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## 2019-2020 Annual Parents’ Rights Notification

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Oxnard School District distributes its Annual Parent Rights Notification electronically. Parents may obtain a copy of the Annual Parent Rights Notification at the district office, each school site, or the district website (www.oxnardsd.org). Each school is required to maintain copies of the Annual Parent Rights Notification which shall be provided upon request.
Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Oxnard School District is required to annually notify parents and guardians of rights and responsibilities in accordance with Education Code 48980.

The following is a summary of those rights and responsibilities. It is also required under California Education Code 48982 that the parents or guardians indicate in writing that this information was received. Therefore, please read the information carefully, review with your student, and then complete, sign and return the Emergency Authorization Form where it states that you either received a written copy or accessed the same information on the district’s or your child’s school website. Your Signature neither indicates that your consent or withholding of consent to participate in any particular program. This form will be sent to you directly by your child’s school.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to review specific documents mentioned in the notice, please contact the principal at your child’s school. He or she will be able to give you more detailed information and assist you in obtaining copies of any materials you wish to review.

For your information: This Annual Notice is also available on the district’s website at http://www.oxnardsd.org.

2019-20 Annual Pesticide Notification

Included in the Annual Parents’ Rights Notification (APRN) is a list of all active ingredients used in pesticides, as well as the intended dates and location of application. Parents/guardians will be notified of any changes to pesticide application schedule, unless otherwise advised. Notification shall be at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the application, except in emergencies. Schedule may also be found on the district’s website at www.oxnardsd.org.

Parents/guardians seeking access to information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation pursuant to California Food and Agricultural Code 13184, can do so by accessing the department’s website at www.cdpr.ca.gov.

If you do not wish to receive communication from the District regarding changes to the pesticide application schedule, please complete Pesticide Notification Opt-Out Form.

Directory Information & Media Release

Student Directory Information
Directory information may be disclosed without prior consent from the parent or legal guardian unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written notice to the school to deny access to his/her pupil’s directory information. Directory information regarding a pupil identified as a homeless child or youth shall not be released unless a parent, or eligible pupil guardian, has provided written consent that directory information may be released.

Student Images or Photo Use
As part of the District’s effort to keep the community fully informed, there may be occasions in which the District will need to use images and/or pictures of your student individually or in a group photo. All of the uses of photos, video images, and student work would be for non-commercial purposes and may include use in:

- School newsletters (print and electronic)
- Newspapers, publications
- School site and/or district websites
- Televised board meetings or other televised events

If you do not wish to have your child photographed/videotaped for news media or school publicity, please complete Media Release Opt-Out Form.
10. Reasons:

State law requires the parent or guardian to notify the school of the specific reason of absence. All school absences must be verified in person, by phone, or by written note. Board policy requires a doctor’s note after 14 excused absences for illness. Unverified absences will be entered as “unexcused” absences. In the event of an absence of more than two days, the school should be notified of the expected date the child will return to school. Absence notes should be turned in within 72 hours from the date the student was absent.

Excused Absences

EC 46014 and 48205; OSD BP 5113

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, Board policy, and administration regulations.

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to any applicable limitation, condition, or other requirement specified in law, a student's absence shall be excused for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness.
2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
3. Medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic appointments.
4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family, which shall be limited to one day if the service is conducted in California or three days if the service is conducted out of state.
5. Jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
6. Illness or medical appointment of a child to whom the student is the custodial parent. Student absence to care for a child for whom the student is the custodial parent shall not require a physician's note.
7. Upon advance written request by the parent/guardian and the approval of the principal or designee, justifiable personal reasons including but not limited to:
   a. Appearance in court
   b. Attendance at a funeral service
   c. Observation of a religious holiday or ceremony
   d. Attendance at religious retreats not to exceed four hours per semester
   e. Attendance at an employment conference
   f. Attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit
8. Service as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code 12302.
9. To spend time with an immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code 49701, and has been called to duty for deployment to a combat zone or a combat support position or is on leave from or has immediately returned from such deployment. For the purpose of the absences described above, immediate family means the student's parent/guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the student's household.
10. Attendance at a naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
11. Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at the student's place of worship or other suitable place away from school. Absence for student participation in religious exercises or instruction shall not be considered an absence for the purpose of computing average daily attendance if the student attends at least the minimum school day as specified in AR 6112 – School Day and is not excused from school for this purpose on more than four days per school month.

12. Work in the entertainment or allied industry. Such absence shall be excused provided that the student holds a work permit authorizing such work and is absent for a period of not more than five consecutive days and up to five absences per school year.
13. Participation with a nonprofit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school audience. A student may be excused for up to five such absences per school year provided that the student's parent/guardian provides a written explanation of such absence to the school.
14. Other reasons authorized at the discretion of the principal or designee based on the student’s specific circumstances. For the purpose of the absences described above, immediate family means the student's parent/guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the student's household.

Enrollment

Attendance Options/Permits

EC 48890(h); OSD BP 5111, 5116, 5116.1, 5117; OSD AR 5111.1

The Board of Trustees encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of children entering a district school at any grade level about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures.

Before enrolling any child in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the child's age, residency, immunization, and other applicable eligibility criteria specified in law, the accompanying administrative regulation, or other applicable Board policy or administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the enrollment of a homeless or foster child or a child of a military family is not delayed because of outstanding fees or fines owed to the child's last school or for his/her inability to produce previous academic, medical, or other records normally required for enrollment.

In addition, no child shall be denied enrollment in a district school solely on the basis of his/her arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other contact with the juvenile justice system.

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire into or request documentation of a student's citizenship or immigration status and shall not deny a student enrollment in a district school on the basis of the citizenship or immigration status of the student or his/her parents/guardians. Any information obtained about a student's or parent/guardian's citizenship or immigration status shall not be shared without parent/guardian consent or a lawful judicial order, in accordance with laws pertaining to the confidentiality of student records.

A student shall not be denied enrollment based on the parent/guardian's refusal to provide the student's or parent/guardian's social security number. During the enrollment process, students and parents/guardians shall be informed that disclosure of their social security number is voluntary.

The district's enrollment application shall include information about the health care options and enrollment assistance available to families within the district. The district shall not discriminate against any child for not having health care coverage and shall not use any information relating to a child's health care coverage or his/her interest in learning about health care coverage in any manner that would harm the child or his/her family.

Residency

EC 48200 and 48204; OSD BP 5111.1; OSD AR 5111.1

A minor between the ages of 6 and 18 years is subject to compulsory education and, unless exempted, must enroll in school in the school district in which the residence of either the parent or legal guardian is located.

A pupil may alternatively comply with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if he or she is any of the following: placed in a foster home or licensed children's institution
within the boundaries of the school district pursuant to a commitment of placement under the Welfare and Institutions Code; a pupil who is a foster child who remains in his or her school or origin; an emancipated pupil who resides within the boundaries of the school district; a pupil who lives in the home of a caregiving adult that is located within the boundaries of the school district; or a pupil residing in a state hospital located within the boundaries of the school district; or a pupil whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order.

A school district may also deem a pupil as having complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district if one or both of the parents or legal guardians of the pupil are physically employed within the boundaries of the school district for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week.

Residency is established when a pupil's parent or legal guardian resides outside of the boundaries of that school district but is employed and lives with the pupil at the place of his or her employment within the boundaries of the school district for a minimum of three days during the school week.

Residency Investigations
EC 48204.2; OSD BP 5111.1; OSD AR 5111.1

When the Superintendent or designee reasonably believes that a student's parent/guardian has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency, he/she may make reasonable efforts to determine that the student meets district residency requirements. An investigation may be initiated when the Superintendent or designee is able to identify specific, articulable facts supporting the belief that the parent/guardian has provided false or unreliable evidence of residency.

The Superintendent or designee may assign a trained district employee to conduct the investigation. The investigation may include the examination of records, including public records, and/or interviews of persons who may have knowledge of the student's residency.

If necessary, the Superintendent or designee may employ the services of a private investigator to conduct the investigation. Before hiring a private investigator, the Superintendent or designee shall make other reasonable efforts to determine whether the student resides in the district.

The investigation shall not include the surreptitious collection of photographic or videographic images of persons or places subject to the investigation. However, the use of technology is not prohibited if done in open and public view.

Any employee or contractor engaged in the investigation shall truthfully identify himself/herself as an investigator to individuals contacted or interviewed during the course of the investigation.

School Attendance Boundaries
OSD BP 5116

The district's educational reconfiguration is designed to enhance the educational program and provide children/parents with grade configuration options (K-5, K-8 and 6-8) as well as subject matter/thematic options (Visual & Performing Arts, Environmental Science, Digital Design, Robotics, Engineering & Marine Sciences, Technology and Dual Language Immersion).

Based on the reconfigured educational program, the following options are available to children/parents:

- Haydock Academy of Arts & Sciences 6th – 8th (Visual & Performing Arts & Environmental Science)
- R.J. Frank Academy of Marine Science & Engineering 6th – 8th (Marine Science and Engineering/Robotics)
- Fremont Academy of Environmental Science & Innovative Design 6th – 8th (Environmental Science & 3-D Design)
- Curren K-8 School K – 8th (Dual Language Immersion)
- Cesar Chavez K-8 School K – 8th (Dual Language Immersion)
- Drifill K-8 School K – 8th (Dual Language Immersion)
- Kamala K-8 School K – 8th (Dual Language Immersion)
- Lemonwood School K – 8th (Dual Language Immersion)
- Soria K-8 School K – 8th (Dual Language Immersion)
- Brekke Elementary School K – 5th (Science & Inquiry)
- Elm Street Elementary School K – 5th (Environmental, Life Science & Math Dual Language Immersion)

Harrington Elementary School K – 5th (Arts & Environmental Science, Dual Language Immersion)
- McKinna Elementary School K – 5th (Multi-Media, Dual Language Immersion)
- Marina West Elementary K – 5th (Creative Arts & Environmental Science)
- Marshall Elementary School K – 5th (Visual & Performing Arts)
- McAuliffe Elementary School K – 5th (STEAM)
- Ramona Elementary School – K – 5th (Environmental Science, Dual Language Immersion)
- Ritchie Elementary School K – 5th (Science, Technology & Arts)
- Rose Avenue Elementary School K – 5th (Science & Wellness)
- Sierra Linda Elementary School K – 5th (Arts & Health)

In order to maximize the opportunities for student and parents/guardians to choose the educational program that best fits their needs, learning potential and interests, the Board of Trustees has developed a two-year phased implementation of modified enrollment process that no longer relies on geographical boundaries, but rather, on student and parent/guardian choice for children entering the 6th grade from a TK-5 school.

For the 2019-20 academic year, the following guidelines shall apply:

1. Students and parents/guardians who select a K-8 school shall endeavor to continue at the K-8 through the 8th grade to receive the benefits of the K-8 experience;
2. Students currently enrolled in a school site will have priority to return to the same school site in the following academic year;
3. All incoming students for all other grades will be accommodated on a first come-first serve, open seat available basis. New incoming students will be accommodated only after current 5th grade students are all accommodated at 6th-8th grade academies of their choosing for the upcoming school year;
4. Each December, the district administration will begin the 5th grade academy enrollment process whereby 5th graders at K-5 schools only will select the 6th-8th grade academy they would like to attend the following year. The district administration shall utilize a randomized, unbiased system to assign school attendance in the event a school is oversubscribed and shall further utilize the following criteria for prioritizing certain student’s choices,
   a. If a student has been the victim of a violent criminal offense
   b. If special circumstances exist that might be harmful or dangerous to a student, including, but not limited to, threats of bodily harm or threats to the emotional stability of the student
c. To the extent desired by a parent, siblings shall have priority to attend the same school

After all 5th graders are accommodated, students and parents/guardians will continue to have available to them the School of Choice/Intradistrict Open Enrollment option in the event that they would like an intra-district transfer from one school to another. This option shall be available on a first come-first serve, space available basis.

Intradistrict Open Enrollment
EC 35160.5(b)

Residents of the Oxnard School District may apply to other schools within the district for their child to attend on a space available basis. Information on each school within the district is provided on the district website www.oxnardisd.org. Transportation to any other school is the responsibility of the parent.

Applications will be available at the district office in the Enrollment Center located at 925 South A Street, Oxnard, CA 93033. Application dates for the 2020-21 school year will be from February 3, 2020, through February 28, 2020. More information is available on the district’s website at www.oxnardisd.org.

Interschool Attendance
EC 46800 et seq.

Parents/guardians of students living outside the boundary of Oxnard School District may apply for an Interschool Transfer. The parent or legal guardian of a pupil may seek release from the home district to attend a school in any other school district. School districts may enter into agreements for the interschool transfer of one or more pupils for a period of up to five years. The agreement must specify the terms and conditions for granting or denying transfers and may contain standards

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of reapplication and specify the terms and conditions under which a permit may be revoked. Unless otherwise specified in the agreement, a pupil will not have to reapply for an interdistrict transfer, and the school board of the district of enrollment must allow the pupil to continue to attend the school in which he/she is enrolled.

A pupil who has been determined by personnel of either the home or receiving district to have been the victim of an act of bullying, as defined in EC 48900(r), shall, at the request of the parent or legal guardian, be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, be given additional consideration for the creation of an interdistrict attendance agreement.

Requests are based on the district’s enrollment and staffing needs. Preferences will be given to pupils whose parents are enlisted in the military. Parents/guardians should contact the Director of Pupil Services at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2161.

Persistently Dangerous School
20 USC 7912; OSD BP 5116.1
Any student attending a school designated by the California Department of Education as “persistently dangerous” shall be provided an option to transfer to another district school or charter school. For more information, please contact the district’s Director of Pupil Services at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2161.

Victim of a Violent Crime
20 USC 7912; OSD BP 5116.1
A student who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of a school that the student attends, has the right to transfer to another school within the district. The district has 14 calendar days to offer students the option to transfer. For more information, please contact the district’s Director of Pupil Services at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2161.

Home-to-School Transportation
OSD BP 3540 and 3541.1; OSD AR 3540, 3541 and 3541.1
The Board of Trustees, as a matter of choice and policy, has determined that it will provide home-to-school transportation for pupils under provisions of State law and regulations. Although state law does not require home-to-school transportation, the District offers limited transportation for pupils in grade Pre-K through 8th grade. All students must register to ride the bus. Pupil Transportation Registration forms are available at the District Enrollment Center, Transportation Service Center and all school sites.

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond 1.5 miles.

All middle school students are required to show school identification card prior to boarding the bus.

Students should be at the bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the departure time.

All special education, Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are required to be met by a parent/guardian before being released from the school bus.

Involuntary Transfer
EC 48980(n) and 48929
A student may be transferred to another district school if he/she is convicted of a violent felony, as defined in Penal Code 667.5(c), or a misdemeanor listed in Penal Code 29805 and is enrolled at the same school as the victim of the crime for which he/she was convicted.

Before transferring such a student, the Superintendent or designee shall attempt to resolve the conflict using restorative justice, counseling, or other such services. He/she shall also notify the student and his/her parents/guardians of the right to request a meeting with the principal or designee.

Participation of the victim in any conflict resolution program shall be voluntary, and he/she shall not be subjected to any disciplinary action for his/her refusal to participate in conflict resolution.

The Board shall deliberate in closed session to maintain the confidentiality of student information, unless the parent/guardian or adult student submits a written request that the matter be addressed in open session and doing so would not violate the privacy rights of any other student. The Board’s decision shall be final.

Facilities

Asbestos Management Plan
40 CFR 763.93; OSD BP 3514; OSD AR 3514
The Oxnard School District maintains and annually updates its management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings. For a copy of the asbestos management plan, please contact the Director of Facilities at (805) 385-1514.

Property Damage
EC 48904; OSD BP 3515.4 and 6161.2; OSD AR 5125.2
Parents or guardians may be held financially liable if their child willfully damages school property or fails to return school property loaned to the child. The school may further withhold the grades, diploma, and transcript of the pupil until restitution is paid.

Pesticide Products
EC 17612; OSD AR 3514.2
To obtain a copy of all pesticide products and expected use at the school facility during the year and to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school at least 72 hours before the application, please contact the Director of Facilities at (805) 385-1514. The notice will identify the active ingredient(s) in each pesticide product, the intended date of application, an Internet address on pesticide use and reduction, and the Internet address where the school site integrated pest management plan may be found if the school site has posted the plan. The dates that pesticides will be applied to school sites during the 2019-20 school year are located on the District’s website at https://www.oxnardsd.org/Page/646.

Pesticides expected to be applied in the Oxnard School District during the 2019-20 school year are as follows:

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Health and Nutrition

Concussion and Head Injuries
EC 49475
A concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. A school district that elects to offer athletic programs must immediately remove from a school-sponsored athletic activity for the remainder of the day an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during that activity. The athlete may not return to that activity until he or she is evaluated by, and receives written clearance from, a licensed health care provider. If the licensed health care provider determines the athlete has a concussion or head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than 7 days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete’s parent or guardian before the athlete’s
initiating practice or competition. This requirement does not apply to an athlete engaging in an athletic activity during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course.

Confidential Medical Services

EC 46010.1; OSD BP 5113

School authorities may excuse any pupil in grades 7-8 from the school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil’s parent or guardian.

Entrance Health Screening

HSC 124085, 124100, and 124105; OSD AR 5141.32

State law requires that the parent or legal guardian of each pupil provide the school documentary proof that the pupil has received a health screening examination by a doctor within 90 days after entrance to first grade. Pupils may be excluded up to 5 days from school for failing to comply or not providing a waiver. Contact the Ventura County Health Care Agency, Public Health Department at (805) 981-5101 for information about free health screenings and immunizations.

Eric Paredes Sudden Cardiac Prevention Act

EC 33479

Each school year before starting California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) activities and non-CIF activities, the school shall collect and retain a copy of sudden cardiac arrest information acknowledgement from a parent or guardian. A pupil who passes out or faints while participating or immediately following athletic activity, shall be removed by the athletic director, coach, trainer, or authorized person. In the absence of an athletic trainer, a coach shall notify the parent/guardian to determine what treatment, if any, the pupil should seek. A pupil who is removed shall not be permitted to return until evaluated and cleared by a physician. This does not apply to physical education activities during the regular school day. For more information, please contact the Pupil Services Department at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2161.

Free and Reduced-Price Meals

EC 49510 et seq; OSD BP 3553

Free or reduced-price lunches are available at school for pupils whose parents or legal guardians qualify, based on annual household income, and complete the required application form. Application forms may be obtained through the district’s Child Nutrition Services Department at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2435.

Immunizations

EC 49403 and 48216; HSC 120335, 120365, 120370, and 120375; OSD BP 5141.31

Students must be immunized against certain communicable diseases. Students are prohibited from attending school unless immunization requirements are met for age and grade. The school district shall cooperate with local health officials in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in school age children. The district may use any funds, property, or personnel and may permit any person licensed as a physician or registered nurse to administer an immunizing agent to any student who parents have signed consent for.

Beginning January 1, 2016, parents of students in any school will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption to a currently required vaccine. A personal beliefs exemption on file at school prior to January 1, 2016 will continue to be valid until the student enters the next grade span at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7th grade.

Students are not required to have immunizations if they attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. However, parents must continue to provide immunizations records for these students to their schools. The immunization requirements do not prohibit students from accessing special education and related services required by their individualized education programs.

A student not fully immunized may be temporarily excluded from a school or other institution when that child has been exposed to a specified disease and whose documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against one of the communicable diseases described above.

State law requires the following immunizations before a child may attend school:

- All new students, in transitional/regular kindergarten through grade 12, to the Oxnard School District must provide proof of polio, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella immunizations,
- All transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students must also provide proof of vaccination against hepatitis B.
- All seventh grade students must also provide proof of a second measles-containing vaccine, and a pertussis booster vaccine.

Free- or low-cost immunizations for children are available through the Ventura County Health Care Agency, Public Health Department. Please call (805) 951-5101 for information.

Medical or Hospital Service

EC 49472; OSD BP 5143

Services Not Provided

The Oxnard School District does not provide or make available medical and hospital services for pupils who are injured in accidents related to school activity or attendance.

Services Provided

The Oxnard School District may provide or make available medical or hospital service through nonprofit membership corporations, defraying the cost of medical or hospital service, or through group, blanket or individual policies of accident insurance or through policies of liability insurance for injuries to pupils arising out of accidents related to school activity or attendance. No pupil is required to accept such service without the consent of his/her parent or legal guardian. Low- or no-cost insurance for students is available through Medi-Cal for those who qualify. Parents/guardians may call (800) 880-5305 for information or an application. Parents may choose to purchase a student accident and health insurance plan from an independent insurance provider of their choice. The district makes available information and enrollment forms supplied by:

Myers-Steven & Tohey & Co., Inc.
26101 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, CA 92692-3203
(949) 348-0656 - (800) 827-4695 – FAX (949) 348-2630
www.myers-stevens.com
CA License #0428842

Parents may contact the district’s Risk Management Department at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2443 for more information about student accident insurance.

Medication Regimen

EC 49414, 49414.7, 49423, and 49423.1; OSD BP 5141.21

The parent or legal guardian of any pupil taking medication on a regular basis must inform the school nurse or other designated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With the consent of the parent or legal guardian, the school nurse may communicate with the physician and may counsel with the school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the pupil.

Administration of Prescribed Medication for Pupils

Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed by a physician or surgeon, may be assisted by the school nurse or other designated school personnel or may carry and self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication if the school district receives both a written statement of instructions from the physician detailing the method, amount and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken and a written statement from the parent or guardian requesting the school district assist the pupil with prescribed medication as set forth in the physician statement.

The following is a parent guide and checklist for students that need medication while at school:
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a) Talk to your child's doctor about making a medicine schedule so that your child does not have to take medicine while at school.
b) If your child is regularly taking medicine for an ongoing health problem, even if he or she only takes the medicine at home, give a written note to the school nurse or other designated school employee at the beginning of each school year. You must list the medicine being taken, the current amount taken, and the name of the doctor who prescribed it (EC 49480).
c) If your child must take medicine while at school, give the school a written note from you and a written note from your child's doctor or other health care provider, who is licensed to practice in California. Provide new, updated notes at the beginning of each school year and whenever there is any change in the medicine, instructions, or doctor (EC 49423).
d) As parent or guardian, you must supply the school with all medicine your child must take during the school day. You or another adult must deliver the medicine to school, except medicine your child is authorized to carry and take by him or herself.
e) All controlled medicine, like Ritalin, must be counted and recorded on a medicine log when delivered to the school. You or another adult who delivered the medicine should verify the count by signing the log.
f) Each medicine your child must be given at school must be in a separate container labeled by a pharmacist licensed in the United States. The container must list your child's name, doctor's name, name of the medicine, and instructions for when to take the medicine and how much to take.
g) Pick up all discontinued, outdated, and/or unused medicine before the end of the school year.
h) Know and follow the medicine policy of your child's school.

Administration of Epilepsy Medication

In the absence of a credentialed school nurse or other licensed nurse on site at a school, the school district may elect to allow nonmedical employees to volunteer to provide medical assistance to pupils with epilepsy suffering from seizures and receive training in the administration of an emergency anti-seizure medication in the event that the pupil suffers a seizure when a nurse is not available, upon request by a parent or guardian pursuant to subdivision (c). If the school district elects to participate in a program pursuant to this section, the school district shall provide school employees who volunteer pursuant to this section with voluntary emergency medical training to provide emergency medical assistance to pupils with epilepsy suffering from seizures. For more information, contact the district's Health Services Department at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2181.

Emergency Treatment for Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can occur after encountering an allergic trigger, such as food, medicine, an insect bite, latex or exercise. Symptoms include narrowing of the airways, rashes or hives, nausea or vomiting, a weak pulse and dizziness. It is estimated that approximately 25% of the anaphylactic reactions occur during school hours to students who had not previously been diagnosed with a food or other allergy. Without immediate administration of epinephrine followed by calling emergency medical services, death can occur. Being able to recognize and treat it quickly can save lives. Recent changes to EC 49414 now require school districts to provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses and trained personnel and authorizes them to use epinephrine auto-injectors for any student who may be experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of known history.

Mandated Health Screenings

EC 49452, 49452.5, 49454, and 59455; OSD BP 5141.3

Hearing Screening

Hearing screening is mandated in kindergarten/first grade and in second, and fifth grades and upon first school entry. Hearing screening in California public schools must be conducted by a credentialed school audiometrist.

Evaluation of a student's hearing may be waived at the parent/guardian's request if the parent/guardian presents a certificate from either a medical doctor of an audiologist specifying the results of an examination of the student's hearing.

Vision Screening

All students shall be tested for visual acuity when they first enroll in elementary school and every three years thereafter until the student completes grade 8. External observations of the student’s eyes, visual performance and pupil reflexion shall be made by the school nurse and the classroom teacher. For male students, color vision shall be tested one time, after the student reaches grade 1. Results of the test shall be entered into the student's health record.

Evaluation of a student's vision may be waived at the parent/guardian’s request if the parent/guardian presents a certificate from either a medical doctor or an optometrist specifying the results of an examination of the student’s vision including visual acuity, and, in male students, color vision.

Scoliosis Screening

Each female student in grade 7 and each male student in grade 8 may be screened for scoliosis. This screening shall comply with California Department of Education standards and shall be performed by qualified personnel as specified in law.

A letter informing parents of scoliosis screening will go home one week before scheduled screening. If parents wish to exclude their child from scoliosis screening the accompanying letter must be returned to the school no later than the day of screening.

The parent/guardian of any student suspected of having scoliosis shall receive a notice which includes an explanation of scoliosis and describes the significance of treatment at an early age.

Mental Health Services

EC 49428

In accordance with AB 2022, Pupil mental health services: school notification, the Oxnard School District wants to ensure that parents, guardians, and students are informed about resources available for anyone who believes they are in a mental health crisis. We encourage parents/guardians and student to talk with any adult in the school district if they are concerned about another student and possible mental health needs.

In order to initiate access to available pupil mental health services, you may contact the following mental health provider: Ventura County Behavioral Health at (866) 998-2243.

The Oxnard School District will notify parents at least twice per year. This is one time through our Annual Notifications, and we will also notify you again a second time during the school year by mail or by other commonly used method of notification.

Oral Health Assessment

EC 49452.8; OSD AR 5141.32

Record of a dental assessment done by a dental professional is required for all kindergarteners and first graders attending public school for the first time. Dental assessments must be completed in the 12 months prior to entry or by May 31 of the pupil’s first school year.

Physical Examination

EC 49451; OSD AR 5141.3

A parent or guardian may file annually with the school principal a written request for a physical examination of the pupil. However, whenever there is good reason to believe that the pupil is suffering from a disease, the school shall be permitted to return until school authorities are satisfied that the contagious or infectious disease no longer exists.

Pupil Meals – Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017

EC 49557.5; OSD BP 5144

The Oxnard School District has a Meal Charge Policy about how students who pay the full or reduced cost of a school meal are impacted by not having enough cash on hand or in their account to purchase a meal. The meal charge policy may be viewed at
Instruction

**Availability of Prospectus**

EC 49063 and 49091.14

Each school must annually compile a prospectus of the curriculum to include titles, descriptions and instructional goals for every course offered by the school. Please contact the principal or the district’s Educational Services Department at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2301 for a copy of the prospectus.

**California Healthy Youth Act (Sex and HIV/AIDS Education)**

EC 51930-51939; OSD BP 6142.1; OSD AR 6142.1

The California Healthy Youth Act requires school districts to provide pupils with integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school. It is intended to ensure that pupils in grades 7-12 are provided with the knowledge and skills necessary to: 1) protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV, other sexually transmitted infections, and unintended pregnancy; 2) develop health attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family; and 3) have health, positive and safe relationships and behaviors. It also promotes understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development.

Parents or legal guardians have the right to:

1. Inspect the written and audiovisual educational materials used in the comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education.
2. Request, in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education.
3. Request a copy of Education Codes 51930 through 51939, the California Healthy Youth Act.
4. Be informed whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants.
5. Receive notice by mail or another commonly used method of notification no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered if arrangements for the instruction are made after the beginning of the school year.
6. When the district chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to teach comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, be informed of:
   a. The date of the instruction
   b. The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker

**Career Counseling and Course Selection**

EC 221.5(d); OSD AR 6164.2

Commencing grade 7, school personnel shall assist pupils with course selection or career counseling, affirmatively exploring the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers based on the interest and ability of the pupil and not on the pupil’s gender. Parents or legal guardians are notified so that they may participate in such counseling sessions and decisions.

**Child Find System**

EC 56301

The district is a member of the Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area which has established written policies and procedures including continuous child find systems including children with disabilities who are migrant, homeless, or wards of the state, and children with disabilities attending private schools. Policies and procedures include written notification to all parents of their rights regarding identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, review, and procedures for initiating referral for assessment. For more information, please contact the Manager of Special Education at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2160.

**Notice of Alternative Schools**

EC 58501

California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Education Code 58500 defines alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school which is operated in a manner designed to:

- EC 32255 et seq.; OSD AR 5145.8
- A pupil with a temporary disability which makes attendance in the regular day classes or the alternative educational program in which the pupil is enrolled impossible or inadvisable may receive individualized instruction provided in the pupil’s home for one hour a day. Please contact Pupil Services at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2160 for information.
- A pupil with a temporary disability, who is in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding a state hospital, may be deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district in which the hospital is located.
- It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify the school district in which the hospital or other residential health facility is located of the presence of a pupil with a temporary disability. Upon receipt of the notification, the district will within five working days determine whether the pupil will be able to receive individualized instruction pursuant to EC 48206.3 and, if so, provide the instruction within five working days or less.
- A pupil with a temporary disability may remain enrolled in the district of residence of charter school and may attend regular classes when not confined to the hospital setting, the total days of instruction may not exceed the maximum of five days with both school settings and attendance may not be duplicated. If necessary, the district of residence may provide instruction in the home for the days not receiving instruction in the hospital setting, depending upon the temporary doctor orders. The supervisor of attendance shall ensure that absences from the regular school program are excused until the pupil is able to return to the regular school program.
- An honorary high school diploma which is clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation may be awarded to a pupil who is terminally ill, from the resident governing board, a county office of education or a charter school.

**Minimum Days and Pupil-free Staff Development Days**

EC 48980(c)

Minimum days for the 2019-20 school year are as follows:

- Back to School Night (varies by school site)
- November 1, 2019 (Staff Development Day – No school for students)
- November 19-22, 2019 (Minimum Day Schedule – Parent/Teacher Conference Days)
- December 20, 2019 (Minimum Day Schedule)
- February 6-7, 2020 (Minimum Day Schedule – Parent/Teacher Conference Days)
- June 18, 2020 (Minimum Day Schedule – Last day of school)
a) Maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility, and joy.
b) Recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of his/her desire to learn.
c) Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his/her own time to follow his/her own interests. These interests may be conceived by him/her totally and independently or may result in whole or in part from a presentation by his/her teachers of choices of learning projects.
d) Maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous, permanent process.
e) Maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers, and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including, but not limited to, the community in which the school is located.

In the event any parent, pupil, or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, the county superintendent of schools, the administrative office of this district, and the principal’s office in each attendance unit have copies of the law available for your information. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs in each district.

Students in grades seven and eight who need additional support participate in alternative programs at their school of residence. Parents may contact the Ventura County Office of Education, Student Services Department at (805) 383-1900 to obtain enrollment information for county alternative school programs.

Section 504 – Services for Students with Disabilities

29 USC 794; 34 CFR 104.32; OSD BP 6164.4

Screening and Evaluation Process

The district will evaluate any student who, because of disability, needs or is believed to need regular or special education and/or related aids and services. A student may be referred by anyone, including a parent/guardian, teacher, other school employee or community agency, for consideration as to whether the student qualifies as a student with disabilities under Section 504. This referral should be made to the school principal or 504 School Site Coordinator who will convene a 504 Committee meeting. The 504 Committee shall promptly consider the referral and determine what assessments are needed in all suspected areas of disability to evaluate whether the student is a student with a disability under Section 504 and what special needs the student may have. The evaluation of the student must be sufficient for the 504 Committee to accurately and completely describe: (a) the nature and extent of the disabilities, (b) the student’s special needs, and (c) what regular or special education and/or related aids and services are appropriate to ensure that the student receives a free appropriate public education. All significant factors relating to the learning process for that student, including adaptive behavior and cultural and language background, must be considered. The evaluation may include, but is not limited to, classroom and playground observation, performance-based testing, academic assessment information, and offered by the student’s teachers and parent/guardian.

Section 504 Plan

For each identified disabled student, the 504 Committee will develop a 504 Plan describing the student’s disability and the regular or special education and/or related aids needed. The Plan will specify how the special education and/or related aids and services will be provided to the disabled student and by whom. The 504 Plan will also identify the person responsible for ensuring that all the components of the Plan are implemented. The parents/guardians shall be notified in writing of the final decision concerning the student’s identification as a person with disabilities, the educational program and services to be provided, if any, and of the Section 504 procedural safeguards, as described below, including the right to an impartial hearing to challenge the decision.

Procedural Safeguards

1) The parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of all actions regarding the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of a student who, because of a disability, needs, or is believed to need, special instruction or related services pursuant to Section 504. Notifications will also state a parent/guardian rights to:
   a. Examine student records. Upon parent/guardian request, records may be reviewed at the school site or at the District Office. Copies of student records may be obtained within five (5) business days of the request pursuant to District policies.
   b. Have an impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the parent/guardian and his/her counsel.
   c. Seek review in federal court if the parent/guardian disagrees with the hearing decision.

2) Notifications shall also set forth the procedure for requesting an impartial hearing. Requests shall be made to: District Section 504 Administrator, Oxnard School District, 1051 South A Street, Oxnard CA 93030.

3) If a parent/guardian disagrees with the identification, evaluation or placement of a student with disabilities under Section 504, he/she may initiate the following procedures. The parent/guardian is encouraged to utilize Levels One and Two, but he/she may proceed directly to Level Three if he/she so chooses.

LEVEL ONE: In writing, the parent/guardian may request a meeting with the Section 504 Service Plan team in an attempt to resolve the disagreement. This meeting shall be held within ten (10) school days after receiving the parent/guardian’s request. This time frame may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

LEVEL TWO: If disagreement continues, the parent/guardian may request, in writing, a meeting with the District Section 504 Administrator for the Oxnard School District.

Section 504 Administrator
Oxnard School District
1051 South A Street
Tel. (805) 385-1501 x2161
Fax (805) 487-9648

This meeting shall be held within a reasonable period of time after receiving the parent/guardian’s request.

At the request of either the District or the parent/guardian, and on mutual agreement of the parties, the parties may pursue dispute resolution through mediation. If the parties agree to mediation, a time line will be set for the convening of the mediation.

The District shall choose the neutral mediator; and, the cost of the mediation, if any, shall be paid by the District.

LEVEL THREE: If the disagreement is not resolved, or upon initial request, a due process hearing may be requested by the student’s parent/guardian (“Section 504 due process hearing”). The proceedings will be presided over and decided by an impartial hearing officer.

Impartial hearing officer means a person selected by the District to preside at a due process hearing to assure that proper procedures are followed and to assure the protection of the rights of both parties. To ensure impartiality of the hearing officer, the hearing officer shall not be employed by or under contract with the District in any capacity at the time of the due process hearing, nor shall the hearing officer have any professional or personal involvement that would affect his or her objectivity or impartiality.

The steps involved in initiating and implementing a Section 504 impartial hearing are as follows:

a. The parent/guardian shall have the right to an impartial hearing with opportunity for participation by the parent/guardian and representation by counsel.

b. A request in writing for a Section 504 due process hearing must be filed in the office of the District Section 504 Administrator.

Section 504 Administrator
Oxnard School District
1051 South A Street
Tel. (805) 385-1501 x2161
Fax (805) 487-9648

C. A request for a Section 504 due process hearing must be in writing and received by the District within ninety (90) days

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from the time the parent/guardian received written notice of the decision leading to the request for such hearing. Upon receipt of such a request from the parent/guardian, the District may schedule a Section 504 Service Plan team meeting, and make relevant personnel available within a reasonable time period. A parent/guardian or student making an oral request may be assisted by the District in making a written request.

d. A request for a Section 504 due process hearing shall contain the following:
   i. A statement requesting a hearing.
   ii. The specific nature of the decision(s) made by the District the Section 504 Service Plan team with which the parent/guardian disagrees.
   iii. The specific relief the parent/guardian seeks.
   iv. Any other information the parent/guardian believes will assist in understanding the request.

e. Within a reasonable time following receipt of a written request for hearing, the District Section 504 Administrator will select an impartial hearing officer.

f. A hearing officer selected by the District must satisfy the following requirements:
   i. Be qualified to review District decisions relating to Section 504.
   ii. Not be an employee of, or under contract with, the District in any capacity other than that of a hearing officer at the time of the due process hearing.
   iii. Not have any professional or personal involvement that would affect his or her impartiality or objectivity in the matter.

g. Hearing notifications shall be given to the parent/guardian at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the date set for the hearing. The notice shall contain a statement regarding the time and place for the hearing as well as the name of the hearing officer. This notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the District's notice of parent/guardian rights and procedural safeguards pursuant to Section 504.

h. Within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the parent/guardian's request for a Section 504 due process hearing, the hearing shall be conducted. Within ninety (90) calendars of the receipt of the parent/guardian's request, a written decision shall be mailed to all parties. This time frame may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

  i. A party to the hearing shall be afforded the following rights:
     i. The right to be accompanied and advised by counsel and by individuals with special knowledge or training relating to the problems of students who have a disability within the meaning of Section 504.
     ii. Receipt of notice from the other party or parties, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing, that they will utilize the services of an attorney, except for good cause shown.
     iii. The right to prohibit the introduction of evidence at the hearing that has not been disclosed to the other party or parties at least five (5) calendar days prior to hearing except for good cause shown.
     iv. The right to present evidence, written and oral.
     v. The right to produce outside expert testimony.
     vi. The right to written findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a decision prepared by the hearing officer.
     vii. The right to a written or electronic verbatim record of the hearing prepared at the expense of the individual requesting such record.

     In cases where foreign language translation is necessary, a translator shall be provided by the District. This translator may be a current District employee.

  j. The parent/guardian involved in the hearing will be given the right to:
     i. Have the student present at the hearing;
     ii. Open the hearing to the public, but not the press, should they so choose; and
     iii. Have an opportunity to participate in the impartial hearing.

  k. The hearing officer shall render a decision pursuant to the legal standards set forth in 34 Code of Federal Regulations part 104 and related law.

l. Either party may seek review of the hearing officer's decision by timely filing with a court of competent jurisdiction.

m. The cost of the hearing officer shall be borne by the District. Reimbursement of attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, and other costs is available only as authorized by law.

n. All written correspondence shall be provided in English and/or translated into the primary language of the home at the request of the parent/guardian. If translation of written correspondence is requested, the District shall provide said translation within a reasonable time period of the receipt of parent/guardian's request for translation of written correspondence.

The school Section 504 Site Chairperson is the principal. Should you have any concerns, questions, or comments related to the enforcement of your child's rights under Section 504,

For more information regarding Section 504, please contact:

G. De Jackson
Vice President
(805) 385-1501 Ext. 3918

EC 28645.5, 48204, 48853 and 48853.5; WIC 317 and 16010; OSD BP 6173.1
Foster youth are assured of educational opportunities appropriate to his or her ability. Foster youth can be assisted by the district’s Program for Foster Children at 1051 South A Street, Oxnard, CA 93030 or via telephone at (805) 487-3918. (EC 48850)

EC 310; 5 CCR 11309; OSD BP 6174
Oxnard School District offers a variety of English Learner programs for K-8 students:

- Structured English Immersion Program (SEI)
- English Language Mainstream Program (ELM)
- Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE)
- Dual Language Education Program (DL)
- ELD Academy for Newcomers in grades 3-8

Parents will be informed of the placement of their child in a program for their English learner student. The notice shall include a description of the procedures for requesting a waiver and any guidelines for evaluating a parent waiver request. Parents may contact the English Learner Services Department at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2324. For more information, please contact the district’s English immersion programs.

EC 313.2
Parents are to be notified by schools that in addition to the child's English proficiency status, for which they are notified using the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC), and they are to be notified that their child is a "Long-term English Learner" or is an "English learner at-risk of becoming a Long-term English Learner".
Accountability Report Card at the district office, each school site, or the district web site (www.oxnardsd.org). Each school is required to maintain copies of their individual School Accountability Report Card which shall be provided upon request.

**School Bus Safety**

EC 38831.5; OSD AR 3543

All pupils in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, shall receive written information on school bus safety (i.e., a list of school bus stops near each pupil’s home, general rules of conduct at school bus loading zones, red light crossing instructions, school bus danger zone, and walking to and from school bus stops). Prior to departure on a school activity trip, all pupils riding on a school bus or school activity bus shall receive safety instruction that includes, but is not limited to, location of emergency exits, and location and use of emergency equipment. Instruction also may include responsibilities of passengers seated next to an emergency exit.

**Tobacco-free Campus**

HSC 104420 and 104495; OSD BP 3513.3

The Board of Trustees recognizes that smoking and the other uses of tobacco and nicotine products constitute a serious public health hazard and are inconsistent with district goals to provide a healthy environment for students and staff.

The Board prohibits smoking and/or the use of tobacco products at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles.

These prohibitions apply to all employees, students and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity or athletic event held on or off district property. Any written joint use agreement governing community use of district facilities or grounds shall include notice of the district's tobacco-free schools policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, tobacco, or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or form, and includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates aerosol or vapor or of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking. Tobacco products include:

1. Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to,
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Employee Code of Conduct

1. Students may possess or use an electronic signaling device that is approved by the Superintendent or designee.
2. Students may possess or use on school campus personal mobile electronic signaling devices, including, but not limited to, pagers and cellular/digital telephones. If a disruption occurs or a student uses any mobile communications device for improper activities, a school employee shall direct the student to turn off the device and/or shall confiscate it. If the school employee finds it necessary to confiscate the device, he/she shall return it at the end of the class period or school day. In accordance with BP/AR 5132 - Search and Seizure, a school official may search a student's mobile communications device, including, but not limited to, reviewing messages or viewing pictures.

3. District programs and activities shall also be free of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

Recently, the Superintendent or designee shall review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any derogatory or discriminatory name, image, practice, or other barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in each announcement, bulletin, catalog, handbook, application form, or other materials distributed to these groups. and, as applicable, to the public. As appropriate, such notification shall be posted in district schools and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and other prominent locations and shall be posted on the district's web site and, when available, district-supported social media.

The district's nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parent/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or more of a school's students speaks a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be translated into that other language.

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any implementing standards and/or regulations. When structural changes to existing district facilities are needed to provide individuals with disabilities access to programs, services, activities, or facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a transition plan that sets forth the steps for completing the changes.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, assistive technologies or other modifications to increase accessibility to district and school web sites, notetakers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large print materials. Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to the school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

The individual identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the employee responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws is hereby designated as the district's ADA coordinator. He/she shall receive and address requests for accommodation submitted by individuals with disabilities, and shall investigate and resolve
complaints regarding their access to district programs, services, activities, or facilities.

Coordinator/Compliance Officer (AR 5145.3)
The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district’s efforts to comply with applicable state and federal civil rights laws, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and to answer inquiries regarding the district’s nondiscrimination policies. The individual(s) shall also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination targeting a student, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, based on the student’s actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or any other legally protected status or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at:

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Support Services
Oxnard School District
1051 South A Street
Oxnard, CA 93030
(805) 385-1501 extension 2050

Parent Engagement – School Accountability
EC 11500-11503
To participate in the district offerings of parent education and to provide parental input to the local training programs for parents, please contact the district’s Director of English Learner Services at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2351 for more information on how you may contribute.

Right to Know Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals
ESSA Section 1112
In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Oxnard School District would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student’s teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

- Whether the student’s teacher –
  - has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
  - is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
  - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

If you wish to request information concerning your child’s teacher and/or paraprofessional’s qualifications, please contact the district’s Human Resources Department at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2051.

Safe Place to Learn Act
EC 234 and 234.1
The Oxnard School District is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code and EC 220, and disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. All school personnel who witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so. Any student who engages in acts of discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, or bullying related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school of the school district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. To report an incident and/or to receive a copy of the district’s anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policies, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2032.

School Rules
EC 35291, OSD BP 5131
The Board of Trustees believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, while at school activities, and while on district transportation.

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school site develops standards of conduct and discipline consistent with district policies and administrative regulations. Students and parents/guardians shall be notified of district and school rules related to conduct.

School Visiting Procedures
EC 49091.10, 51101 and 51101(a)(12); PC 627.2 and 627.6;
OSD BP 1250; OSD AR 5020
Visits during school hours should be arranged with the principal or designee. When a visit involves a conference with a teacher or the principal, an appointment should be scheduled during non-instructional time.

Parents may observe, within a reasonable period of time after making the request, the classroom(s) in which their child is enrolled or for the purpose of selecting the school in which their child will be enrolled. Parents/guardians may observe instructional and other school activities that involve their child in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations. Upon written request by a parent/guardian, the superintendent or designee shall arrange for parental observation of a class or activity in a reasonable time frame and in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.

All outsiders, as defined in law and administrative regulation, shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session.

Sexual Harassment
EC 231.5 and 48980(g); OSD BP 5145.7; OSD AR 5145.7
The Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sexual harassment targeted at any student by anyone. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who reports, files a complaint or testifies about, or other supports a complainant in alleged sexual harassment.

The district strongly encourages any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult who has experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus to immediately contact his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the principal or a district compliance officer. Once notified, the principal or compliance officer shall take the steps to investigate and address the allegation, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce the district’s sexual harassment policy.

Instruction/Information
The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age-appropriate information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

1. What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same sex and could involve sexual violence.
2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment under any circumstance.
3. Encouragement to report observed instances of sexual harassment, even where the alleged victim of the harassment has not complained.
4. A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sexual harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sexual harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved.
5. A clear message that, regardless of a complainant's noncompliance with the writing, timeline, or other formal filing requirements, every sexual harassment allegation that involves a student, whether as the complainant, respondent, or victim of the harassment, shall be investigated and prompt action shall be taken to stop any harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students.
6. Information about the district's procedure for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made.
7. Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable, including the right to file a civil or criminal complaint while the district investigation of a sexual harassment complaint continues.
8. A clear message that, when needed, the district will take interim measures to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sexual harassment and/or other students during an investigation and that, to the extent possible, when such interim measures are taken, they shall not disadvantage the complainant or victim of the alleged harassment.

Complaint Process and Disciplinary Actions
Sexual harassment complaints by and against students shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Principals are responsible for notifying students and parents/guardians that complaints of sexual harassment can be filed under AR 1312.3 and where to obtain a copy of the procedures.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any student found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4-12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that, in imposing such discipline, the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any employee found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence toward any student shall have his/her employment terminated in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of sexual harassment to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in district schools.

District Designee (AR 5145.7)
The district designates the following individual(s) as the responsible employee(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and California Education Code 234.1, as well as to investigate and resolve sexual harassment complaints under AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. The coordinator/compliance officer(s) may be contacted at:

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(805) 385-1501 ext. 2050

Student Information and Records

Directory Information

EC 49073

“Directory Information” includes one or more of the following items: student’s name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date of birth, assessment data to feeder schools, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent public or private school attended by the student. For more information regarding the individuals, officials, or organizations that may receive directory information, contact the district's Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services at (805) 385-1501 ext. 2301.

No information may be released to a private profit-making entity other than employers, prospective employers and representatives of the news media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations. Directory information may be disclosed without prior consent from the parent or legal guardian unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written notice to the school to deny access to his/her pupil’s directory information. Directory information regarding a pupil identified as a homeless child or youth shall not be released unless a parent, or eligible pupil, has provided written consent that directory information may be released.

Staff may provide the media with student directory information, including, but not limited to, the name of a student, school of attendance, grade level, honors, and activities, unless the student’s parent/guardian has submitted a written request that such information not be disclosed. The district shall not release information that is private or confidential as required by law, Board policy or administrative regulation or other access to student records or personally identifiable student information may be provided without written parent/guardian permission.

Educational Equity: Immigration Status

EC 66251, 66260.6, 66270 and 66270.3

The Equity in Higher Education Act, states that all persons, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, equal rights and opportunities and adds this opportunity to apply for financial aid for higher education to also be equitable, and an application may not be denied of a student based on their immigration status. This does not guarantee any final eligibility, but simply an ability to apply for financial aid just like any other student, without discrimination.

Educational Equity: Immigration and Citizenship Status

EC 200, 220 & 234.1 (adding Article 5.7 to EC 234.7)

All persons in public schools, regardless of their Immigration status, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other specified characteristic, are to be afforded equal rights and opportunities in the schools, and are not to be discriminated against on the basis of these specific characteristics in any program or activity conducted by the school that receives or benefits from state financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state financial aid. School officials are prohibited from collecting information or documents regarding citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members. Schools are to adopt a policy that prohibits and adopt a process for receiving and investigating complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on those actual or perceived specified characteristics. The superintendent of a school district or county office of education and principal of a charter school are to report to the governing board of local educational agency in a timely manner any requests for information or access to the school site by an officer or employee or a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing the immigration laws in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information. Schools are encouraged, when an employee is aware that a student's parent or guardian is not available to care for the student, to work with parents or guardians to update the emergency contact information or instructions provided by the student's parent or guardian. Governing boards or schools are to provide information to parents and guardians as appropriate, regarding their children's right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs.
**Pupil Records**

EC 49063 and 49069; 34 CFR 99.7; 20 USC 1232g; OSD BP 5125

A cumulative record, whether recorded by handwriting, print, tapes, film, microfilm or other means, must be maintained on the history of a pupil’s development and educational progress. The district will protect the privacy of such records. Parents/guardians have the right to 1) inspect and review the student’s educational record maintained by the school, 2) request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading, and 3) have some control over the disclosure of information from educational records. School officials with legitimate educational interests may access student records without parental consent as long as the official needs to review the records in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility. Upon request from officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, the district shall disclose educational records without parental consent. Parents’ request to access their student’s educational records must be submitted in a written form to the principal of their child’s school; the school will have five (5) business days from the day of receipt of the request to provide access to the records. Copies of student records are available to parents free of charge.

Any challenge to school records must be submitted in writing to the respective school principal. A parent challenging school records must show that the records are 1) inaccurate, 2) an unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference, 3) a conclusion or inference outside the observer’s area of competence, 4) not based on the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted, 5) misleading, or 6) in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student. Parents have the right to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the district to comply with the provisions of the United States Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by writing to: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.

**Surveys**

EC 51513; OSD AR 5022

Anonymous, voluntary and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student’s health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the student’s attitudes and practices relating to sex, family life, morality, and religion may be administered to students if the parent is notified in writing that 1) this test, questionnaire, or survey is to be administered, 2) the student’s parent is given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire, or survey, and 3) the parent consents in writing.

**Uniform Complaint Procedures**

5 CCR 4622; EC 234.1, 32289 and 234.1; OSD BP 1312.3; OSD AR 1312.3

**OSD Board Policy 1312.3**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Board encourages early resolution of complaints whenever possible. To resolve complaints which may require a more formal process, the Board adopts the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation. The district’s uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve the following complaints:

1. Any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing After School Education and Safety programs, agricultural vocational education, American Indian education centers and early childhood education program assessments, bilingual education, peer assistance and review programs for teachers, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, compensatory education, consolidated categorical aid programs, Economic Impact Aid, English learner programs, federal education programs in Title I-VII, migrant education, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs, school safety plans, special education programs, State Preschool Programs, Tobacco-Use Prevention Education programs, and any other district-implemented program which is listed in Education Code 64000(a).

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

3. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the requirement to provide reasonable accommodation to a lactating student on school campus to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other breastfeeding-related needs of the student (Education Code 222).

4. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities (5 CCR 4610).

5. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with legal requirements related to the implementation of the local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075).

6. Any complaint, by or on behalf of any student who is a foster youth, alleging district noncompliance with any requirement applicable to the student regarding placement decisions, the responsibilities of the district’s educational liaison to the student, the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district, school transfer, or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2).

7. Any complaint, by or on behalf of a homeless student as defined in 42 USC 11434a or a former juvenile court school student alleging district noncompliance with any requirement applicable to the student regarding the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2).

8. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy.

9. Any other complaint as specified in a district policy.

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

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

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

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to district staff to ensure awareness and knowledge of current law and related
requirements, including the steps and timelines specified in this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of all UCP complaints and the investigations of those complaints in accordance with applicable law and district policy.

Non-UCP Complaints

The following complaints shall not be subject to the district’s UCP but shall be referred to the specified agency: (SCCR 4611)

1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services, the County Protective Services Division, and the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to the Department of Social Services and shall, for licensing-exempt facilities, be referred to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator.
3. Any complaint alleging fraud shall be referred to the Legal, Audits and Compliance Branch of the California Department of Education.

Any complaint alleging employment discrimination or harassment shall be investigated and resolved by the district in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. Any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or teacher vacancies and misassignments shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures in AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code 35186)

OSD Administrative Regulation 1312.3

Except as the Board of Trustees may otherwise specifically provide in other district policies, these uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve only the complaints specified in BP 1312.3.

Compliance Officers

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district’s response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws. The individual(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment as the responsible employee(s) to handle complaints regarding unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying). The individual(s) shall receive and coordinate the investigation of complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law.

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

In no instance shall a compliance officer be assigned to a complaint in which he/she has a bias or conflict of interest that would prohibit him/her from fairly investigating or resolving the complaint. Any complaint against a compliance officer or that raises a concern about the compliance officer’s ability to investigate the complaint fairly and without bias shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

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

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

Notifications

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

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district’s UCP to students, employees, parents/guardians of district students, district advisory committee members, school advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. The notification shall include information regarding the prohibition of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying; unlawful student fees; local control and accountability plan (LCAP) requirements; and requirements related to the educational rights of foster youth, homeless students, former juvenile court school students, and children of military families. (Education Code 262.3, 48853, 48853.5, 49010-49013, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2, 52075; SCCR 4622)

The notice shall:

1. The district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs.
2. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complaintant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.
3. Advise the complaintant of the appeal process, including, if applicable, the complaintant’s right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in cases involving unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying).
4. Include statements that:
   a. The district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs.
   b. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complaintant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.
   c. A complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) must be filed no later than six months from the date it occurred, or six months from the date the complaintant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complaintant setting forth the reasons for the extension.
   d. Complaints should be filed in writing and signed by the complaintant. If a complaintant is unable to put his/her complaint in writing, for example, due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint.
   e. If a complaint is not filed in writing but the district receives notice of any allegation that is subject to the UCP, the district shall take affirmative steps to investigate and address the allegations, in a manner appropriate to the particular circumstances. If the allegation involves retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) and the investigation confirms that discrimination has occurred, the district will take steps to prevent recurrence of discrimination and correct its discriminatory effects on the complainant, and on others, if appropriate.
f. A student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for his/her participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

h. A foster youth shall receive information about educational rights related to his/her educational placement, enrollment in and checkout from school, as well as the responsibilities of the district liaison for foster youth to ensure and facilitate these requirements and to assist the student in ensuring proper transfer of his/her records, and grades when he/she transfers between schools or between the district and another district.

i. A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, or child of a military family who transfers into a district high school or between district high schools as applicable shall be notified of the district's responsibility to:

1. Accept any coursework or part of the coursework that the student has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, and to issue full or partial credit for the coursework completed.

2. Not require the student to retake any course or a portion of a course which he/she has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency.

3. If the student has completed his/her second year of high school before the transfer, provide the student information about district-adopted coursework and Board-imposed graduation requirements from which he/she may be exempted pursuant to Education Code 51225.1.

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

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

1. A complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing the programs specified in the accompanying Board policy (item #1 of the section “Complaints Subject to the UCP”) may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4630)

2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against requiring students to pay student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent or designee. However, any such complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. (Education Code 49013, 52075; 5 CCR 4630)

3. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) may be filed only by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered the unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or a specific class of individuals has been subjected to it. The complaint shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged unlawful discrimination occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)
mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving an allegation of sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. If the parties agree to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

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

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with his/her investigation of the complaint. The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. If mediation is successful and the complaint is withdrawn, then the district shall take only the actions agreed upon through the mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the district shall then continue with subsequent steps specified in this administrative regulation.

Investigation of Complaint

Within 10 business days after the compliance officer receives the complaint, the compliance officer shall begin an investigation into the complaint.

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

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

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

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

In accordance with law, the district shall provide the investigator with access to records and other information related to the allegation in the complaint and shall not in any way obstruct the investigation. Failure or refusal of the district to cooperate in the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

The compliance officer shall apply a "preponderance of the evidence" standard in determining the veracity of the factual allegations in a complaint. This standard is met if the allegation is more likely to be true than not.

Report of Findings

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

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

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

If the Board hears the complaint, the compliance officer shall send the Board's decision to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's initial receipt of the complaint or within the time period that has been specified in a written agreement with the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

In resolving any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the respondent also shall be sent the district's decision and, in the same manner as the complainant, may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the decision.

Final Written Decision

The district's decision on how it will resolve the complaint shall be in writing and shall be sent to the complainant and respondent. (5 CCR 4631)

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

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient student or parent/guardian and the student involved attends a school at which 15 percent or more of the students speak a single primary language other than English, then the decision shall also be translated into that language. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

For all complaints, the decision shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered. In reaching a factual determination, the following factors may be taken into account:
   a. Statements made by any witnesses
   b. The relative credibility of the individuals involved
   c. How the complaining individual reacted to the incident
   d. Any documentary or other evidence relating to the alleged conduct
   e. Past instances of similar conduct by any alleged offenders
   f. Past false allegations made by the complainant
2. The conclusion(s) of law
3. Disposition of the complaint
4. Rationale for such disposition

For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the disposition of the complaint shall include a determination for each allegation as to whether retaliation or unlawful discrimination has occurred. The determination of whether a hostile environment exists may involve consideration of the following:

a. The manner in which the misconduct affected one or more students' education
b. The type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct
Corrective actions that focus on a student offender may include, but are not limited to, the following:

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

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

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

When a complaint is found to have merit, an appropriate remedy shall be provided to the complainant or other affected person. If a complaint alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges, physical education instructional minutes for students in elementary schools, or any requirement related to the LCAP is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education. (Education Code 49013, 51223, 52075)

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

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision, he/she, in the same manner as the complainant, may file an appeal with CDE.

The complainant or respondent shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and how the facts of the district's decision are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be sent to CDE with a copy of the original locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision in that complaint. (5 CCR 4632)

Upon notification by the CDE that the complainant has appealed the district's decision, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to the CDE: (5 CCR 4633)

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the written decision
3. A summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the district, if not covered by the decision
4. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
5. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
6. A copy of the district's uniform complaint procedures
7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE

Every school must provide sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. Every student, including English learners, must have textbooks or instructional materials, or both, to use at home or after school. School
Types of Complaints
The district shall use the following procedures to investigate and resolve complaints when the complainant alleges that any of the following has occurred: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681, 4682, 4683)

1. Textbooks and instructional materials
   a. A pupil, including an English learner, does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state- or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.
   b. A pupil does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school.
   c. Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unsalable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage. (cf. 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials)
2. Teacher vacancy or misassignment
   a. A semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists.
   b. A teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English learner pupils in the class. (cf. 4112.22 – Staff Teaching Pupils of Limited English Proficiency)

Teacher vacancy means a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the semester for an entire semester. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

Beginning of the year or semester means the first day classes necessary to serve all the pupils enrolled are established with a single designated certificated employee assigned for the duration of the class, but not later than 20 working days after the first day pupils attend classes for that semester. (5 CCR 4600)

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

3. Facilities
   a. A condition poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff.
      Emergency or urgent threat means structures or systems that are in a condition that poses a threat to the health and safety of pupils or staff while at school, including, but not limited to, gas leaks; nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; electrical power failure; major sewer line stoppage; major pest or vermin infections; broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk; abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to pupils or staff; or structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition. (Education Code 17592.72)
   b. A school restroom has not been cleaned, maintained, or kept open in accordance with Education Code 35292.5.

Filing of Complaint
A complaint alleging a condition(s) specified in Items #1-3 above shall be filed with the principal or designee at the school in which the complaint arises. The principal or designee shall forward a complaint about problems beyond his/her authority to the Superintendent or designee in a timely manner, but not to exceed 10 working days. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

A complaint alleging any deficiency specified in Item #4 above shall be filed with a district official designated by the Superintendent. Such complaints may be filed at the district office or at a school site and shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 35186)

Investigation and Response
The principal or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem with his/her authority. He/she shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4685)

Complaints may be filed anonymously, if the complainant has included a contact name, telephone number, address, or e-mail address. If a complaint is filed anonymously, the response shall be mailed to the mailing address of the complainant as indicated on the complaint form. At the same time, the principal or designee shall report the same information to the Superintendent or designee within the 45 working day time frame. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680, 4685)

When Education Code 48985 is applicable and the complainant has requested a response, the response shall be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed. (Education Code 35186)

If a complaint is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, he/she has the right to describe the complaint to the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

For any complaint concerning a facilities condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of pupils or staff as described in item #3a above, a complainant who is not satisfied with the resolution offered by the principal or Superintendent or designee may file an appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 15 days of receiving the district’s response. The complainant shall comply with the appeal requirements specified in 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4687)

All complaints and written responses shall be public records. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

Reports
The Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints. These summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

Forms and Notices
The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district’s complaint form contains a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to his/her complaint and specifies the location for filing a complaint. A complaint may add as much text to explain the complaint as he/she wishes. However, complaints need not use the district’s Williams complaint form in order to file a complaint. (Education Code 35186)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a noticed is posted in each classroom in each school containing the components specified in Education Code 35186. (Education Code 35186)
The parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity, as mutually supportive and respectful partners in the education of their children within the public schools, to be informed by the school, and to participate in the education of their children, as follows:

1. Within a reasonable period of time after making the request, to observe their child’s classroom(s).
2. Within a reasonable time of their request, to meet with their child’s teacher(s) and the principal.
3. To volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs under the supervision of district employees, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher.
4. To be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission.
5. To receive the results of their child’s performance on standardized tests and statewide tests and information on the performance of their child’s school on standardized statewide tests.
6. To request a particular school for their child, and to receive a response from the school district.
7. To have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning.
8. To examine the curriculum materials of their child’s class(es).
9. To be informed of their child’s progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child.
10. To have access to the school records of their child.
11. To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their child is expected to accomplish.
12. To be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures, attendance policies, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school.
13. To receive information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test.
14. To participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school site council, or site-based management leadership team.
15. To question anything in their child’s record that the parent feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school.
16. To be notified, as early in the school year as practicable, if their child is identified as being at risk of retention and of their right to consult with school personnel responsible for a decision to promote or retain their child and to appeal a decision to retain or promote their child.

A pupil shall not be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion unless the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed an act as defined pursuant to any of subdivisions (a) to (r), inclusive:

(a) (1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
(2) Wilfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.
(b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of an object of this type, the pupil had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the principal or the designee of the principal.
(c) Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.
(d) Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to a person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance, or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant.
(e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
(f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
(g) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
(h) Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigarettes, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew pouches, and betel. However, this section does not prohibit the use or possession by a pupil of his or her own prescription products.
(i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
(j) Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia, as defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
(k) (1) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.
(2) Except as provided in Section 48910, a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts enumerated in this subdivision, and this subdivision shall not constitute grounds for a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to be recommended for expulsion. This paragraph shall become inoperative on July 1, 2018, unless a later enacted statute that becomes operative before July 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.
(l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
(m) Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, “imitation firearm” means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
(n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.
(o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for purposes of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both.
(p) Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
(q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, that is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
(r) Engaged in an act of bullying. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:
(1) “Bullying: means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils as defined in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following: (A) Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil’s or those pupils’ person or property. (B) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health. (C) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance. (D) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit

Suspension and Expulsion Laws

EC 48900 et seq.

A pupil shall not be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion unless the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed an act as defined pursuant to any of subdivisions (a) to (r), inclusive:
from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

(2) (A) "Electronic act" means the creation or transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager of a communication, including, but not limited to any of the following:
(i) A message, text, sound, video or image.
(ii) A post on a social network Internet website, including, but not limited to:
   (I) Posting to or creating a burn page. “Burn page” means an Internet website created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1).
   (II) Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.
   (III) Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). “False profile” means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
(iii) An act of cyber sexual bullying.
   (I) For purposes of this clause, “cyber sexual bullying” means the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of paragraph (1). A photograph or other visual recording, as described above, shall include the depiction of a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of a minor where the minor is identifiable from the photograph, visual recording, or other electronic act.
   (II) For purposes of this clause, "cyber sexual bullying" does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.
(B) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subparagraph (A), an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.

(3) Reasonable pupil means a pupil, including, but not limited to, an exceptional needs pupil, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with his or her exceptional needs.

(s) A pupil shall not be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in this section unless the act is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district or principal or occurring within any other school district. A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated in this section and related to a school activity or school attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
(1) While on school grounds.
(2) While going to or coming from school.
(3) During the lunch period, whether on or off the campus.
(4) During, or while going to, or coming from, a school-sponsored activity.

(t) A pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension, but not expulsion, pursuant to this section, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (a).

(u) As used in this section, “school property” includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.

(v) For a pupil subject to discipline under this section, a superintendent of the school district or principal may use his or her discretion to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion that are age appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil's specific misbehavior as specified in Section 48900.5.

(w) It is the intent of the Legislature that alternatives to suspension or expulsion be imposed against a pupil who is truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from school activities.

**Sexual Harassment**

EC 48900.2

In addition to the reasons specified in Section 48900, a pupil may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed sexual harassment as defined in Section 212.5.

For the purposes of this chapter, the conduct described in Section 212.5 must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual’s academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. This section shall not apply to pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive.

**Hate Violence**

EC 48900.3

In addition to the reasons set forth in Sections 48900 and 48900.2, a pupil in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233.

**Harassment, Threats or Intimidation**

EC 48900.4

In addition to the grounds specified in Sections 48900 and 48900.2, a pupil enrolled in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of either school personnel or pupils by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment.

**Limitations on Imposing Suspension**

EC 48900.5

Suspension, including supervised suspension as described in Section 48911.1, shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct. A school district may document the other means of correction used and place that documentation in the pupil's record, which may be accessed pursuant to Section 49069. However, a pupil, including an individual with exceptional needs, as defined in Section 56026, may be suspended, subject to Section 1415 of Title 20 of the United States Code, for any of the reasons enumerated in Section 48900 upon a first offense, if the principal or superintendent of schools determines that the pupil violated subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of Section 48900 or that the pupil's presence causes a danger to person.

**Terroristic Threats**

EC 48900.7

(a) In addition to the reasons specified in Sections 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, and 48900.4, a pupil may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the...
Circumstances for Recommending Expulsion

EC 48915

(a) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (c) and (e), the principal or the superintendent of schools shall recommend the expulsion of a pupil for any of the following acts committed at school or at a school activity off school grounds, unless the principal or superintendent determines that expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct:

(A) Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.

(B) Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.

(C) Unlawful possession of any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, except for either of the following:

(i) The first offense for the possession of not more than one avoirdupois ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis.

(ii) The possession of over-the-counter medication for use by the pupil for medical purposes or medication prescribed for the pupil by a physician.

(D) Robbery or extortion.

(E) Assault or battery, as defined in Sections 240 and 242 of the Penal Code, upon any school employee.

(2) If the principal or the superintendent of schools makes a determination as described in paragraph (1), he or she is encouraged to do so as quickly as possible to ensure that the pupil does not lose instructional time.

(b) Upon recommendation by the principal or the superintendent of schools, or by a hearing officer or administrative panel appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48918, the governing board of a school district may order a pupil expelled upon finding that the pupil committed an act listed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) or in subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of Section 48900. A decision to expel a pupil for any of those acts shall be based on a finding of one or both of the following:

(1) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.

(2) Due to the nature of the act, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

(c) The principal or superintendent of schools shall immediately suspend, pursuant to Section 48911, and shall recommend expulsion of a pupil that he or she determines has committed any of the following acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds:

(1) Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm. This subdivision does not apply to an act of possessing a firearm if the pupil had obtained prior written permission to possess the firearm from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the principal or the designee of the principal. This subdivision applies to an act of possessing a firearm only if the possession is verified by an employee of a school district. The act of possessing an imitation firearm, as defined in subdivision (m) of Section 48900, is not an offense for which suspension or expulsion is mandatory pursuant to this subdivision and subdivision (d), but it is an offense for which suspension, or expulsion pursuant to subdivision (e), may be imposed.

(2) Brandishing a knife at another person.

(3) Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.

(4) Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900.

(5) Possession of an explosive.

(d) The governing board of a school district shall order a pupil expelled upon finding that the pupil committed an act listed in subdivision (c), and shall refer that pupil to a program of study that meets all of the following conditions:

(1) Is appropriately prepared to accommodate pupils who exhibit discipline problems.

(2) Is not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or at any elementary school.

(3) Is not housed at the schoolsite attended by the pupil at the time of suspension.

(e) Upon recommendation by the principal or the superintendent of schools, or by a hearing officer or administrative panel appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48918, the governing board of a school district may order a pupil expelled upon finding that the pupil, at school or at a school activity off school grounds violated subdivision (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), or (m) of Section 48900, or Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, and either of the following:

(1) That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.

(2) That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.

(f) The governing board of a school district shall refer a pupil who has been expelled pursuant to subdivision (b) or (e) to a program of study that meets all of the conditions specified in subdivision (d). Notwithstanding this subdivision, with respect to a pupil expelled pursuant to subdivision (f), if the county superintendent of schools certifies that an alternative program of study is not available at a site away from a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or an elementary school, and that the only option for placement is at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or another elementary school, the pupil may be referred to a program of study that is provided at a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or at an elementary school.

(g) As used in this section, "knife" means any dirk, dagger, or other weapon with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade longer than 3½ inches, a folding knife with a blade that locks into place, or a razor with an unguarded blade.

(h) As used in this section, the term "explosive" means "destructive device" as described in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code.
Use of Oxnard School District technology is intended to support your academic success. You must read and agree to follow the network rules below to use your network account.

The Oxnard School District, hereinafter referred to as Oxnard School District, has a strong commitment to providing a quality educational curriculum for its students, including access to and experience with technology. Oxnard School District’s goals for technology in education include promoting educational excellence in schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication; providing appropriate access to all students; supporting critical and creative thinking; fully integrating technology into the daily curriculum; promoting collaboration and entrepreneurship; and preparing students and educators to meet the challenge of a highly technological and information-rich society.

Oxnard School District recognizes that curricular technology can enhance student achievement. Oxnard School District provides a wide range of technological resources, including student Internet access for the purpose of advancing the educational mission of Oxnard School District.

Students waive any right to privacy or confidentiality to material that was accessed, created, sent or stored using Oxnard School District technology or an Oxnard School District provided network account.

Oxnard School District provides students with access to technology and the Internet. Through the Internet, students may have access to applications, databases, web sites, and email. Students are expected to use the technology and the Internet responsibly for school related purposes.

Oxnard School District is committed to meeting the provisions established in the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which protects the safety and privacy of minors. Consequently, Oxnard School District uses appropriate filtering technology to monitor and screen access to the Internet, in an attempt to prevent online access to materials that are obscene, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors. In compliance with California legislation, E-Rate, and the Children’s Internet Protection Act, Oxnard School District addresses the appropriate and ethical use of information technology in the classroom so that students and teachers can distinguish lawful from unlawful uses of copyrighted works, including the following topics: the concept and purpose of both copyright and fair use and avoiding plagiarism. Oxnard School District provides for the education of minors about Internet safety, including appropriate online behavior that encompasses interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms, cyberbullying awareness and response, and how protect online privacy and avoid online predators.

Students will follow current legal regulations, and the rules set forth in this policy and the student disciplinary code. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations will govern all violations of this policy. For clarification of other related student policies and consequences including suspension or expulsion that may result from misuse, please refer to your student handbook and/or the Oxnard School District website.

As a condition of the right to use Oxnard School District technology resources, students understand and agree with the following:

I will use technology resources responsibly:

- I will use the Internet and other technology resources for academic activities.
- I will store only educationally appropriate materials.
- I will not use Oxnard School District technology for commercial purposes or to offer or provide products or services through Oxnard School District technology.
- I will not use technology resources to violate Oxnard School District policies, federal and/or state law.
- I will not intentionally access and/or store inappropriate information, including, but not limited to the following: material that is obscene; child pornography; material that depicts, or describes in an offensive way, violence, nudity, sex, death, or bodily functions; material that has been designated as for adults only; material that promotes or advocates illegal activities; material that promotes the use of alcohol or tobacco, school cheating, or weapons; or material that advocates participation in hate groups or other potentially dangerous groups.
- I will not participate in unacceptable behaviors including but not limited to: personal attacks, harassment or bullying another person; creation and transmission of offensive, obscene, or indecent material; creation of defamatory material; plagiarism; infringement of copyright laws, including software, published texts, and student work; political advocacy and/or religious proselytizing; transmission of commercial and/or advertising material; and creation and transmission of material which a recipient might consider disparaging, harassing, and/or abusive based on race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, and/or political beliefs.

I will use technology resources safely:

- I will not share my password with anyone.
- I will not give out my name, picture, address, e-mail, or any other personally identifying information online.
- I will only access social networking and collaborative web sites, blogs, or post to Internet sites as it relates to educational purposes.
- I will arrive to school each day with a fully charged battery.
- I will keep the equipment in a secure location when it is not at school.

I will use technology resources respectfully:

- I will not deliberately attempt to harm or destroy data on any system on the network or Internet.
- I will not damage equipment or inappropriately alter settings.
- I will not remove any serial numbers or identification placed on the equipment.
- I will not exchange equipment with another student or let anyone use the equipment other than your teacher, parents or guardians.
- I will not leave equipment unattended on campus or in an unlocked locker or unlocked car.
- I will keep equipment free of any writing, drawing, stickers, or labels that are not the property of the Oxnard School District.
- I will not inappropriately alter any other users’ files.
- I will not log in through another person’s account or access another person’s files.
- I will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Oxnard School District network or to any other system using the Oxnard School District network.
- I will not go beyond my authorized access.
- I will not circumvent (i.e., use proxies) Oxnard School District Internet filters.
- I will not disclose names, personal contact information, or any other private or personal information about other students.
- I will not use the Oxnard School District network to engage in any unlawful activity or to threaten the safety of any person.
- I will not use threatening, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory or disrespectful language.
- I will neither transmit nor post information that could cause disruption to my school or any other organization.
• I will only use a clean, soft cloth to clean mobile device screens.
• I will not insert foreign objects (paper clips, pens etc.) into the ports (openings) of the equipment.
• I will return equipment at the end of school year.

Students who leave school year early, withdraw, are suspended or expelled, or terminate enrollment at Oxnard School District for any other reason must return their equipment on the date of termination.

I will use technology resources in a manner that respects the intellectual property of others:
• I will respect the rights of copyright owners in my use of materials.
• I will not install, store, or distribute unauthorized copyrighted software or materials.
• I will properly cite sources for material that is not my own.

I understand that:
• By accepting these terms and conditions, I waive any right to privacy or confidentiality to material created, sent, accessed, or stored using Oxnard School District technology or a Oxnard School District provided network account.
• Oxnard School District personnel have the right to review any material sent, emailed, accessed, or stored through Oxnard School District technology or a Oxnard School District provided network account.
• My use of the Internet will be monitored, as required by federal law. Oxnard School District’s monitoring of Internet usage can reveal all activities I engage in using the Oxnard School District network.
• Oxnard School District personnel can remove any material that it believes may be unlawful, obscene, indecent, harassing, or otherwise objectionable.
• Oxnard School District does not promise that the functions of the Internet service will meet any specific requirements I may have, or that the Internet service will be error-free or uninterrupted.
• Oxnard School District administrators have the final say on what constitutes a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy. Violations include, but are not limited to, all bulleted points in this agreement.
• In the event there is a claim that I have violated this policy or the student disciplinary code in my use of Oxnard School District network, I will be provided with notice and opportunity to be heard in the manner set forth in the student disciplinary code.
• Oxnard School District will not be responsible for any damage I may suffer, including but not limited to loss of data, interruptions of service, or exposure to inappropriate material or people.
• Oxnard School District will not be responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through the system. Oxnard School District accepts no liability relative to information stored and/or retrieved on Oxnard School District-owned technology resources.
• Oxnard School District will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through unauthorized use of the system.
• My parents can be held financially responsible for any harm that may result from my intentional misuse of the system.
• In case of theft, vandalism or criminal acts, a police report must be filed by parents. Report the incident immediately to the Office and the Police Department.
• Although Oxnard School District will make a concerted effort to protect me from adverse consequences resulting from use of Oxnard School District technology resources, I must exercise individual vigilance and responsibility to avoid inappropriate and/or illegal activities.
• Oxnard School District accepts no liability for student-owned technology resources used on Oxnard School District property.

The student receiving the equipment and his/her parents or legal guardian have completely and carefully read all the content of this Agreement and agree to abide by the policies contained herein. Oxnard School District reserves the right to make changes to this document to address future technology developments or curriculum needs.

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Student Email and Online Productivity Software Account

The Oxnard School District (OSD) offers a number of programs to enhance student learning. Excellence in education requires that technology is seamlessly integrated throughout the instructional program. One of the programs OSD is proud to offer is Google Apps for Education (GAFE) in order to:

- Extend learning in and out of the classroom
- Introduce and advance 21st Century technological skills
- Create an online forum that is safe for student learning

Available Tools

The following services are available to each student and hosted by Google as part of OSD’s domain in GAFE. GAFE allows teachers and students to communicate and collaborate in a safe, controlled online environment using:

- Gmail: an individual email account for school use only that is managed by OSD. This email address only works internally. That means that students will only be able to send and receive emails within the OSD Google Apps domain.
- Google Drive: a word processing, spreadsheet, drawing, and presentation toolset that is similar to Microsoft Office. These documents are available to students both at home and at school, making the completion of school projects easier.
- Calendar: an individual calendar providing the ability to organize schedules, daily activities, and assignments.
- Google Sites: a website builder that allows students to create digital portfolios and organize their work for presentation, as well as collaborate on secure student-created wikis.
- Google Classroom: a Google-specific, learning management system that teachers may choose to use with students.

Student Online Safety

This program includes a number of safeguards to protect students:

- All advertising has been turned off for OSD’s presence in GAFE.
- No personal student information is collected for commercial reasons.
- Electronically stored student information will be treated as private, secure student data.
- Students will not be able to communicate with the outside world, and the outside world cannot communicate with your child using the e-mail program.
- School staff will be responsible for monitoring the students’ use of the apps while at school. Parents are responsible for monitoring their child’s use when they are accessing programs from home.

Student Behavior Guidelines and Digital Citizenship

General Use:

- Consistent with OSD’s student Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), students are responsible for the appropriate use of the school district provided internet, e-mail and other technologies at all times. The Student AUP and Discipline Handbook can be found at the OSD website (www.oxnardsd.org). Use of Google Apps is a privilege and can be revoked at any time.
- To support the learning environment, OSD reserves the right to access a student’s Google account, including current and archival files of user data, when deemed appropriate by school and district administrators.

Digital Citizenship

- Students are expected to follow all copyright laws. If there is a question regarding copyright, please consult with the teacher.
- Academic honesty is expected per OSD Board Policy # 5131.9. Students are to complete their own work, referencing sources as required.
- Students are responsible for the OSD account, and are not to access another student’s account.
- Students are responsible for using appropriate language, both in class and online.

The district strongly believes in the educational value of Internet and web-based academic applications. Students will have access to online tools that enable them to effectively communicate, collaborate, and create. By providing this access we promote academic excellence and prepare students to be college and career ready.

If you DO NOT want your student to have access to district provided Internet, electronic devices, or web-based academic applications at school, please contact your school site principal to discuss your concerns.

I understand that if I wish to opt out of the above, I must contact an administrator at my child’s school directly.

Signature on the “Acknowledgment of Receipt and Review” section of the Emergency Authorization Form indicates acceptance of the terms of the Internet and Computer Use policy.