# Nicasio School District

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#### **Board of Trustees**

Michelle Rutledge, Board President ~ Elaine Doss, Trustee ~ Mark Burton, Trustee

To:

Nicasio School District Board of Trustees

From:

Jan La Torre-Derby, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent

Date:

June 19, 2019

Re:

Action: Approval of BP 4000s Personnel

### Objective:

To review and approve policies, 4000s Personnel, which align with district practice and state and federal mandates

#### Background:

Michelle Rutledge, Nicasio School District Board President, and the Nicasio staff continue to review board policies to update and align mandates and district practice. The 4000s are state and federal requirements regarding Personnel Practices as outlined in law. The first round of policies brought forward range from BP/AR 4119.23-BP/AR 44356.3 (See next page for policies to be reviewed and approved)

The board policies carried over from June 5, 2019 and the new policies are listed here for your review. These policies are focused on personnel practices and implementation. All 4000s have now been reviewed and review of the 5000s may begin in fall 2019.

### **Funding Source/Cost:**

NA

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommends revision/additions/approval of mandated Board Polices listed above as a first/final reading.

# Board Policies carried over from June 5, 2019 meeting.

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation	Topic Area	
BP 4119.23	Unauthorized Release of Confidential /	
BP 4219.23	Privileged Information	
BP 4319.23		
BP/AR 4119.25	Political Activities of Employees	
BP/AR 4210.25		
BP/AR 4319.25		
BP 4119.41	Employees with Infectious Disease	
BP 4219.41		
BP 4319.41		
BP 4119.42	Exposure Control Plan for Blood-borne	
BP 4219.42	Pathogens	
BP 4319.41		
BP 4119.42	Universal Precautions	
BP 4219.43		
BP 4319.43		
BP/AR 4121	Temporary/Substitute Personnel	
BP 4131	Staff Development	
BP 4136	Non-school Employment	
BP 4236		
BP 4336		
BP 4140	Bargaining Units	
BP 4240		
BP 4340		
BP 4143	Public Notice Personnel Negotiations	
BP 4243		
BP 4143.1	Public Notice-Personnel Negotiations	
BP 4243.1		
BP 4151	Employee Compensation	
BP 4251		
BP 4351		
BP 4156.3	Employee Property Reimbursement	
BP 4256.3		
BP 4356.3		

# New 4000s series for June 19, 2019 meeting.

Board Policies/Administrative Regulations	Topic Areas		
AR 4157.1 4257.1 4357.1	Work Related Injuries		
AR 4157.2 4257.2 4357.2	Ergonomics		
AR 4161 4261 4361	Leaves		
AR 4161.1 4361.1	Personnel Illness/Injury Leave		
AR 4161.11 4261.11 4361.11	Industrial Accident/Illness Leave		
AR 4161.2 4261.2 4361.2	Personal Leaves-Yes needed		
AR 4161.5 4261.5 4361.5	Military Leave/Board Discussion Needed re:		
	Salary for military leave.		
AR 4161.8 4261.8 4361.8	Family Care and Medical Leave- Not Needed		
	Covered in BP 4161.1		
BP/AR 4200	Classified Personnel		
BP/AR 4211.2	Legal Status Requirement		
AR 4212	Appointment and Conditions of Employment		
AR 4212.4 4112.4 4312.4	Health Examination		
AR /Ex 4212.5	Criminal Record Check		
AR 4212.6 4112.6 4312.6	Personnel Files/USE Nicasio in GAMUT		
	Format		
BP/Ex 4212.9	Employee Notifications		
BP 4213.4 4113.4 4313.4	Temporary Modified/Light Duty Assignment		
BP/AR/Ex 4215	<b>Evaluation/Supervision (Combined</b>		
	GAMUT/District)		
BP 4217.2 4117.2 4317.2	Resignation		
BP 4217.3	Layoff/Rehire		
AR 4217.5 4117.5 4317.5	Termination Agreements		
BP 4218	Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action (Yes		
	Permanent Status for Classified)		
BP/AR 4219.11 4119.11 4319.11	Sexual Harassment (Yes needed )		
BP 4219.23 4119.23 4319.23	Unauthorized Release of		
	Confidential/Privileged Information		
BP/AR 4219.25 4119.25 4319.25	Political Activities of Employees		
BP/AR 4219.42 4119.42 4319.42	Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne		
	Pathogens (Need here employee protection)		

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Cannot change Ed Code Language. Districts can only refer to what is applicable for the district in the Ed Code, but cannot change Ed. Code or Gov Code or Labor Code.

## **Exhibit**

**Professional Standards** 

E 4119.21

Personnel

# **Board Policy**

Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information

BP 4119.23 4219.23, 4319.23

Personnel

The Governing Board 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)

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

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

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)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)

- 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.

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(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
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(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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.

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

35146 Closed sessions

35160 Authority of governing boards

44031 Personnel file contents and inspection

44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employees

44933 Other grounds for dismissal

45113 Rules and regulations for classified service

49060-49079 Pupil records

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

1098 Public officials and employees: confidential information

6250-6270 Inspection of public records

54950-54963 Brown Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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## Political Activities Of Employees

BP 4119.25 4219.25, 4319.25

Personnel

The Governing Board respects the right of school employees to engage in political discussions and activities on their own time and at their own expense. On such occasions, employees shall make it clear that they are acting as individuals and not as representatives of the district.

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

Like other community members, employees may use school facilities for meetings under the Civic Center Act.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

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

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

#### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

7050-7057 Political activities of school officers and employees

38130-38139 Civic Center Act

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3543.1 Rights of employee organizations

COURT DECISIONS

Downs v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (9th Cir. 2000) 228 F.3d 1003

California Teachers Association v. Governing Board of San Diego Unified School District, (1996)

45 Cal.App. 4th 1383

L.A. Teachers Union v. L.A. City Board of Education, (1969) 71 Cal.2d 551

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 106 (2001)

84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 52 (2001)

77 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 56 (1994)

PERB RULINGS

California Federation of Teachers, Local 1931 v. San Diego Community College District (2001)

## PERB Order #1467 (26 PERC 33014)

Management Resources: CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Political Activities of School Districts: Legal Issues, 1998, revised 2001

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Office of the Attorney General, Dept. of Justice: http://caag.state.ca.us/

Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

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# **Administrative Regulation**

**Political Activities Of Employees** 

AR 4119.25 4219.25, 4319.25

Personnel

District employees shall not:

1. Use district funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Governing Board (Education Code 7054)

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

- 2. During working hours and on district property, 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)
- 3. During working hours and on district property, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of other types of ballot measures
- 4. Use district time to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate
- 5. Use district equipment for the preparation or reproduction of political campaign materials, even if the district is reimbursed

(cf. 3512 - Equipment)

- 6. Post or distribute political campaign materials on district property
- 7. Disseminate political campaign materials through the district's mail service, e-mail or staff mailboxes

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

- 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 opposing views

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

10. Wear buttons or articles of clothing that express political opinions on ballot measures or candidates during instructional time

However, teachers shall not be prohibited from wearing political buttons during noninstructional time, such as Back-to-School Night.

Nothing in Board policy or administrative regulation shall be construed to prevent employees from soliciting or receiving funds or contributions for political purposes during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

### **Employee Organizations**

Employee organizations may use district mailboxes and other means to communicate with employees, subject to reasonable regulation. Employee organizations may have access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work; may use institutional bulletin boards, mailboxes, and other means of communication and may use district facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings. (Government Code 3543.1)

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

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

Access to district communication channels shall be limited in cases where such access would be disruptive to district operations.

In the event of a concerted action or work stoppage, political activities by employee organizations and individual employees shall be restricted to peaceful informational picketing and other activities allowed by law.

(cf. 4141.6/4241.6 - Concerted Action/Work Stoppage)

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## **Employees With Infectious Disease**

BP 4119.41 4219.41, 4319.41

Personnel

The Governing Board 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.

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(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)
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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.

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(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)
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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.

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(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens) (cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions) (cf. 4131 - Staff Development) (cf. 4231 - Staff Development) (cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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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.

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(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
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(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

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)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

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.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44839 Medical certificate; periodic medical examination

44839.5 Requirements for employment of retirant

49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)

CIVIL CODE

56-56.37 Confidentiality of medical information

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120975-121020 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

7293.5-7294.2 Discrimination based on disability

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5502-5504 Medical certification

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500 Reportable diseases and conditions

2508 Reporting of communicable diseases; duty of schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

COURT DECISIONS

Chevron USA v. Echazabal, (2002) 536 U.S. 73, 122 S.Ct. 2045

School Board of Nassau County, Florida v. Arline, (1987) 408 U.S. 273

### Management Resources:

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS** 

H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu), Fact Sheet, April 2009

Pandemic Influenza, Fact Sheet, September 2007

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

California HIV/AIDS Laws, 2009, January 2010

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans

with Disabilities Act, October 2002

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov

California School Nurses Organization: http://www.csno.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: http://www.eeoc.gov

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: http://www.hhs.gov

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**Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens** 

BP 4119.42 4219.42, 4319.42 **Personnel** 

As part of its commitment to provide a safe and healthful work environment, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of developing an exposure control plan. 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 to protect 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).

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions) (cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

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 be offered the hepatitis B vaccination.

The Superintendent or designee may exempt designated first aid providers from pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccination under the conditions specified by state regulations. (8 CCR 5193(f))

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.

Legal Reference:

LABOR CODE

142.3 Authority of Cal/OSHA to adopt standards

144.7 Requirement to amend standards

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

3204 Access to employee exposure and medical records

5193 California bloodborne pathogens standards

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

1910.1030 OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards

Management Resources: CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES 1016.89 Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of Infectious Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected Persons in School Settings

WEB SITES

OSHA: http://www.osha.gov

Cal/OSHA: http://www.dir.ca.gov/occupational\_safety.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

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# **Exhibit**

### **Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens**

E 4119.42 4219.42, 4319.42 **Personnel** 

Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination

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.

Signature	
Employee Name (Please print)	
Date	

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### **Universal Precautions**

BP 4119.43 4219.43, 4319.43

Personnel

In order to protect employees from contact with potentially infectious blood or other body fluids, the Governing Board 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.

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

### Legal Reference:

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

117600-118360 Handling and disposal of regulated waste

120875 Providing information to school districts on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions and

Hepatitis B

120880 Information to employees of school district

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 California bloodborne pathogens standard

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

1910.1030 OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards

### Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1016.89 Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of Infectious Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected Persons in School Settings

WEB SITES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

Temporary/Substitute Personnel

BP 4121

Personnel

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

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

Hiring

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

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

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

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

(cf. 4117.14/4317.14 - Postretirement Employment)

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

(cf. 4117.3 - Personnel Reduction)

Classification

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

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

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

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

- 1. Serve from day to day during the first three months of any school term to teach temporary classes which shall not exist after that time, or perform any other duties which do not last longer than the first three months of any school term (Education Code 44919)
- 2. Serve in a limited assignment supervising student athletic activities provided such assignments have first been made available to teachers presently employed in the district (Education Code 44919)

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

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

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

Salary and Benefits

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

Temporary employees shall not participate in the health and welfare plans or other fringe benefits of the district.

#### Paid Sick Leave

Except for a retired annuitant who is not reinstated to the retirement system, any temporary or substitute employee who works for 30 or more days within a year of his/her employment shall be

credited with 24 hours of paid sick leave for that year. Unused sick leave shall not carry over to the following year of employment. (Labor Code 246)

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

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

- 1. His/her own need or the need of a family member, as defined in Labor Code 245.5, for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition or for preventive care
- 2. Need of the employee to obtain or seek any relief or medical attention specified in Labor Code 230(c) and 230.1(a) for the health, safety, or welfare of the employee, or his/her child, when the employee has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave) (cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

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. The Superintendent or designee shall display a poster containing required information, provide notice to eligible employees of their sick leave rights, keep records of employees' use of sick leave for three years, and comply with other requirements specified in Labor Code 245-249 and in AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave.

Release from Employment/Dismissal

The Board may dismiss a substitute employee at any time at its discretion. (Education Code 44953)

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

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

Reemployment as a Probationary Employee

Unless released from employment pursuant to Education Code 44954, any person employed for

one complete school year as a temporary employee shall, if reemployed for the following school year in a vacant position requiring certification qualifications, be classified as a probationary employee. With the exception of on-call, day-to-day substitutes, if a temporary or substitute employee performs the duties normally required of certificated employees for at least 75 percent of the number of days the regular schools of the district were maintained in that school year and is then employed as a probationary employee for the following school year, his/her previous employment as a temporary or substitute employee shall be credited as one year's employment as a probationary employee for purposes of acquiring permanent status. (Education Code 44917, 44918, 44920) Due to the size of the district and policy that allows it, Nicasio School District does not grant permanent status.

### (cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

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

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

A person employed pursuant to item #5 in the section "Classification" above who is then continued in employment beyond the first semester shall be classified as a probationary employee for the entire school year and shall be reemployed to fill any vacant position in the district for which he/she is certified. Preference for available positions shall be determined by the Board as prescribed by Education Code 44845 and 44846. (Education Code 44921)

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

#### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

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44830 Employment of certificated persons; requirements of proficiency in basic skills

- 44839.5 Employment of retirant
- 44845 Date of employment
- 44846 Criteria for reemployment preferences
- 44909 Employees providing services through categorically funded programs
- 44914 Substitute and probationary employment computation for classification as permanent emplovee
- 44915 Classification of probationary employees
- 44916 Time of classification; statement of employment status
- 44917 Classification of substitute employees
- 44918 Substitute or temporary employee deemed probationary employee; reemployment rights
- 44919 Classification of temporary employees
- 44920 Employment of certain temporary employees; classifications
- 44921 Employment of temporary employees; reemployment rights (unified and high school districts)
- 44953 Dismissal of substitute employees
- 44954 Release of temporary employees
- 44955 Layoff of permanent and probationary employees
- 44956 Rights of laid-off permanent employees to substitute positions
- 44957 Rights of laid-off probationary employees to substitute positions
- 44977 Salary schedule for substitute employees
- 45030 Substitutes
- 45041 Computation of salary
- 45042 Alternative method of computation for less than one school year
- 45043 Compensation for employment beginning in the second semester
- 56060-56063 Substitute teachers in special education

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3540.1 Educational Employment Relations Act, definitions

### LABOR CODE

- 220 Sections inapplicable to public employees
- 230 Jury duty; legal actions by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off
- 230.1 Employers with 25 or more employees; domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off
- 233 Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner
- 234 Absence control policy
- 245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 5502 Filing of notice of physical examination for employment of retired person
- 5503 Physical examination for employment of retired persons
- 5590 Temporary athletic team coach
- 80025-80025.5 Emergency substitute teaching permits

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WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov

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# **Administrative Regulation**

Temporary/Substitute Personnel

AR 4121

Personnel

### 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)

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(cf. 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2 - Legal Status Requirement) (cf. 4112.2 - Certification) (cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation) (cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations) (cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
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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)

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

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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### **Staff Development**

BP 4131

#### Personnel

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

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(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)
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The Superintendent or designee shall involve teachers, site and district administrators, and others, as appropriate, in the development of the district's staff development program. He/she shall ensure that the district's staff development program is aligned with district priorities for student achievement, school improvement objectives, the local control and accountability plan, and other district and school plans.

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(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
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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

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

- 3. Use of technologies to enhance instruction
- (cf. 0440 District Technology Plan)
- (cf. 4040 Employee Use of Technology)
- (cf. 6163.4 Student Use of Technology)
- 4. Sensitivity to and ability to meet the needs of diverse student populations, including, but not limited to, students of various racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities, English learners, economically disadvantaged students, foster youth, gifted and talented students, and at-risk students
- (cf. 4112.22 Staff Teaching English Learners)
- (cf. 4112.23 Special Education Staff)
- (cf. 5147 Dropout Prevention)
- (cf. 6141.5 Advanced Placement)
- (cf. 6171 Title I Programs)
- (cf. 6172 Gifted and Talented Student Program)
- (cf. 6173 Education for Homeless Children)
- (cf. 6173.1 Education for Foster Youth)
- (cf. 6174 Education for English Learners)
- (cf. 6175 Migrant Education Program)
- 5. Understanding of how academic and career technical instruction can be integrated and implemented to increase student learning
- (cf. 6178 Career Technical Education)
- 6. Knowledge of strategies that encourage parents/guardians to participate fully and effectively in their children's education
- (cf. 1240 Volunteer Assistance)
- (cf. 5020 Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
- (cf. 6020 Parent Involvement)
- 7. Effective classroom management skills and strategies for establishing a climate that promotes respect, fairness, tolerance, and discipline, including conflict resolution and hatred prevention
- (cf. 5131 Conduct)
- (cf. 5131.2 Bullying)
- (cf. 5137 Positive School Climate)
- (cf. 5138 Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)
- (cf. 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior)
- 8. Ability to relate to students, understand their various stages of growth and development, and motivate them to learn

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

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(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
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10. Knowledge of topics related to student health, safety, and welfare

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(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
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11. Knowledge of topics related to employee health, safety, and security

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(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42- Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)
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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.

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(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)
(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)
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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.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

The Board may budget funds for actual and reasonable expenses incurred by staff who participate in staff development activities.

(cf. 3100 - Budget) (cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)

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.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44032 Travel expense payment

44259.5 Standards for teacher preparation

44277 Professional growth programs for individual teachers

44300 Emergency permits

44325-44328 District interns

44450-44468 University internship program

44570-44578 Inservice training, secondary education

44830.3 District interns

45028 Salary schedule and exceptions

48980 Notification of parents/guardians; schedule of minimum days

52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan

56240-56245 Staff development; service to persons with disabilities

99200-99206 Subject matter projects

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3543.2 Scope of representation of employee organization

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

13025-13044 Professional development and program improvement

80021 Short-term staff permit

80021.1 Provisional internship permit

80023-80026.6 Emergency permits

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California Subject Matter Projects: http://csmp.ucop.edu

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## **Nonschool Employment**

BP 4136 4236,4336

Personnel

In order to help maintain public trust in the integrity of district operations, the Governing Board 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.

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(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
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(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

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

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

(cf. 4132/4232/4332 - Publication or Creation of Materials)

(cf. 4135/4235/4335 - Soliciting and Selling)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

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.

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

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.

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)

(cf. 4144/4244/4344 - Complaints)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/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.

#### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

35160 Authority of governing boards

35160.1 Broad authority of school districts

51520 Prohibited solicitation on school premises

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

1126 Incompatible activities of employees

1127 Incompatible activities; off duty work

1128 Incompatible activities, attorney

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Fair Political Practices Commission: http://www.fppc.ca.gov

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# **Bargaining Units**

BP 4140 4240,4340

Personnel

The Governing Board recognizes the right of district employees to form a bargaining unit, select an employee organization as their exclusive representative, and be represented by that organization in their employment relationship with the district. The Board is committed to negotiating in good faith with recognized employee organizations and respecting the rights of employees and employee organizations.

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(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)
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The district shall not dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization or contribute financial or other support to it. (Government Code 3543.5)

Formation of Bargaining Units

Certificated and classified employees shall not be included in the same bargaining unit. (Government Code 3545)

The district may recognize a bargaining unit of supervisory employees if: (Government Code 3545)

- 1. The bargaining unit includes all supervisory employees.
- 2. The supervisors are not represented by the same organization that represents employees whom the supervisory employees supervise.

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(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)
(cf. 4301 - Administrative Staff Organization)
(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)
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For this purpose, supervisory employee means any employee, regardless of job description, having the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, discipline, assign work, direct, adjust grievance of other employees, or effectively recommend that action. The exercise of this authority shall not be merely routine or clerical in nature, but shall require the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 3540.1)

Employees serving in management, senior management, or confidential positions shall not be represented by an exclusive representative. Such employees may represent themselves individually or may be represented by an employee organization whose membership is composed

entirely of employees designated as holding those positions. When represented by an employee organization, that organization shall not meet and negotiate with the district. For this purpose: (Government Code 3540.1, 3543.4)

- 1. Management employee means any employee who has significant responsibilities for formulating district policies or administering district programs, and whose position is designated as a management position by the Board.
- 2. Confidential employee means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to employer-employee relations or whose duties normally require access to confidential information that is used to contribute significantly to the development of management positions.

### Membership

The district shall not deter or discourage employees or job applicants from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization, authorizing representation by an employee organization, or authorizing dues or fee deductions to an employee organization. In addition, the district shall not impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their membership or nonmembership in an employee organization. (Government Code 3543.5, 3550)

(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)

The Superintendent or designee may communicate with district employees regarding their rights under the law. Such communications shall be factual and accurate, and may not promise a benefit, threaten a reprisal, or in any way deter or discourage employees from joining an employee organization or paying dues.

However, before disseminating to multiple employees any mass communication concerning employees' right to join or support an employee organization or to refrain from joining or supporting an employee organization, such as a written document or script for oral or recorded presentation or message, the Superintendent or designee shall meet and confer with the employees' exclusive representative regarding the content of the communication. If the district and exclusive representative do not come to agreement on the content of the mass communication, the Superintendent or designee may disseminate the district's mass communication provided that, at the same time, copies of the exclusive representative's communication, which shall be of reasonable length, are also distributed. (Government Code 3553)

Access to Employee Orientations and Contact Information

The district shall permit employee organizations access to new employee orientations where newly hired employees are advised, whether in person, online, or through other means or mediums, of their employment status, rights, benefits, duties, responsibilities, or any other employment-related matters. The district shall provide employee organizations at least 10 days' notice in advance of an orientation. However, in any specific instance where an unforeseeable,

urgent need critical to the district's operation prevents the required 10 days' notice, a shorter notice may be provided. (Government Code 3555.5, 3556)

The structure, time, and manner of the access to new employee orientations shall be determined by mutual agreement of the district and the exclusive representative, following a request to negotiate by either party. If the district and exclusive representative fail to reach an agreement, matters related to the access to new employee orientation shall be subject to compulsory interest arbitration. The district and employee organization may mutually agree to submit any dispute to compulsory interest arbitration at any time. In addition, if any dispute arises during negotiations and is not resolved within 45 days after the first meeting or within 60 days after the initial request to negotiate, whichever is earlier, either party may make a demand for compulsory interest arbitration. When any such dispute arises during the summer when the district's administrative office is closed, the timeline shall commence on the first day the administrative office reopens. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties. (Government Code 3556, 3557)

The date, time, and place of the orientation shall not be disclosed to anyone other than employees, the exclusive representative, or a vendor that is contracted to provide a service for purposes of the orientation. (Government Code 3556)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide an exclusive representative with the name, job title, department, work location, telephone numbers (work, home, and personal cell phone), personal email address(es) on file with the district, and home address of any newly hired employee in the bargaining unit, within 30 days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the same information in regard to all employees in the bargaining unit to an exclusive representative at least every 120 days, unless more frequent or detailed lists are required by agreement with the exclusive representative. (Government Code 3558, 6254.3)

However, the Superintendent or designee shall not disclose the home address and any phone numbers on file for employees performing law enforcement-related functions, nor shall he/she disclose the home address, home or personal cell phone number(s), or personal email address(es) of any employee who is a participant in the Safe at Home address confidentiality program pursuant to Government Code 6207 or any employee who provides written request that the information not be disclosed for this purpose. Following receipt of a written request, the district shall remove the employee's home address, home and personal cell phone numbers, and personal email address from any mailing list maintained by the district unless the list is only used by the district to contact the employee. (Government Code 3558, 6207, 6254.3)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Membership Dues or Other Payments to an Employee Organization

When drawing an order for the salary or wage payment of a bargaining unit employee of an employee organization, the district shall deduct any amount which has been requested by the

employee in a revocable written authorization for the purpose of paying dues or other payments for any service, program, or committee provided or sponsored by the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

An employee organization that certifies that it has and will maintain individual employee authorizations shall handle and process employee written authorizations for payroll deductions. When an employee organization provides such a certification to the district, the district shall rely on information from the employee organization regarding the amounts of such payroll deductions and from which employees. The employee organization shall not be required to submit to the district a copy of the written authorization in order for the payroll deductions to be effective. However, when there is a dispute about the existence or terms of the written authorization, a copy of the employee's written authorization shall be submitted to the district. The employee organization shall indemnify the district for any employee claims regarding payroll deductions made by the district in reliance on notification from the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

When an employee organization which has declined to certify that it will handle and process employee written authorizations makes a request for payroll deductions, the district shall request a copy of the employee's written authorization before making the payroll deductions. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

A written authorization shall remain in effect until expressly revoked in writing by the employee and pursuant to the terms of the written authorization. Employee requests to cancel or change authorizations for payroll deductions for employee organizations shall be directed to the employee organization rather than the district. The employee organization shall be responsible for processing these requests. The district shall rely on the information provided by the employee organization regarding whether deductions for an employee organization were properly canceled or changed. The employee organization shall be required to indemnify the district for any claims made by an employee for deductions made by the district in reliance on information from the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168)

## Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

45060-45061.5 Deduction of fees from salary or wage payment, certificated employees

45100.5 Senior management positions

45104.5 Abolishment of senior classified management positions

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45168 Deduction of fees from salary or wage payment, classified employees

45220-45320 Merit system, classified employees

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3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act, especially:

3540.1 Definitions

3543.4 Management position; representation

3545 Appropriateness of unit; basis

3550-3552 Prohibition on public employers deterring or discouraging union membership

3555-3559 Public employee communication, information and orientation

6205-6210 Confidentiality of addresses for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking

6254.3 Disclosure of employee contact information to employee organization

6503.5 Joint powers agencies

53260-53264 Employment contracts

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

33015-33490 Recognition of exclusive representative; proceedings

33700-33710 Severance of established unit

34020 Petition to rescind organizational security arrangement

34055 Reinstatement of organizational security arrangement

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Association of California School Administrators: http://www.acsa.org

California Federation of Teachers: http://www.cft.org

California School Employees Association: http://www.csea.com

California Teachers Association: http://www.cta.org

Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

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# **Board Policy**

# Negotiations/Consultation

BP 4143 4243

Personnel

The Governing Board 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.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District) (cf. 3100 - Budget) (cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units) (cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

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.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

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.

(cf. 4143.1/4243.1- Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations)

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)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

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)

\*\*\*Note: Pursuant to Government Code 3548, if the district and employee organization are unable to reach agreement, either party may declare an impasse and request assistance from PERB in instituting mediation procedures in accordance with Government Code 3548-3548.8. \*\*\*

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)

(cf. 4141.6/4241.6 - Concerted Action/Work Stoppage)

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.

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)

(cf. 9310 - Board Policies)

## Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44987 Service as officer of employee organization (certificated)

45210 Service as officer of employee organization (classified)

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS

Berkeley Council of Classified Employees v. Berkeley Unified School District, (2008) PERB

Decision No. 1954

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Public Employee Relations: http://cper.berkeley.edu

Center for Collaborative Solutions: http://www.ccscenter.org/labormgmt

Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

State Mediation and Conciliation Service (SMCS): http://www.dir.ca.gov/csmcs/smcs.aspx

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# **Board Policy**

# **Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations**

BP 4143.1 4243.1

Personnel

Because the Governing Board 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.

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(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)
(cf. 9010 - Public Statements)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
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Public Notice/Sun-shining 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)

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(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)
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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)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

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.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

42130-42134 Financial reports and certifications
GOVERNMENT CODE

3540.2 Meeting and negotiating in public educational employment
3547 Proposals relating to representation; informing public
3547.5 Major provisions of agreement with exclusive representative
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
32075 PERB regional office defined

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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

Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team: http://www.fcmat.org

Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

School Services of California: http://www.sscal.com

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# **Administrative Regulation**

**Public Notice - Personnel Negotiations** 

AR 4143.1 4243.1

#### Personnel

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

# **Board Policy**

**Employee Compensation** 

BP 4151 4251, 4351 Personnel

In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of offering a competitive compensation package which includes salaries and health and welfare benefits.

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(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3400 - Management of Districts Assets/Accounts)
(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)
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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)

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(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
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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 years of training 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)

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(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
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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.

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(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)
(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)
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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,

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

A district employee shall be paid an overtime rate of not less than one and one-half times his/her regular rate of pay for any hours worked in excess of eight hours in one day or 40 hours in one work week. However, employees shall be exempt from overtime rules if they are employed as teachers or school administrators or if they qualify as being employed in an executive, administrative, or professional capacity and are paid a fixed salary at or above the salary level established by federal regulations. (Labor Code 510; 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 he/she 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 a reasonable period after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt district operations. (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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(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
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### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

45022-45061.5 Salaries, especially:

45023 Availability of salary schedule

45028 Salary schedule for certificated employees

45160-45169 Salaries for classified employees

45268 Salary schedule for classified service in merit system districts

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3540-3549 Meeting and negotiating, especially:

3543.2 Scope of representation

3543.7 Duty to meet and negotiate in good faith

LABOR CODE

226 Employee access to payroll records

232 Disclosure of wages

510 Overtime compensation; length of work day and week; alternative schedules

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

409A Deferred compensation plans

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

201-219 Fair Labor Standards Act, especially:

203 Definitions

207 Overtime

213 Exemptions from minimum wage and overtime requirements

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

1.409A-1 Definitions and covered plans

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

516.4 Notice of minimum wage and overtime provisions

516.5-516.6 Records

541.0-541.710 Exemptions for executive, administrative, and professional employees

553.1-553.51 Fair Labor Standards Act; applicability to public agencies

**COURT DECISIONS** 

Flores v. City of San Gabriel, 9th Cir., June 2, 2016, No. 14-56421

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Internal Revenue Service: http://www.irs.gov

School Services of California, Inc.: http://www.sscal.com

U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division: https://www.dol.gov/whd

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# **Board Policy**

**Employee Property Reimbursement** 

BP 4156.3 4256.3, 4356.3

Personnel

The Governing Board does not authorize payment for the reimbursement of employee personal property which may be stolen or intentionally destroyed or damaged while being used for work-related purposes.

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

35213 Reimbursement for loss, destruction or damage of personal property 48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful misconduct; withholding of grades, diplomas and transcripts

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

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# **Administrative Regulation**

## Work-Related Injuries

AR 4157.1 4257.1, 4357.1

Personnel

In order to provide medical benefits, temporary or permanent disability benefits, wage replacement, retraining or skill enhancement, and/or death benefits in the event that an employee becomes injured or ill in the course of employment, the district shall provide all employees with insurance and workers' compensation benefits in accordance with law. The Superintendent or designee shall develop an efficient claims handling process that reduces costs and facilitates employee recovery.

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(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)
(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 4157.2/4257.2/4357.2 - Ergonomics)
(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)
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The Superintendent or designee shall notify every new employee, at the time of hire or by the end of the first pay period, of his/her right to receive workers' compensation benefits if injured at work. (Labor Code 3551; 8 CCR 15596)

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(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
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In addition, a notice regarding workers' compensation benefits shall be posted in a conspicuous location frequented by employees, where the notice may be easily read during the workday. (Labor Code 3550)

In the event that an employee is injured or becomes ill in the course of employment, he/she shall report the work-related injury or illness to the Superintendent or designee as soon as practicable.

Within one working day of receiving notice or knowledge of any injury to an employee in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a claim form and notice of potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits to the employee or, in the case of the employee's death, to his/her dependents. The claim form and notice shall be provided personally or by first class mail. (Labor Code 5401)

The Superintendent or designee shall additionally ensure that any employee who is a victim of a crime that occurred at the place of employment is given written notice personally or by first class mail within one working day of the crime, or when the district reasonably should have known of the crime, that the employee is eligible for workers' compensation benefits for injuries, including psychiatric injuries, that may have resulted from the crime. (Labor Code 3553)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employee notices described above are in the form prescribed by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), Division of Workers Compensation.

(Districts insured for workers' compensation through a third party insurer)

Upon learning of a work-related injury or illness, or injury or illness alleged to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, the Superintendent or designee shall report the incident to the district's insurance carrier within five days after obtaining knowledge of the injury or illness. If a subsequent death arises as a result of the reported injury or illness, an amended report indicating the death must be filed with the insurance carrier within five days after being notified of or learning about the death. (Labor Code 6409.1)

In addition, in every case involving death or serious injury or illness, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately make a report by telephone or email to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health. (Labor Code 6409.1)

### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44984 Industrial accident and illness leaves, certificated employees

45192 Industrial accident and illness leaves, classified employees

LABOR CODE

3200-4855 Workers' compensation, especially:

3550-3553 Employee notice

3600-3605 Conditions of liability

3760 Report of injury to insurer

4600 Provision of medical and hospital treatment by employer

4906 Disclosures and statements

5400-5413 Notice of injury or death

6409.1 Reports

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

15596 Notice of employee rights

#### Management Resources:

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS

A Guidebook for Injured Workers, 2016

Notice to Employees -- Injuries Caused by Work

Time of Hire Pamphlet

Workers' Compensation Claim Form (DWC 1) & Notice of Potential Eligibility

WEB SITES

California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health:

http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Workers Compensation: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc

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# **Administrative Regulation**

## **Ergonomics**

AR 4157.2 4257.2, 4357.2

#### Personnel

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.

(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)

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.

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

## Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44984 Industrial accident and illness leaves, certificated employees

45192 Industrial accident and illness leaves, classified employees

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

21153 Employer not to separate for disability members eligible to retire

LABOR CODE

142.3 Adoption, amendment or repeal of standards and orders

3200-4855 Workers' compensation, especially:

3550-3553 Employee notice

3600-3605 Conditions of liability

3760 Report of injury to insurer

4600 Provision of medical and hospital treatment by employer

4906 Disclosures and statements

5400-5404 Notice of injury or death

6303 Place of employment; employment

6305 Occupational safety and health standards; special orders

6310 Retaliation for filing complaint prohibited

6357 Standards for workplace ergonomics

6401.7 Injury prevention programs

6409.1 Reports

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

3203 Injury and Illness Prevention Program

5110 Repetitive motion injuries

#### Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

Ergonomic Hazards, Fact Sheet H

Guide to Developing Your Workplace Injury and Illness Prevention Program, rev. May 2011 WEB SITES

California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh

# **Board Policy**

**Employee Security** 

# **Administrative Regulation**

Leaves

AR 4161 4261,4361

Personnel

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 Governing Board 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.

(cf. 4112.1 - Contracts)

In any such case, the district may terminate the employee's employment on the day following 20 consecutive days of absence. (Education Code 44842)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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# **Administrative Regulation**

Personal Illness/Injury Leave

AR 4161.1 4361.1

Personnel

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 employee who is 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 he/she is eligible. (Education Code 44978; Labor Code 245-249)

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves) (cf. 4161.9/4261.9/4361.9 - Catastrophic Leave Program)

Use of Sick Leave

\*\*\*Note: Items #1-8 below reflect allowable uses of sick leave specified in law. The district may expand this list to include any additional purposes authorized by law, authorized by the district, or included in a bargaining agreement.\*\*\*

Certificated employees may use sick leave for absences due to:

1. Accident or illness, whether or not the absence arises out of or in the course of employment; quarantine which results from contact with other persons having a contagious disease during the employee's performance of his/her duties; or temporary inability to perform assigned duties because of illness, accident, or quarantine (Education Code 44964)

(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)

2. Pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and related recovery (Education Code 44965, 44978)

(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)

3. Personal necessity (Education Code 44981)

(cf. 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leave

4. Industrial accidents or illnesses when leave granted specifically for that purpose has been exhausted (Education Code 44984)

(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

- 5. Need of the employee or his/her 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)
- 6. 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 his/her 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 he/she would accrue during six months at his/her 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 his/her 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)

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, he/she may request that the district transfer his/her 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 he/she works. (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 his/her 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 his/her disability rating decision, he/she 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 his/her 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 he/she 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.

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pa

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 from his/her duties for an additional period of up to five school months, the employee shall receive his/her regular salary minus 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 resume his/her duties 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, he/she shall be returned to employment in a position for which he/she is credentialed and qualified. (Education Code 44978.1)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

#### 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 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 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 his/her 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 medical condition of the employee. The report shall include a statement as to 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 shall 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 his/her physician stating that he/she is able to return to duty and stipulating any necessary restrictions or limitations.

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(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)
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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 amount 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 him/her
- 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

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

4. Keep a record documenting the hours worked and paid sick days accrued and used by each

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

- 44964 Power to grant leave of absence in case of illness, accident, or quarantine
- 44965 Granting of leaves of absence for pregnancy and childbirth
- 44976 Transfer of leave rights when school is transferred to another district
- 44977 Salary deduction during absence from duties up to five months after sick leave is exhausted
- 44977.5 Differential pay during parental leave up to 12 weeks after sick leave is exhausted
- 44978 Provisions for sick leave of certificated employees
- 44978.1 Inability to return to duty; placement in another position or on reemployment list
- 44978.2 Leave for military service connected disability
- 44979 Transfer of accumulated sick leave to another district
- 44980 Transfer of accumulated sick leave to a county office of education
- 44981 Leave of absence for personal necessity
- 44983 Exception to sick leave when district adopts specific rule
- 44984 Industrial accident or illness
- 44986 Leave of absence for disability allowance applicant

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12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act

12945.6 Parental leave

#### LABOR CODE

- 220 Sections inapplicable to public employees
- 230 Jury duty; legal actions by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off
- 230.1 Employers with 25 or more employees; domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims, right to time off
- 233 Illness of child, parent, spouse or domestic partner
- 234 Absence control policy
- 245-249 Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014

### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5601 Transfer of accumulated sick leave

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

2601-2654 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000ff-2000ff-11 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

825.100-825.702 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

1635.1-1635.12 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

**COURT DECISIONS** 

Veguez v. Governing Board of Long Beach Unified School District, (2005) 127 Cal.App.4th 406

# **Administrative Regulation**

### Industrial Accident/Illness Leave

AR 4161.11 4261.11,4361.11

#### Personnel

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)

(cf. 4113.4/4213.4/4313.4 - Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)

(cf. 4157.2/4257.2/4357.2 - Ergonomics)

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)

For such leave, the employee shall be granted no more than 10 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.

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(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)
(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)
(cf. 4216 - Probationary/Permanent Status)
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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)

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

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(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave) (cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
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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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(cf. 4217.3 - Layoff/Rehire)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
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## Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44043 Temporary disability

44044 Temporary disability checks; waiver of endorsement to district

44977 Salary deductions during absence from duties

44978 Provisions for certificated employee sick leave

44978.1 Inability of certificated employee to return to duty; placement in another position or on reemployment list

44983 Exception to sick leave

44984 Industrial accident and illness leave, certificated employees

45191 Personal illness and injury leave, classified employees

45192 Industrial accident and illness leave, classified employees

LABOR CODE

3200-6002 Workers' compensation

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WEB SITES

Department of Industrial Relations: http://www.dir.ca.gov

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# **Administrative Regulation**

#### Personal Leaves

AR 4161.2 4261.2,4361.2

#### Personnel

Personal leaves granted to district employees shall be used as permitted in this administrative regulation, other Board-approved policy or district regulation, or applicable collective bargaining agreement.

For the purpose of any personal leave offered pursuant to state law, a registered domestic partner shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as a spouse and protections provided to a spouse's child shall also apply to a child of a registered domestic partner. (Family Code 297.5)

Whenever possible, employees shall request personal leaves in advance and prepare suitable instructions, including lesson plans as applicable, for a substitute employee.

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

#### Bereavement

Employees are entitled to a leave of up to three days, or five days if out-of-state travel is required, upon the death of any member of the employee's immediate family. No deduction shall be made from the employee's salary, nor shall such leave be deducted from any other leave to which the employee is entitled. (Education Code 44985, 45194)

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)

Members of the immediate family include: (Education Code 44985, 45194)

- 1. The mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, or grandchild of the employee or of the employee's spouse
- 2. The employee's spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother, or sister
- 3. Any relative living in the employee's immediate household

At the employee's request, bereavement leave may be extended under personal necessity leave provisions as provided in the section "Personal Necessity" below. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

#### Personal Necessity

Employees may use a maximum of seven days of their accrued personal illness/injury leave (sick leave) during each school year for reasons of personal necessity. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave) (cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

Acceptable reasons for the use of personal necessity leave include:

- 1. Death of a member of the employee's immediate family when the number of days of absence exceeds the limits set by bereavement leave provisions (Education Code 44981, 45207)
- 2. An accident involving the employee or his/her property or the person or property of a member of the employee's immediate family (Education Code 44981, 45207)
- 3. Illness, preventive care, or other need of a member of the employee's family, as defined in Labor Code 245.5 (Education Code 44981; Labor Code 246.5)

(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)

- 4. A classified employee's appearance in any court or before any administrative tribunal as a litigant, party, or witness under subpoena or other order (Education Code 45207)
- 5. Fire, flood, or other immediate danger to the home of the employee
- 6. Personal business of a serious nature which the employee cannot disregard

Leave for personal necessity may be allowed for other reasons at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee. However, personal necessity leave shall not be granted for purposes of personal convenience, for the extension of a holiday or vacation, or for matters which can be taken care of outside of working hours. The Superintendent or designee shall have final discretion as to whether or not a request reflects personal necessity.

Advance permission shall not be required of an employee in any case involving the death of a member of the employee's immediate family, an accident involving the employee's person or property or the person or property of a member of his/her immediate family, or the illness, preventive care, or other need of a member of the employee's family. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

For any leave that is planned, or where the need for leave is foreseeable, an employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee in advance. In all other circumstances, the employee shall notify the Superintendent or designee of the need for the leave as soon as practicable.

After any absence due to personal necessity, the employee shall verify the absence by submitting a completed and signed district absence form to his/her immediate supervisor.

# Legal Duties

An employee may take time off work in order to: (Labor Code 230)

- 1. Serve on an inquest jury or trial jury
- 2. Comply with a subpoena or other court order to appear as a witness

Notices, summons, and subpoenas for court appearances shall be submitted to the district office when requesting leave.

A classified employee called for jury duty shall be granted leave with pay up to the amount of the difference between his/her regular earnings and any amount received for jury fees. (Education Code 44037)

A certificated employee who is called for jury duty also shall be granted leave with pay up to the difference between his/her regular earnings and any jury fees he/she received.

An employee shall be granted leave with pay to appear in court as a witness other than a litigant or to respond to an official order from another governmental jurisdiction for reasons not brought about through the connivance or misconduct of the employee. Such an employee shall receive the difference between his/her regular earnings and any witness fees he/she received.

#### Leaves for Crime Victims

An employee may be absent from work in order to attend judicial proceedings related to a crime when he/she is a victim, or an immediate family member, registered domestic partner, or child of a registered domestic partner of a victim, of any of the following crimes: (Labor Code 230.2)

- 1. A violent felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5(c)
- 2. A serious felony as defined in Penal Code 1192.7(c)
- 3. A felony provision of law proscribing theft or embezzlement

For these purposes, the employee may use vacation, personal leave, personal illness/injury leave, unpaid leave, or compensatory time off that is otherwise available to the employee. (Labor Code 230.2)

Prior to taking time off, an employee shall give his/her supervisor a copy of the notice of each scheduled proceeding that is provided by the responsible agency, unless advance notice is not feasible. When advance notice is not feasible or an unscheduled absence occurs, the employee shall, within a reasonable time after the absence, provide documentation evidencing the judicial proceeding from the court or government agency setting the hearing, the district attorney or prosecuting attorney's office, or the victim/witness office that is advocating on behalf of the

victim. (Labor Code 230.2)

The district shall keep confidential any records pertaining to the employee's absence from work by reason of this leave. (Labor Code 230.2)

Leaves for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

An employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined by law may use vacation, sick leave, personal leave, or compensatory time off that is otherwise available to him/her under the terms of his/her employment to attend to the following activities: (Labor Code 230, 230.1, 246.5)

- 1. Obtain or attempt to obtain any relief, including, but not limited to, a temporary restraining order, restraining order, or other injunctive relief to help ensure the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or his/her child
- 2. Seek medical attention for injuries caused by domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- 3. Obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, or rape crisis center as a result of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- 4. Obtain psychological counseling related to an experience of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- 5. Participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including temporary or permanent relocation

Prior to taking time off, an employee shall give reasonable notice to his/her supervisor, unless advance notice is not feasible. When an unscheduled absence occurs, the employee shall provide, within a reasonable period of time, certification of the absence in the form of any of the following: (Labor Code 230, 230.1)

- 1. A police report indicating that the employee was a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- 2. A court order protecting or separating the employee from the perpetrator of an act of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that the employee has appeared in court
- 3. Documentation from a domestic violence or sexual assault counselor as defined in Evidence Code 1037.1 or 1035.2, licensed medical professional or health care provider, or counselor that the employee was undergoing treatment for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting in victimization from an act of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking

The district shall maintain the confidentiality of such an employee to the extent authorized by law. (Labor Code 230, 230.1)

## Service on Education Boards and Committees

Upon request, a certificated employee shall be granted up to 20 school days of paid leave per school year for service performed within the state on any education board, commission, committee, or group authorized by Education Code 44987.3 provided that all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 44987.3)

- 1. The service is performed within the state.
- 2. The board, commission, organization, or group informs the district in writing of the service.
- 3. The board, commission, organization, or group agrees, prior to the service, to reimburse the district, upon the district's request, for compensation paid to the employee's substitute and for actual related administrative costs.

## **Employee Organization Activities**

Upon request, any certificated or classified employee shall be granted a leave of absence without loss of compensation to serve as an elected officer of a district employee organization or any statewide or national employee organization with which the employee organization is affiliated. The leave shall include, but is not limited to, absence for purposes of attending periodic, stated, special, or regular meetings of the body of the organization. (Education Code 44987, 45210)

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(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations)
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Upon request of an employee organization in the district or its state or national affiliate, a reasonable number of unelected classified employees shall be granted a leave of absence without loss of compensation for the purpose of attending important organizational activities authorized by the organization. The employee organization shall provide reasonable notification to the Superintendent or designee when requesting a leave of absence for employees for this purpose. (Education Code 45210)

When leave is granted for any of the above purposes, the employee organization shall reimburse the district within 10 days after receiving the district's certification of payment of compensation to the employee. (Education Code 44987, 45210)

# Leave for Emergency Duty

An employee may take time off to perform emergency duty as a volunteer firefighter, a reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel. (Labor Code 230.3)

Any employee who performs duty as a volunteer firefighter, reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel shall be permitted to take temporary leaves of absence, not to exceed an aggregate total of 14 days per calendar year, for the purpose of engaging in fire, law enforcement,

# or emergency rescue training. (Labor Code 230.4)

### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

- 44036-44037 Leaves of absence for judicial and official appearances
- 44963 Power to grant leaves of absence (certificated)
- 44981 Leave of absence for personal necessity (certificated)
- 44985 Leave of absence due to death in immediate family (certificated)
- 44987 Service as officer of employee organization (certificated)
- 44987.3 Leave of absence to serve on certain boards, commissions, etc.
- 45190 Leaves of absence and vacations (classified)
- 45194 Bereavement leave of absence (classified)
- 45198 Effect of provisions authorizing leaves of absence
- 45207 Personal necessity (classified)
- 45210 Service as officer of employee organization (classified)
- 45240-45320 Merit system, classified employees

### **EVIDENCE CODE**

- 1035.2 Sex assault counselor; definition
- 1037.1 Domestic violence counselor; definition

#### FAMILY CODE

297-297.5 Registered domestic partner rights, protections, and benefits

### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

3543.1 Release time for representatives of employee organizations

12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act

#### LABOR CODE

- 230-230.2 Leave for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or specified felonies
- 230.3 Leave for emergency personnel
- 230.4 Leave for volunteer firefighters
- 230.8 Leave to visit child's school
- 233 Illness of child, parent, spouse, domestic partner or domestic partner's child
- 234 Absence control policy
- 246.5 Paid sick days, purposes for use
- 1500-1507 Civil Air Patrol leave

#### MILITARY AND VETERANS CODE

395.10 Leave when spouse on leave from military deployment

### PENAL CODE

- 667.5 Violent felony, defined
- 1192.7 Serious felony, defined

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2601-2654 Family and Medical Leave Act

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California School Employees Association: http://www.csea.com

California Teachers Association: http://www.cta.org

Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

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Military Leave

AR 4161.5 4261.5, 4361.5

### Personnel

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)

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)

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)

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave) (cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

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)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

### 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)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

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)

### (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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, non-recurrent 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)

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

### Legal Reference:

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44800 Effect of active military service on status of employees

45059 Employee ordered to military/naval duty - computation of salary

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# **Board Policy**

### Classified Personnel

BP 4200

Personnel

The Governing Board 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.

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(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 4211 - Recruitment and Selection)
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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)

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(cf. 4211 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
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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.

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(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
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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.

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(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)
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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)

### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

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**Classified Personnel** 

AR 4200

Personnel

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)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

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# **Board Policy**

### Legal Status Requirement

BP 4211.2

Personnel

The Governing Board 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.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment) (cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)

# Legal Reference:

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8
1324a Unlawful employment of aliens
1324b Unfair immigrant-related employment practices
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274a.1-274a.14 Control of Employment of Aliens

### Management Resources:

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: http://www.uscis.gov

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### Legal Status Requirement

AR 4211.2

#### Personnel

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)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment) (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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.

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

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### **Appointment And Conditions Of Employment**

AR 4212

#### Personnel

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Governing Board 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)

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

3. Not have been convicted of any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010 (Education Code 45123)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

- 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)

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)

- 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)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

8. File the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by Government Code 3100-3109

(cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)

9. Submit to drug and alcohol testing as required by Board policy

(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)

10. Fulfill any other requirements as specified by law, collective bargaining agreement, Board policy or administrative regulation

(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)

Notification of Classification and Compensation

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)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications) (cf. 4151/4251/4351 - Employee Compensation)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

35161 Powers and duties

44010 Sex offense - definitions

44011 Controlled substance offense - definitions

44066 Limitation on certification requirements

45103 Classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system

45104 Positions not requiring certification qualifications

45105 Positions under various acts not requiring certification qualifications

45108 Restricted positions

45113 Rules and regulations for classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system

45122 Physical examinations

45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony

45123 Employment after conviction of sex offense or controlled substance offense

45125 Use of personal identification cards to ascertain conviction of crime

45169 Employee salary data

49406 Examination for tuberculosis

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3100-3109 Oaths or affirmations

12940-12950 Unlawful employment practices

### PENAL CODE

290. Registration of sex offenders
290.95 Disclosure by person required to register as sex offenders
667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms
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1203.4 Discharged petitioner, change of plea
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**Health Examinations** 

AR 4212.4 4112.4, 4312.4 **Personnel** 

#### **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)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)

(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

daily attendance of 60,000 or more may elect to maintain the files for its employees). \*\*\*

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 Governing Board 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)

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(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
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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.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

- 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)

### (cf. 4117.14/4317.14 - Postretirement Employment)

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)

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph is optional. \*\*\*

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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(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
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(cf. 4114 - Transfers)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44839 Medical certificate; periodic medical examination

44839.5 Requirements for employment of retirant

44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employee

44942 Suspension or transfer of certificated employee on ground of mental illness

45122 Physical examinations

49406 Examination for tuberculosis

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2838 Nurses

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121525 Private and parochial school employees, examination for tuberculosis

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5502 Filing of notice of physical examination for employment of retired persons

5503 Physical examination for employment of retired persons

5504 Medical certification procedures

**COURT DECISIONS** 

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### Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

Public Health Institute: http://www.phi.org

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: http://www.fda.gov

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### Criminal Record Check

AR 4212.5

#### Personnel

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 Governing Board, from the evidence presented, to have been rehabilitated for at least five years.
- (cf. 4112 Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
- (cf. 4112.2 Certification)
- (cf. 4118 Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
- (cf. 4127/4227/4327 Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)
- (cf. 4218 Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status) (cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

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)

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

Maintenance of Records

\*\*\*Note: To be qualified to obtain Criminal Record Offender Information (CORI) for the purpose of employment decisions, the district must apply to the DOJ for authorization and must designate at least one custodian of records who is responsible for the security, storage, dissemination, and destruction of criminal records furnished to the district. \*\*\*

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)

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

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)

### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

44010 Sex offense

44011 Controlled substance offense

44332-44332.6 Temporary certificate of clearance

44346.1 Applicants for credential, conviction of a violent or serious felony

44830.1 Certificated employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony

44830.2 Certificated employees; interagency agreement for sharing criminal record information

44836 Conviction of a sex or controlled substance offense

44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent certificated employees

45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony

45125 Use of personal identification cards to ascertain conviction of crime

45125.01 Classified employees; interagency agreement for sharing criminal record information

45125.5 Automated records check

45126 Duty of Department of Justice to furnish information

49024 Activity supervisor clearance certificates

PENAL CODE

667.5 Violent felonies

1192.7 Serious felonies

1203.4 Dismissal of conviction

11075-11081 Criminal record dissemination

11102.2 Maintenance of criminal offender records; custodian of records

11105 Access to criminal history information

11105.2 Subsequent arrest notification

11105.3 Record of conviction involving sex crimes, drug crimes or crimes of violence; availability to employer for applicants for positions with supervisory or disciplinary power over minors

11140-11144 Furnishing of state criminal history information

13300-13305 Local summary criminal history information

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11

701-708 Criminal offender record information

720-724 Incomplete criminal history information

994-994.15 Certification of individuals who take fingerprint impressions

**COURT DECISIONS** 

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Management Resources:

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## Exhibit

Criminal Record Check

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Personnel

EMPLOYEE STATEMENT FORM USE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION

As an employee/volunteer of Nicasio School District, you may have access to confidential criminal record information which is controlled by state and federal statutes. Misuse of such information may adversely affect the individual's civil rights and violate constitutional rights of privacy. Penal Code 502 prescribes the penalties relating to computer crimes. Penal Code 11105 and 13300 identify who has access to criminal history information and under what circumstances it may be disseminated. Penal Code 11140-11144 and 13301-13305 prescribe penalties for misuse of criminal history information. Government Code 6200 prescribes felony penalties for misuse of public records. Penal Code 11142 and 13300 state:

"Any person authorized by law to receive a record or information obtained from a record who knowingly furnishes the record or information to a person not authorized by law to receive the record or information is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Civil Code 1798.53, Invasion of Privacy, states:

"Any person who intentionally discloses information, not otherwise public, which they know or should reasonably know was obtained from personal or confidential information maintained by a state agency or from records within a system of records maintained by a federal government agency, shall be subject to a civil action, for invasion of privacy, by the individual."

CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES:

\*Penal Code 11141: DOJ furnishing to unauthorized person (misdemeanor)

\*Penal Code 11142: Authorized person furnishing to other (misdemeanor)

\*Penal Code 11143: Unauthorized person in possession (misdemeanor)

\*California Constitution, Article I, Section 1 (Right to Privacy)

\* Civil Code 1798.53, Invasion of Privacy

\*Title 18 USC 641, 1030, 1951, and 1952

CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION.

Any employee who is responsible for such misuse may be subject to immediate dismissal. Violations of this law may result in criminal and/or civil action. I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICY REGARDING MISUSE OF

Signature Date Printed Name Title Name of District

PLEASE NOTE: Do not return this form to the DOJ. Your Custodian of Records should maintain these forms.

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Personnel Files

AR 4212.6 4112.6, 4312.6

Personnel

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.

(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

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.

(cf. 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.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)

(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

**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)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

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

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

### 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.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

Individual Governing Board 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.

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

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

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

(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)

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.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

35253 Regulations to destroy records

44031 Personnel file contents and inspection

44663 Performance appraisals and related materials

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3305-3306.5 District police officers; personnel files

6250-6270 California Public Records Act, especially:

6254 Exemption for personnel records if invasion of personal privacy

6254.3 Disclosure of home address and phone number

LABOR CODE

1198.5 Inspection of personnel files

PENAL CODE

11165.14 Report of investigation of child abuse complaint

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

16020-16022 Records, general provisions

16023-16027 Retention of records

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# **Board Policy**

### **Employee Notifications**

BP 4212.9

### Personnel

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

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

(cf. 3580 - District Records) (cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

- 231.5 Sexual harassment policy
- 17612 Notification of pesticide use
- 22455.5 STRS information to potential members
- 22461 Postretirement compensation limitation
- 35031 Nonreelection of superintendent, assistant superintendent, or manager of classified services
- 35171 Notice of regulations pertaining to certificated employee evaluations
- 37616 Notice of public hearing on year-round schedule
- 44031 Personnel file contents, inspection
- 44663-44664 Evaluation of certificated employees
- 44842 Reemployment notices, certificated employees
- 44896 Transfer of administrator or supervisor to teaching position
- 44916 Written statement of employment status
- 44929.21 Reelection or nonreelection of probationary employee after second year
- 44934 Notice of disciplinary action for cause
- 44938 Notice of unprofessional conduct and opportunity to correct
- 44940.5-44941 Notification of suspension and intent to dismiss
- 44948.3-44948.5 Dismissal of probationary employees
- 44949 Cause, notice and right to hearing
- 44951 Continuation in position unless notified, administrative or supervisory personnel
- 44954 Nonreelection of temporary employees
- 44955 Reduction in number of employees

- 45113 Notification of charges, classified employees
- 45117 Notice of layoff, classified employees
- 45169 Employee salary data, classified employees
- 45192 Industrial and accident leave
- 45195 Additional leave
- 46162 Notice of public hearing on block schedule
- 49013 Complaints regarding student fees
- 49079 Notification to teacher; student who has engaged in acts re: grounds suspension or expulsion
- 49414 Epinephrine auto-injectors
- 49414.3 Administration of opioid antagonist

CIVIL CODE

1798.29 District records, breach of security

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

- 1126 Incompatible activities of employees
- 21029 Retirement credit for period of military service
- 3100-3109 Oath or affirmation of allegiance
- 8355 Certification of drug-free workplace, including notification
- 12950 Sexual harassment
- 54957 Complaints against employees; right to open session
- 54963 Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 1797.196 Automated external defibrillators; notification of use and locations
- 104420 Tobacco-free schools
- 120875 Information on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B
- 120880 Notification to employees re AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B

LABOR CODE

- 2800.2 Notification of availability of continuation health coverage
- 3550-3553 Notifications re: workers' compensation benefits
- 5401 Workers' compensation; claim form and notice of potential eligibility

PENAL CODE

- 11165.7 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act; notification requirement
- 11166.5 Employment; statement of knowledge of duty to report child abuse or neglect

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE

2613 Disability insurance; notice of rights and benefits

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

- 11023 Nondiscrimination in employment
- 11024 Sexual harassment
- 11049 Notice of right to request pregnancy disability leave or transfer
- 11091 California Family Rights Act, designation notice
- 11096 Notice of right to request family care leave

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 4622 Uniform complaint procedures
- 80303 Reports of change in employment status, alleged misconduct

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

3204 Employees exposed to bloodborne pathogens, access to exposure and medical records

5191 Chemical hygiene plan

5193 California bloodborne pathogens standard

5194 Hazard communication program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1234 Reports regarding school buses and bus drivers

2480 Vehicle idling, limitations

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 38

4334 Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, notice requirement

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 41

8101-8106 Drug-Free Workplace Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

825.300 Family and Medical Leave Act; notice requirement

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

84.205-84.210 Drug-free workplace statement

104.8 Nondiscrimination

106.9 Dissemination of policy, nondiscrimination on basis of sex

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.84 Asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response actions

763.93 Asbestos management plans

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

382.601 Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notifications

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# **Exhibit**

### **Employee Notifications**

E 4212.9 4112.9, 4312.9 **Personnel** 

I. To All Employees

When/Whom to Notify: At the beginning of school year or upon employment

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 231.5, Government Code 12950, 2 CCR 11024

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 Subject: The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints

When/Whom to Notify: Annually to all employees and 72 hours before pesticide application

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 17612 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3514.2

Subject: Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees, prior to implementing year-round schedule

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 37616 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 6117

Subject: Public hearing on year-round implementing year-round program schedule

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees, prior to implementing alternative schedule

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 46162 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 6112

Subject: Public hearing on alternative schedule

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 1312.3; See BP 0460; See BP 3260 Subject: Uniform complaint procedures, appeals, civil law remedies, coordinator, complaints

about student fees and local control accountability plan

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees

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

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

When/Whom to Notify: At least once per year

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

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

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 1126

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

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

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to beginning employment Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 3102

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 Subject: Oath or affirmation of allegiance required of disaster service workers

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees

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

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

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

available employee assistance programs

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 21029

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: None

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

employment

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

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1797.196

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141

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

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees, if the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 104420

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3513.3

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

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

Education or Other Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43

Subject: AIDS and hepatitis B, methods to prevent exposure

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees, with each paycheck

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 246

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4161.1/4361.1 and see AR 4261.1

Subject: Amount of sick leave available

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

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 2800.2

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

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

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

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 3551

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1

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

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to beginning employment

Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.4

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

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment, and when employee goes on leave for specified reasons

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

Subject: Disability insurance rights and benefits

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

Education or Other Legal Code: 2 CCR 11023; 34 CFR 104.8, 106.9 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 0410, See BP 4030

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

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee Education or Other Legal Code: 2 CCR 11091, 11095; 29 CFR 825.300 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 Subject: Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Right

Subject: Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA); obligation to provide 30 days' notice of need for leave when possible

When/Whom to Notify: Annually to all employees
Education or Other Legal Code: 40 CFR 763.84, 763.93
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3514
Subject: Availability of asbestos management plan; any inspections, response actions or post-response actions planned or in progress

#### II. To Certificated Employees

When/Whom to Notify: To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 22455.5

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4121

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

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

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 22461

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4117.14/4317.14

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

compensation

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employees Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35171

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4115, See BP 4315

Subject: District regulations related to performance evaluations

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

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

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

Subject: Copy of employee's evaluation

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

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

Subject: Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance

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

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44842

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4112.1

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

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employees upon employment in July of each school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44916

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

Subject: Employment status and salary

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary employees in district with ADA of 250 or more, by

March 15 of employee's second consecutive year of employment

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44929.21 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4117.6

Subject: Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year

When/Whom to Notify: When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, at any time of year or, for charge of unsatisfactory performance, during instructional year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44934, 44934.1, 44936

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4118; See AR 4118

Subject: Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct, at least 45 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44938 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4118 Subject: Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with unsatisfactory performance, at least 90 days prior to suspension/dismissal notice or prior to last quarter of school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44938 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4118 Subject: Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, within 10 days of entry of judgment in proceedings

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44940.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4118

Subject: Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice unless employee demands hearing

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary employees 30 days prior to dismissal during school year, but not later than March 15 for second-year probationary employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44948.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4118 Subject: Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal

When/Whom to Notify: By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44949, 44955

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4117.3

Subject: Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board decision re: termination

When/Whom to Notify: On or before June 30, to temporary employee who served 75 percent of school year but will be released

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44954 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4121

Subject: District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year

When/Whom to Notify: To teacher, when a student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49079

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4158/4258/4358

Subject: Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct

Education or Other Legal Code: 5 CCR 80303

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4117.7/4317.7

Subject: Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing

## III. To Classified Employees

When/Whom to Notify: To classified employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, in merit system district

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44940.5 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4218

Subject: Notice of intent to dismiss in 30 days

When/Whom to Notify: When classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in nonmerit district

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45113 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4218 Subject: Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights

When/Whom to Notify: To classified employees at least 60 days prior to layoff, or by April 29 if specially funded program that expires at end of school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45117

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4217.3

Subject: Notice of layoff and reemployment rights

When/Whom to Notify: To classified employees upon employment and upon each change in classification

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45169

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4212

Subject: Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours, prescribed workweek

When/Whom to Notify: To classified permanent employee whose leave is exhausted

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 45192, 45195

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4261.1, See AR 4261.11

Subject: Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave

When/Whom to Notify: To school bus drivers and school activity bus drivers prior to expiration of specified documents

Education or Other Legal Code: 13 CCR 1234

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3542

Subject: Expiration date of driver's license, driver's certificate and medical certificate; need to renew

## IV. To Administrative/Supervisory Personnel

When/Whom to Notify: To deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of

classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 35031

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4312.1

Subject: Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term

When/Whom to Notify: Upon request by administrative or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44896

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4313.2

Subject: Statement of the reasons for the release or reassignment

When/Whom to Notify: By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44951

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4313.2

Subject: Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year

## V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances

When/Whom to Notify: In the event of a breach of security of district records to affected employees

Education or Other Legal Code: Civil Code 1798.29

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 3580

Subject: Types of records affected, date of breach, description of incident, and, as applicable,

contact information for credit reporting agencies

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to placing derogatory information in personnel file

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 44031

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6

Subject: Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment

When/Whom to Notify: To employees who volunteer to administer epinephrine auto-injector

Education or Other Legal Code: Education Code 49414

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 5141.21

Subject: Defense and indemnification from civil liability by the district

When/Whom to Notify: To employees returning from military leave of absence, within 30 days of return

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 20997

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5

Subject: Right to receive PERS service credit for military service; application form

When/Whom to Notify: 24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or

charges against employee

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 54957 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BB 9321

Subject: Employee's right to have complaints/charges heard in open session

When/Whom to Notify: When taking disciplinary action against employee for disclosure of confidential information

Education or Other Legal Code: Government Code 54963

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23

Subject: Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session

When/Whom to Notify: Within one working day of work-related injury or victimization of crime

Education or Other Legal Code: Labor Code 3553, 5401

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See BP 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1

Subject: Potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits, claim form

When/Whom to Notify: When adverse employment action is based on DOJ criminal history information or subsequent arrest notification

Education or Other Legal Code: Penal Code 11105, 11105.2

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5

Subject: Copy of DOJ notification

When/Whom to Notify: To any employee with exposure to blood or potentially infectious materials, upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter

Education or Other Legal Code: 8 CCR 3204, 5193

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42

Subject: The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records

When/Whom to Notify: To any employee assigned to a work area where hazardous chemical are present, upon initial assignment and upon new exposure situation

Education or Other Legal Code: 8 CCR 5191

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3514.1

Subject: Location and availability of chemical hygiene plan, exposure limits, signs and symptoms of exposure, location of reference material

When/Whom to Notify: To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous substances in the work area, upon initial assignment and when new hazard is introduced into work area Education or Other Legal Code: 8 CCR 5194

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 3514.1

Subject: Any presence of hazardous substances in the work area, location and availability of hazard communication program, new material safety data sheet, employee rights

When/Whom to Notify: To employee eligible for military leave

Education or Other Legal Code: 38 USC 4334

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5

Subject: Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave

When/Whom to Notify: Within five days of employee's request for family care and medical leave, receipt of supporting information, or district's knowledge that the requested leave may qualify as FMLA leave

Education or Other Legal Code: 29 CFR 825.300; 2 CCR 11049, 11091 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: See AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8

Subject: Designation of leave as FMLA or non-FMLA; if not eligible, reason not eligible; requirement to use paid leave; any requirement for fitness-for-duty certification; any subsequent changes in designation notice

When/Whom to Notify: Whenever notice of eligibility for FMLA is provided to employee Education or Other Legal Code: 29 CFR 825.300

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

Subject: Rights and responsibilities re: use of FMLA; consequences of failure to meet obligations

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# **Board Policy**

# Temporary Modified/Light-Duty Assignment

BP 4213.4 4113.4, 4313.4

#### Personnel

The Governing Board 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.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)

(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)

(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)

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.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

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.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

44984 Required rules for industrial accident and illness leave
45192 Industrial accident and illness leave for classified employees
GOVERNMENT CODE
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
2601-2654 Family Care and Medical Leave Act UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act COURT DECISIONS
Raine v. City of Burbank, (2006) 135 Cal.App.4th 1215

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: http://www.eeoc.gov

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# **Board Policy**

**Evaluation/Supervision** 

BP 4215

Personnel

The Governing Board 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 Governing Board respects supervisors to gauge employee's effectiveness and skills.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

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.

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21- Professional Standards)

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.

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

The evaluation shall be dated and signed by both the employee and the supervisor.

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that classified employees have access to rules and procedures related to performance evaluations.

Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

45113 Rules and regulations for the classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system

45261 Subjects of rules (merit system districts)

45262 Distribution of rules

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California School Employees Association: http://www.csea.com

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# **Board Policy**

Resignation

BP 4217.2 4117.2, 4317.2

Personnel

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 Governing Board encourages employees to provide advance notice that is appropriate for the position they hold.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to accept an employee's written resignation and to set its effective date. Once the Superintendent or designee has accepted and set an effective date for this resignation, the resignation may not thereafter be withdrawn by the employee.

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)

(cf. 4117.7/4317.7- Employment Status Reports)

#### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

35161 Board delegation of any powers or duties

44420 Failure to fulfill contract as ground for suspension of diplomas and certificates

44433 Unauthorized departure from service as unprofessional conduct

44930 Acceptance and date of resignation

45201 Power to accept resignation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

80303 Reports of change in employment status

80304 Notice of sexual misconduct

COURT DECISIONS

American Federation of Teachers, Local #1050 v. Board of Education of Pasadena Unified School District, (1980) 107 Cal.App.3d 829

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# **Administrative Regulation**

## Layoff/Rehire

AR 4217.3

#### Personnel

Classified employees shall be subject to layoff for lack of work or lack of funds. (Education Code 45114, 45308)

A classified employee shall not be laid off if a short-term employee is retained to render a service that the classified employee is qualified to render. (Education Code 45117)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Order of Layoff Within a Classification/Determination of Seniority

Within each class, the order of layoff shall be determined by length of service. (Education Code 45114, 45308)

For an employee who is a member of the Military Reserve or the National Guard, length of service credit shall be granted for military leave of absence, including voluntary or involuntary active duty during a period of national emergency or war. (Education Code 45297, 45308)

(cf. 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5 - Military Leave)

Length of service credit may be granted for time spent on unpaid illness or maternity leave, unpaid family care leave, or unpaid industrial accident leave. Length of service credit shall not be granted for other types of unpaid leaves. (Education Code 45308)

(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave) (cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

(cf. 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

Length of service shall be determined by the date of hire. The employee who has been employed the shortest time by the district shall be laid off first. (Education Code 45308)

For an employee in a "restricted position" under Education Code 45105 or 45259, the original date of employment in the restricted position shall be used to determine his/her length of service, provided he/she has completed six months of satisfactory service and has successfully passed the qualifying examination required for service in the class. (Education Code 45105)

(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)

## Notice of Layoff

Whenever a classified employee is to be laid off for lack of work or lack of funds, written notice shall be given to the employee, informing him/her of the layoff, the date the layoff goes into effect, any displacement rights, and reemployment rights. The notice shall be given: (Education Code 45117)

- 1. At least 60 days prior to the effective date of the layoff, if the layoff is for lack of work resulting from a bona fide reduction or elimination of service being performed.
- 2. No later than April 29, if the layoff is for lack of funds due to the expiration of a specially funded program at the end of any school year. However, if the termination date of the specially funded program is other than June 30, the employee shall be given notice at least 60 days from the effective date of the layoff.

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

The district is not required to provide the 60-day notice in the event of an actual and existing financial inability to pay the salaries of classified employees or if the layoff is due to a lack of work resulting from conditions not foreseeable or preventable by the district. (Education Code 45117)

The district also is not required to provide the 60-day notice to any person hired as a short-term employee for a period not exceeding 60 days whose service may not be extended or renewed. (Education Code 45117)

### Reemployment

Classified employees laid off because of lack of work or lack of funds shall be eligible for reemployment for a period of 39 months and shall be reemployed in preference to new applicants. Reemployment shall be in order of seniority. Persons so laid off also have the right to apply and establish their qualification for vacant promotional positions within the district during the 39-month period. (Education Code 45114, 45298, 45308)

When a vacancy occurs, the district shall give the employee with the most seniority an opportunity to accept or reject the position, by first calling the employee at his/her last known telephone number to notify him/her of the vacancy and then sending written notice by certified and standard mail to his/her last known address. The employee shall advise the district of his/her decision by any means no later than 10 calendar days from the date the notice was sent. If the employee accepts, he/she shall report to work no later than two calendar weeks from the vacancy notification date or on a later date specified by the district.

In order to be reemployed, the employee must be capable of performing the essential duties of the job with or without reasonable accommodations. When an otherwise eligible employee is unable to perform the essential duties of the job, he/she shall be kept on the reemployment list until another opportunity becomes available or the period of reemployment eligibility expires,

whichever occurs first.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

Upon rejecting two offers of reemployment, the employee's name shall be removed from the reemployment list and he/she will forfeit all reemployment rights to which he/she would otherwise be entitled.

When an employee is notified of a vacancy and fails to respond or report to work within time limits specified by district procedures, his/her name shall be removed from the reemployment list and all reemployment rights to which he/she would otherwise be entitled shall be forfeited.

If an employee is employed in a new position and fails to complete the probationary period in the new position, he/she shall be returned to the reemployment list for the remainder of the 39-month period. The remaining time period shall be calculated as the time remaining in the 39-month period as of the date of reemployment. (Education Code 45114, 45298)

#### Reinstatement of Benefits

When a laid-off employee is reemployed, all accumulated sick leave credit shall be restored.

A laid-off permanent employee shall be reemployed with all rights and benefits accorded to him/her at the time of layoff.

A laid-off probationary employee shall be reemployed as a probationary employee, and the previous time served toward the completion of the required probationary period shall be counted. He/she shall also be reemployed with all rights and benefits accorded to a probationary employee at the time of layoff.

A laid-off employee, when reemployed, shall be placed on the salary step held at the time of layoff. An employee who was bumped into a lower class shall, when reinstated to the previous class, be placed on the salary step to which he/she would have progressed had he/she remained there. An adjusted anniversary date shall be established for step increment purposes so as to reflect the actual amount of time served in the district.

## Voluntary Demotion or Reduction of Hours

Classified employees who take voluntary demotion or voluntary reduction in assigned time in lieu of layoff, or in order to remain in their present position rather than be reclassified or reassigned, shall be granted the same rights as employees who are laid off. In addition, such employees shall retain eligibility to be considered for reemployment in their previously held class or position with increased assigned time, for an additional period of time up to 24 months as determined by the Governing Board on a class-by-class basis, provided that the same test of fitness under which they qualified for appointment to that class shall still apply. (Education Code 45114, 45298)

Employees who take voluntary demotion or voluntary reduction in assigned time in lieu of layoff

shall have the option of returning to a position in their former class or to positions with increased assigned time as vacancies become available and without limitation of time. If there is a valid reemployment list, they shall be ranked on that list in accordance with their proper seniority. (Education Code 45114, 45298)

## Legal Reference:

### **EDUCATION CODE**

- 45101 Definitions
- 45103 Classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system
- 45105 Positions under various acts not requiring certification qualifications; classification
- 45113 Rules and regulations for classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system
- 45114 Layoff and reemployment procedures; definitions
- 45115 Layoff: Reinstatement from service retirement
- 45117 Notice of layoff
- 45286 Limited term employees
- 45297 Right to take equivalent examination while employee in military service
- 45298 Reemployment of persons laid off; voluntary demotions or reductions in time; districts adopting merit system
- 45308 Order of layoff and reemployment; length of service
- 45309 Reinstatement of permanent noncertified employees after resignation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 38

4301-4307 Veterans' Reemployment Rights

**COURT DECISIONS** 

Tucker v. Grossmont Union High School District (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 640

San Mateo City School District v. Public Employment Relations Board (1983) 33 Cal.3d 850, 866

#### Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California School Employees Association: http://www.csea.com

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# **Administrative Regulation**

### **Termination Agreements**

AR 4217.5 4117.5, 4317.5

#### Personnel

If a termination settlement agreement has been made with an employee, the Superintendent or designee shall inform prospective employers, upon request for an employment reference, that an agreement exists and that he/she may only provide information as provided for in the agreement.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records) (cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files) (cf. 4112.61/4212.61/4312.61 - Employment References)

Cash settlements made upon the termination of a contract shall never exceed an amount equal to the employee's monthly salary multiplied by the number of months, up to 18, in the unexpired term of the contract. This amount is a maximum ceiling, not to be construed as a target amount for settlement agreements. (Government Code 53260)

Settlement agreements shall not include noncash items other than health benefits, which the district may offer to continue for the unexpired term up to 18 months or until the employee finds other employment, whichever comes first. (Government Code 53261)

Copies of settlement agreements with a superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant superintendent, associate superintendent or other similar chief administrative officer or chief executive officer shall be made available to the public upon request. (Government Code 53262)

(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract) (cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

Legal Reference: CIVIL CODE

47 Privileged communication

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

53260-53264 Employment contracts

LABOR CODE

1198.5 Inspection of personnel files by employees

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

80303 Reports of dismissal, resignation and other terminations for cause

80332 Professional honesty in letters of employment recommendation

**COURT DECISIONS** 

Randi W. v. Muroc Joint Unified School District, (1997) 14 Cal.4th 1066

Board of Trustees of Leland Stanford Junior University v. Superior Court, (1981) 119 Cal. App. 3d 516

# **Administrative Regulation**

Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action

AR 4218

Personnel

Termination of Employment

At any time prior to the expiration of the probationary period, the Superintendent or designee may, at his/her discretion, dismiss a probationary classified employee from district employment. A probationary employee shall not be entitled to a hearing.

Involuntary Suspension Without Pay, Demotion, Reduction of Pay Step in Class, or Dismissal of Permanent Classified Employees

Permanent classified employees shall be subject to personnel action (suspension without pay, demotion, reduction of pay step in class, dismissal) only for cause. The Board's determination of the sufficiency of the cause for disciplinary action shall be conclusive.

#### 1. Causes

In addition to any disqualifying or actionable causes otherwise provided for by statute or by policy or regulation of this district, each of the following constitutes cause for personnel action against a permanent classified employee:

- a. Falsifying any information supplied to the school district, including, but not limited to, information supplied on application forms, employment records, or any other school district records.
- b. Incompetency.
- c. Inefficiency.
- d. Neglect of duty.
- e. Insubordination.
- f. Dishonesty.
- g. Drinking alcoholic beverages while on duty or in such close time proximity thereto as to cause any detrimental effect upon the employee or upon employees associated with him/her.

(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

- h. Possessing or being under the influence of a controlled substance at work or away from work, or furnishing a controlled substance to a minor.
- i. Conviction of a felony, conviction of any sex offense made relevant by provisions of law, or conviction of a misdemeanor which is of such a nature as to adversely affect the employee's ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of his/her position. A plea or verdict of guilty, or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere, is deemed to be a conviction for this purpose.
- j. Absence without leave.
- k. Immoral conduct.
- 1. Discourteous treatment of the public, students, or other employees.
- m. Improper political activity.
- n. Willful disobedience.
- o. Misuse of district property.
- p. Violation of district, Board or departmental rule, policy, or procedure.
- q. Failure to possess or keep in effect 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.
- r. Refusal to take and subscribe any oath or affirmation which is required by law in connection with his/her employment.
- s. A physical or mental disability which precludes the employee from the proper performance of his/her duties and responsibilities as determined by competent medical authority, except as otherwise provided by a contract or by law regulating the retirement of employees.
- t. Unlawful discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, marital status, sex, or age against the public or other employees while acting in the capacity of a district employee.
- u. Unlawful retaliation against any other district officer or employee or member of the public 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 the job or directly related thereto.
- v. Any other failure of good behavior either during or outside of duty hours which is of such nature that it causes discredit to the district or his/her employment.

Except as defined in item "s" above, no personnel 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.

## 2. Initiation and Notification of Charges

The Superintendent or designee may initiate a personnel action as defined herein against a permanent classified employee.

In all cases involving a personnel action, the person initiating the action shall file a written recommendation of personnel action with the Board. 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 recommendation shall include:

- a. A statement of the nature of the personnel action (suspension without pay, demotion, reduction of pay step in class, or dismissal).
- b. A statement of the cause or causes for the personnel action, as set forth above.
- c. A statement of the specific acts or omissions upon which the causes are based. If a violation of rule, policy, or regulation of the district is alleged, the rule, policy, or regulation violated shall be stated in the recommendation.
- d. A statement of the employee's right to appeal the recommendation and the manner and time within which the appeal must be filed.
- e. A card or paper, the signing and filing of which shall constitute a demand for hearing and a denial of all charges.

## 3. Employment Status Pending Appeal or Waiver

Except as provided herein, any employee against whom a recommendation of personnel action has been issued shall remain on active duty status and responsible for fulfilling the duties of the position pending his/her appeal or waiver thereof.

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a permanent classified employee should be dismissed and that his/her continuing in active duty status would present an unreasonable risk of harm to students, staff, or property while proceedings are pending, the Superintendent or designee may order the employee immediately suspended from duty without pay in conjunction with the recommendation of personnel action. This suspension order shall be in writing 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. Except in cases of emergency when the employee must be removed from the premises immediately, the Superintendent or designee shall give the employee written notice of the proposed recommendation of dismissal at least five calendar days before the effective date of

any order of suspension issued in conjunction with a recommendation involving dismissal. This notice shall state that immediate suspension without pay is being considered, the reasons for the proposed dismissal and proposed immediate suspension without pay, materials upon which the proposed action is based, and the employee's right to respond to the Superintendent or designee orally or in writing before the final recommendation and order are issued.

## 4. Time Limit of Suspension

Except for a suspension imposed under #3 above, any suspension invoked under these rules against any one person for one or more periods shall not aggregate more than 90 calendar days in any 12-month period; however, this time limitation shall not apply to cases in which a personnel action of dismissal is modified by the Board to a suspension.

# 5. Right to Appeal

Within five calendar days after receiving the recommendation of personnel action described above, the employee may appeal by signing and filing the card or paper included with the recommendation. Any other written document signed and appropriately filed within the specified time limit by the employee shall constitute a sufficient notice of appeal. A notice of appeal is filed only by delivering the notice of appeal to the office of the Superintendent or designee during normal work hours of that office. A notice of appeal may be mailed to the office of the Superintendent or designee but must be received or postmarked no later than the time limit stated herein. In cases where an order of suspension without pay has been issued in conjunction with a recommendation of dismissal, any appeal of the recommendation of dismissal shall also constitute an appeal of the suspension order, and the necessity of the order shall be an issue in the appeal hearing.

If the employee fails to file a notice of appeal within the time specified in these rules, he/she shall be deemed to have waived his/her right to appeal, and the Board may order the recommended personnel action into effect immediately.

# 6. Amended/Supplemental Charges

At any time before an employee's appeal is finally submitted to the Board or to a hearing officer for decision, the complainant may, with the consent of the Board or hearing officer, serve on the employee and file with the Board an amended or supplemental recommendation of personnel action.

If the amended or supplemental recommendation presents new causes or allegations, the employee shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to prepare his/her defense. Any new causes or allegations shall be deemed controverted and any objections to the amended or supplemental causes or allegation may be made orally at the hearing and shall be noted on the record.

### 7. Hearing Procedures

a. The hearing shall be held at the earliest convenient date, taking into consideration the

established schedule of the Board or hearing officer and the availability of counsel and witnesses. The parties shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing. The employee shall be entitled to appear personally, produce evidence, and have counsel. The employee shall be entitled to a public hearing if he/she demands it when the Board is hearing the appeal. The complainant may also be represented by counsel. The procedure entitled "Administrative Adjudication" commencing with Government Code 11500 shall not apply to any such hearing before the Board or a hearing officer. Neither the Board nor a hearing officer shall be bound by rules of evidence used in California courts. Informality in any such hearing shall not invalidate any order or decision made or approved by the hearing officer or the Board.

- b. All hearings shall be heard by a hearing officer (who shall be an attorney licensed in the State of California) except in those cases where the Board determines to hear the appeal itself. In any case in which the Board hears the appeal, the Board may use the services of its counsel or a hearing officer in ruling upon procedural questions, objections to evidence, and issues of law. If the appeal is heard by the Board, the Board shall affirm, modify or revoke the recommended personnel action.
- c. If the appeal is heard by a hearing officer, he/she shall prepare a proposed decision in a form that may be adopted by the Board as the decision in the case. A copy of the proposed decision shall be received and filed by the Board and furnished to each party within ten days after the proposed decision is filed by the Board. The Board may:
- (1) Adopt the proposed decision in its entirety.
- (2) Reduce the personnel action set forth in the proposed decision and adopt the balance of the proposed decision.
- (3) Reject a proposed reduction in personnel action, approve the personnel action sought by the complainant or any lesser penalty, and adopt the balance of the proposed decision.
- (4) Reject the proposed decision in its entirety.
- d. If the Board rejects the proposed decision in its entirety, each party shall be notified of such action and the Board may decide the case upon the record including the transcript, with or without the taking of additional evidence, or may refer the case to the same or another hearing officer to take additional evidence. If the case is so assigned to a hearing officer, he/she shall prepare a proposed decision, as provided in item "c" above, upon the additional evidence and the transcript and other papers which are part of the record of the prior hearing. A copy of this proposed decision shall be furnished to each party within 10 days after the proposed decision is filed by the Board.
- e. In arriving at a decision or a proposed decision on the propriety of the proposed personnel action, the Board or the hearing officer may consider the records of any prior personnel action proceedings against the employee in which a personnel action was ultimately sustained and any records that were contained in the employee's personnel files and introduced into evidence at the hearing.

## 8. Hearing Decision

The decision of the Board shall be in writing and shall contain findings of fact and the personnel action approved, if any. The findings may reiterate the language of the pleadings or simply refer to them.

The decision of the Board shall be certified to the Superintendent or designee who recommended the personnel action, and he/she shall enforce and follow this decision. A copy of the decision shall be delivered to the appellant or his/her designated representative personally or by registered mail. The decision of the Board shall be final.

Non-merit System Districts

### 9. Compulsory Dismissal

The district shall not employ or retain in employment any person who has been convicted of any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010 or any controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011. However, the district may employ a person convicted of a controlled substance offense if the Board determines from the evidence it requires that the person has been rehabilitated for at least five years. If any such conviction is reversed and the person acquitted or charges dismissed except as otherwise provided below, the employee may be reemployed by the district, although reemployment is not a guarantee. (Education Code 45123)

The district reserves the right to dismiss an employee for any acts upon which the original criminal charges were based, despite the disposition by the courts. If dismissal is recommended and upheld, an employee will not be reemployed or compensated for the time he/she was suspended unless otherwise required by law. An employee shall be given notice of the possibility of not being reimbursed during mandatory suspension if he/she is ultimately dismissed for the acts upon which the original charges were based.

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### 9. Compulsory Leave of Absence

Employees charged with a mandatory leave of absence offense as defined in Education Code 44940 shall be placed immediately on compulsory leave of absence for not more than ten days after entry of judgment in the criminal proceedings, unless the leave is extended as provided below. (Education Code 45304)

Employees charged with an optional leave of absence offense as defined in Education Code 44940 may be placed immediately on compulsory leave of absence under the terms and conditions stated below. (Education Code 45304)

Despite the disposition of criminal charges, the Board reserves the right to dismiss an employee for the facts upon which the criminal charges were based. An employee ultimately

found guilty by the Personnel Commission to have committed the acts upon which the original charges were based may be dismissed. If so dismissed, the employee is not entitled to compensation during the time of his/her suspension, unless otherwise required by law.

An employee shall be given notice of the possibility of being dismissed without pay during the compulsory suspension if he/she is ultimately found guilty of the acts leading to the criminal charges, despite the disposition of the charges by the court.

## 10. Extension of Compulsory Leave

The Board may extend an employee's compulsory leave of absence by giving him/her notice, within ten days after the entry of judgment in the proceedings, that he/she will be dismissed in 30 days unless he/she demands a hearing. Employee compensation during the period of compulsory leave shall be made in accordance with law. (Education Code 44940.5)

#### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

- 35161 Delegation of powers and duties
- 44009 Conviction of specified crimes
- 44010 Sex offense
- 44011 "Controlled substance offense" defined
- 44940 Leave of absence; employee charged with mandatory or optional leave of absence offense
- 44940.5 Compulsory leave of absence; procedures; extension; compensation; bond or security; reports
- 45101 Definitions (including "disciplinary action," "cause")
- 45109 Fixing of duties
- 45113 Rules and regulations for classified service in districts not incorporating the merit system
- 45123 Employment after conviction of sex or narcotics offense
- 45302 Demotion and removal from permanent classified service
- 45303 Additional cause for suspension or dismissal of employees in classified service
- 45304 Suspension for reasonable cause; filing of charges; employee charged with mandatory or optional leave of absence offense

## VEHICLE CODE

1808.8 Schoolbus drivers; dismissal for safety-related cause

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101 - 12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

#### **COURT DECISIONS**

California School Employees v. Livingston Union School District, (2007) 149 Cal. App. 4th 391 CSEA v. Foothill Community College District, 52 Cal. App. 3rd 150, 155-156, 124 Cal. Rptr 830 (1975) ("Conduct unbecoming an employee" too vague)

# **Board Policy**

## Sexual Harassment

BP 4219.11 4119.11, 4319.11 **Personnel** 

The Governing Board 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 gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation of the victim.

This policy shall apply to all district employees and to other persons on district property or with some employment relationship with the district, such as interns, volunteers, contractors, and job applicants.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities) (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment in violation of this policy is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports) (cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action) (cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

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

- 3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair 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

Any district employee who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed in the performance of his/her district responsibilities or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee shall immediately report the incident to his/her direct supervisor, another supervisor, the district's coordinator for nondiscrimination, the Superintendent, or, if available, a complaint hotline or an ombudsman. A supervisor or administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the coordinator.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed and investigated in accordance with the complaint procedure specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (2 CCR 11023)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:

12940 Prohibited discrimination

12950 Sexual harassment; distribution of information

12950.1 Sexual harassment training

LABOR CODE

1101 Political activities of employees

1102.1 Discrimination: sexual orientation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

11009 Employment discrimination

11021 Retaliation

11023 Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction

11024 Sexual harassment training and education

11034 Terms, conditions, and privileges of employment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state

financial assistance

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Title IX prohibition against discrimination

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.1-106.9 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities

106.51-106.61 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in employment in education program or activities

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WEB SITES

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: http://www.eeoc.gov

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights:

http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html

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# **Administrative Regulation**

#### Sexual Harassment

AR 4219.11 4119.11, 4319.11

#### Personnel

This 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

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the work or educational setting when: (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. 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.

\*\*\*Note: Pursuant to Government Code 12940, conduct may meet the definition of sexual harassment regardless of whether or not the alleged harasser is motivated by sexual desire for the victim.\*\*\*

Prohibited sexual harassment also includes conduct which, regardless of whether or not it is motivated by sexual desire, is so severe or pervasive as to unreasonably interfere with the victim's work performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Examples of actions that might constitute sexual harassment 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

## Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees receive training regarding the district's sexual harassment policies when hired and periodically thereafter. The training shall include how to recognize prohibited or harassing conduct, the procedures for reporting and/or filing complaints involving an employee, employees' duty to use the district's complaint procedures, and employee obligations when a sexual harassment report involving a student is made to the employee. The training shall also include information about processes for employees to informally share or obtain information about harassment without filing a complaint.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All such newly hired or promoted employees 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)

(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)

The district's sexual harassment training and education program for supervisory employees shall be aimed at assisting them in preventing and effectively responding to incidents of sexual harassment, as well as implementing mechanisms to promptly address and correct wrongful behavior. The training 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 on the prohibition, prevention, and correction of sexual harassment, the remedies available to sexual harassment victims in civil actions, and potential district and/or individual exposure or liability
- 2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and 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

- 3. A supervisor's obligation to report sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation of which he/she becomes aware and what to do if the supervisor himself/herself is personally accused of harassment
- 4. Strategies for preventing harassment, discrimination, and retaliation and appropriate steps to ensure that remedial measures are taken to correct harassing behavior, including an effective process for investigation of a complaint
- 5. The essential elements of the district's anti-harassment policy, including the limited confidentiality of the complaint process and resources for victims of unlawful sexual harassment, such as to whom they should report any alleged sexual harassment, and how to use the policy if a harassment complaint is filed
- 6. A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulation, which each participant shall acknowledge in writing that he/she has received
- 7. The definition and prevention of abusive conduct that addresses the use of derogatory remarks, insults, or epithets, other verbal or physical conduct that a reasonable person would find threatening, intimidating, or humiliating, and the gratuitous sabotage or undermining of a person's work performance
- 8. Practical examples of harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation

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

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall: (Education Code 231.5)

- 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
- 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

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

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

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)

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# **Board Policy**

# Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information

BP 4219.23 4119.23, 4319.23

Personnel

The Governing Board 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)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information) (cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

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)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action) (cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

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

(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)

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.

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(cf. 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
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(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

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.

# Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

35146 Closed sessions

35160 Authority of governing boards

44031 Personnel file contents and inspection

44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employees

44933 Other grounds for dismissal

45113 Rules and regulations for classified service

49060-49079 Pupil records

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

1098 Public officials and employees: confidential information

6250-6270 Inspection of public records

54950-54963 Brown Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

Management Resources: WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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## **Board Policy**

## Political Activities Of Employees

BP 4219.25 4119.25, 4319.25

#### Personnel

The Governing Board respects the right of school employees to engage in political discussions and activities on their own time and at their own expense. On such occasions, employees shall make it clear that they are acting as individuals and not as representatives of the district.

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

Like other community members, employees may use school facilities for meetings under the Civic Center Act.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

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

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

#### Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

7050-7057 Political activities of school officers and employees

38130-38139 Civic Center Act

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

3543.1 Rights of employee organizations

COURT DECISIONS

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Management Resources:

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS** 

Political Activities of School Districts: Legal Issues, 1998, revised 2001

WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

Office of the Attorney General, Dept. of Justice: http://caag.state.ca.us/

Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

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# **Administrative Regulation**

**Political Activities Of Employees** 

AR 4219.25 4119.25, 4319.25

Personnel

District employees shall not:

1. Use district funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Governing Board (Education Code 7054)

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

- 2. During working hours and on district property, 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)
- 3. During working hours and on district property, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of other types of ballot measures
- 4. Use district time to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate
- 5. Use district equipment for the preparation or reproduction of political campaign materials, even if the district is reimbursed

(cf. 3512 - Equipment)

- 6. Post or distribute political campaign materials on district property
- 7. Disseminate political campaign materials through the district's mail service, e-mail or staff mailboxes

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

- 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 opposing views

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)

10. Wear buttons or articles of clothing that express political opinions on ballot measures or candidates during instructional time

However, teachers shall not be prohibited from wearing political buttons during noninstructional time, such as Back-to-School Night.

Nothing in Board policy or administrative regulation shall be construed to prevent employees from soliciting or receiving funds or contributions for political purposes during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

#### **Employee Organizations**

Employee organizations may use district mailboxes and other means to communicate with employees, subject to reasonable regulation. Employee organizations may have access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work; may use institutional bulletin boards, mailboxes, and other means of communication and may use district facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings. (Government Code 3543.1)

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

(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

Access to district communication channels shall be limited in cases where such access would be disruptive to district operations.

In the event of a concerted action or work stoppage, political activities by employee organizations and individual employees shall be restricted to peaceful informational picketing and other activities allowed by law.

(cf. 4141.6/4241.6 - Concerted Action/Work Stoppage)

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## **Board Policy**

## **Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens**

BP 4219.42 4119.42, 4319.42

#### Personnel

As part of its commitment to provide a safe and healthful work environment, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of developing an exposure control plan. 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 to protect 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).

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions) (cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

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 be offered the hepatitis B vaccination.

The Superintendent or designee may exempt designated first aid providers from pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccination under the conditions specified by state regulations. (8 CCR 5193(f))

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.

#### Legal Reference:

LABOR CODE

142.3 Authority of Cal/OSHA to adopt standards

144.7 Requirement to amend standards

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

3204 Access to employee exposure and medical records

5193 California bloodborne pathogens standards

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29

1910.1030 OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards

#### Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1016.89 Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of Infectious

Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected Persons in School Settings

WEB SITES

OSHA: http://www.osha.gov

Cal/OSHA: http://www.dir.ca.gov/occupational\_safety.html
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

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# **Administrative Regulation**

### **Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens**

AR 4219.42 4119.42, 4319.42

#### Personnel

#### **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(b))

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

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

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(b))

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

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

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(b))

Engineered sharps injury protection is a physical attribute built into a needle device or into a non-needle sharp which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193(b))

#### Exposure Control Plan

The district's exposure control plan shall contain at least the following components: (8 CCR 5193(c))

1. A determination of which employees have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials

The district's exposure determination shall be made without regard to the 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 #b above
- 2. The schedule and method of implementing:
- a. Methods of compliance required by 8 CCR 5193(d), such as universal precautions, general and specific engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

- b. Hepatitis B vaccination
- c. Bloodborne pathogen post-exposure evaluation and follow-up
- d. Communication of hazards to employees, including labels, signs, information and training
- e. Recordkeeping
- 3. The district's procedure for evaluating circumstances surrounding exposure incidents
- 4. An effective procedure for gathering information about each exposure incident involving a sharp, as required for the log of sharps injuries
- 5. An effective procedure for periodically determining the frequency of use of the types and brands of sharps involved in exposure incidents documented in the sharps injury log
- 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 a patient's care determines, in the reasonable exercise of clinical judgment, that the use of an engineering control would jeopardize an individual's safety or the success of a medical, dental or nursing procedure involving the individual
- 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(c))

- 1. Reflect new or modified tasks and procedures affecting occupational exposure
- 2. To the extent that sharps are used in the district, reflect progress in implementing the use of needleless systems 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))

#### Preventive Measures

The Superintendent or designee shall use engineering and work practice controls to eliminate or minimize employee exposure, and shall regularly examine and update controls to ensure their effectiveness. (8 CCR 5193(d))

#### 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, or antibody testing has revealed that the employee is immune, or vaccination is contraindicated by medical reasons. (8 CCR 5193(f))

Employees who decline to accept the vaccination shall sign the hepatitis B declination statement. (8 CCR 5193(f))

The Superintendent or designee may exempt designated first aid providers from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine in accordance with 8 CCR 5193 (f).

#### Information and Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees with occupational exposure participate in a training program containing the elements required by state regulations, during working hours and at no cost to the employee. This program shall be offered at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place, at least annually thereafter, and whenever a change of tasks or procedures affects the employee's exposure. (8 CCR 5193(g))

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(g))

#### 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(f))

#### Sharps Injury Log

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and maintain a log recording each exposure incident involving a sharp. The exposure incident shall be recorded within 14 working days of the date the incident is reported to the district. (8 CCR 5193(c))

The information recorded shall include the following, if known or reasonably available: (8 CCR 5193(c))

- 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(f))

- 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 infeasible or prohibited by law
- 3. 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 with a copy of 8 CCR 5193; 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(f))

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(f))

\*\*\*Note: Districts should obtain permission from the source individual before disclosing confidential information about that source individual, in accordance with law. Legal counsel should be consulted regarding current rules for the contents and format of consent forms.\*\*\*

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

#### 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)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records) (cf. 3580 - District Records) Medical records for each employee with occupational exposure 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(h))

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(e))

Records shall be maintained as follows: (8 CCR 3204(d), 5193(h))

- 1. Medical records 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**

**Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens** 

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Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination

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.

Signature	
Employee Name (Please print)	
Date	

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# Nicasio School District

Since 1862

#### **Board of Trustees**

Michelle Rutledge, Board President ~ Mark Burton, Trustee ~ Elaine Doss, Trustee

To:

Nicasio Board of Trustees

From:

Jan La Torre-Derby, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent

Date:

June 19, 2019

Re:

Action: Approval of Board of Trustees Meetings 2019-20

#### Objective:

To approve a calendar for board meetings for 2019-20

#### Background:

Staff is presenting two options for board meetings for the 2019-20 school year. One set of dates is the traditional Thursday at 5pm meeting schedule for monthly meetings.

The second set of dates switches the meetings to Wednesday which is the preference of the staff. Wednesday is an early release day and allows ample time to prepare for the board meeting. Additionally, it allows for follow up actions needed for Thursday completion.

#### Funding Source/Cost:

NA

#### Recommendation:

Staff recommends review of both calendars and prefers a change to Wednesday nights should Trustees be available on Wednesday nights vs Thursday nights, one evening per month.

### Option 1: Thursday meetings

# Nicasio School Board Schedule 2019-20

Regular meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted with an asterisk (\*). Regular meetings commence at 5pm. Open session is held in the school library.

No Regular Meeting in August

September 5, 2019

October 3, 2019

November 7, 2019

December 5, 2019

No Regular Meeting in January

February 6, 2020

March 5, 2020

April 2, 2020

May 7, 2020

June 4, 2020

June 25, 2020

#### Option 2: Wednesday meetings

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No Regular Meeting in August

September 4, 2019

October 2, 2019

November 6, 2019

December 4, 2019

No Regular Meeting in January

February 5, 2020

March 4, 2020

April 1, 2020

May 6, 2020

June 3, 2020

June 24, 2020