no later than 24 hours after the first aid incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Sharps Injury Log

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a log recording each exposure incident involving a sharp. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The exposure incident shall be recorded within 14 working days of the date the incident is reported to the district. (8 CCR 5193)

The information recorded shall include the following, if known or reasonably available: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Date and time of the exposure incident
- 2. Type and brand of sharp involved in the exposure incident
- 3. A description of the exposure incident, including:
 - a. Job classification of the exposed employee
 - b. Department or work area where the exposure incident occurred
 - c. The procedure that the exposed employee was performing at the time of the incident
 - d. How the incident occurred
 - e. The body part involved in the incident
 - f. If the sharp had engineered sharps injury protection, whether the protective mechanism was activated and whether the injury occurred before, during, or after the protective mechanism was activated
 - g. If the sharp had no engineered sharps injury protection, the injured employee's opinion as to whether and how such a mechanism could have prevented the injury
 - h. The employee's opinion about whether any other engineering, administrative, or work practice could have prevented the injury

Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up

Following a report of an exposure incident, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make available to the exposed employee, at no cost, a confidential medical evaluation, post-exposure evaluation, and follow-up. The Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. Document the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred
- 2. Identify and document the source individual, unless that identification is not feasible or is prohibited by law
- 3. With the consent of the exposed employee, provide for the collection and testing of the employee's blood for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV serological status

- 4. Provide for post-exposure prophylaxis, when medically indicated, as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service
- 5. Provide for counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the health care professional responsible for the employee's hepatitis B vaccination with a copy of 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030; a description of the employee's duties as they relate to the exposure incident; documentation of the route(s) of exposure and circumstances under which exposure occurred; results of the source individual's blood testing, if available; and all medical records maintained by the district relevant to the appropriate treatment of the employee, including vaccination status. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

The district shall maintain the confidentiality of the affected employee and the exposure source during all phases of the post-exposure evaluation. (8 CCR 5193)

Records

Upon an employee's initial employment and at least annually thereafter, the Superintendent or designee shall inform employees with occupational exposure of the existence, location, and availability of related records; the person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; and the employee's right of access to these records. (8 CCR 3204)

The district shall maintain a medical record of each employee with occupational exposure, including the employee's hepatitis B vaccination status, the results of any post-exposure medical examinations and follow-up procedures, a copy of the information provided to the health care professional, and a copy of the health care professional's written opinion. The medical record shall be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by law. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Upon request by an employee, or a designated representative with the employee's written consent, the Superintendent or designee shall provide access to a record in a reasonable time, place, and manner, no later than 15 days after the request is made. (8 CCR 3204)

Records shall be maintained as follows: (8 CCR 3204, 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

- 1. The medical records of each employee with occupational exposure shall be maintained for the duration of employment plus 30 years.
- 2. Training records shall be maintained for three years from the date of training.
- 3. The sharps injury log shall be maintained five years from the date the exposure incident occurred.
- 4. Exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.
- 5. Each analysis using medical or exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.

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Exhibit (PDF) 4319.42-E PDF(1): Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

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HEPATITIS B VACCINE DECLINATION

Note: 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030 require the district to ensure that the following statement is signed by any employee with occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens or other potentially infectious materials who declines to accept the hepatitis B vaccination offered by the district.

In accordance with 8 CCR 5193 and 29 CFR 1910.1030, the district makes the hepatitis B vaccine available to employees who may reasonably be expected to have contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials in the performance of their duties. Any employee who declines this vaccine is required to read and sign the following statement:

I understand that, due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to myself.

Employee Name (Please print)	
Signature	
Date	

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Policy 4319.43: Universal Precautions

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In order to protect all employees from contact with potentially infectious blood or other body fluids, the Board of Trustees requires that universal precautions be observed throughout the district. Universal precautions are appropriate for preventing the spread of all infectious diseases and shall be used regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present.

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute to employees information provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B. This information shall include, but not be limited to, any appropriate methods employees may use to prevent exposure to AIDS and hepatitis B, including information concerning the availability of a vaccine to prevent contraction of hepatitis B, and that the cost of this vaccination may be covered by the health plan of the employees. Information shall be distributed annually, or more frequently if there is new information supplied by CDE. (Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880)

Information regarding universal precautions may be included in employee handbooks.

Employees shall immediately report any exposure incident or first aid incident in accordance with the district's exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens or other safety procedures.

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Regulation 4319.43: Universal Precautions

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Definitions

Universal precautions are an approach to infection control. All human blood and certain human body fluids, including, but not limited to semen, vaginal secretions, and any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, are treated as if known to be infectious for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and other bloodborne pathogens. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

A sharp is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193)

Infection Control Practices

For the prevention of infectious disease, the district shall:

- 1. Effectively maintain the worksite in a clean and sanitary condition, and implement an appropriate written schedule for cleaning and decontamination of the worksite
- 2. When necessary for employees with occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, provide appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves, masks, and outer garments, at no cost to the employee (8 CCR 5193)
- 3. Provide handwashing facilities which are readily accessible to employees, or, if not feasible, provide an appropriate antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes

Any employee who has contact with blood or other body fluid, regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present, shall:

- 1. Use personal protective equipment as appropriate.
- 2. Wash hands and other skin surfaces thoroughly with soap and running water:
 - a. Immediately or as soon as feasible following contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials
 - b. Immediately after removing gloves or other personal protective equipment
- 3. When handwashing facilities are not available, use antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes. In such instances, hands shall be washed with soap and running water as soon as feasible.
- 4. Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, or handling contact lenses in work areas with a reasonable likelihood of occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
- 5. Clean and decontaminate all equipment and environmental and work surfaces after contact with blood or other potentially infectious material, no later than the end of the shift or more frequently as required by state regulations.
- 6. Rather than using the hands directly, use mechanical means such as a brush and dust pan, tongs, or forceps to clean up broken glassware which may be contaminated.
- 7. Use effective techniques designed to minimize the risk of a sharps injury in all procedures involving the use of sharps.
- 8. Handle, store, treat, and dispose of regulated waste in accordance with Health and Safety Code 117600-118360 and other applicable state and federal regulations.

- a. Immediately or as soon as possible after use, contaminated sharps shall be placed in containers meeting the requirements of 8 CCR 5193.
- b. Specimens of blood or other potentially infectious material shall be placed in a container which prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport, or shipping.

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Policy 4327: Temporary Athletic Team Coaches

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The Board of Trustees desires to employ highly qualified coaches for the district's sports and interscholastic athletic programs in order to enhance the knowledge, skills, motivation, and safety of student athletes.

The Superintendent or designee may hire a certificated or noncertificated employee, other than a substitute employee, to supervise or instruct interscholastic athletic activities as a temporary employee in a limited assignment capacity. (5 CCR 5590)

When hiring a person to fill a position as a temporary athletic team coach, the position shall first be made available to qualified certificated teachers currently employed by the district. (Education Code 44919)

All coaches shall be subject to Board policies, administrative regulations, and California Interscholastic Federation bylaws and codes of ethical conduct.

Noncertificated coaches shall have no authority to assign grades to students. (5 CCR 5591)

Qualifications and Training

The Superintendent or designee shall establish qualification criteria for all athletic coaches in accordance with law and district standards. These criteria shall ensure that coaches possess an appropriate level of competence, knowledge, and skill.

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer who works with students in a district-sponsored interscholastic athletic program shall, prior to beginning his/her duties, submit to the Superintendent or designee either an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background clearance. (Education Code 49024)

Following the selection of a temporary athletic team coach, the Superintendent or designee shall certify to the Board, at the next regular Board meeting or within 30 days, whichever is sooner, that the coach meets the qualifications and competencies required by 5 CCR 5593. By April 1 of each year, the Board shall certify to the State Board of Education that the provisions of 5 CCR 5593 have been met. (5 CCR 5594)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding the extent to which the district's coaches have completed the trainings required by law, including those required pursuant to Education Code 33479.6 and 49032, and by district policy.

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Regulation 4327: Temporary Athletic Team Coaches

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Qualifications

Minimum qualifications for temporary athletic team coaches shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, competencies in the following areas: (5 CCR 5593)

- 1. Care and prevention of athletic injuries, basic sports injury first aid, and emergency procedures, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in the care and prevention of athletic injuries and possession of a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card
 - b. A valid sports injury certificate or first aid card, and a valid CPR card
 - c. A valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I or II card
 - d. A valid trainer's certification issued by the National or California Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA/CATA)
 - e. Possession of both valid CPR and first aid cards and practical experience under the supervision of an athletic coach or trainer or experience assisting in team athletic training and conditioning
- 2. Coaching theory and techniques in the sport or game being coached, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college course in coaching theory and techniques
 - b. Completion of inservice programs arranged by a school district or county office of education
 - c. Prior service as a student coach or assistant athletic coach in the sport or game being coached
 - d. Prior coaching in community youth athletic programs in the sport being coached
 - e. Prior participation in organized competitive athletics at the high school level or above in the sport being coached
- 3. Knowledge of the rules and regulations pertaining to the sport or game being coached, the league rules, and, at the high school level, regulations of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)
- 4. Knowledge of child or adolescent psychology, as appropriate, as it relates to sport participation, as evidenced by one or more of the following:
 - a. Completion of a college-level course in child psychology for elementary school positions and adolescent or sports psychology for secondary school positions
 - b. Completion of a seminar or workshop on human growth and development of youth
 - c. Prior active involvement with youth in school or community sports program

The Superintendent or designee may waive competency requirements for persons enrolled in appropriate training courses leading to acquisition of the competency, provided such persons serve under the direct supervision of a fully qualified coach until the competencies are met. (5 CCR 5593)

Volunteers who supervise or direct an athletic program shall meet the qualification criteria specified in 5 CCR 5593 required for temporary athletic team coaches employed by the district. Any volunteer who does not meet such criteria shall serve only under the supervision of a fully qualified coach and shall not be given charge of an athletic program.

Additional Qualifications of Noncertificated Personnel and Volunteers

In addition to the qualifications listed above, any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall: (5 CCR 5592)

- 1. Be free from tuberculosis and any other contagious disease that would prohibit certificated teachers from teaching, as verified by a written statement, renewable every four years, from a licensed physician or other person approved by the district
- 2. Not have been convicted of any offense referred to in Education Code 44010, 44011, or 44424, or any offense involving moral turpitude or evidencing unfitness to associate with children

Any noncertificated employee or volunteer assigned as a temporary athletic team coach shall obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate or a criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. (Education Code 49024)

Training

Each employee or volunteer high school athletic team coach shall complete, at his/her expense, a coaching education program that meets the standards developed by the CIF and includes, but is not limited to, training in regard to sport psychology, sport pedagogy, sport physiology, sport management, statewide and school regulations, and CPR and first aid, including the signs, symptoms, and appropriate response to concussions. A high school coach who has completed the education program in another California school district shall be deemed to have met the requirement for this district. An individual who has not completed the education program may be assigned as a coach for no longer than one season of interscholastic competition. (Education Code 35179.1, 49032)

In addition, prior to coaching an athletic activity and every two years thereafter, athletic coaches shall complete an approved training course on the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. (Education Code 33479.2, 33479.6, 33479.7)

Code of Ethical Conduct

Employees providing supervisory or instructional services in interscholastic athletic programs and activities shall: (5 CCR 5596)

- 1. Show respect for players, officials, and other coaches
- 2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials
- 3. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship, and proper conduct
- 4. Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority
- 5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times
- 6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players
- 7. Maintain consistency in requiring all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game
- 8. Properly instruct players in the safe use of equipment
- 9. Avoid exerting undue influence on a student's decision to enroll in an athletic program at any public or private postsecondary educational institution
- 10. Avoid exerting undue influence on students to take lighter academic course(s) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics
- 11. Avoid suggesting, providing, or encouraging any athlete to use nonprescription drugs, anabolic steroids, or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Surgeon General, or the American Medical Association

- 12. Avoid recruitment of athletes from other schools
- 13. Follow the rules of behavior and the procedures for crowd control as established by the district and the league in which the district participates

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Policy 4331: Staff Development

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that professional development enhances employee effectiveness and contributes to personal growth. Staff development for administrative and supervisory personnel may be designed to guide institutional improvement, build leadership skills, and enhance overall management efficiency.

The Superintendent or designee may develop a plan for administrator support and development activities that is based on a systematic assessment of the needs of district students and staff and is aligned to the district's vision, goals, local control and accountability plan, and other comprehensive plans.

The district's staff development program for district and school administrators may include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- 1. Personnel management, including best practices on hiring, recruitment, assignment, and retention of staff
- 2. Effective fiscal management and accountability practices
- 3. Academic standards and standards-aligned curriculum and instructional materials
- 4. Leadership training to improve the academic achievement of all students, including capacity building in pedagogies of learning, instructional strategies that meet the varied learning needs of students, and student motivation
- 5. The use of student assessments, including analysis of disaggregated assessment results to identify needs and progress of student subgroups
- 6. The use of technology to improve student performance and district operations
- 7. Creation of safe and inclusive school environments
- 8. Parental involvement and community collaboration
- 9. Employee relations
- 10. Effective school and district planning processes

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

The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the benefit to staff and students of professional development activities.

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Policy 4332: Publication or Creation of Materials

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of creating a work environment that encourages employee innovation in creating and developing high-quality materials to improve student achievement and the efficiency of district operations.

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the development of instructional materials, computer programs, and other copyrightable materials by employees, independent contractors, and consultants. An employee, independent contractor, or consultant shall notify the Superintendent or designee of his/her intent to publish or register a work developed in whole or in part within the scope of his/her employment.

Instructional materials, computer programs, and other copyrightable materials developed by an employee within the scope of his/her employment shall be the property of the district.

If an employee has developed copyrightable material during both work and non-working hours, and the work was within the scope of his/her employment, the Superintendent or designee shall negotiate a contract with the employee to protect the district's right as to the ownership or partial ownership of the copyright.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any contract with an independent contractor or consultant contains a provision specifying the district's right to ownership of the copyright of any work produced by the contractor or consultant for the district.

The Superintendent or designee may secure copyrights in the name of the district for all copyrightable works developed by the district. All royalties or revenues from these copyrights shall be used for the benefit of the district. (Education Code 35170)

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Policy 4336: Nonschool Employment

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In order to help maintain public trust in the integrity of district operations, the Board of Trustees expects all employees to give the responsibility of their positions precedence over any other outside employment. A district employee may receive compensation for outside activities as long as these activities are not inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his/her district duties.

An outside activity shall be considered inconsistent, incompatible, or inimical to district employment when such activity: (Government Code 1126)

- 1. Requires time periods that interfere with the proper, efficient discharge of the employee's duties
- 2. Entails compensation from an outside source for activities which are part of the employee's regular duties
- 3. Involves using the district's name, prestige, time, facilities, equipment, or supplies for private gain
- 4. Involves service which will be wholly or in part subject to the approval or control of another district employee or Board member

An employee wishing to accept outside employment that may be inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to the employee's duties shall file a written request with his/her immediate supervisor describing the nature of the employment and the time required. The supervisor shall evaluate each request based on the employee's specific duties within the district and determine whether to grant authorization for such employment.

The supervisor shall inform the employee whether the outside employment is prohibited. The employee may appeal a supervisor's denial of authorization to the Superintendent or designee. An employee who continues to pursue a prohibited activity may be subject to disciplinary action.

Tutoring

A certificated employee shall not accept any compensation or other benefit for tutoring a student enrolled in his/her class(es). An employee who wishes to tutor another district student shall first request authorization from his/her supervisor in accordance with this Board policy. If authorization is granted, the employee shall not use district facilities, equipment, or supplies when providing the tutoring service.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4344: Complaints

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the need to establish a process to allow employees and job applicants to have their concerns heard in an expeditious and unbiased manner. The Board expects that employees will make every effort to resolve complaints and disagreements informally before filing a formal complaint.

The Board prohibits retaliation against complainants. The Superintendent or designee may keep a complainant's identity confidential, except to the extent necessary to investigate the complaint.

All matters related to a complaint shall be kept confidential and any document, communication, or record regarding the complaint shall be placed in a separate file and shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4344: Complaints

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Procedures for the resolution of employee complaints provide a route of appeal through administrative channels and to the Board, if necessary.

The following guidelines shall prescribe the manner in which employee complaints are handled:

- 1. A "complaint" shall be defined as an alleged misapplication of the District's policies, regulations, rules or procedures.
- 2. For "whistleblower" complaints filed pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq., see Whistleblower Complaints, below.
- 3. Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination on any basis specified in the District's nondiscrimination policies including complaints of sexual harassment, shall be resolved in accordance with the District's procedures for complaints regarding discrimination in employment.
- 4. Complaints regarding the sufficiency of textbook materials, teacher vacancy or misassignment, or an urgent or emergency facility condition shall be resolved in accordance with the District's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 35186)
- 5. Complaints regarding unlawful discrimination in District programs or the District's failure to comply with state or federal laws regarding educational programs shall be resolved in accordance with the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures.
- 6. For complaints regarding working conditions or other subjects of negotiation, the employee shall use the grievance procedure specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.
- 7. So as not to interfere with school schedules, meetings related to a complaint shall be held before or after the complainant's regular working hours.
- 8. With the exception of whistleblower complaints filed pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq. (see Whistleblower Complaints, below), the District will investigate anonymous complaints so long as there is sufficient information to proceed and it is appropriate under the circumstances.
- 9. All matters related to a complaint shall be kept confidential. Only those individuals directly involved in resolving the complaint shall be informed of the complaint.
- 10. All documents, communications and records dealing with the complaint shall be placed in a District complaint file. No such material shall be placed in an employee's personnel file.
- 11. No reprisals shall be taken against any participant in a complaint procedure by reason of such participation.
- 12. In all cases, the complainant is strongly encouraged to prepare the complaint in writing, but if he/she is unable or unwilling to do so, administrative staff may assist the complainant in preparing a written complaint.
- 13. Time limits specified in these procedures may be reduced or extended in any specific instance by written mutual agreement of the parties involved. If specified or adjusted time limits expire, the complaint may proceed to the next step.
- 14. Any complaint not taken to the next step within prescribed time limits shall be considered settled on the basis of the answer given at the preceding step.

Whistleblower Complaints Pursuant to Government Code § 53296 et seq.

Complaints filed pursuant to this Regulation include "whistleblower" complaints made by an employee or job applicant regarding an improper District activity including, but not limited to, an allegation of gross mismanagement a significant waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a specific danger to public health or safety. (Government Code 53296)

Complaints made pursuant to Government Code section 53296 et seq. must be filed within 60 days of the date of the act or event which is the subject of the complaint. (Government Code 53297) Whistleblower complaints shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the timelines set forth in this Regulation.

Whistleblower complaints brought by employees may not be anonymous and shall be filed under penalty of perjury. (Government Code 53297)

Informal and Formal Complaint Procedures

Informal Complaints

Every effort should be made to resolve a complaint informally at the earliest possible stage. Whenever possible, the complainant should communicate directly to the person(s) involved in order to resolve concerns. If a complainant is unable or unwilling to resolve the complaint directly with the person(s) involved, then the complainant shall follow the process set forth below.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 1

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved informally, the complainant may file a written complaint with his/her immediate supervisor or principal. The written complaint should include a description of efforts to resolve the complaint informally and should specify the nature of the problem, including names, locations, witnesses, and the remedy sought by the employee.

Within five working days of receiving the complaint, the immediate supervisor or principal shall conduct any necessary investigation and meet with the complainant in an effort to resolve the complaint.

The immediate supervisor or principal shall present all concerned parties with a written answer to the complaint within ten working days after the meeting.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 2

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 1, the complainant may file the written complaint with the Superintendent or designee within five working days of receiving the answer at Step 1. All information presented at Step 1 shall be included with the complaint, and the immediate supervisor or principal shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a report describing attempts to resolve the complaint at Step 1.

Within five working days of receiving the complaint, the Superintendent or designee shall conduct any necessary investigation and meet with the complainant in an effort to resolve the complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall present all concerned parties with a written answer to the complaint within ten working days after the meeting.

Formal Complaint Procedure - Step 3

If a complaint has not been satisfactorily resolved at Step 2, the complainant may file a written appeal to the Board of Trustees within five working days of receiving the answer at Step 2. All information presented at Steps 1 and 2 shall be included with the appeal, and the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the Board a report describing attempts to resolve the complaint at Step 2.

An appeal hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after the appeal is filed.

All parties to a complaint may be asked to attend a Board meeting in order to clarify the issue and present all available information.

Complaints concerning an employee shall be heard in closed session of the Board unless the employee requests that the issue be addressed in open session. Before the Board holds a closed session to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee, the employee shall receive written notice of his/her right to have the complaints or charges heard in open session rather than in closed session.

Following the hearing of a complaint, the Board may choose to uphold the Superintendent or designee's decision and

take no further action, adopt the Superintendent or designee's decision as its own, or modify the Superintendent's or designee's decision as it determines.

The decision of the Board shall be final. A copy of the Board's written decision will be provided to all concerned parties within 30 working days following the meeting at which the Board heard the complaint.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4351: Employee Compensation

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In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

The Board shall adopt separate salary schedules for certificated, classified, and supervisory and administrative personnel. These schedules shall comply with law and collective bargaining agreements and shall be printed and made available for review at the district office. (Education Code 45022, 45023, 45160, 45162, 45268)

Each certificated employee, except an employee in an administrative or supervisory position, shall be classified on the salary schedule on the basis of uniform allowance for education level and years of experience, unless the Board and employee organization negotiate and mutually agree to a salary schedule based on different criteria. Certificated employees shall not be placed in different classifications on the schedule, nor paid different salaries, solely on the basis of the grade levels at which they teach. (Education Code 45028)

Salary schedules for staff who are not a part of a bargaining unit shall be determined by the Board at the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee.

The Board shall determine the frequency and schedule of salary payments, including whether payments for employees who work less than 12 months per year will be made over the course of the school year or in equal installments over the calendar year. (Education Code 45038, 45039, 45048, 45165)

In extraordinary circumstances or emergency situations, the Board may determine to continue to compensate employees during periods of extended closure or disruption of normal district operations when permitted by law and consistent with collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of understanding.

The Superintendent or designee shall post a notice explaining the Fair Labor Standards Act's wage and hour provisions in a conspicuous place at each work site. (29 CFR 516.4)

Overtime Compensation

District employees shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week, or twice their regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day or eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work. However, teachers, school administrators, and other employees in positions established by the Board as executive, administrative, or professional shall be exempt from overtime rules. (Education Code 45128, 45130; 29 USC 213; 29 CFR 541.0-541.710, 553.27, 553.32)

When authorized in a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement between the district and employees, an employee may take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation, provided the employee has not accrued compensatory time in excess of the limits specified in 29 USC 207. An employee who has requested the use of compensatory time shall be allowed to use such time within 12 calendar months after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (Education Code 45129; 29 USC 207; 29 CFR 553.20-553.25)

For each nonexempt employee, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain records on the employee's wages, hours, and other information specified in 29 CFR 516.5-516.6.

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4356.2: Awards And Recognition

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The Board of Trustees values its instructional and noninstructional staff and desires to recognize their outstanding service in order to increase employee morale and encourage creative and innovative performance.

The Board encourages recognition of all staff during days of significance designated by the Board, state law, or state resolution.

The Board authorizes awards to individual employees who: (Education Code 44015)

- 1. Propose procedures or ideas that result in eliminating or reducing district expenditures or improving district operations
- 2. Perform special acts or services in the public interest
- 3. By their superior accomplishments, make exceptional contributions to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement in district operations

As the district budget permits, the Superintendent or designee may recognize such employees by issuing service pins, certificates, plaques, and/or other mementos. In addition, he/she may recommend employees to the Board for recognition at a public Board meeting.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection of individual employees to receive awards.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint one or more merit award committees consisting of Board members, district employees, and/or private citizens to review employee contributions and recommend awards.

Monetary awards to employees shall not exceed \$200 unless expressly approved by the Board. (Education Code 44015)

Status: DRAFT

Policy 4357: Employee Safety

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The Board of Trustees is committed to maximizing employee safety and believes that workplace safety is the responsibility of every employee. Working conditions and equipment shall comply with standards prescribed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

No employee shall be required or permitted to be in any place of employment which is unsafe or unhealthful. (Labor Code 6402)

The Superintendent or designee shall promote safety and correct any unsafe work practices through education and enforcement.

All employees are expected to use safe work practices and, to the extent possible, correct any unsafe conditions which may occur. If an employee is unable to correct an unsafe condition, the employee shall immediately report the problem to the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement a written injury and illness prevention program, and provide employees with access to such program, in accordance with law. (Labor Code 6401.7; 8 CCR 3203)

The Superintendent or designee shall make first aid materials readily available at district workplaces and shall make effective provisions to prepare for prompt medical treatment in the event of an employee's serious injury or illness. (8 CCR 3400)

No employee shall be discharged or discriminated against for exercising any right regarding employee safety or health specified in Labor Code 6310, including:

- 1. Making a report or complaint
- 2. Instituting proceedings or causing proceedings to be instituted
- 3. Testifying with regard to employee safety or health
- 4. Participating in any occupational health and safety committee established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7
- 5. Requesting access to injury or illness reports and records
- 6. Exercising any other right protected by the Occupational Safety and Health Act

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4357: Employee Safety

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The Superintendent or designee shall provide safety devices and implement safeguards, methods, and processes that are reasonably necessary for the safety and health of employees in the workplace. (Labor Code 6401)

Injury and Illness Prevention Program

The district's injury and illness prevention program shall cover all district employees and all other workers whom the district controls or directs and directly supervises on the job to the extent that the workers are exposed to hazards specific to their worksite and job assignment. The obligation of contractors or other employers who control or direct and supervise their own employees on the job shall not be affected by the district's injury and illness prevention program. (Labor Code 6401.7)

The district's injury and illness prevention program shall include: (Labor Code 6401.7; 8 CCR 3203)

- 1. The name/position of the person(s) with authority and responsibility for implementing the program.
- 2. A system for ensuring that employees comply with safe and healthful work practices, which may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Recognition of employees who follow safe and healthful work practices
 - b. Training and retraining programs
 - c. Disciplinary actions
- 3. A system for communicating with employees, in a form readily understandable by all employees on matters related to occupational health and safety, including provisions designed to encourage employees to report hazards at the worksite without fear of reprisal. The communications system may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Meetings
 - b. Training programs
 - c. Posting
 - d. Written communications
 - e. A system of anonymous notification by employees about hazards
 - f. A labor/management safety and health committee
- 4. Procedures for identifying and evaluating workplace hazards, including scheduled periodic inspections to identify unsafe conditions and work practices. Such inspections shall be made:
 - a. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment that represents a new occupational safety or health hazard is introduced into the workplace
 - b. Whenever the district is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard
- 5. A procedure for investigating occupational injury or illness.
- 6. Methods and/or procedures for correcting unsafe or unhealthful conditions, work practices, and work procedures in a timely manner, based on the severity of the hazard, when the hazard is observed or discovered.

When an imminent hazard exists which cannot be immediately abated without endangering employee(s) and/or property, these procedures shall call for the removal of all exposed staff from the area except those necessary to correct the hazardous condition. Employees needed to correct the condition shall be provided

necessary safeguards.

- 7. Provision of training and instruction as follows:
 - a. To all new employees
 - b. To all employees given new job assignments for which training has not previously been received
 - c. Whenever new substances, processes, procedures, or equipment is introduced into the workplace and represents a new hazard
 - d. Whenever the district is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard
 - e. To supervisors, to familiarize them with the safety and health hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed

The Superintendent or designee shall provide employees, or their representative designated pursuant to 8 CCR 3203, with either of the following: (8 CCR 3203)

1. Access to the district's injury and illness prevention program in a reasonable time, place, and manner, but in no event later than five business days after the request for access is received from an employee or a designated representative of the employee

When an employee or designated representative requests a copy of the district's injury and illness prevention program, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the requester a printed copy unless the employee or designated representative agrees to receive an electronic copy.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide one printed copy free of charge. If the employee or designated representative requests additional copies within one year of the previous request and the district's injury and illness prevention program has not been updated with new information since the prior copy was provided, the district may charge reasonable reproduction costs pursuant to 8 CCR 3204 for the additional copies.

2. Unobstructed access to the district's injury and illness prevention program through the district's server or web site, which allows an employee to review, print, and email the current version of the district's injury and illness prevention program

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate the right and procedure to access the district's injury and illness prevention program to all employees. (8 CCR 3203)

Labor/Management Safety and Health Committee

The district's labor/management safety and health committee shall: (8 CCR 3203)

- 1. Meet regularly, but not less than quarterly.
- 2. Prepare and make available to affected employees written records of the safety and health issues discussed at committee meetings and maintained for review by the California Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) upon request. These records shall be maintained for at least one year.
- 3. Review results of the periodic, scheduled worksite inspections.
- 4. Review investigations of occupational accidents and causes of incidents resulting in occupational injury or illness or exposure to hazardous substances. As appropriate, the committee may submit suggestions to the Superintendent or designee regarding the prevention of future incidents.
- 5. Review investigations of alleged hazardous conditions brought to the attention of any committee member. When determined necessary by the committee, it may conduct its own inspection and investigation to assist in remedial solutions.
- 6. Submit recommendations to assist in the evaluation of employee safety suggestions.

7. Upon request of Cal/OSHA, verify abatement action taken by the district to abate citations issued by Cal/OSHA.

Hearing Protection

Whenever employee noise exposure equals or exceeds the standards specified in law, the Superintendent or designee shall implement a hearing conservation program in accordance with state and federal regulations, including, when required, monitoring of sound levels, audiogram evaluation and audiometric testing of affected employees, the provision of hearing protectors, and employee training. (8 CCR 5095-5100; 29 CFR 1910.95)

Eye Safety Devices

Eye safety devices shall be worn by employees whenever they are engaged in or observing an activity involving hazards or hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. (Education Code 32030-32034)

First Aid and Medical Services

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the ready availability of medical personnel for advice and consultation on matters of industrial health or injury. Whenever a district facility or district grounds are not in close proximity to an infirmary, clinic, or hospital where all injured employees may be treated, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that at least one employee is adequately trained to provide first aid. (8 CCR 3400)

The Superintendent or designee shall make adequate first aid materials readily available for employees at every worksite. Such materials shall be approved by a consulting physician and shall be kept in a sanitary and usable condition. The Superintendent or designee shall frequently inspect all first aid materials and replenish them as necessary. (8 CCR 3400)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body are provided within the work area for immediate emergency use when the eyes or body or any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials. (8 CCR 3400)

To avoid unnecessary delay in medical treatment in the event of an employee's serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall use one or more of the following: (8 CCR 3400)

- 1. A communication system for contacting a physician or emergency medical service, such as access to 911 or equivalent telephone system. The communication system or the employees using the system shall have the ability to direct emergency services to the location of the injured or ill employee.
- 2. Readily accessible and available on-site treatment facilities suitable for treatment of reasonably anticipated injury and illness.
- 3. Proper equipment for prompt medical transport when transportation of injured or ill employees is necessary and appropriate.

Protection from Communicable Diseases and Infections

The Superintendent or designee shall develop an exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens that is consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program. The plan shall include a determination of which job classifications have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials; precautions to be implemented, including universal precautions, engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment; availability of the hepatitis B vaccination; provision of information and training to employees; and follow-up actions to be taken if exposure occurs. The district shall ensure that a copy of the exposure control plan is accessible to employees in accordance with law. (8 CCR 5193; 29 CFR 1910.1030)

Strategies to prevent and mitigate the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases shall be followed for diseases that are communicated through airborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. Such strategies shall include, but are not limited to, communication and training about the disease(s); campus closures and alternative means of instruction when necessary; preventative measures, such as social distancing, personal protective equipment, temperature checks, and/or any other health screening allowed by law; and cleaning and sanitization of district facilities and equipment.

The Superintendent of designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable disease. (17 CCR 2508)

COVID-19 Exposure

If the district receives notice of potential exposure to COVID-19, the Superintendent or designee shall, within one business day of the notice, take all of the following actions: (Labor Code 6409.6)

- 1. Provide a written notice to all employees, and the employers of subcontracted employees, who were on the premises at the same worksite as the qualifying individual within the infectious period that they may have been exposed to COVID-19. The notice shall be provided in a manner normally used to communicate employment-related information, which may include, but is not limited to, personal service, email, or text message if it can reasonably be anticipated to be received by the employee within one business day of sending.
- 2. Provide a written notice to the exclusive representative, if any, of employees who were on the premises within the infectious period
- 3. Provide all employees who may have been exposed and the exclusive representative, if any, with information regarding:
 - a. COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation
 - b. Available leave options for exposed employees
 - c. Antiretaliation and antidiscrimination protections of the employee
- 4. Notify all employees, and the employers of subcontracted employees and the exclusive representative, if any, of the disinfection and safety plan that the district plans to complete in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines

The above notifications shall be maintained for a period of at least three years. (Labor Code 6409.6)

If the district is notified of the number of cases that meet the definition of a COVID-19 outbreak, as defined by the California Department of Public Health, within 48 hours, the Superintendent or designee shall, within 48 hours of the notice, notify the local public health agency of the names, number, occupation, and worksite of employees who meet the definition of a qualifying individual. The Superintendent or designee shall continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the worksite. (Labor Code 6409.6)

In the event that Cal/OSHA prohibits entry into any district workplace or performance of a district operation or process based on a determination that the workplace exposes employees to the risk of COVID-19 infection and constitutes an imminent hazard to employees, the district shall post a notice thereof provided by Cal/OSHA in a conspicuous place at the work site. This notice shall not be removed except by an authorized representative of Cal/OSHA and only when the place of employment, operation, or process is made safe and the required safeguards or safety appliances or devices are provided. (Labor Code 6325)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4357.2: Ergonomics

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The Superintendent or designee shall implement an ergonomics program to identify risk factors in the work environment that may result in injuries or illnesses to employees and shall design measures to mitigate such risk factors. The program shall include a study of body movements and positions used during work, the tools and equipment used, the physical environment (such as temperature, noise, and lighting), and the organizational environment (such as deadlines, teamwork, and supervision) in order to identify potential causes of stress on the body over time, such as exertion or strain, awkward or sustained posture, or repeated motions.

An employee who experiences pain, numbness, stiffness, swelling, tingling, weakness, or other symptom(s) of a repetitive motion injury (RMI) or other musculoskeletal disorder that may be caused or aggravated by workplace conditions shall report the problem to his/her supervisor.

When an RMI which is objectively identified and diagnosed by a licensed physician to be a musculoskeletal injury has been reported by two or more district employees within a 12-month period, and is determined to be predominantly caused by a repetitive job, process, or operation of an identical work activity, the Superintendent or designee shall: (8 CCR 5110)

- 1. Evaluate each job, process, or operation of identical work activity at the work site, or a representative number of such jobs, processes, or operations of identical work activities, for exposures which have caused RMIs
- 2. Correct in a timely manner, or minimize to the extent feasible if correction is not possible, any exposures that have caused RMIs, taking into consideration engineering controls such as work station redesign, adjustable fixtures, or tool redesign, and administrative controls such as job rotation, work pacing, or work breaks
- 3. Provide staff training that includes an explanation of:
 - a. The district's ergonomics program
 - b. The exposures that have been associated with RMIs
 - c. The symptoms and consequences of injuries caused by repetitive motion
 - d. The importance of reporting symptoms and injuries to the district
 - e. Methods used by the district to minimize RMIs

Strategies adopted for identifying and correcting workplace conditions or practices that may increase employees' risk of RMIs may be incorporated into the district's injury and illness prevention program developed pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7 and 8 CCR 3203.

Policy 4361: Leaves Status: DRAFT

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The Board of Trustees shall provide for paid and unpaid leaves of absence for employees in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, collective bargaining agreements, and merit system rules, as applicable.

The Board recognizes the following justifiable reasons for employee absence:

- 1. Personal illness or injury
- 2. Industrial accident or illness
- 3. Family care and medical leave
- 4. Military service
- 5. Personal necessity and personal emergencies
- 6. Disability leave for certificated employees in accordance with Education Code 44986
- 7. Vacations for classified staff and certificated management staff, as applicable
- 8. Sabbaticals for purposes of study or training related to the employee's job duties
- 9. Attendance at work-related meetings and staff development opportunities
- 10. Compulsory leave

Long-Term Leaves

With Board approval, an employee may receive a leave of absence, without pay and without accruing seniority or service credit, for a period of up to one school year. Applications for long-term leave shall be made in writing and shall state the purpose for which leave is requested. All long-term leave agreements shall be in writing and shall state the terms and conditions of the leave, including the conditions governing the employee's return.

At the end of a long-term leave, the employee shall be reinstated to a similar position as that held at the time leave was granted, unless otherwise agreed upon.

The Board shall consider any written request by an employee to return to work prior to the expiration date of the leave.

Administrative and Supervisory Personnel

Certificated administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for certificated employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other certificated employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memorandums of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

Classified administrative and supervisory employees who are not subject to the district's bargaining agreement for classified employees shall generally be entitled to those leave provisions provided in the bargaining agreement for other classified employees unless otherwise specified in individual contract, memoranda of understanding, Board policy, administrative regulation, or law.

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4361: Leaves

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Failure to Return to Service After Leave

In the case of a certificated employee who was on leave of absence for 20 or more consecutive working days after April 30 of the previous school year, the district may terminate the employment of such an employee if all of the following circumstances exist: (Education Code 44842)

- 1. The employee fails to report for duty, without good cause, at the beginning of the school year after having notified the Board of Trustees of his/her intention to remain in service with the district in accordance with Education Code 44842.
- 2. The district had specifically notified the employee, at least five days in advance, of the time and place at which the employee was to report to work.
- 3. The employee did not request or was not granted a leave of absence authorized by the Board.

In any such case, the district may terminate the employee's employment on the day following 20 consecutive days of absence. (Education Code 44842)

Use of Leaves by Classified Employees

A classified employee may interrupt or terminate vacation leave in order to begin another type of paid leave without a return to active service, as long as the employee provides adequate notice and relevant supporting information regarding the basis for such interruption or termination. (Education Code 45200)

Status: DRAFT

Regulation 4361.1: Personal Illness/Injury Leave

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Certificated employees employed five school days per week are entitled to 10 days' leave of absence with full pay for personal illness or injury (sick leave) per school year of service. Employees who work less than five school days per week (part-time employees) shall be granted sick leave in proportion to the time they work. However, any part-time employees who are entitled to less than three days of paid sick leave per year due to the amount of time worked shall be granted sick leave pursuant to Labor Code 246, if they are eligible. (Education Code 44978; Labor Code 245-249)

Use of Sick Leave

Certificated employees may use sick leave for absences due to:

- 1. Accident or illness, whether or not the absence arises out of and in the course of employment; quarantine which results from contact in the course of employment with other persons having a contagious disease; or temporary inability to perform assigned duties because of illness, accident, or quarantine (Education Code 44964)
- 2. Pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and related recovery (Education Code 44965, 44978)
- 3. Personal necessity (Education Code 44981)
- 4. Medical and dental appointments, in increments of not less than one hour
- 5. Industrial accidents or illnesses when leave granted specifically for that purpose has been exhausted (Education Code 44984)
- 6. Need of the employee to bond with a child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement (parental leave) (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6; 29 USC 2612; 29 CFR 825.112)
- 7. Need of the employee's family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care (Labor Code 233, 246.5)
- 8. Need of the employee to seek or obtain any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and/or 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or the employee's child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking (Labor Code 233, 246.5)

For the purposes specified in items #7-8, an employee may use, in any calendar year, the amount of sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement. (Labor Code 233)

An employee may take sick leave at any time during the school year, even if credit for sick leave has not yet been accrued. (Education Code 44978)

An employee shall reimburse the district for any unearned sick leave used as of the date of termination.

Unused days of sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year without limitation. (Education Code 44978)

At the beginning of each school year, employees shall be notified of the amount of sick leave they have accumulated.

The district shall not require new employees to waive leave accumulated in a previous district. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

Refer to CBA for increased number of sick leave days.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any certificated employee who leaves the district after at least one school year of employment that if the employee accepts a certificated position in another district, county office of education, or community college district within one year, the employee may request that the district transfer any accumulated sick leave to the new employer. (Education Code 44979, 44980)

Additional Leave for Disabled Military Veterans

In addition to any other entitlement for sick leave with pay, a certificated employee who is a former active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or a former or current member of the California National Guard or a federal reserve component shall be entitled to sick leave with pay of up to 10 days for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, for a military service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. An eligible employee who works less than five days per week shall be entitled to such leave in proportion to the time worked. (Education Code 44978.2)

The amount of leave shall be credited to the employee either on the date the employee receives confirmation of the submission of the disability application to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day the employee begins or returns to employment after active duty, whichever is later. When the employee receives the disability rating decision, the employee shall report that information to the Superintendent or designee. If the disability rating decision makes the employee eligible for the leave, the time used before the decision shall be counted toward the 10-day maximum leave. If the disability rating decision makes the employee ineligible for the leave, the district may change the sick leave time used before the disability rating decision to an alternative leave balance. (Education Code 44978.2)

The Superintendent or designee may require verification, in accordance with the section "Verification Requirements" below, that the employee used the leave to obtain treatment of a military service-connected disability.

Leave for military-service connected disability shall be available for 12 months following the first date that the leave was credited. Leave not used during the 12-month period shall not be carried over and shall be forfeited. (Education Code 44978.2)

Notification of Absence

An employee shall notify the district of the need to be absent as soon as such need is known, so that substitute services may be secured. This notification shall include an estimate of the expected duration of absence. If the absence becomes longer than estimated, the employee shall so notify the district. If the duration of absence becomes shorter than estimated, the employee shall notify the district not later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the day preceding the day on which the employee intends to return to work. If the employee fails to notify the district and the failure results in a substitute being secured, the cost of the substitute shall be deducted from the employee's pay.

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay

During each school year, when a certificated employee has exhausted all available sick leave, including all accumulated sick leave, and, due to illness or accident, continues to be absent for an additional period of up to five school months, the district shall deduct from the employee's regular salary for that period the actual cost of a substitute to fill the position. If the district has made every reasonable effort to secure the services of a substitute and has been unable to do so, the amount that would have been paid to a substitute shall be deducted from the employee's salary. (Education Code 44977)

An employee shall not be provided more than one five-month period per illness or accident. However, if the school year ends before the five-month period is exhausted, the employee may take the balance of the five-month period in a subsequent school year. (Education Code 44977)

Absence Beyond Five-Month Period/Reemployment List

If a certificated employee is not medically able to return to work after the five-month period provided pursuant to Education Code 44977, the employee shall be placed either in another position or on a reemployment list. Placement on the reemployment list shall be for 24 months for probationary employees or 39 months for permanent employees and shall begin at the expiration of the five-month period. If during this time the employee becomes medically able, the employee shall be returned to employment in a position for which the employee is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

Parental Leave

During each school year, a certificated employee may use all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave,

for the purpose of parental leave for a period of up to 12 work weeks. The 12-week period shall be reduced by any period of sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, taken during a period of such parental leave. (Education Code 44977.5)

Eligibility for such leave shall not require 1,250 hours of service with the district during the previous 12 months. (Education Code 44977.5)

An employee who has exhausted all available sick leave, including accumulated sick leave, and continues to be absent on account of parental leave shall receive differential pay of at least 50 percent of the employee's regular salary for the remainder of the 12 work weeks. (Education Code 44977.5)

Parental leave taken pursuant to Education Code 44977.5 shall run concurrently with the parental leave taken pursuant to Government Code 12945.2 or 12945.6, and the aggregate amount of parental leave shall not exceed 12 work weeks in a 12-month period. (Education Code 44977.5; Government Code 12945.2, 12945.6)

Verification Requirements

After any absence due to illness or injury, the employee shall verify the absence by submitting a completed and signed district absence form to the employee's immediate supervisor.

The Superintendent or designee may require verification whenever an employee's absence record shows chronic absenteeism or a pattern of absences immediately before or after weekends and/or holidays or whenever available evidence clearly indicates that an absence is not related to illness or injury.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may require an employee to visit a physician selected by the district, at district expense, in order to receive a report on the employee's need for further leave of absence and a prognosis as to when the employee will be able to return to work. If the report concludes that the employee's condition does not warrant continued absence, the Superintendent or designee may, after giving notice to the employee, deny further leave.

Any district request for additional verification by an employee's physician or a district-selected physician shall be in writing and shall specify that the report to be submitted to the district should not contain the employee's genetic information. Any genetic information received by the district on behalf of an employee shall be treated as a confidential medical record, maintained in a file separate from the employee's personnel file, and not be disclosed except in accordance with 29 CFR 1635.9.

Before returning to work, an employee who has been absent for surgery, hospitalization, or extended medical treatment may be asked to submit a letter from a physician stating that the employee is able to return to duty and stipulating any necessary restrictions or limitations.

Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act Requirements

No employee shall be denied the right to use accrued sick days, and the district shall not in any manner discriminate or retaliate against an 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.

To ensure the district's compliance with Labor Code 245-249, the Superintendent or designee shall:

- 1. At a conspicuous location in each workplace, display a poster on paid sick leave that includes the following information:
 - a. That an employee is entitled to accrue, request, and use paid sick days
 - b. The number of sick days provided by Labor Code 245-249
 - c. The terms of use of paid sick days
 - d. That discrimination or retaliation against an employee for requesting and/or using sick leave is prohibited by law and that an employee has the right to file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner if the district discriminates or retaliates against the employee

- 2. Provide at least 24 hours or three days of paid sick leave to each eligible employee to use per year and allow eligible employees to use accrued sick leave upon reasonable request
- 3. Provide eligible employees written notice, on their pay stub or other document issued with their pay check, of the amount of paid sick leave they have available
- 4. Keep a record documenting the hours worked and paid sick days accrued and used by each eligible employee for three years

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Regulation 4361.11: Industrial Accident/Illness Leave

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An eligible employee shall be entitled to a leave of absence for an industrial accident or illness arising in the course of his/her assigned duties. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

For such leave, the employee shall be granted no more than sixty (60) working days in any one fiscal year for the same industrial accident or illness.

To be eligible for industrial accident or illness leave, a classified employee shall have served in the district continuously for at least three years.

Allowable industrial accident or illness leave shall not be accumulated from year to year. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

When an employee is absent from his/her duties because of an industrial accident or illness: (Education Code 44043, 44044, 44984, 45192)

- 1. The leave shall start on the first day of absence.
- 2. During the period of absence, the employee shall be paid such portion of his/her wage or salary that, when added to the award granted under state workers' compensation laws, will not exceed his/her normal wage or salary.
- 3. The leave shall be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence, regardless of an award granted under workers' compensation laws.
- 4. When the leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the employee is entitled to only the amount of unused leave due the employee for the same illness or injury.

During any paid leave of absence, the employee shall endorse to the district any workers' compensation checks received on account of an industrial accident or illness. The Superintendent or designee shall then issue payment of the employee's normal wage or salary less any appropriate deductions, including, but not limited to, employee retirement contributions. (Education Code 44043)

Absence for industrial accident or illness shall not be considered a break in service of the employee. An employee using such leave shall retain all status and benefits to which he/she would otherwise be entitled.

When available industrial accident or illness leave has been exhausted, the employee shall be so notified in writing and shall be offered an opportunity to request any additional paid or unpaid leave available to the employee. (Education Code 45192)

Upon expiration of allowable leave for an industrial accident or illness, the employee may use personal illness and injury leave provided pursuant to Education Code 44977, 44978, 44983, or 45191, as applicable, provided that such leave, when added to any continuing workers' compensation award, does not result in a payment to the employee of more than his/her full wage or salary. (Education Code 44984, 45192)

If a certificated employee is unable to resume the duties of his/her position after exhausting all accumulated sick leave, including the consecutive five-month period provided by Education Code 44977, he/she shall, if not placed in another position, be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 24 months if he/she is a probationary employee or 39 months if he/she is a permanent employee. If the employee becomes medically able to resume duties during the period of reemployment eligibility, he/she shall be returned to employment in a position for which he/she is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

If a classified employee has exhausted all available leaves of absence, paid or unpaid, and is not medically able to resume the duties of his/her position, he/she shall, if not placed in another position, be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 39 months. If he/she becomes medically able to resume duties during the period of reemployment eligibility, he/she shall be employed in a vacant position in the class of his/her previous assignment over all other candidates except those on a reemployment list established because of lack of work or lack of funds, in which case the employee shall be listed in accordance with seniority regulations. If the employee is medically released to return

to duty but fails to accept an appropriate assignment, he/she shall be dismissed. (Education Code 45192)

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Regulation 4361.5: Military Leave

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Military leave shall be granted in accordance with applicable state and federal law to employees performing military duties on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service, including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty, examination to determine fitness for duty, and performance of funeral honors duty. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.01, 395.02, 395.05, 395.1, 395.2, 395.9; 38 USC 4301, 4303, 4316)

An employee who needs to be absent from the district to fulfill his/her military service shall provide advance written or verbal notice to the Superintendent or designee, unless the giving of such notice is precluded by military necessity or is otherwise impossible or unreasonable. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.85, 1002.86)

Salary/Compensation

An employee shall receive his/her salary or compensation for the first 30 days of any one absence for military leave or during one fiscal year, under any of the following conditions:

- 1. Active Military Training or Exercises: The employee is granted a temporary military leave of absence to engage in ordered military duty for purposes of active military training, encampment, naval cruises, special exercises, or like activity as a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or Naval Militia, provided that: (Military and Veterans Code 389, 395, 395.01)
 - a. He/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins.
 - b. The ordered duty does not exceed 180 days, including time involved in going to and returning from such duty.
- 2. Active Military Duty: The employee is on military leave, other than a temporary military leave, to engage in active military duty as a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or the Naval Militia, provided that he/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins. (Military and Veterans Code 389, 395.02)
- 3. War or Other Emergency: The employee, however long employed by the district, is a member of the National Guard who is engaged in military or naval duty during a state of extreme emergency as declared by the Governor, or during such time as the National Guard may be on active duty in situations described in Military and Veterans Code 146, including travel time to and from such duty. (Military and Veterans Code 395.05)
- 4. Inactive Duty Training: The employee is a member of the reserve corps or force of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or Naval Militia who is engaged in temporary inactive duty training, provided that he/she has been employed by the district for at least one year immediately prior to the day the military leave begins and the ordered duty does not exceed 180 days, including time involved in going to and returning from such duty.

In determining the length of district employment when necessary to determine eligibility for compensation for military leave, all recognized military service performed during and prior to district employment shall be included.

For classified employees, 30 days' compensation shall be one month's salary. For certificated employees, 30 days' compensation shall be one-tenth of the employee's annual salary. (Education Code 45059)

Certificated employees shall not be entitled to compensation during non-teaching, non-paying months of the year.

During the period of military leave, an employee may, upon his/her own request, use any vacation or similar paid leave accrued before the commencement of the military leave. The district shall not require the employee to use such leave. (38 USC 4316; 20 CFR 1002.153)

Benefits

An employee may elect to continue his/her health plan coverage during the military leave. The maximum period of

coverage for the employee and his/her dependents shall be either 24 months from the beginning of the leave or until the day after the employee fails to apply for or return to employment, whichever is less. (38 USC 4317; 20 CFR 1002.164)

An employee on military leave may be required to pay the employee cost, if any, of any funded benefit to the extent that other employees on leave are so required. (38 USC 4316)

An employee absent for 30 days or fewer shall not be required to pay more than the employee share for such coverage. An employee absent for 31 days or more may be required to pay not more than 102 percent of the full premium under the plan. (38 USC 4317; 20 CFR 1002.166)

Any employee called into active military duty as a member of the California National Guard or a United States Military Reserve organization shall receive, for up to 180 days, the difference between the amount of his/her military pay and the amount the employee would have received from the district and all benefits that the employee would have received if he/she had not been called to active military duty, unless the benefits are prohibited or limited by vendor contracts.

Vacation and Sick Leave Accrual

An employee on temporary military leave under the conditions described in item #1 Active Military Training or Exercises, in the section entitled "Salary/Compensation" above, shall continue to accrue the same vacation, sick leave, and holiday privileges to which he/she would otherwise be entitled if not absent. (Military and Veterans Code 395)

An employee on military leave who is serving in active duty in time of war, national emergency, or United Nations military or police operation shall not accrue sick leave or vacation leave during the period of such leave. (Military and Veterans Code 395.1)

However, an employee who is a National Guard member on active duty as described in item #3 War or Other Emergency, in the section entitled "Salary/Compensation" above, shall not suffer any loss or diminution of vacation or holiday privileges because of his/her leave of absence. (Military and Veterans Code 395.05)

Pension Plan Service Credit

Pension plan service credit and vesting shall continue during an employee's military leave as though no break in service had occurred. Payment of employer and employee contributions shall be made in accordance with law for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System or Public Employees' Retirement System. (Education Code 22850-22856; Government Code 20990-21013)

Employment Status

Absence for military leave shall not affect the classification of any certificated employee. In the case of a certificated probationary employee, the period of such absence shall not count as part of the service required to obtain permanent status, but shall not be construed as a break in the continuity of service for any purpose. (Education Code 44800)

Reinstatement Rights

At the conclusion of the military duty, an employee shall be promptly reinstated in the position held at the beginning of the leave, at the salary to which he/she would otherwise have been entitled, except under the conditions noted below. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.2; 38 USC 4304, 4313; 20 CFR 1002.180-1002.181)

Any employee who performs active military duty in time of war, national emergency, or United Nations military or police operation has a right to return to his/her position within six months of an honorable discharge or placement on inactive duty. Reinstatement rights shall not be extended to any such employee who fails to return within 12 months after the first date upon which he/she could terminate or could cause to be terminated his/her active service. (Education Code 44800; Military and Veterans Code 395.1)

When an employee has been on military leave for reasons other than war or national emergency, the time frame for reinstatement shall depend on the length of military service as follows: (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.115, 1002.118)

- 1. For a leave of 30 days or fewer, the employee shall report for duty no later than the beginning of the first full work day following the completion of military service, provided the employee has a period of eight hours to rest following transportation to his/her residence.
- 2. For a leave of 31-180 days, the employee shall submit a written or verbal application for reinstatement not later than 14 days after the completion of military service.
- 3. For a leave of more than 180 days, the employee shall submit a written or verbal application for reinstatement within 90 days after the completion of military service.

In cases where reporting within the periods specified in items #1 and #2 above is impossible or unreasonable through no fault of the employee, he/she shall report as soon as possible after the expiration of the period. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.115, 1002.117)

An employee who is hospitalized for, or convalescing from, an illness or injury incurred in or aggravated during the performance of military service shall report for duty or submit an application for reinstatement at the end of the period that is necessary to recover from such illness or injury, but no more than two years after the completion of military service unless circumstances beyond the employee's control make reporting within the two-year period impossible or unreasonable. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.116)

Upon receiving an application for reinstatement, the Superintendent or designee shall reinstate the employee as soon as practicable under the circumstances of his/her case, but within a time period not to exceed two weeks, absent unusual circumstances. (20 CFR 1002.181)

If the employee's previous position has been abolished, he/she shall be reinstated in a position of like seniority, status, and pay, if such position exists, or to a comparable vacant position for which he/she is qualified. (Military and Veterans Code 395, 395.1; 38 USC 4313; 20 CFR 1002.192)

An employee failing to apply for reinstatement within the appropriate period does not automatically forfeit his/her rights, but shall be subject to the Board's rules governing unexcused absences. (38 USC 4312)

The Superintendent or designee may elect not to reinstate an employee following military leave if any of the following conditions exists:

- 1. The district's circumstances have so changed as to make such re-employment impossible or unreasonable, such as a reduction in force that would have included the employee. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 2. The accommodation, training, or effort described in 38 USC 4313(a)(3), (a)(4), or (b)(2)(B) would impose an undue hardship on the district as defined in 20 CFR 1002.5 or 1002.198. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 3. The employee's position was for a brief, nonrecurrent period and there was no reasonable expectation that such employment will continue indefinitely or for a significant period. (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.139)
- 4. The employee's cumulative length of absence and length of all previous military leave while employed with the district exceeds five years, excluding those training and service obligations specified in 38 USC 4312(c). (38 USC 4312; 20 CFR 1002.99-1002.103)
- 5. The employee was separated from military service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions. (Military and Veterans Code 395.1; 20 USC 4304, 4312; 20 CFR 1002.134-1002.138)

Notices

The Superintendent or designee shall provide employees a notice of the rights, benefits, and obligations of employees granted military leave and of the district under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 38 USC 4301-4334. (38 USC 4334)

This requirement may be met by posting the notice where the district customarily places notices for employees. (38 USC 4334)

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Policy 4361.9: Catastrophic Leave Program

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The Board of Trustees recognizes that district employees may desire to assist other employees who have an urgent need for a leave of absence but do not have sufficient accrued leave to cover their absence. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a catastrophic leave program by which employees may donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave credits, which shall be placed into a pool for use by eligible employees.

Donations made under the catastrophic leave program shall be strictly voluntary.

The district's policy and procedures regarding catastrophic leave shall be included in the employee handbook. The Superintendent or designee may notify employees annually, or more frequently if the need arises, of the process for donating leave for this purpose.

An employee may apply to use donated leave credits in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation when he/she has exhausted all applicable paid leaves of absence and a catastrophic illness or injury incapacitates the employee or a member of his/her family for an extended period of time. (Education Code 44043.5)

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Regulation 4361.9: Catastrophic Leave Program

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Donations to Catastrophic Leave Program

An employee who chooses to donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave credits to the district's catastrophic leave program shall provide written notice to the Superintendent or designee of the amount and type of leave he/she wishes to donate. The Superintendent or designee shall review the donor's available leave and transfer the leave credits to a district pool of leave credits designated for this purpose.

Donations shall be at a minimum of eight hours, and in hour increments thereafter. (Education Code 44043.5)

All transfers of eligible leave credit shall be irrevocable. (Education Code 44043.5)

Employees should be cautious in making large donations of leave that they may need for their own use in the future.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all donations are confidential.

Requests for Catastrophic Leave

A full-time or part-time employee may apply to the Superintendent or designee to use paid leave from the catastrophic leave program if he/she earns paid time off but has exhausted all his/her accrued paid leave and needs to take time off from work for an extended period of time due to his/her or a family member's catastrophic illness or injury. If the employee is incapacitated, a family member or caretaker may apply on his/her behalf.

The employee shall provide verification of the illness or injury. (Education Code 44043.5)

Verification shall be made by means of a letter, dated and signed by the individual's health care provider, indicating the incapacitating nature and probable duration of the illness or injury.

An employee may apply to receive up to 20 days of paid leave from the catastrophic leave program per school year. At the end of the 20-day period, he/she may apply for up to 20 days of additional leave credits.

Employees receiving compensation under worker's compensation provisions are not eligible to receive leave from the catastrophic leave program until exhausting such benefit.

An employee who is the recipient of donated leave credits shall use those credits within 12 consecutive months. (Education Code 44043.5)

If donated leave credits are not used by the employee within 12 consecutive months, the credits shall be returned to the pool of catastrophic leave for use by other eligible employees.

An employee who receives catastrophic leave shall use any leave credits that he/she continues to accrue on a monthly basis before receiving paid leave pursuant to this program. (Education Code 44043.5)