

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Tehama County Department of Education recognizes that parents/guardians of students have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their children.

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools believes that the education of students is a shared responsibility. The County Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians of English learners, to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians, school staff and students for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development and well-being of students at each school site, including the means by which the schools and parents/guardians can help students achieve academic and other standards of the school.

Within this framework, the school's primary responsibility shall be to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations of the school.

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their children succeed in school. (Education Code 51100)

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that Department staff understands the rights of parents/guardians afforded by law and Department policy and follow acceptable practices that respect those rights.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive notification regarding their rights in accordance with law.

The County Superintendent or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all parents/guardians who speak a language other than English are properly notified in English, and in their home language of the rights and opportunities available to them pursuant to Education Code 48985. (Education Code 51101.1)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33126 School accountability report card

35291 Disciplinary rules

48070.5 Promotion and retention of students

48985 Notice to parent in language other than English

49091.10-49091.19 Parental review of curriculum and instruction

49602 Confidentiality of pupil information

51100-51102 Parent/guardian rights

51513 Personal beliefs

60510 Disposal of surplus instructional materials

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

1232h Protection of pupil rights

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools believes that personal information concerning students and their families should be kept private in accordance with law.

Collection of Personal Information for Marketing Purposes

The County Superintendent authorizes Department staff to administer or distribute survey instruments to students that are designed for the purpose of collecting personal information for marketing or for selling that information. The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that these instruments are administered in accordance with law and administrative regulation.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49450-49457 Physical examinations

49602 Confidentiality of pupil information

51101 Parents Rights Act of 2002

51513 Personal beliefs

51938 Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act; notice and parental excuse

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USDOE, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco/>

STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS

Definition

Personal information means individually identifiable information including a student's or parent/guardian's first and last name, a home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town), a telephone number, or a social security identification number. (20 USC 1232h)

Surveys Requesting Information about Beliefs and Practices

A student's parent/guardian shall provide prior written consent before the student participates in a survey containing one or more of the following items: (20 USC 1232h; Education Code 51513)

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her family
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or his/her family
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes or personal beliefs and practices in family life or morality
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians or ministers
7. Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or his/her parent/guardian
8. Income, except to the extent that income is required to be disclosed by law for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program

If a student participates in a survey regarding information about beliefs and practices as identified above, school officials and staff members shall not request or disclose the student's identity.

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Notwithstanding the above requirements, the Tehama County Department of Education may administer to students in grades 7-12, anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student health risks and behaviors, including tests and surveys about the student's attitudes or practices related to sex as long as parents/guardians are provided written notice and given an opportunity to request that their child not participate. (Education Code 51938)

Exceptions to Collection of Personal Information

Any Department restriction regarding collection of personal information shall not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of developing, evaluating or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions, such as the following: (20 USC 1232h)

1. College or other postsecondary education recruitment or military recruitment
2. Book clubs, magazines, and programs providing access to low-cost literary products
3. Curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary and secondary schools
4. Tests and assessments to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information about students (or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments) and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments
5. The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities
6. Student recognition programs

Parent/Guardian Access to Surveys and Instructional Materials

Before school staff administers a survey or evaluation containing personal information as identified above or distributes an instrument to a student for the purpose of collecting personal information for marketing, the student's parent/guardian may: (20 USC 1232h; Education Code 51938)

1. Upon request, inspect that survey or instrument before it is administered or distributed to his/her child or any instructional material used as part of his/her child's educational curriculum

STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS (continued)

Within a reasonable period of time of receiving a request, the Program Administrator or designee shall permit a parent/guardian to view a survey, instrument or instructional material. A parent/guardian may view the document any time during normal business hours.

2. Refuse to allow his/her child to participate in the activity

Students whose parents/guardians exercise this option shall not be penalized by the Department. (20 USC 1232h)

Health Examinations

No school official or staff member shall subject a student to a non-emergency, invasive physical examination as a condition for school attendance, except as permitted or required under California law. (20 USC 1232h)

Invasive physical examination means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body, but does not include a properly authorized hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. (20 USC 1232h)

Notifications

At the beginning of the school year, the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall notify parents/guardians of: (20 USC 1232h)

1. The Department's policy regarding student privacy
2. The process to opt their children out of participation in any activity described in this policy and administrative regulation
3. The specific or approximate dates during the school year when the following activities are scheduled:
 - a. Survey requesting personal information
 - b. Physical exams or screenings
 - c. Collection of personal information from students for marketing

STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS (continued)

Prior to administering anonymous and voluntary surveys regarding health risks and behaviors to students in grades 7-12, the Department shall provide parents/guardians with written notice that the survey is to be administered. (Education Code 51938)

Parents/guardians shall also be notified of any substantive change in this policy and administrative regulation within a reasonable period of time after adoption of the change. (20 USC 1232h)

STUDENT WELLNESS

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity for Tehama County Department of Education students. The County Superintendent or designee shall build a coordinated school health system that supports and reinforces health literacy through health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, health promotion for staff, a safe and healthy school environment, and parent/guardian and community involvement.

To encourage consistent health messages between the home and school environment, the County Superintendent or designee may disseminate health information to parents/guardians through Department or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, the Department web site, and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and academic performance.

Nutrition Education and Physical Activity Goals

The Department's nutrition education and physical education programs shall be based on research, consistent with the expectations established in the state's curriculum frameworks and content standards, and designed to build the skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Nutrition education shall be provided as part of the health education program in grades K-12 and, as appropriate, shall be integrated into other academic subjects in the regular educational program. Nutrition education also may be offered through before- and after-school programs.

All students in grades K-12 shall be provided opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis. Opportunities for moderate to vigorous physical activity shall be provided through physical education, recess, school athletic programs, extracurricular programs, before- and/or after-school programs, and other structured and unstructured activities.

The County Superintendent or designee shall encourage staff to serve as positive role models. He/she shall promote and may provide opportunities for regular physical activity among employees. Professional development may include instructional strategies that assess health knowledge and skills and promote healthy behaviors.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

STUDENT WELLNESS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33350-33354 *CDE responsibilities re: physical education*
49430-49436 *Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001*
49490-49494 *School breakfast and lunch programs*
49500-49505 *School meals*
49510-49520 *Nutrition*
49530-49536 *Child Nutrition Act*
49540-49546 *Child care food program*
49547-49548.3 *Comprehensive nutrition services*
49550-49561 *Meals for needy students*
49565-49565.8 *California Fresh Start pilot program*
49570 *National School Lunch Act*
51210 *Course of study, grades 1-6*
51220 *Course of study, grades 7-12*
51222 *Physical education*
51223 *Physical education, elementary schools*
51795-51796.5 *School instructional gardens*
51880-51921 *Comprehensive health education*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500-15501 *Food sales by student organizations*
15510 *Mandatory meals for needy students*
15530-15535 *Nutrition education*
15550-15565 *School lunch and breakfast programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769 *National School Lunch Program, especially:*
1751 *Note Local wellness policy*
1771-1791 *Child Nutrition Act, including:*
1773 *School Breakfast Program*

1779 *Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 *National School Lunch Program*
220.1-220.21 *National School Breakfast Program*

COURT DECISIONS

Frazer v. Dixon Unified School District, (1993) 18 Cal.App.4th 781

Management Resources: (see next page)

STUDENT WELLNESS (continued)*Management Resources:*CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007

Food Safety Requirements, Fact Sheet, October 2007

Physical Education and California Schools, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007

Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007

Promoting Oral Health for California's Students: New Roles, New Opportunities for Schools, Policy Brief, March 2007

Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006

School-Based Marketing of Foods and Beverages: Policy Implications for School Boards, Policy Brief, March 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005

Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS (continued)

Physical Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade 12, 1994

CALIFORNIA PROJECT LEAN PUBLICATIONS

Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

School Health Index for Physical Activity and Healthy Eating: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide for Elementary and Middle/High Schools, 2004

Making It Happen: School Nutrition Success Stories, 2005

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn, 2000

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005

Team Nutrition, Food and Nutrition Services, Changing the Scene, Improving the School Nutrition Environment: A Guide to Local Action, 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Action for Healthy Kids: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

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

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

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

Dairy Council of California: <http://www.dairycouncilofca.org>

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

National Association of State Boards of Education: <http://www.nasbe.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

School Nutrition Association: <http://www.schoolnutrition.org>

Society for Nutrition Education: <http://www.sne.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Nutrition Service, wellness policy:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Healthy/wellnesspolicy_steps.html

ADMISSION

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools believes that all children should have the opportunity to receive educational services. Staff shall encourage parents/guardians to enroll all school-aged children in school.

The County Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures which provide for the verification of all entrance requirements specified in law and in Department policies and regulations.

The department shall not inquire into or request documentation of a student's social security number or the last four digits of the social security number or the citizenship or immigration status of the student or his/her family members. (Education Code 234.7, 49076.7).

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status*
- 46600 Agreements for admission of pupils desiring interdistrict attendance*
- 48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)*
- 48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade*
- 48010 Minimum age of admission (first grade)*
- 48011 Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age*
- 48050-48053 Nonresidents*
- 48200 Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)*
- 49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order*
- 49076.7 Student records; data privacy; social security numbers*
- 49408 Information of use in emergencies*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements*
- 121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 200 Promotion from kindergarten to first grade*
- 201 Admission to high school*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

- 6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 11431-11435 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act*

Management Resources:

CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

- 0900.90 Changes in law concerning eligibility for admission to kindergarten*

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

The Tehama County Department of Education believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes its responsibility under the law to ensure that students attend school regularly. Parents/guardians of children aged 6 to 18 are obligated to send their children to school unless otherwise provided by law. The Department shall abide by all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct the problems of excessive absence or truancy.

Excused Absences

Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law, Department policy and administration regulations. (Education Code 46010, 48205, 48216)

Inasmuch as class participation is an integral part of students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical appointments during nonschool hours.

At the beginning of each academic year, notifications shall be sent to the parents/guardians of all students, and to all students in grades 7 through 12, informing them that school authorities may excuse any student from school to obtain confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 46010.1)

Students shall not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency or confidential medical appointment.

Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to law and administrative regulations. (Education Code 46014)

A student's grades may be affected by excessive unexcused absences in accordance with Department policy.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 *Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)*

2550-2558.6 *Computation of revenue limits*

37201 *School month*

37223 *Weekend classes*

41601 *Reports of average daily attendance*

42238-42250.1 *Apportionments*

46000 *Records (attendance)*

46010-46014 *Absences*

46100-46119 *Attendance in kindergarten and elementary schools*

46140-46147 *Attendance in junior high and high schools*

48200-48208 *Children ages 6-18 (compulsory full-time attendance)*

48210-48216 *Exclusions from attendance*

48240-48246 *Supervisors of attendance*

48260-48273 *Truants*

48292 *Filing complaint against parent*

48320-48324 *School attendance review boards*

48340-48341 *Improvement of student attendance*

49067 *Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade*

ELECTIONS CODE

12302 *Student participation on precinct boards*

FAMILY CODE

6920-6929 *Consent by minor*

VEHICLE CODE

13202.7 *Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

601-601.4 *Habitually truant minors*

11253.5 *Compulsory school attendance*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

306 *Explanation of absence*

420-421 *Record of verification of absence due to illness and other causes*

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

66 *Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 245, 249 (1983)*

COURT DECISIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics et al v. Lungren et al (1997) 16 Cal.4th 307

Management Resources:

CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0114.98 *School Attendance and CalWORKS, Management Bulletin 98-01*

CSBA ADVISORIES

0520.97 *Welfare Reform and Requirements for School Attendance*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

Excused Absences

A student's absence shall be excused for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness (Education Code 48205)
2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer (Education Code 48205)
3. Medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic appointment (Education Code 48205)
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. (Education Code 48205)

Immediate family shall be defined as mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, spouse, son/son-in-law, daughter/daughter-in-law, brother, sister, or any relative living in the student's immediate household. (Education Code 45194, 48205)

5. Jury duty in the manner provided by law (Education Code 48205)
6. The illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child to whom the student is the custodial parent (Education Code 48205)
7. Upon advance written request by the parent/guardian and the approval of the Program Administrator or designee, justifiable personal reasons including, but not limited to: (Education Code 48205)
 - a. Appearance in court
 - b. Attendance at a funeral service
 - c. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion
 - 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 organization

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (continued)

8. Service as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code 12302 (Education Code 48205)
9. Participation in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction in accordance with Tehama County Department of Education policy (Education Code 46014)
 - a. In such instances, the student shall attend at least the minimum school day.
 - b. The student shall be excused for this purpose on no more than four days per school month.

Method of Verification

When a student who has been absent returns to school, he/she shall present a satisfactory explanation verifying the reason for the absence. Absences shall be verified by the student's parent/guardian, other person having control of the minor, or the student if age 18 or older. (Education Code 46012; 5 CCR 306)

The following methods may be used to verify student absences:

1. Written note, fax, or email from parent/guardian or parent representative.
2. Conversation, in person or by telephone, between the verifying employee and the student's parent/guardian or parent representative. The employee shall subsequently record the following:
 - a. Name of student
 - b. Name of parent/guardian or parent representative
 - c. Name of verifying employee
 - d. Date(s) of absence
 - e. Reason for absence

ABSENCES AND EXCUSES (continued)

3. Visit to the student's home by the verifying employee, or any other reasonable method which establishes the fact that the student was absent for the reasons stated. The employee shall document the verification and include the information specified in item #2 above.

4. Physician's verification.

When excusing students for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, Department staff shall not ask the purpose of such appointments but may contact a medical office to confirm the time of the appointment.

TRUANCY

To improve student attendance, the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall implement positive steps to identify the reasons for a student's unexcused absences and to help resolve the problems caused by truancy. Such strategies shall focus on early intervention and may include, but not be limited to, communication with parents/guardians and the use of student study teams.

In addition, the County Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with other agencies within the community to meet the needs of students who have serious school attendance or behavior problems and to maintain a continuing inventory of community resources, including alternative programs.

Habitually truant students may be referred to a school attendance review board, a truancy mediation program operated by the county's district attorney or probation officer, and/or juvenile court in accordance with law.

For purposes of California's welfare system (CalWORKS), a student shall be determined to be regularly attending school unless he/she has been referred to the county district attorney or probation office pursuant to Education Code 48263.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

TRUANCY (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1740 *Employment of personnel to supervise attendance (county superintendent)*

37223 *Weekend classes*

41601 *Reports of average daily attendance*

46000 *Records (attendance)*

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48260-48273 *Truants*

48290-48296 *Failure to comply; complaints against parents*

48320-48324 *School attendance review boards*

48340-48341 *Improvement of student attendance*

49067 *Unexcused absences as cause of failing grade*

VEHICLE CODE

13202.7 *Driving privileges; minors; suspension or delay for habitual truancy*

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CDE PUBLICATIONS

School Attendance Review Board Handbook, 1995

CSBA ADVISORIES

0520.97 *Welfare Reform and Requirements for School Attendance*

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Students

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEALS

The Tehama County Board of Education shall consider an appeal against any school district within the county for its failure or refusal to issue an interdistrict attendance permit to a student, or for its failure or refusal to enter into an interdistrict attendance agreement with another school district for the student's attendance. (Education Code 46601)

If the request for interdistrict attendance involves a school district located within the county and a school district located in a different county, the County Board shall have jurisdiction if the denial of the permit, or the refusal or failure to enter into an agreement, is by the school district within the county. If both school districts deny the permit or refuse or fail to enter into an agreement, the County Board shall have jurisdiction only if the school district within the county is the student's district of residence. (Education Code 46601)

The appeal shall be filed in writing, by a person having legal custody of the student, within 30 calendar days of the district's failure or refusal to issue a permit, or to enter into an agreement allowing the interdistrict attendance. Failure to appeal within the required time is good cause for denial of an appeal. (Education Code 46601)

The appeal shall be accepted only upon verification by the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools or designee that appeals within the districts have been exhausted. (Education Code 46601)

Hearing

No later than 10 days prior to the hearing, the secretary to the County Board shall serve a notice upon all parties involved. The notice shall include details of the date, time and place of the hearing.

The County Board shall conduct a hearing within 30 calendar days after the appeal is filed, to determine whether the student should be permitted to attend school in the district of his/her choice. If it is impractical for the County Board to comply with the time requirement for the hearing, the County Board may extend the time period for up to an additional five school days. (Education Code 46601)

Final Order of the County Board

The County Board shall render its decision within three school days of the hearing unless the student requests a postponement. (Education Code 46601)

The County Board shall either grant or deny an appeal on its merits. However, if new evidence or grounds for the request are introduced, the County Board may remand the matter for further consideration by the district or districts.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEALS (continued)

All parties shall be notified in writing of the decision of the County Board. (Education Code 46602)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements

48204 Residency requirements for school attendance

48209-48209.17 Student attendance alternatives

48660-48666 Community day schools

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion

48950 Speech and other communication

49073-49079 Privacy of student records

GOVERNMENT CODE

11455.20 Contempt

54950-54962 Ralph M. Brown Act (re closed sessions)

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Written report cards displaying students' grades in each subject or course shall be distributed to parents/guardians at the end of each grading period. Parents/guardians shall be offered an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher(s) to discuss the grades and strategies to improve their child's performance.

Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course, the teacher shall arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report. (Education Code 49067)

Grades for Physical Education

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class may be adversely affected due to the fact that the student, because of circumstances beyond his/her control, does not wear standardized physical education apparel. (Education Code 49066)

Effect of Absences on Grades

Teachers who withhold class credit because of excessive unexcused absences shall so inform students and parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year or semester. When a student reaches the number of unexcused absences defined as excessive in policy, the student and parent/guardian shall again be notified of the Department's policy regarding excessive unexcused absences.

The student and parent/guardian shall have a reasonable opportunity to explain the absences. (Education Code 49067)

If a student receives a failing grade because of excessive unexcused absences, the student's record shall specify that the grade was assigned because of excessive unexcused absences. (Education Code 49067)

Grades for a student in foster care shall not be lowered if the student is absent from school due to either of the following circumstances: (Education Code 49069.5)

1. A decision by a court or placement agency to change the student's placement, in which case the student's grades and credits shall be calculated as of the date the student left school
2. A verified court appearance or related court-ordered activity

GRADES/EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

41505-41508 *Pupil Retention Block Grant*

48070 *Promotion and retention*

48205 *Excused absences*

48800-48802 *Enrollment of gifted students in community college*

48904-48904.3 *Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts*

49066 *Grades; finalization; physical education class*

49067 *Mandated regulations regarding student's achievement*

49069.5 *Students in foster care, grades and credits*

51242 *Exemption from physical education based on participation in interscholastic athletics*

76000-76002 *Enrollment in community college*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

10060 *Criteria for reporting physical education achievement, high schools*

30008 *Definition of high school grade point average for student aid eligibility*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*

6101-6251 *School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

COURT DECISIONS

Owasso Independent School District v. Falvo, (2002) 534 U.S. 426

Las Virgenes Educators Association v. Las Virgenes Unified School District, (2001) 86 Cal.App.4th 1

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Johnson v. Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, (1986) 179 Cal.App.3d

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PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools expects students to progress through each grade level within one school year. To accomplish this, instruction should accommodate the variety of ways that students learn and include strategies for addressing academic deficiencies when needed.

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

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

As early as possible in the school year, the County Superintendent or designee shall identify students who should be retained and who are at risk of being retained in accordance with law, Tehama County Department of Education policy, administrative regulation, and the following criteria.

Students shall be identified on the basis of grades. The following other indicators of academic achievement shall also be used:

- Curriculum based assessments
- Star results
- Mastery standards as evidenced by Department benchmarks

When any student in grades 2-8 is retained or recommended for retention, the County Superintendent or designee shall offer programs of direct, systematic, and intensive supplemental instruction in accordance with Education Code 37252.2 and Department policy.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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200-202 Admission and exclusion of students

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Parental Agreement Form: Agreement for Pupil to Continue in Kindergarten

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WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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

STUDENT RECORDS

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the importance of keeping accurate, comprehensive student records as required by law. The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the Tehama County Department of Education's administrative regulation and school site procedures for maintaining the confidentiality of student records are consistent with state and federal law.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations governing the identification, description, and security of student records, as well as timely access for authorized persons. These regulations shall ensure parental rights to review, inspect, and copy student records and shall protect the student and his/her family from invasion of privacy.

All appropriate personnel shall receive training regarding department policies and procedures for gathering and handling sensitive student information.

The County Superintendent or designee shall designate a certificated employee to serve as custodian of records with responsibility for student records at the Department level. At each school, the Program Administrator or a certificated designee shall act as custodian of records for students enrolled at that school. The custodian of records shall be responsible for implementing Department policy and administrative regulation regarding student records. (5 CCR 431)

No information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members shall be collected, except as required by state or federal law or as required to administer a state or federally supported educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall not disclose student records to a person, agency, or organization for immigration enforcement purposes without parental consent, a court order, or a judicial subpoena. If a department employee receives such a request, he/she shall immediately report the request to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent or designee shall not compile a list, registry, or database based on students' national origin, ethnicity, or religious belief, practice, or affiliation, nor shall he/she disclose student information to federal government authorities for the purpose of compiling such a list, registry, or database for purposes or immigration enforcement. Such information may only be compiled or exchanged with other local, state, or federal agencies if the information is aggregated and is not personally identifiable. (Government Code 8310.3)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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16020-16027 Destruction of records of school districts

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300.501 Opportunity to examine records for parents of student with disability

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WEB SITES

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STUDENT RECORDS

Definitions

Student means any individual who is or has been in attendance at the Tehama County Department of Education and regarding whom the Department maintains student records. (34 CFR 99.3)

Attendance includes, but is not limited to, attendance in person or by paper correspondence, videoconference, satellite, Internet, or other electronic information and telecommunication technologies for students who are not physically present in the classroom, and the period during which a person is working under a work-study program. (34 CFR 99.3)

Student records are any items of information (in handwriting, print, tape, film, computer, or other medium) gathered within or outside the Department that are directly related to an identifiable student and maintained by the Department, required to be maintained by an employee in the performance of his/her duties, or maintained by a party acting for the Department. Any information maintained for the purpose of second-party review is considered a student record. Student records include the student's health record. (34 CFR 99.3; Education Code 49061, 49062; 5 CCR 430)

Student records do not include: (34 CFR 99.3; Education Code 49061, 49062; 5 CCR 430)

1. Directory information
2. Informal notes compiled by a school officer or employee which remain in the sole possession of the maker, are used only as a personal memory aid, and are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute
3. Records of the law enforcement unit of the Department, subject to the provisions of 34 CFR 99.8
4. Records created or received by the Department after an individual is no longer a student in attendance and that are not directly related to the individual's attendance as a student
5. Grades on peer-graded papers before they are collected and recorded by a teacher

Mandatory permanent student records are those records which are maintained in perpetuity and which schools have been directed to compile by state law, regulation, or administrative directive. (5 CCR 430)

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

Mandatory interim student records are those records which the schools are directed to compile and maintain for stipulated periods of time and are then destroyed in accordance with state law, regulation, or administrative directive. (5 CCR 430)

Permitted student records are those records having clear importance only to the current educational process of the student. (5 CCR 430)

Access means a personal inspection and review of a record, an accurate copy of a record or receipt of an accurate copy of a record, an oral description or communication of a record, and a request to release a copy of any record. (Education Code 49061)

Disclosure means to permit access to, or the release, transfer, or other communication of, personally identifiable information contained in education records to any party, except the party that provided or created the record, by any means including oral, written, or electronic. (34 CFR 99.3)

Personally identifiable information includes, but is not limited to: (34 CFR 99.3)

1. The student's name
2. The name of the student's parent/guardian or other family members
3. The address of the student or student's family
4. A personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record (e.g., fingerprints, retina and iris patterns, voiceprints, DNA sequence, facial characteristics, and handwriting)
5. Other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name
6. Other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty
7. Information requested by a person who the Department reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the student record relates

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

Parent/guardian means a natural parent, an adopted parent, legal guardian, surrogate parent, or foster parent. (Education Code 49061, 56050, 56055)

School officials and employees are officials or employees whose duties and responsibilities to the Department, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require that they have access to student records. *School officials and employees* include contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the Department has outsourced Department functions and who perform services for which the Department would otherwise use employees.

A *legitimate educational interest* is one held by school officials and employees whose duties and responsibilities to the Department, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require that they have access to student records.

Custodian of records is the employee responsible for the security of student records maintained by the Department and for devising procedures for assuring that access to such records is limited to authorized persons. (5 CCR 433)

County placing agency means the county social service department or county probation department. (Education Code 49061)

Persons Granted Access Without Prior Written Consent

The following persons or agencies shall have absolute access to any and all student records in accordance with law:

1. Parents/guardians of students younger than age 18 (Education Code 49069)

Access to student records and information shall not be denied to a parent because he/she is not the child's custodial parent. (Family Code 3025)

2. An adult student age 18 or older or a student under the age of 18 who attends a postsecondary institution, in which case the student alone shall exercise rights related to his/her student records and grant consent for the release of records (34 CFR 99.3, 99.5)
3. Any person, agency, or organization authorized in compliance with a court order or lawfully issued subpoena (Education Code 49077)

Unless otherwise instructed by the court, the County Superintendent or designee shall, prior to disclosing a record pursuant to a court order or subpoena, give the parent/guardian or adult student at least three days' notice of the name of the requesting agency and the specific record requested, if lawfully possible within the requirements of the judicial order. (34 CFR 99.31; 5 CCR 435)

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

In addition, the following persons or agencies shall have access to those particular records that are relevant to their legitimate educational interest: (34 CFR 99.31; Education Code 49076)

1. Parents/guardians of a dependent student age 18 or older
2. Students who are age 16 or older or who have completed the 10th grade
3. School officials and employees (consistent with criteria defined by the Department)
4. Members of a school attendance review board (SARB) and any volunteer aide age 18 or older who has been investigated, selected, and trained by the SARB to provide follow-up services to a referred student
5. Officials and employees of other public schools, school systems, or postsecondary institutions where the student intends or is directed to enroll, including local, county, or state correctional facilities where educational programs leading to high school graduation are provided, or where the student is already enrolled, as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer
6. Federal, state, and local officials, as needed for program audits or compliance with law
7. Any district attorney who is participating in or conducting a truancy mediation program or participating in the presentation of evidence in a truancy petition or a prosecuting agency for consideration against a parent/guardian for failure to comply with compulsory education laws
8. Any probation officer or district attorney for the purposes of conducting a criminal investigation or an investigation in regards to declaring a person a ward of the court or involving a violation of a condition of probation
9. Any judge or probation officer for the purpose of conducting a truancy mediation program for a student or for the purpose of presenting evidence in a truancy petition pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 681

Upon releasing student information to a judge or probation officer in such cases, the County Superintendent or designee shall inform, or provide written notification to, the student's parent/guardian within 24 hours. (Education Code 49076)

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

10. Any county placing agency for the purpose of fulfilling educational case management responsibilities required by the juvenile court or by law pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 16010 and to assist with the school transfer or enrollment of a student

Foster family agencies with jurisdiction over currently enrolled or former students may access those students' records of grades and transcripts and any individualized education program (IEP) developed and maintained by the Department with respect to such students. (Education Code 49069.3)

When authorized by law to assist law enforcement in investigations of suspected kidnapping, the County Superintendent or designee shall provide information about the identity and location of the student as it relates to the transfer of that student's records to another public school district or California private school. The information shall be released only to designated peace officers, federal criminal investigators, and federal law enforcement officers whose names have been submitted in writing by their law enforcement agency in accordance with the procedures specified in Education Code 49076.5. (Education Code 49076.5)

The County Superintendent or designee may release information from a student's records to the following: (34 CFR 99.31, 99.36; Education Code 49076)

1. Appropriate persons, including parents/guardians of a student, in an emergency, if the health and safety of the student or other persons are at stake
2. Accrediting associations
3. Under the conditions specified in Education Code 49076 and 34 CFR 99.31, organizations conducting studies on behalf of educational institutions or agencies for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, or improving instruction, provided that:
 - a. The study is conducted in a manner that does not permit personal identification of parents/guardians and students by individuals other than representatives of the organization who have legitimate interests in the information.
 - b. The information is destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study is conducted.

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

- c. The Department enters into a written agreement with the organization that includes the information in 34 CFR 99.31.
- 4. Officials and employees of private schools or school systems where the student is enrolled or intends to enroll.
- 5. Agencies or organizations in connection with the student's application for or receipt of financial aid

However, information permitting the personal identification of a student or his/her parents/guardians for these purposes may be disclosed only as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of the student for financial aid, determine the amount of financial aid, determine the conditions which will be imposed regarding the financial aid, or enforce the terms or conditions of the financial aid.

- 6. County elections officials for the purpose of identifying students eligible to register to vote and offering such students an opportunity to register.

The County Superintendent or designee may release information specified in law regarding a student's immunization record to local health departments operating countywide or regional immunization information and reminder systems and the California Department of Public Health. Prior to releasing such information, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of his/her rights in accordance with law. (Health and Safety Code 120440)

Persons Granted Access With Prior Written Consent

Persons, agencies, or organizations not afforded access rights by law may be granted access only through written permission of the parent/guardian or adult student, or by judicial order. (Education Code 49075)

Only a parent/guardian having legal custody of the student may consent to the release of records to others. Either parent may grant consent if both parents notify the Department, in writing, that such an agreement has been made. (Education Code 49061)

Any person or agency granted access is prohibited from releasing information to another person or agency without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student. (Education Code 49076)

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

Access to Records by Authorized Persons

Student records shall be maintained in a central file at the school attended by the student or, when records are maintained in different locations, a notation shall be placed in the central file indicating where other records may be found. Parents/guardians shall be notified of the location of student records if not centrally located. (Education Code 49069; 5 CCR 433)

The custodian of records shall be responsible for the security of student records and shall assure that access is limited to authorized persons. (5 CCR 433)

The custodian of records shall develop reasonable methods, including physical, technological, and administrative controls, to ensure that school officials and employees obtain access to only those student records in which they have legitimate educational interests. (34 CFR 99.31)

To inspect, review, or obtain copies of student records, authorized persons shall submit a request to the custodian of records. For those individuals for whom the law requires that access be granted based on a legitimate educational interest, the request shall specify such interest involved. Prior to granting the request, the custodian of records shall authenticate the individual's identity.

When prior written consent is required by law, the parent/guardian shall provide a signed and dated written consent before the Department discloses the student record. Such consent may be given through electronic means in those cases where it can be authenticated. The Department's consent form shall specify the records that may be disclosed, state the purpose of the disclosure, and identify the party or class of parties to whom the disclosure may be made. Upon request by the parent/guardian, the Department shall provide him/her a copy of the records disclosed. (34 CFR 99.30)

Within five business days following the date of request, a parent/guardian or other authorized person shall be granted access to inspect, review, and obtain copies of student records during regular school hours. (Education Code 49069)

Qualified certificated personnel shall be available to interpret records when requested. (Education Code 49069)

The custodian of records or the County Superintendent or designee shall prevent the alteration, damage, or loss of records during inspection. (5 CCR 435)

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

Access Log

A log shall be maintained for each student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the records and the legitimate educational interest of the requester. (Education Code 49064)

In every instance of inspection by persons who do not have assigned educational responsibility, the custodian of records shall make an entry in the log indicating the record inspected, the name of the person granted access, the reason access was granted, and the time and circumstances of inspection. (5 CCR 435)

The log does not need to include record of access by: (Education Code 49064)

1. Parents/guardians or adult students
2. Students who are 16 years of age or older or who have completed the 10th grade
3. Parties obtaining Department-approved directory information
4. Parties who provide written parental consent, in which case the consent notice shall be filed with the record pursuant to Education Code 49075
5. School officials and employees who have a legitimate educational interest
6. Law enforcement personnel seeking to enforce immigration laws.

The log shall be accessible only to the parent/guardian, adult student, dependent adult student, student age who is 16 years or older or who has completed the 10th grade, custodian of records, and certain state/federal officials. (Education Code 49064; 5 CCR 432)

De-Identification of Records

The County Superintendent or designee may release information from a student record without prior consent of the parent/guardian or adult student after the removal of all personally identifiable information, provided that he/she has made a reasonable determination that the student's identity is not personally identifiable, whether through single or multiple releases, and taking into account other reasonably available information. (34 CFR 99.31)

The County Superintendent or designee may release de-identified student data from education records for the purpose of educational research in accordance with the conditions specified in 34 CFR 99.31.

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

Duplication of Student Records

To provide copies of any student record, the Department shall charge a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual cost of providing the copies. No charge shall be made for providing up to two transcripts or up to two verifications of various records for any former student. No charge shall be made to locate or retrieve any student record. (Education Code 49065)

Changes to Student Records

No additions except routine updating shall be made to a student's record after high school graduation or permanent departure without prior consent of the parent/guardian or adult student. (5 CCR 437)

Only a parent/guardian having legal custody of the student or an adult student may challenge the content of a record or offer a written response to a record. (Education Code 49061)

Retention and Destruction of Student Records

All anecdotal information and assessment reports maintained as student records shall be dated and signed by the individual who originated the data. (5 CCR 431)

The following *mandatory permanent student records* shall be kept indefinitely: (5 CCR 432, 437)

1. Legal name of student
2. Date and place of birth and method of verifying birth date
3. Sex of student
4. Name and address of parent/guardian of minor student
 - a. Address of minor student if different from the above
 - b. Annual verification of parent/guardian's name and address and student's residence

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

5. Entrance and departure dates of each school year and for any summer session or other extra session
6. Subjects taken during each year, half-year, summer session, or quarter, and marks or credits given
7. Verification of or exemption from required immunizations
8. Date of high school graduation or equivalent

Mandatory interim student records, unless forwarded to another Department, shall be maintained subject to destruction during the third school year following a determination that their usefulness has ceased or the student has left the Department. These records include: (Education Code 48918, 51747; 5 CCR 432, 437, 16027)

1. Expulsion orders and the causes therefor
2. A log identifying persons or agencies who request or receive information from the student record
3. Health information, including verification or waiver of the health screening for school entry
4. Information on participation in special education programs, including required tests, case studies, authorizations, and evidence of eligibility for admission or discharge
5. Language training records
6. Progress slips/notices required by Education Code 49066 and 49067

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

7. Parental restrictions/stipulations regarding access to directory information
8. Parent/guardian or adult student rejoinders to challenged records and to disciplinary action
9. Parent/guardian authorization or denial of student participation in specific programs
10. Results of standardized tests administered within the past three years
11. Written findings resulting from an evaluation conducted after a specified number of missed assignments to determine whether it is in a student's best interest to remain in independent study

Permitted student records may be destroyed six months after the student completes or withdraws from the educational program, including: (5 CCR 432, 437)

1. Objective counselor and/or teacher ratings
2. Standardized test results older than three years
3. Routine disciplinary data
4. Verified reports of relevant behavioral patterns
5. All disciplinary notices
6. Supplementary attendance records

Records shall be destroyed in a way that assures they will not be available to possible public inspection in the process of destruction. (5 CCR 437)

Transfer of Student Records

If a student transfers into this Department from any school district or a private school, the County Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian of his/her rights regarding student records, including the right to review, challenge, and receive a copy of student records. (Education Code 49068; 5 CCR 438)

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

When a student transfers into this Department from a school district, the County Superintendent or designee shall request that the student's previous district provide any records, either maintained by that district in the ordinary course of business or received from a law enforcement agency, regarding acts committed by the transferring student that resulted in his/her suspension or expulsion. (Education Code 48201)

When a student transfers from this Department to any school district or private school, the County Superintendent or designee shall forward a copy of the student's mandatory permanent record as requested by the other district or private school. The original record or a copy shall be retained permanently by the Department. If the transfer is to another California public school, the student's entire mandatory interim record shall also be forwarded. If the transfer is out of state or to a private school, the mandatory interim record may be forwarded. Permitted student records may be forwarded to any other district or private school. (Education Code 48918; 5 CCR 438)

Upon receiving a request from a county placing agency to transfer a student in foster care out of a Department school, the County Superintendent or designee shall transfer the student's records to the next educational placement within two business days. (Education Code 49069.5)

All student records shall be updated before they are transferred. (5 CCR 438)

Student records shall not be withheld from the requesting district because of any charges or fees owed by the student or parent/guardian. (5 CCR 438)

If the Department is withholding grades, diploma, or transcripts from the student because of his/her damage or loss of school property, this information shall be sent to the requesting district along with the student's records.

Notification of Parents/Guardians

Upon any student's initial enrollment, and at the beginning of each school year thereafter, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians and eligible students, in writing, of their rights related to student records. Insofar as practicable, the Department shall provide these notices in the student's home language and shall effectively notify parents/guardians or eligible students who are disabled. (34 CFR 99.7; Education Code 49063)

STUDENT RECORDS (continued)

The notice shall include: (34 CFR 99.7, 99.34; Education Code 49063)

1. The types of student records kept by the Department and the information contained therein
2. The title(s) of the official(s) responsible for maintaining each type of record
3. The location of the log identifying those who request information from the records
4. Department criteria for defining school officials and employees and for determining legitimate educational interest
5. Department policies for reviewing and expunging student records
6. The right to inspect and review student records and the procedures for doing so
7. The right to challenge and the procedures for challenging the content of a student record that the parent/guardian or student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights
8. The cost, if any, charged for duplicating copies of records
9. The categories of information defined as directory information pursuant to Education Code 49073
10. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's records except when disclosure without consent is authorized by law
11. The availability of the curriculum prospectus developed pursuant to Education Code 49091.14 containing the titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by the school
12. Any other rights and requirements set forth in Education Code 49060-49078, and the right of parents/guardians to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning an alleged failure by the Department to comply with 20 USC 1232g

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of directory information and therefore authorizes the release of such information only in accordance with law, Tehama County Department of Education policy, and administrative regulation.

The County Superintendent or designee may release student directory information to representatives of the news media or nonprofit organizations in accordance with Department policy and administrative regulation.

The County Superintendent or designee may limit or deny the release of specific categories of directory information to any public or private nonprofit organization based on his/her determination of the best interests of Department students. (Education Code 49073)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49061 Definitions

49063 Notification of parents of their rights

49073 Release of directory information

49073.5 Directory information; military representatives; telephone numbers

49603 Public high schools; military recruiting

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10

503 Military recruiter access to directory information

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students and student recruiting information

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:

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Access to High School Students and Information on Students by Military Recruiters, 2002

WEB SITES

U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/index.html>

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION**Definition**

Directory information means information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Such student information includes: (34 CFR 99.3; Education Code 49061)

1. Name
2. Address
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
5. Date and place of birth
6. Major field of study
7. Participation record in officially recognized activities and sports
8. Weight and height of athletic team members
9. Dates of attendance
10. Degrees and awards received
11. Most recent previous school attended

Notification to Parents/Guardians

At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians shall be notified as to the categories of directory information the school or Tehama County Department of Education plans to release and the recipients of the information. The notification shall also inform parents/guardians of their right to refuse to let the Department designate any or all types of information as directory information and the period of time within which a parent/guardian must notify the Department in writing that he/she does not want a certain category of information designated as directory information. (34 CFR 99.37; Education Code 49063, 49073)

RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION (continued)

The County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that they may request that the Department not release the name, address, and telephone number of their child to military recruiters, employers, or institutions of higher education without prior written consent. (20 USC 7908)

In addition, the annual parental notification shall include a statement that directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicating national origin and that the department will not release such information without parental consent or a court order.

Parent/Guardian Consent

Directory information shall not be released regarding any student whose parent/guardian notifies the Department in writing that such information not be disclosed without the parent/guardian's prior consent. (20 USC 1232g, 7908; Education Code 49073)

For a former student, the Department shall continue to honor any valid request to opt out of the disclosure of directory information made while the student was in attendance at a Department school, unless the opt-out request has been rescinded. (34 CFR 99.37)

WITHHOLDING GRADES, DIPLOMA OR TRANSCRIPTS

When school property has been willfully damaged or not returned upon demand, the Program Administrator or designee shall inform the parent/guardian in writing of the responsible student's alleged misconduct and the reparation that may be due.

This notice shall include a statement that the Tehama County Department of Education may withhold grades, diploma or transcripts from the student and parent/guardian until reparation is made.

If reparation is not made, the Department shall afford the student his/her due process rights in conformance with Education Code expulsion procedures and may withhold the student's grades, diploma or transcripts.

If the student and parent/guardian are unable to pay for the damages or return the property, the Program Administrator or designee shall provide a program of voluntary work for the student to do. When this voluntary work is completed, the student's grades, diploma or transcripts shall be released. (Education Code 48904)

When a student from whom the Department is withholding grades, diploma or transcripts transfers to another district, this information shall be sent to the new district with the student's records and a request that these items continue to be withheld until the new district receives notification that the debt has been cleared.

The County Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian in writing that this Department's decision to withhold grades, diploma or transcript will be enforced by the new district. (Education Code 48904.3)

The Department shall withhold grades, diploma or transcripts from any student transferring into the Department whose misconduct caused a previous district to withhold them. When informed by the previous district that its decision has been rescinded, the Department shall release these documents. (Education Code 48904.3)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48904 Liability of parent

48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury; transfer of pupils to new school districts; notice to rescind decision to withhold

48911 Suspension by principal, designee or superintendent

49069 Absolute right to access

BUS CONDUCT

In order to help ensure the safety and well-being of students, bus drivers, and others, the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools expects students to exhibit appropriate and orderly conduct at all times when using school transportation, including while preparing to ride, riding, or leaving the bus.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations related to student conduct on buses, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. He/she shall make these rules available to parents/guardians, students, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 14103)

Students found to be in violation of the Tehama County Department of Education's bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Department policy and administrative regulation.

The County Superintendent or designee may deny a student the privilege of using school transportation upon the student's continued disorderly conduct or his/her persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver. (5 CCR 14103)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

BUS CONDUCT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1270-1270.1 School buses
35160 Authority of governing boards
39800 Transportation
39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs
44808 Duty to supervise conduct of students
48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion
48918 Expulsion procedures
49060-49079 Student records
49073-49079 Privacy of student records

GOVERNMENT CODE

6253-6270 California Public Records Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14103 Authority of the driver

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1228 General provisions, school bus regulations

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tm>

U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco>

BUS CONDUCT

Bus Rider Rules

The following rules apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including when on school activity trips:

1. Riders shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.
2. Riders should arrive at their designated bus stop on time and stand in a safe place at the stop to wait quietly for the bus.
3. Riders shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and go directly to their seats.
4. Riders shall sit down and fasten any passenger restraint systems. Riders shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
5. Riders shall not block the aisle or emergency exit with their body or personal belongings. Riders may bring large or bulky items, such as class projects or musical instruments, on the bus only if the item does not displace any other rider or obstruct the driver's vision.
6. Riders should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers. Vulgarity, rude, or abusive behavior is prohibited.
7. Any noise or behavior that could distract the driver, such as loud talking, scuffling or fighting, throwing objects, or standing or changing seats, is prohibited and may lead to suspension of riding privileges.
8. Riders shall not use tobacco products, eat, or drink while riding the bus.
9. Riders may bring electronic devices onto the bus only if such devices are permitted at school. If the use of cellular telephones or similar devices disrupts the safe operation of the school bus, the bus driver may direct the student to no longer use the device on the bus.

BUS CONDUCT (continued)

10. Riders shall not put any part of the body out of the window nor throw any item from the bus.
11. Riders shall help keep the bus and the area around the bus stop clean. Riders shall not damage or deface the bus or tamper with bus equipment.
12. Service animals are permitted on school transportation services; all other animals are prohibited. (Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)
13. Upon reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and upon the signal from the driver, unfasten any restraint system, enter the aisle, and go directly to the exit.
14. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus and shall follow the Tehama County Department of Education's transportation safety plan when crossing the road and exiting the bus.

The driver or any passenger shall report any violation of the Department's bus rules to the Program Administrator or designee. The Program Administrator or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the misbehavior, determine the severity of the misconduct, and take action accordingly. In instances of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time determined appropriate by the Program Administrator or designee.

Bus drivers shall not deny transportation services except as directed by the Program Administrator or designee.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Instruction

The curriculum of all schools shall include instruction on the effects upon the human body, as determined by science, of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs as defined in Health and Safety Code 11032, and other dangerous substances. Instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade level. (Education Code 51203, 51260)

In grades 1-6, instruction in drug education should be given in health courses required by Education Code 51210. (Education Code 51260)

In grades 7-8, instruction in drug education shall be conducted in health courses and in any other appropriate area of study required by Education Code 51220. (Education Code 51260)

Secondary school instruction shall also include a study of the effects of alcohol and other drugs upon prenatal development. (Education Code 51203)

Instruction shall be provided by appropriately trained instructors who have demonstrated competencies, as determined by the Program Administrator or designee, in the following areas: (Education Code 51260)

1. The ability to interact with students in a positive way
2. Knowledge of the properties and effects of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, dangerous drugs, and shared drug apparatus
3. Effective teaching skills and competency in helping students to express opinions responsibly and to become aware of their values as they affect drug-use decisions

Intervention

Tehama County Department of Education staff shall intervene whenever students use alcohol or other illegal drugs while on school property or under school jurisdiction. Staff members who have a reasonable suspicion that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall immediately notify the Program Administrator or designee.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (continued)

If the Program Administrator or designee, in his/her professional capacity or in the course of his/her employment, knows, observes or suspects that a student may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, he/she may notify the parent/guardian. (Education Code 44049)

School staff shall not disclose confidential information provided during counseling by a student 12 years of age or older. A school counselor may report such information to the principal or parent/guardian only when he/she believes that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety or welfare of the student or other persons living in the school community. The school counselor shall not disclose such information to the parent/guardian if he/she believes that the disclosure would result in a clear and present danger to the student's health, safety or welfare. (Education Code 44049, 49602)

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus free from psychological and physical harm and desires to protect them from the dangers presented by firearms and other weapons.

Possession of Weapons

The County Superintendent prohibits any student from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, at school-related or school-sponsored activities away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

Any student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school or possessed a firearm at school, as verified by a school employee, shall be expelled for not less than one year, except that the County Superintendent may set an earlier date for readmission on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with Department policy and administrative regulation. (20 USC 7151; Education Code 48915)

Students possessing or threatening others with any weapon, dangerous instrument, or imitation firearm shall be subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Department policy, and administrative regulations.

Under the power granted to the County Superintendent to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff, and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument, or imitation firearm from any student on school grounds.

The Program Administrator or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other dangerous weapon or instrument without permission, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (20 USC 7151; Education Code 48902; Penal Code 245, 626.9, 626.10)

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Reporting of Dangerous Objects

The County Superintendent encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects, or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The County Superintendent or designee also shall inform staff, students, and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35291 *Governing board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools*

48900 *Grounds for suspension/expulsion*

48902 *Notification of law enforcement authorities*

48915 *Required recommendation for expulsions*

48916 *Readmission*

49330-49335 *Injurious objects*

PENAL CODE

245 *Assault with deadly weapon*

417.4 *Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting*

626.9 *Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995*

626.10 *Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school*

653k *Soliciting a minor to commit certain felonies*

12001 *Control of deadly weapons*

12020-12036 *Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons*

12220 *Unauthorized possession of a machine gun*

12401-12404 *Tear gas*

12550-12556 *BB devices and imitation firearms*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-7941 *No Child Left Behind Act, especially:*

7151 *Gun-Free Schools Act*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMUNICATIONS

0401.01 *Protecting Student Identification in Reporting Injurious Objects*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Guidance Concerning State and Local Responsibilities Under the Gun-Free Schools Act, January 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs>

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

Prohibited weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, and any other device capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion
2. Knives, razor blades, and box cutters: any dirks, daggers, ice picks, or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 2-1/2 inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, and razors with an unguarded blade (Education Code 48915; Penal Code 626.10)
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices
4. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure, or spring action, or any spot marker gun (Penal Code 626.10)
5. Any other dangerous device, instrument, or weapon, including those defined in Penal Code 12020, including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon
6. Any imitation firearm, defined as 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 (Education Code 48900; Penal Code 12550)

Any employee may take any weapon or dangerous instrument from the personal possession of a student while the student is on school premises or under the authority of the Tehama County Department of Education. (Education Code 49331, 49332)

In determining whether to take possession of the weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall use his/her own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall do one of the following:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the Program Administrator immediately
2. Immediately notify the Program Administrator, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the Program Administrator

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS (continued)

When informing the Program Administrator about the possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of the possession.

The Program Administrator shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

The employee shall retain possession of the instrument until the risk of its use as a weapon has dissipated or, upon the request of the student's parent/guardian, until the parent/guardian appears and personally takes possession. (Education Code 49331, 49332)

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools desires to enhance student learning by providing an orderly, caring, and nurturing educational and social environment in which all students can feel safe and take pride in their school and their achievements. The school environment should be characterized by positive interpersonal relationships among students and between students and staff.

All staff are expected to serve as role models for students by demonstrating positive, professional attitudes and respect toward each student and other staff members. Teachers shall use effective classroom management techniques based on clear expectations for student behavior.

Staff shall consistently enforce County Superintendent policies and regulations which establish rules for appropriate student conduct, including prohibitions against bullying, cyberbullying, harassment of students, hazing, other violence or threats of violence against students and staff, and drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

The Tehama County Department of Education's curriculum shall include age-appropriate character education which includes, but is not limited to, the principles of equality, human dignity, mutual respect, fairness, honesty, and citizenship. Teachers are encouraged to employ cooperative learning strategies that foster positive interactions in the classroom among students from diverse backgrounds.

The County Superintendent or designee may develop other strategies to enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools, such as campus beautification projects, graffiti removal, development of extracurricular activities and after-school programs, pairing of adult mentors with individual students, recognition of student achievement, and encouragement of strong family and community involvement in the schools.

Students shall have opportunities to voice their concerns about school policies and practices and to share responsibility for solving problems that affect their school.

The schools shall promote nonviolent conflict resolution techniques in order to encourage attitudes and behaviors that foster harmonious relations. As part of this effort, students shall be taught the skills necessary to reduce violence, including communication skills, anger management, bias reduction, and mediation skills.

Staff shall receive professional development designed to improve classroom management, conflict resolution techniques, and communications with students and parents/guardians including persons of diverse backgrounds.

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

233-233.8 *Hate violence prevention*

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

32295.5 *Teen court programs*

35181 *Governing board policy on responsibilities of students*

35291-35291.5 *Rules*

44807 *Teachers' duty concerning conduct of students*

48900-48925 *Suspension and expulsion*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Cyberbullying: Policy Considerations for Boards, Policy Brief, July 2007

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, rev. 1999

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Bullying at School, 2003

Creating Safe and Drug-Free Schools: An Action Guide, 1996

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Preventing Bullying: A Manual for Schools and Communities, 1998

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Learning Support: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.schoolsafety.us>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS>

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

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

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that first aid and/or medical attention is provided as quickly as possible when student accidents and injuries occur and that parents/guardians are notified as appropriate.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ask parents/guardians to provide emergency contact information in order to facilitate communication in the event of an accident or illness.

Tehama County Department of Education staff shall appropriately report and document student accidents.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32040-32044 *First aid equipment*

49300-49307 *School safety patrols*

49407 *Liability for treatment*

49408 *Emergency information*

49409 *Athletic events; physicians and surgeons; emergency medical care; immunity*

49470 *Medical and hospital services for athletic program*

49471 *Medical and hospital services not provided or available*

49472 *Medical and hospital services for pupils*

49474 *Ambulance services*

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

CIVIL CODE

1714.21 *Defibrillators; CPR; immunity from civil liability*

FAMILY CODE

6550-6552 *Caregivers*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1797.196 *Automatic external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 *California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Heart Association: <http://www.americanheart.org>

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>

California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>

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A written report must be made out on all of the following accidents:

1. Student accidents which occur on school grounds, in school buildings, and en route to and from school shall be reported on the Student Accident Report Form by the child's regular teacher, aide, or bus driver.
2. Student accidents which occur on the buses en route to and from school or on field study trips shall be reported by the bus drivers on the Student Accident Report Form.

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HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

TEHAMA COUNTY SCHOOLS

**TEHAMA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Report of Student Accident**

_____ a.m./p.m.
Name of Injured _____ Date of Accident _____ Time _____

Place accident occurred: _____

Condition of premises where accident occurred: _____

How did accident occur? _____

Apparent nature of injury: _____

First Aid Given: _____ Yes _____ No _____

First Aid Given by: _____

Sent to Doctor: _____ By: _____

Medical Attention Given: _____

Doctor's Report: _____

Parents Notified: _____

Names of Witnesses: _____

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES (continued)

Remarks: Mention any circumstances not covered above: _____

Report made out by: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

COMPLETE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TURN IN TO OFFICE SAME DAY.

Make in duplicate: 1. Copy to teacher 2. Copy to office

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes that some students may need to take medication prescribed by a physician during the school day in order to be able to attend school and/or participate in the educational program. The County Superintendent or designee shall develop processes for the administration of medication to these students. For any student with a disability, as defined under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, necessary medication shall be administered in accordance with the student's individualized education program or Section 504 accommodation plan.

If a parent/guardian chooses, he/she may administer the medication to his/her child at school or designate another individual who is not a school employee to do so on his/her behalf.

In addition, upon written request by the parent/guardian and with the approval of the student's physician, a student with a medical condition that requires frequent treatment, monitoring, or testing may be allowed to self-administer, self-monitor, and/or self-test. The student shall observe universal precautions in the handling of blood and other bodily fluids.

Administration of Medication by School Personnel

Prescribed medication may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel only when the County Superintendent or designee has received written statements from both the student's physician and parent/guardian. (Education Code 49423; 5 CCR 600)

School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications in accordance with law, Department policy, and administrative regulation and shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

To the extent that the administration of a medication, such as epinephrine auto-injector or glucagon, is authorized by law, the County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that unlicensed personnel designated to administer it to students receive appropriate training from qualified medical personnel before any medication is administered. At a minimum, the training shall cover how and when such medication should be administered, recognition of symptoms and treatment, emergency follow-up procedures, and proper documentation and storage of medication. Such trained, unlicensed designated school personnel shall be supervised by and provided with emergency communication access to a school nurse, physician, or other appropriate individual.

The County Superintendent or designee shall maintain documentation of the training, ongoing supervision, as well as annual written verification of competency of such other designated school personnel.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Notification at beginning of term
49407 Liability for treatment
49408 Emergency information
49414 Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors
49414.5 Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training
49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student
49423.1 Inhaled asthma medication
49423.5 Specialized health care services
49426 School nurses
49480 Continuing medication regimen; notice

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2837 Nursing, especially:

2726 Authority not conferred
2727 Exceptions in general

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 Administering medication to students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

COURT DECISIONS

American Nurses Association v. O'Connell, (2010) 185 Cal.App.4th 393

Management Resources:

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Glucagon Training Standards for School Personnel: Providing Emergency Medical Assistance to Pupils with Diabetes, May 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES

Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools, August 2007

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Training Standards for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, December 2004

NATIONAL DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM PUBLICATIONS

Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel, June 2003

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Diabetes Association: <http://www.diabetes.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lh/he/hn>

National Diabetes Education Program: <http://www.ndep.nih.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, Blood Institute, asthma information: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>

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Definitions

Other designated school personnel may include any individual employed by the Tehama County Department of Education who has consented to administer the medication or otherwise assist the student and who may legally administer the medication to the student or assist the student in the administration of the medication. (5 CCR 601)

Medication may include not only a substance dispensed in the United States by prescription, but also a substance that does not require a prescription, such as over-the-counter remedies, nutritional supplements, and herbal remedies. (5 CCR 601)

Notifications to Parents/Guardians

At the beginning of each school year, the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the options available to students who need to take prescribed medication during the school day and the rights and/or responsibilities of parents/guardians regarding those options.

In addition, the County Superintendent or designee shall inform the parents/guardians of any student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition of the following requirements: (Education Code 49480)

1. The parent/guardian is required to inform the school nurse or other designated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician.
2. With the parent/guardian's consent, the school nurse or other designated employee may communicate with the student's physician regarding the medication and its effects and may counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

In accordance with law, the Department shall obtain written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian before a Department employee administers, or assists in the administration of, a prescribed medication to any student and before a student is allowed to carry and self-administer prescription diabetes medication, auto-injectable epinephrine, or prescription inhaled asthma medication during school hours. (Education Code 49414.5, 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 600)

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS
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The physician's written statement shall include:

1. Clear identification of the student (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
2. The name of the medication (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
3. The method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
4. If a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to self-administer medication, confirmation that the student is able to self-administer the medication (Education Code 49423, 49423.1; 5 CCR 602)
5. For medication that is to be administered on an as-needed basis, the specific symptoms that would necessitate administration of the medication, allowable frequency for administration, and indications for referral for medical evaluation
6. Possible side effects of the medication
7. Name, address, telephone number, and signature of the student's authorized health care provider

When Department employees are to administer medication to a student, the parent/guardian's written statement shall:

1. Identify the student
2. Grant permission for an authorized Department representative to communicate directly with the student's physician, and the pharmacist as may be necessary, regarding the physician's written statement or any other questions that may arise with regard to the medication
3. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian understands his/her responsibilities to enable Department employees to administer or otherwise assist the student in the administration of medication including, but not limited to, the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide a written statement from the physician, to ensure that the medication is delivered to the school in a proper container by an individual legally authorized to be in possession of the medication, and to provide all necessary supplies and equipment
4. Contain an acknowledgment that the parent/guardian may terminate consent for such administration at any time

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS

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In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian has requested that his/her child be allowed to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, the parent/guardian's written statement shall: (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

1. Consent to the self-administration
2. Release the Department and school personnel from civil liability if the student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication

In addition to the requirements in items #1-5 above, if a parent/guardian wishes to designate an individual who is not an employee of the Department to administer medication to his/her child, the parent/guardian's written statement shall clearly identify the individual and shall state:

1. The individual's willingness to accept the designation
2. That the individual is permitted to be on the school site
3. Any limitations on the individual's authority

The parent/guardian shall annually provide the County Superintendent or designee a new written statement from himself/herself and the student's physician. In addition, the parent/guardian shall provide a new physician statement if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes. (Education Code 49423, 49423.1)

Parents/guardians shall provide medications in properly labeled, original containers along with the physician's instructions. For prescribed medication, the container also shall bear the name and telephone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, and the name and phone number of the physician. Medications that are not in their original container shall not be accepted or administered. Medications shall be delivered to the school by parents/guardians, unless the County Superintendent or designee authorizes another method of delivery.

The parent/guardian of a student on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition shall inform the school nurse or other designated certificated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. (Education Code 49480)

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH CONDITIONS
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Designated Employee/Department Responsibilities

The school nurse or other designated school personnel shall:

1. Administer or assist in administering medications in accordance with the physician's written statement.
2. Accept delivery of medications from parents/guardians and count and record them upon receipt.
3. Maintain a list of students needing medication during the school day, including those authorized to self-administer medications. The type of medication and the times and dosage to be administered shall be noted on the list.
4. Maintain a medication log which may:
 - a. Specify the student's name, medication, dose, method of administration, time of administration during the regular school day, date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication, and the physician's name and contact information
 - b. Contain a space for daily recording of the date, time, and amount of medication administered, and the signature of the individual administering the medication
5. Maintain a medication record which may include the physician's written statement, the parent/guardian's written statement, the medication log, and any other written documentation related to the administration of medication to the student.
6. Ensure that student confidentiality is appropriately maintained.
7. Coordinate the administration of medication during field trips and after-school activities.
8. Report any refusal by any student to take his/her medication to his/her parent/guardian and the site administrator.

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9. Keep all medication to be administered by the Department in a locked drawer or cabinet.
10. Communicate with the physician and pharmacist regarding the medication and its effects.
11. Counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose.
12. Ensure that unused, discontinued, or outdated medication is returned to the student's parent/guardian at the end of the school year or, if the medication cannot be returned, dispose of it in accordance with state laws and local ordinances.
13. Provide immediate medical assistance, if needed, and report to the site administrator and parent/guardian instances when the medication is not administered properly, including administration of the wrong medication or failure to administer the medication in accordance with the physician's written statement.

Upon receiving such notification, the site administrator may notify the student's health care provider and shall document the error in the medication log.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students. The County Superintendent recognizes that prevention and education are the most effective means of limiting the spread of infectious diseases.

Infectious Disease Prevention

The County Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians and local health agencies and organizations to develop a comprehensive approach to disease prevention that promotes preventative measures and education of students and staff.

The County Superintendent or designee shall regularly review resources available from health experts to ensure that Tehama County Department of Education programs are based on the most up-to-date information.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the Department's comprehensive health education program provides information about the prevention of infectious diseases, including the nature of bloodborne pathogens and their transmission, as well as information to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases, such as a pandemic influenza. He/she shall also ensure that each school has sufficient infection prevention supplies that are easily accessible to staff.

Universal Precautions

Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

The County Superintendent or designee shall inform students of the precautions to be used in cases of exposure to blood or other body fluids through injury, accident, or classroom instruction.

Students with Infectious Diseases

The County Superintendent or designee shall exclude students only in accordance with law, Department policy, and administrative regulation. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the County Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

News Media Contact

The County Superintendent or designee shall be the authorized spokesperson for matters relating to severe communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases of students in schools and programs operated by the Department. All medical issues related to severe communicable, contagious, or infectious diseases shall be referred to the County Health Department.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48216 *Persons excluded*

49073-49079 *Privacy of pupil records*

49403 *Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of pupils*

49405 *Smallpox control*

49406 *Examination for tuberculosis (employees)*

49408 *Information of use in emergencies*

49602 *Confidentiality of student information*

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 1 *Right to Privacy*

CIVIL CODE

56-56.37 *Confidentiality of Medical Information Act*

1798-1798.76 *Information Practices Act*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120230 *Exclusion for communicable disease*

120325-120380 *Immunization against communicable diseases*

120875-120895 *AIDS information*

120975-121022 *Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health*

121475-121520 *Tuberculosis tests for pupils*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 *California bloodborne pathogens standard*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500-2511 *Communicable disease reporting requirements*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act*

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

164.500-164.534 *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*

COURT DECISIONS

Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1987) 662 F.Supp. 376

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Saving Lives: AIDS Issues for California Schools 1994, rev. 2006

Avian Influenza, Governance and Policy Services Fact Sheet, April 2006

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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

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

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

Contra Costa County Office of Education, *Pandemic Flu Resources:*

http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/about/flu/resources_flu_action_kit

U.S. Government *Pandemic Flu Information:* <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT**Identification of Students with Asthma**

The County Superintendent or designee shall, upon a student's registration for school and annually thereafter, request parents/guardians to notify the Program Administrator or designee, in writing, if their child has been diagnosed with asthma, has recently experienced symptoms or has a history of asthma, and/or is at risk for potentially severe asthma attacks. The request also shall encourage parents/guardians to provide such notification at any time during the school year that their child is so diagnosed.

The County Superintendent or designee shall keep a student's medical information in a secure location and maintain the confidentiality of student health records in accordance with law governing student records. A copy of a student's health record shall be provided to the school nurse, if any. In addition, pertinent information from the health record shall be released to other employees whose responsibilities require that they have access to such information in order to provide support services or to respond in an emergency, such as a student's teacher(s), coach(es), bus driver, and any other staff with responsibility for direct supervision of the student.

Individualized Asthma Management

When a student has been diagnosed with asthma or when such a student registers for school, the County Superintendent or designee shall request that the parent/guardian work with the school nurse to develop an asthma action plan. This plan shall be developed by the student's health care provider, in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians, and shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the student's symptoms and severity, asthma triggers, necessary medications, and the parent/guardian's authorization for the health care provider's disclosure of health information to the Tehama County Department of Education. The County Superintendent or designee shall request that the parents/guardians submit an updated plan each school year or whenever there are changes in the student's health condition or treatment.

When a student with asthma has been identified as disabled pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, necessary accommodations and services shall be identified as part of the student's Section 504 services plan or individualized education program (IEP), as appropriate.

Any student who needs to take prescribed medication during the school day may be assisted by a school nurse or designated school personnel or allowed to carry and self-administer inhaled asthma medication provided that the Department receives written statements from the student's physician and parent/guardian in accordance with Education Code 49423.1 and SP/AR 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions. Parents/guardians shall be requested to provide quick relief medication to be administered in accordance with the student's asthma action plan.

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT (continued)

Students shall be encouraged to notify their teacher, physical education teacher, coach, or other staff when they are experiencing difficulty breathing and/or need to alter their physical activity level. A student experiencing symptoms shall be encouraged to use his/her quick relief medication. The student should be supervised on school grounds by a responsible adult until he/she is no longer experiencing symptoms and/or his/her parent/guardian has been contacted.

In case of emergency, staff shall call 911 and assist the student in the administration of quick relief medication as authorized in the student's asthma action plan, Section 504 services plan, or IEP. Staff shall contact the student's parent/guardian or other person identified as an emergency contact and shall supervise the student until his/her care has been assumed by a health professional, parent/guardian, or designated emergency contact.

Education and Support Services

Asthma management and support systems shall be coordinated by a school nurse, other qualified health professional, or educator who has received appropriate training.

Staff shall be provided professional development which includes information about symptoms and common triggers of asthma, ways to reduce acute symptoms, and emergency response procedures. This professional development may be provided by an outside consultant or organization, a school nurse, other qualified health professional, or educator who has received appropriate training.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide each school site with information regarding emergency management of asthma to post in easily accessible locations.

A school nurse or other qualified personnel may provide education to students with asthma using approved curriculum. Upon request by a student or his/her parents/guardians, the County Superintendent or designee may provide information about available medical resources, including school-based health services as appropriate.

Environmental Assessment

The County Superintendent or designee may periodically conduct an environmental assessment to identify and reduce the presence of common asthma triggers, including, but not limited to, pesticides, chemical pollutants, mold, and animal and dust mite allergens, in the school environment.

The County Superintendent or designee shall communicate with each school Program Administrator when local health advisories are issued for high ozone days or poor outdoor air quality so that outdoor physical activities may be curtailed as necessary.

ASTHMA MANAGEMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49407 *Liability for treatment*

49408 *Emergency information*

49414.5 *Providing school personnel with voluntary emergency training*

49423-49423.1 *Administration of prescribed medication for student*

49423.5 *Specialized health care services*

49426 *School nurses*

49480 *Continuing medication regimen; notice*

51880-51921 *Comprehensive health education*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 *Administering medication to students*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 *Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

280g *Children's asthma treatment grant program*

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

Asthma Action Plan for Schools and Families, January 2007

Guidelines for the Management of Asthma in California Schools, April 2004

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

Managing Asthma in Schools — What Have We Learned?, August 2006

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Joint Guidance on the Application of FERPA and HIPAA to Student Health Records, November 2008

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Lung Association: <http://www.lungusa.org>

American School Health Association: <http://www.ashaweb.org>

California Asthma Public Health Initiative: <http://caasthma.org>

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

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

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

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <http://www.epa.gov/asthma>

IMMUNIZATIONS

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools desires to cooperate with state and local health agencies to encourage immunization of all Tehama County Department of Education students against preventable diseases.

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

Each transfer student shall present his/her immunization record certifying that he/she has received all required immunizations currently due before he/she is admitted to school.

The County Superintendent or designee may arrange for qualified medical personnel to administer immunizations at school to any student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing. (Education Code 49403)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

IMMUNIZATIONS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

46010 *Total days of attendance*

48216 *Immunization*

48980 *Required notification of rights*

49403 *Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunizations*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 *Immunization against communicable disease especially:*

120335 *Immunization requirement for admission*

120440 *Disclosure of immunization information*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6000-6075 *School attendance immunization requirements*

Management Resources:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Commonly Asked Questions About the New School Immunization Requirements, March 1999

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch: <http://cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize>

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

HEAD LICE

The Tehama County Department of Education is committed to maximizing students' academic performance and physical wellbeing in a healthy and safe environment. The Department recognizes that head lice infestations do not pose a health hazard, are not a sign of uncleanliness, and are not responsible for the spread of any disease. However, archaic policies cause many unnecessary absences from school with potential negative effects on academic performance. Misinformation about head lice causes anxiety for parents and school staff.

The Department defines a healthy and safe environment as one in which adults work together to provide the following environmental factors established by current research as necessary for the health and wellbeing of students with head lice:

- Educating staff, students, and parents/guardians about head lice.
- Establishing evidence based management for students with head lice.

The goals of providing a healthy and safe environment for students with head lice are to:

- Maximize academic performance
- Minimize absence due to unnecessary exclusion of students with head lice

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48216 Persons excluded

49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent

Management Resources:

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Lice, Nits, and School Policy, Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, May 2001

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines on Head Lice Prevention and Control for School Districts and Child Care Facilities, 2009

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NURSES ORGANIZATION

Position Statement: Pediculosis Management, 2005

WEB SITES

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

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.scno.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Parasitic Disease Information, Head Lice:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice>

HEAD LICE

To better manage and to limit the spread of head lice infestations, department employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee. The school nurse or designee shall examine the student. An infestation shall be determined by looking closely through the hair and scalp for viable nits (≤ 1 cm from the scalp) or live lice.

If nits are found but there are no live (crawling) lice on the hair, the school nurse or designee shall re-inspect within 7-10 school days.

If live (crawling) lice are found on the hair, the parent/guardian shall be notified by the end of the day via phone, email, and/or a note sent home with the student. The child shall be allowed to remain in the classroom until notification of parent/guardian has been obtained. The parent/guardian shall be provided information on the biology of head lice, methods to eliminate infestation, and directions to examine household contacts for lice and nits. The school nurse or designee may notify parents/guardians in the affected classroom to encourage them to check their children and to treat, if appropriate, and/or examine other students most likely to have had direct head to head contact with the affected student.

Students should return to school within one day after being identified as having live lice. The parent/guardian should bring the child to the office to determine if the child is eligible to return to class. Absences greater than one day shall be considered an unexcused absence.

Affected students shall be discouraged from direct head to head contact with other students. The nurse or designee shall provide in-service education to staff regarding how to handle nits and/or lice in the classroom.

Information about head lice shall be sent home to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

Child Abuse Prevention

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the Tehama County Department of Education's responsibility to educate students about the dangers of child abuse so that they will acquire the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and to react appropriately and promptly.

Child Abuse Reporting

The County Superintendent recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that the Department has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The County Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

Employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 *Comprehensive school safety plans*

33308.1 *Guidelines on procedure for filing child abuse complaints*

44690-44691 *Staff development in the detection of child abuse and neglect*

44807 *Duty concerning conduct of students*

48906 *Notification when student released to peace officer*

48987 *Dissemination of reporting guidelines to parents*

49001 *Prohibition of corporal punishment*

51220.5 *Parenting skills education*

PENAL CODE

152.3 *Duty to report murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act*

273a *Willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment of child; endangering life or health*

288 *Definition of lewd or lascivious act requiring reporting*

11164-11174.4 *Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

15630-15637 *Dependent adult abuse reporting*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4650 *Filing complaints with CDE, special education students*

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0514.93 *Guidelines for parents to report suspected child abuse*

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Office, Crime and Violence Prevention Center: <http://safestate.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division:

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect

Information: <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

Definitions

Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

1. A physical injury or death inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person
2. Sexual abuse of a child, including sexual assault or sexual exploitation, as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

Child abuse or neglect does not include:

1. A mutual affray between minors (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his/her employment (Penal Code 11165.6)
3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, Program Administrator, or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a school employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, to protect himself/herself, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student (Education Code 49001)
5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by the student (Education Code 49001)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Mandated reporters include, but are not limited to, teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; administrators and employees of a licensed day care facility; licensed nurses or health care providers; and administrators, presenters, and counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Reasonable suspicion means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his/her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Reportable Offenses

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, he/she has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage, based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166.05, 11167)

Any person shall notify a peace officer if he/she reasonably believes that he/she has observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury, where the victim is a child under age 14. (Penal Code 152.3, 288)

Responsibility for Reporting

The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

Reporting Procedures

1. Initial Telephone Report

Immediately or as soon as practicable after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11166)

Tehama County CWS Agency
P.O. Box 1515
Red Bluff, CA 96080
800-323-7711
530-527-9416

When the initial telephone report is made, the mandated reporter shall note the name of the official contacted, the date and time contacted, and any instructions or advice received.

2. Written Report

Within 36 hours of knowing or observing the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall then prepare and either send, fax, or electronically submit to the appropriate agency a written follow-up report, which includes a completed Department of Justice form (SS 8572). (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

Mandated reporters may obtain copies of the Department of Justice form from either the Department or the appropriate agency.

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location and, where applicable, school, grade, and class

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- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information
- e. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person who might have abused or neglected the child

The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to him/her. (Penal Code 11167)

Information relevant to the incident of child abuse or neglect also may be given to an investigator from an agency that is investigating the case. (Penal Code 11167)

3. Internal Reporting

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose his/her identity to the Program Administrator. (Penal Code 11166)

However, employees reporting child abuse or neglect to an appropriate agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the Program Administrator as soon as possible after the initial telephone report to the appropriate agency. When so notified, the Program Administrator shall inform the County Superintendent or designee.

The Program Administrator so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that reporting procedures are carried out in accordance with law, Department policy, and administrative regulation. At the mandated reporter's request, the Program Administrator may assist in completing and filing the necessary forms.

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, Program Administrator, school counselor, co-worker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

Training

Training of mandated reporters shall include identification and mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect. (Penal Code 11165.7)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Victim Interviews by Social Services

Whenever a representative from the Department of Social Services investigating suspected child abuse or neglect deems it necessary, a suspected victim may be interviewed during school hours, on school premises, concerning a report of suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility. The child shall be given the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the child. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the Program Administrator or designee shall inform him/her of the following requirements: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable him/her to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

Release of Child to Peace Officer

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the County Superintendent or designee and/or Program Administrator shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the peace officer or agent to notify the parent/guardian of the situation. (Education Code 48906)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING (continued)

Parent/Guardian Complaints

Upon request, the County Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with a copy of this administrative regulation which contain procedures for reporting suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is other than English, such procedures shall be in their primary language and, when communicating orally regarding those procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

To file a complaint against a Department employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school site, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person, or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint about an employee to any other employee, the employee receiving the information shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the appropriate agency. The employee also is obligated pursuant to Penal Code 11166 to file a report himself/herself using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.

Notifications

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide to all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them of their status as mandated reporters, of their reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166, and of their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167.

Before beginning employment, employees shall sign a statement indicating that they have knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and that they will comply with those provisions. The signed statements shall be retained by the County Superintendent or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

The County Superintendent or designee also shall notify all employees that:

1. A mandated reporter who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report and this immunity shall apply even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect outside of his/her professional capacity or outside the scope of his/her employment. Any other person making a report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that he/she knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11172)

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2. If a mandated reporter fails to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, he/she may be guilty of a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166)
3. No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the Department for making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND REPORTING

TEHAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1135 Lincoln Street/P.O. Box 689

Red Bluff, CA 96080

(530) 527-5811

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EMPLOYEE'S KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD ABUSE
REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

Section 11166 of the Penal Code requires any child care custodian, medical practitioner, non-medical practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge of or observes a child (a person under the age of 18 years) in his or her profession capacity who he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protection agency immediately or as soon as possible, by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

"Child abuse" means a physical injury which is inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person. It includes the sexual assault of a child (i.e., rape, sexual exploitation, incest, sodomy, oral copulation, penetration of a genital or anal opening by a foreign object or other acts of child molestation). "Child abuse" also includes willful cruelty, unjustifiable punishment or corporal punishment resulting in trauma, medical neglect, the infliction of mental suffering and neglect.

The report must be made whenever there is "reasonable suspicion" that child abuse has occurred. "Reasonable suspicion" means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain such a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his or her training and experience, to suspect child abuse.

The telephonic report of child abuse shall be made to Children's Protective Services at (530) 527-1911 (day) or 1-800-323-7711 (night) or to the law enforcement agency in your jurisdiction. The report shall be made immediately or as soon as possible. The written report shall be directed to: Children's Protective Services, Tehama County Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 1515, Red Bluff, California 96080.

I have read the foregoing and I understand my responsibility to report child abuse.

Employee's Signature

Date

Assignment

Students**SUICIDE PREVENTION**

The Governing Board and County Superintendent recognize that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and that school personnel who regularly interact with students are often in a position to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to offer appropriate referral and/or assistance. To attempt to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on students and families, the Superintendent or designee shall develop measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

In developing measures and strategies for use by the department, the Superintendent or designee may consult with health professionals, counselors, psychologists, social workers, administrators, other staff, parents/guardians, students, local health agencies, mental health professionals, and community organizations.

Such measures and strategies shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Staff development on suicide awareness and prevention for teachers, school counselors, and other department employees who interact with students in the secondary grades.
2. Methods for promoting a positive climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and that is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students.
3. Encouragement for students to notify appropriate personnel or other adults when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions.
4. Crisis intervention procedures for addressing suicide threats or attempts.
5. Counseling and other postvention strategies for helping students, staff, and others cope in the aftermath of a student's suicide.

As appropriate, these measures and strategies shall specifically address the needs of students who are at high risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, students who are bereaved by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth. (Education Code 215).

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

215 Student suicide prevention policies

32280-32289 Comprehensive safety plan

49060-49079 Student records

49602 Confidentiality of student information

49604 Suicide prevention training for school counselors

GOVERNMENT CODE

810-996.6 Government Claims Act

PENAL CODE

11164-11174.3 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

5698 Emotionally disturbed youth; legislative intent

5850-5883 Mental Health Services Act

COURT DECISIONS

Corales v. Bennett (Ontario-Montclair School District), (2009) 567 F.3d 554

Students

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Staff Development

Suicide prevention training shall be provided to teachers, counselors, and other department employees who interact with students at the secondary level. The training shall be offered under the direction of a department counselor/psychologist and/or in cooperation with one or more community mental health agencies.

Materials for training shall include how to identify appropriate mental health services at the site and within the community, and when and how to refer youth and their families to those services. Materials also may include programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials. (Education Code 215)

Staff development shall include research and information related to the following topics:

1. The higher risk of suicide among certain groups, including, but not limited to, students who are bereaved by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth.
2. Individual risk factors such as previous suicide attempt(s) or self-harm, history of depression or mental illness, family history of suicide or violence, feelings of isolation, interpersonal conflicts, a recent severe stressor or loss, family instability, impulsivity, and other factors.
3. Warning signs that may indicate depression, emotional distress, or suicidal intentions, such as changes in students' personality or behavior and verbalizations of hopelessness or suicidal intent.
4. Protective factors that may help to decrease a person's suicide risk, such as resiliency, problem-solving ability, access to mental health care, and positive connections to family, peers, school, and community.
5. Instructional strategies for teaching the suicide prevention curriculum and promoting mental and emotional health.
6. School and community resources and services, including resources and services that meet the specific needs of high-risk groups.

Students

SUICIDE PREVENTION

7. Department procedures for intervening when a student attempts, threatens, or discloses the desire to die by suicide.

Instruction

The department's comprehensive health education program shall promote the healthy mental, emotional, and social development of students and shall be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework. Suicide prevention instruction shall be incorporated into the health education curriculum at appropriate secondary grades and shall be designed to help students.

1. Identify and analyze signs of depression and self-destructive behaviors and understand how feelings of depression, loss, isolation, inadequacy, and anxiety can lead to thoughts of suicide.
2. Develop coping and resiliency skills and self-esteem.
3. Learn to listen, be honest, share feelings, and get help when communicating with friends who show signs of suicidal intent.
4. Identify trusted adults, school resources, and/or community crisis intervention resources where youth can get help and recognize that there is no stigma associated with seeking services for mental health, substance abuse, and/or suicide prevention.

Intervention

Students should be encouraged to notify a teacher, principal, counselor, or other adult when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions.

Every statement regarding suicidal intent shall be taken seriously. Whenever a staff member suspects or has knowledge of a student's suicidal intentions based on the student's verbalizations or act of self-harm, he/she shall promptly notify the superintendent or associate superintendent.

Although any personal information that a student discloses to a counselor or staff member shall generally not be revealed, released, referenced, or discussed with third parties, the counselor or staff member may report to the superintendent or the student's parents/guardians when he/she has reasonable cause to believe that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student. In addition, the staff member may disclose information of a personal nature to psychotherapists, other health care providers, or the department nurse for the sole purpose of referring the student for treatment. (Education Code 49602)

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An employee shall act only within the authorization and scope of his/her credential or license. An employee is not authorized to diagnose or treat mental illness unless he/she is specifically licensed and employed to do so. (Education Code 215).

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported, the superintendent or designee shall ensure student safety by taking the following actions:

1. Immediately securing medical treatment and/or mental health services as necessary.
2. Notifying law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened.
3. Keeping the student under continuous adult supervision until the parent/guardian and/or appropriate support agent or agency can be contracted and has the opportunity to intervene.
4. Removing other students from the immediate area as soon as possible.

The superintendent or designee shall document the incident in writing, including the steps that were taken in response to the suicide attempt or threat.

The superintendent or designee shall follow-up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed. If the parent/guardian does not access treatment for the student, the superintendent or designee may meet with the parent/guardian to identify barriers to treatment and assist the family in providing follow-up care for the student. If follow-up care is still not provided, the superintendent or designee shall consider whether he/she is required, pursuant to laws, for mandated reporters of child neglect, to refer the matter to the local child protective services agency.

For any student returning to school after a mental health crisis, the superintendent or designee and/or counselor may meet with the parents/guardians and, if appropriate, with the student to discuss re-entry and appropriate next steps to ensure the student's readiness for return to school.

Postvention

In the event that a student dies by suicide, the superintendent or designee shall communicate with the student's parents/guardians to offer condolences, assistance, and resources. In accordance with the laws governing confidentiality of student record information, the superintendent or designee shall consult with the parents/guardians regarding facts that may be divulged to other students, parents/guardians, and staff.

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The superintendent or designee shall implement procedures to address students' and staff's grief and to minimize the risk of imitative suicide or suicide contagion. He/she shall provide students, parents/guardians, and staff with information, counseling, and/or referrals to community agencies as needed. School staff may receive assistance from school counselors or other mental health professionals in determining how best to discuss the suicide or attempted suicide with students.

Any response to media inquiries shall be handled by the superintendent or designee who shall not divulge confidential information. The department's response shall not sensationalize suicide and shall focus on the department's postvention plan and available resources.

After any suicide or attempted suicide by a student, the superintendent or designee shall provide an opportunity for all staff who responded to the incident to debrief, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used, and make recommendations for future actions.

DISCIPLINE

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools desires to prepare students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The County Superintendent believes that high expectations for student behavior, effective classroom management and parent involvement can minimize the need for discipline. Staff shall use preventative measures and positive conflict resolution techniques whenever possible.

County Superintendent policies and regulations shall delineate acceptable student conduct and provide the basis for sound disciplinary practices. Each school shall develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's individual needs.

When misconduct occurs, staff shall implement appropriate discipline and attempt to identify and address the causes of the student's behavior. Continually disruptive students may be assigned to alternative programs or removed from school in accordance with law, Department policy and administrative regulation. At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently and without discrimination.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

DISCIPLINE (continued)

Legal Reference:

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Parental liability for child's misconduct

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32288 School safety plans

35146 Closed sessions

35291 Rules

35291.5-35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules

37223 Weekend classes

44807.5 Restriction from recess

48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion

48980-48985 Notification of parents or guardians

49000-49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

49330-49335 Injurious objects

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

307 Participation in school activities until departure of bus

353 Detention after school

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

1010.89 Physical Exercise as Corporal Punishment, CIL 89/9-3

1223.88 Corporal Punishment, CIL: 88/9-5

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

USDOE: <http://www.ed.gov>

DISCIPLINE

Site-Level Rules

In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the school shall solicit the participation, views and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

Disciplinary strategies provided in Tehama County Department of Education policy, regulation and law may be used in developing site-level rules. These strategies include but are not limited to:

1. Referral of the student for advice and counseling
2. Discussion or conference with parents/guardians
3. Recess restriction
4. Detention during and after school hours
5. Community service
6. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment
7. Removal from the class in accordance with Department policy, administrative regulation and law
8. Suspension and expulsion

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS

On a case-by-case basis, the enforcement of an expulsion order may be suspended by the County Superintendent pursuant to the requirements of law.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

212.5 Sexual harassment

1981 Enrollment of students in community school

17292.5 Program for expelled students

32261 Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act of 1985

35146 Closed sessions (re suspensions)

35291 Rules (for government and discipline of schools)

35291.5 Rules and procedures on school discipline

48660-48667 Community day schools

48900-48927 Suspension and expulsion

48950 Speech and other communication

49073-49079 Privacy of student records

CIVIL CODE

47 Privileged communication

48.8 Defamation liability

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

1985-1997 Subpoenas; means of production

GOVERNMENT CODE

11455.20 Contempt

54950-54963 Ralph M. Brown Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

11014.5 Drug paraphernalia

11053-11058 Standards and schedules

LABOR CODE

230.7 Discharge or discrimination against employee for taking time off to appear in school on behalf of a child

PENAL CODE

31 Principal of a crime, defined

240 Assault defined

241.2 Assault fines

242 Battery defined

243.2 Battery on school property

243.4 Sexual battery

245 Assault with deadly weapon

245.6 Hazing

261 Rape defined

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

PENAL CODE (continued)

266c Unlawful sexual intercourse

286 Sodomy defined

288 Lewd or lascivious acts with child under age 14

288a Oral copulation

289 Penetration of genital or anal openings

626.2 Entry upon campus after written notice of suspension or dismissal without permission

626.9 Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995

626.10 Dirks, daggers, knives, razors or stun guns

868.5 Supporting person; attendance during testimony of witness

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

729.6 Counseling

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18

921 Definitions, firearm

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7151 Gun free schools

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T.H. v. San Diego Unified School District (2004) 122 Cal. App. 4th 1267

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Garcia v. Los Angeles Board of Education (1991) 123 Cal.App.3d 807

Fremont Union High School District v. Santa Clara County Board (1991) 235 Cal. App. 3d 1182

John A. v. San Bernardino School District (1982) 33 Cal. 3d 301

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

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80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 85 (1997)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Attorney General's Office: <http://www.caag.state.ca.us>

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

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/index.html>

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS

Suspension by the Board

The County Board may suspend a student enrolled in a continuation school or class for a period not longer than the remainder of the semester if any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" occurred. The suspension shall meet the requirements of Education Code 48915. (Education Code 48912.5)

When the County Board is considering a suspension, disciplinary action, or any other action (except expulsion) against any student, it shall hold closed sessions if a public hearing would lead to disclosure of information violating a student's right to privacy under Education Code 49073-49079. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

The County Board shall provide the student and his/her parent/guardian with written notice of the closed session by registered or certified mail or personal service. Upon receiving this notice, the student or parent/guardian may request a public meeting, and this request shall be granted if made in writing within 48 hours after receipt of the County Superintendent's notice. However, any discussion that conflicts with any other student's right to privacy still shall be held in closed session. (Education Code 35146, 48912)

STUDENT EXPULSION APPEALS

The Tehama County Board of Education shall hear and determine an appeal of an expulsion order issued against a student by a school district within the jurisdiction of the county.

A student expelled by the governing board of a school district or his/her parent/guardian (appellant) may appeal the expulsion to the County Board within 30 days of the school district's action. The appeal shall be filed in writing and shall include the following information:

1. Name of the expelled student
2. Contact address and telephone number of the student and/or parent/guardian
3. Name of respondent school board
4. Date of respondent school board's action to expel student
5. Ground(s) on which appeal is based

The appellant shall submit to the County Board, a certified copy of the written transcripts and supporting documents of the proceedings before the school district. Because delay in receiving the transcripts may prejudice the student's case, the student is encouraged to request a copy of the transcripts and other related records from the District no later than the date on which the appeal is filed. (Education Code 48921)

The County Board shall hold a hearing within 20 school days of the filing of the appeal. (Education Code 48919)

No later than 10 days prior to the hearing, the secretary to the County Board shall serve upon the student and the respondent school board, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of the hearing including details such as the date, time and place of the hearing. The notice shall also contain a statement that the hearing shall be in closed session unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing, that the hearing be conducted in open session.

Conduct of Expulsion Hearing

1. Closed Session: Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code 54953 and Education Code 35145, the County Board shall hear an appeal of an expulsion order in closed session, unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be conducted at a public meeting. If such request is made, the hearing shall be public unless another student's privacy rights would be violated. (Education Code 48920)

STUDENT EXPULSION APPEALS (continued)

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the County Board may meet in closed session to deliberate on the appeal. If the County Board admits one of the parties or their representative(s) to the closed session, the other party or their representative(s) shall also be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code 48920)

2. Record of Hearing: A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made. (Education Code 48919)

Scope of Review

The County Board shall determine the appeal based on the record of the hearing before the district board and other applicable documentation and/or regulations. No evidence other than that contained in the record of proceedings of the district board shall be heard except in a *de novo* proceeding, granted pursuant to Education Code 48923. (Education Code 48921)

A *de novo* proceeding involves an independent determination by the County Board, of all the issues previously considered by the school district board.

The County Board's review shall be limited to: (Education Code 48922)

1. Whether the district board acted without or in excess of its jurisdiction.
2. Whether there was a fair hearing before the district board.
3. Whether there was a prejudicial abuse of discretion in the hearing. Abuse of discretion is established if:
 - a. School officials did not meet the procedural requirements of Education Code 48900-48926;
 - b. The decision to expel the student is not supported by the findings prescribed by Education Code 48915; or
 - c. The findings are not supported by the evidence
4. Whether there is relevant and material evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the district board.

STUDENT EXPULSION APPEALS (continued)

Final Order of the County Board

The County Board shall render its final decision within three school days of the hearing unless the student requests a postponement. (Education Code 48919)

The County Board's decision shall be limited as follows: (Education Code 48923)

1. Where the County Board finds that relevant and material evidence exists which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced, or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the district governing board, the County Board may remand the matter to the governing board for reconsideration or grant a hearing *de novo*.
2. Where the County Board determines that the governing board's decision is not supported by findings required to be made by Education Code 48915, but evidence supporting such findings exists in the record of the proceedings, the County Board shall remand the matter to the District Board for adoption and inclusion of the required findings.
3. In all other cases, the County Board shall either affirm or reverse the decision of the governing board. If the County Board reverses a governing board's decision, the County Board may direct the governing board to expunge all references to the expulsion action from the district and student's records, and the expulsion shall be deemed not to have occurred.

The decision of the County Board shall be final and binding upon the student and the governing board. The student and the governing board shall be notified of the final order of the County Board, in writing, either by personal service or by certified mail. The order shall become final when rendered. (Education Code 48924)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

STUDENT EXPULSION APPEALS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1981 Enrollment of students
17292.5 Program for expelled students
35145 Public meetings
35146 Closed sessions (re suspensions)
35291 Rules (for government and discipline of schools)
35291.5 Rules and procedures on school discipline
48660-48666 Community day schools
48900-48926 Suspension and expulsion
48950 Speech and other communication
49073-49079 Privacy of student records

GOVERNMENT CODE

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54950-54962 Ralph M. Brown Act (re closed sessions)

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John A. v. San Bernardino School District (1982) 33 Cal. 3d 301, 308

Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0306.96 Expulsion Policies and Educational Placements, SPB 95/96-04

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools is committed to providing a safe learning environment and cooperating with law enforcement officials and peace officers as necessary to help ensure the safety of students, staff, and the community and in carrying out their official duties.

In accordance with standards specified in law and court decisions, law enforcement officers may interview and question students on school premises. The County Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to develop parameters under which law enforcement officers will interview students at school.

When any law enforcement official requests an interview with a student, the Program Administrator or designee shall request that the official provide verification of his/her identity and official capacity and certify the legal authority under which the interview is being conducted. If the officer refuses to provide certification of the legal authority for the interview, the Program Administrator or designee shall document such refusal and should consult with Tehama County Department of Education legal counsel, as appropriate, before allowing the interview to proceed. The Program Administrator or designee shall maintain a record of all documentation relative to law enforcement interviews of students.

If the officer needs to interview or question the student immediately, the Program Administrator or designee shall accommodate the process in a way that causes the least possible disruption for the student and school, gives the student appropriate privacy, and models exemplary cooperation with law enforcement authorities.

Except in cases of child abuse or neglect, the Program Administrator or designee shall attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as practicable after law enforcement has interviewed the student on school premises.

At law enforcement's discretion and with the student's approval, the Program Administrator or designee may be present during the interview.

If a minor student is removed from school into the custody of law enforcement, the Program Administrator or designee shall immediately notify the parent/guardian or responsible relative regarding the student's release and the place to which he/she is reportedly being taken, except when the minor has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse. (Education Code 48906)

QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT (continued)

Subpoenas

Although subpoenas may legally be served at school on students age 12 or older, the County Superintendent believes that serving officials should be strongly urged to serve subpoenas at the home of the student whenever possible. When served at school, the Program Administrator or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure a minimum of embarrassment or loss of class time for the student.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44807 *Duty concerning conduct of pupils*

48264 *Arrest of truants*

48265 *Delivery of truant*

48902 *Notice to law enforcement authorities*

48906 *Release of minor pupil to peace officers; notice to parent, guardian*

48909 *Narcotics and other hallucinogenic drugs (re arrest)*

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

416.60 *Service of summons or complaint to a minor*

PENAL CODE

830-832.17 *Peace officers*

1328 *Service of subpoena*

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

627 *Custody of minor*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

303 *Duty to remain at school*

COURT DECISIONS

People v. Lessie, (2010) 47 Cal. 4th 1152

Greene v. Camreta, (2009, 9th Cir.) 588 F.3d 1011

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34 *Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen.* 93 (1959)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>

QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

QUESTIONING OF STUDENTS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Instructions to law enforcement: In response to the decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Greene v. Camreta, the Tehama County Department of Education requests that law enforcement officials provide the information below prior to interviewing a Department student on school grounds as part of an investigation. Failure to provide this information or satisfy the criteria below may result in the Program Administrator or designee's refusal to allow the interview to proceed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please indicate, by checking the box below, the authority upon which this student interview is based:

- Parent/guardian consent
- Court order or warrant
- Exigent circumstances

_____ Name of Interviewer and Badge Number	_____ Student's Name
_____ Interviewer Signature	_____ Date of Interview
_____ Name of Agency	_____ Name of School Official Receiving Form

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools is fully committed to promoting a safe learning environment and, to the extent possible, eliminating the possession and use of weapons, illegal drugs, and other controlled substances by students on school premises and at school activities. As necessary to protect the health and welfare of students and staff, school officials may search students, their property, and/or Tehama County Department of Education property under their control and may seize illegal, unsafe, or otherwise prohibited items.

The County Superintendent urges that employees exercise discretion and good judgment. When conducting a search or seizure, employees shall act in accordance with law, Department policy, and administrative regulation.

Individual Searches

School officials may search any individual student, his/her property, or Department property under his/her control when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that he/she is violating the law, Department policy, administrative regulation, or other rules of the Department or the school. Reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific and objective facts that the search will produce evidence related to the alleged violation. The types of student property that may be searched by school officials include, but are not limited to, lockers, desks, purses, backpacks, student vehicles parked on Department property, cellular phones, or other electronic communication devices.

Any search of a student, his/her property, or Department property under his/her control shall be limited in scope and designed to produce evidence related to the alleged violation. Factors to be considered by school officials when determining the scope of the search shall include the danger to the health or safety of students or staff, such as the possession of weapons, drugs, or other dangerous instruments, and whether the item(s) to be searched by school officials are reasonably related to the contraband to be found. In addition, school officials shall consider the intrusiveness of the search in light of the student's age, gender, and the nature of the alleged violation.

Employees shall not conduct strip searches or body cavity searches of any student. (Education Code 49050)

Searches of individual students shall be conducted in the presence of at least two Department employees.

The Program Administrator or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of a student subjected to an individualized search as soon as possible after the search.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE (continued)

Searches of Multiple Student Lockers/Desks

All student lockers and desks are the property of the Department. The Program Administrator or designee may conduct a general inspection of school properties that are within the control of students, such as lockers and desks, on a regular, announced basis, with students standing by their assigned lockers or desks. Any items contained in a locker or desk shall be considered to be the property of the student to whom the locker or desk was assigned.

Use of Metal Detectors

The County Superintendent believes that the presence of weapons in the schools threatens the Department's ability to provide the safe and orderly learning environment to which Department students and staff are entitled. The County Superintendent also believes that metal detector searches offer a reasonable means to keep weapons out of the schools and mitigate the fears of students and staff.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SEARCH AND SEIZURE (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32280-32289 *School safety plans*

35160 *Authority of governing boards*

35160.1 *Broad authority of school districts*

48900-48927 *Suspension and expulsion*

49050-49051 *Searches by school employees*

49330-49334 *Injurious objects*

PENAL CODE

626.9 *Firearms*

626.10 *Dirks, daggers, knives or razor*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article I, Section 28(c) Right to Safe Schools

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999

WEB SITES

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California Attorney General's Office: <http://caag.state.ca.us>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

National Institute of Justice: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

Students**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

The County Superintendent is committed to the success of all students and believes that every school site should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status.

Department staff shall not solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members or provide assistance with immigration enforcement at department schools, except as may be required by state and federal law. (Education Code 234.7)

No student shall be denied equal rights and opportunities nor be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the department's programs and activities based on his/her immigration status. (Education Code 220, 220, 234.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians regarding their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs and their rights related to immigration enforcement. (Education Code 234.7)

Consistent with requirements of the California Office of the Attorney General, the Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for addressing any requests by a law enforcement officer for access to department records, school sites, or students for the purpose of immigration enforcement.

*Legal Reference:***EDUCATION CODE***200 Educational equity**234.1 Safe Place to Learn Act**234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status**48204.4 Evidence of residency for school enrollment**28980 Parental notifications**48985 Notices to parents in language other than English***PENAL CODE***422.55 Definition of hate crime**627.1-627.6 Access to school premises, outsiders***UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20***1232G Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act***CSBA PUBLICATIONS***Legal Guidance on Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status, February 2017*

Students**RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

Responding to Requests for Information

Unless authorized by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act pursuant to 20 USC 1232g, student information shall not be disclosed to immigration law enforcement authorities without parental consent, a court order, or judicial subpoena. The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify the parents/guardians that the department will not release student information to third parties for immigration enforcement purposes, unless the parent/guardian consents or as required to do so by a court order or judicial subpoena.

Upon receiving any verbal or written request for information related to a student's or family's immigration or citizenship status, department staff shall:

1. Notify the Superintendent or designee about the information request.
2. Provide students and families with appropriate notice and a description of the immigration officer's request.
3. Document any request for information by immigration authorities.
4. Provide students and parents/guardians with any documents provided by the immigration enforcement officer, unless such disclosure is prohibited by a subpoena served on the department or in cases involving investigations of child abuse, neglect, or dependency.

Resources and data collected by the department shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on national origin, immigration status, religion, or other category of individual characteristics protected against unlawful discrimination. (Government Code 8310.3)

Responding to Requests for Access to Students of School Grounds

Department staff shall receive parent/guardian consent before a student is interviewed or searched by any officer seeking to enforce civil immigration laws at the school, unless the officer presents a valid, effective warrant signed by a judge or a valid, effective court order. A student's parent/guardian shall be immediately notified if a law enforcement officer requests or gains access to the student for immigration enforcement purposes, unless the judicial warrant or subpoena restricts disclosure to the parent/guardian.

All visitors and outsiders, including immigration enforcement officers, shall register with the front office upon entering school grounds during school hours. Each visitor or outsider shall provide staff with his/her name, address, occupation, age if less than 21, purpose in entering school grounds, proof of identity, and any other information required by law. (Penal Code 627.2, 627.7)

FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION

1. The process of educating students for responsible citizenship in a democratic society requires reasonable opportunity for them to exercise the rights of freedom of speech and expression in the context of the public school environment.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the exercise of these rights with due regard to the rights of others and the need for reasonable restrictions in the operation of classes by the Tehama County Department of Education.

In order to provide this experience for students within the framework of Education Code 48916, the County Board establishes the following policies.

2. Students have the right to exercise freedom of speech and of the press including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, and the wearing of buttons, badges, and other insignia, and the right of expression in official publications.
 - a. Circulation of petitions, circulars, newspapers, and other printed matter - students shall be allowed to distribute petitions, circulars, leaflets, newspapers, and other printed matter subject to the following specific limitations.
 - (1) Time - The time of distribution shall be limited to the hours before school begins, during the lunch hour, and after school is dismissed.
 - (2) Manner - The manner of distribution shall be such that:
 - (a) Coercion is not used to induce students to accept the printed matter or to sign petitions.
 - (b) Funds or donations are not collected for the material distributed.
 - (c) Materials are not left undistributed or stacked for pickup while unattended at any place in the school or on school grounds.
 - b. Buttons, Badges, And Other Insignia Of Symbolic Expression - Students will be permitted to wear buttons, badges, and other insignia as a form of expression, subject to the prohibitions set forth in paragraph 3, a, b, c, d, and e.
 - c. Bulletin Boards - Students may use a bulletin board for use in posting student materials on campus, subject to the prohibitions set forth in paragraph 3, a, b, c, d, and e.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION (continued)

- d. Student Publications - Student editors of official publications (material produced by students in the journalism, newspaper, yearbook, or writing class and distributed to the student body either free or for a fee) shall be responsible for assigning and editing publications' content subject to the prohibitions set forth in paragraph 3, a, b, c, d, and e.

However, it shall be the advisor's or teacher's responsibility to maintain professional standards of English and journalism and to maintain the provisions of this section.

3. In the exercise of the student rights described above, no student shall distribute materials, wear buttons or other displays nor post notices or other materials which:
 - a. Are obscene to minors according to current legal definitions.
 - b. Are libelous or slanderous according to current legal definitions.
 - c. Incite students so as to create a clear and present danger of the imminent commission of unlawful acts on school premises or of the violation of lawful school regulations or of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
 - d. Express or advocate racial, ethnic, or religious prejudice so as to create a clear and present danger of imminent commission of unlawful acts on school premises or of the violation of lawful school regulations or of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.
 - e. Are distributed in violation of the time, place and manner requirements.
4. There shall be no prior restraint of materials prepared for official school publications except insofar as violates this section.
5. School officials shall show justification within 24 hours for any limitation of student expression.

Students may appeal a decision concerning this policy to the administration and to the County Superintendent.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48907 *Exercise of free expression; rules and regulations*

48950 *Speech and other communication*

51520 *Prohibited solicitations on school premises*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

4071-4074 *Equal Access Act*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 2 *Freedom of speech and expression*

U.S. CONSTITUTION

Amendment 1 *Freedom of speech and expression*

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WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools desires to ensure equal opportunities for all students in admission and access to the Tehama County Department of Education's educational programs, guidance and counseling programs, athletic programs, testing procedures, and other activities. Department programs and activities shall be free from discrimination, including harassment, with respect to a student's actual or perceived sex, gender, ethnic group identification, race, national origin, religion, color, physical or mental disability, age, or sexual orientation.

The County Superintendent prohibits discrimination, intimidation, or harassment of any student by any employee, student, or other person in the Department. Prohibited harassment includes physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on one of the categories listed above that is so severe and pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects the student's educational opportunities.

School staff and volunteers shall carefully guard against segregation, bias, and stereotyping in the delivery of services, including, but not limited to, instruction, guidance, and supervision.

The Program Administrator or designee shall develop a plan to provide students with appropriate accommodations when necessary for their protection from threatened or potentially harassing or discriminatory behavior.

Students who engage in discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation in violation of law, Department policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate discipline, up to and including counseling, suspension, and/or expulsion. Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Grievance Procedures

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the student handbook clearly describes the Department's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint regarding discrimination or harassment, intimidation or bullying, and the resources that are available to students who feel that they have been the victim of such behavior. The Department's policy may also be posted on the Department website or any other location that is easily accessible to students.

NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination*
48900.3 *Suspension or expulsion for act of hate violence*
48900.4 *Suspension or expulsion for threats or harassment*
48904 *Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct*
48907 *Student exercise of free expression*
48950 *Freedom of speech*
49020-49023 *Athletic programs*
51500 *Prohibited instruction or activity*
51501 *Prohibited means of instruction*
60044 *Prohibited instructional materials*

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 *Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor*

PENAL CODE

422.55 *Definition of hate crime*
422.6 *Crimes, harassment*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4687 *Uniform Complaint Procedures*
4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000e-17 *Title VI and Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended*
2000h-2-2000h-6 *Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.3 *Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin*
104.7 *Designation of responsible employee for Section 504*
106.8 *Designation of responsible employee for Title IX*
106.9 *Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex*

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NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT (continued)

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Public Schools and Sexual Orientation: A First Amendment Framework for Finding Common Ground, 2006

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

Dealing with Legal Matters Surrounding Students' Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, 2004

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Notice of Non-Discrimination, January 1999

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California Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

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

First Amendment Center: <http://www.firstamendment.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

Students

SP 5145.6(a)

PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes that notifications are essential to effective communication between the school and the home. The County Superintendent or designee shall send students and parents/guardians all notifications required by law, including notifications about their legal rights, and any other notifications he/she believes will promote parental understanding and involvement.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

- 221.5 Prohibited sex discrimination*
- 231.5 Sexual harassment policy*
- 262.3 Appeals; information re: availability of civil remedies*
- 310 Structured English Immersion Program*
- 17288 Pupils: school buildings*
- 17612 Notification of pesticide use*
- 32255-32255.6 Right to refuse harmful or destructive use of animals*
- 32390 Fingerprint program; contracts; funding; consent of parent/guardian*
- 35178.4 Notice of accreditation status*
- 35183 School dress codes; uniforms*
- 35186 Complaints concerning deficiencies in instructional materials and facilities*
- 35256 School accountability report card*
- 35291 Rules*
- 37616 Consultation*
- 39831.5 School bus rider rules and information*
- 44808.5 Permission to leave school grounds*
- 46010.1 Notice re: excuse to obtain confidential medical services*
- 46014 Regulations regarding absences for religious purposes*
- 46600-46611 Interdistrict attendance agreements especially:*
- 46601 Failure to approve interdistrict attendance*
- 48000 Minimum age of admission*
- 48070.5 Promotion or retention of students*
- 48205 Absence for personal reasons*
- 48206.3 Pupils with temporary disabilities; individual instruction; definitions*
- 48207 Pupils with temporary disabilities in hospitals outside of school district*
- 48208 Students with temporary disabilities in qualifying hospitals*
- 48216 Immunization*
- 48260.5 Notice to parent re truancy*
- 48263 Referral to SARB or probation department*
- 48432.5 Involuntary transfers of pupils*
- 48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful pupil misconduct*
- 48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts*
- 48906 Notification of release of pupil to peace officer*
- 48911 Notification in case of suspension*
- 48912 Closed sessions; consideration of suspension*
- 48915.1 Expelled individuals: enrollment in another district*
- 48916 Readmission procedures*
- 48918 Rules governing expulsion procedures*
- 48980 Required notification at beginning of term*
- 48980.3 Notification of pesticide use*
- 48981 Time and means of notification*

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

EDUCATION CODE (continued)

- 48982 Signature; return to school; effect of signature
- 48983 Contents of notice
- 48984 Activities prohibited unless notice given
- 48985 Notices to parents in language other than English
- 48987 Child abuse information
- 49063 Notification of parents of their rights
- 49067 Regulations regarding pupil's achievement
- 49068 Transfer of permanent enrollment and scholarship record
- 49069 Absolute right to access
- 49070 Challenging content of records
- 49073 Release of directory information
- 49076 Access to student records
- 49077 Access to information concerning a student in compliance with court order
- 49091.14 Prospectus
- 49302 Parental consent
- 49332 Notifications of retention of object by school personnel; release
- 49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization
- 49423 Administration of prescribed medication for pupil
- 49451 Physical examinations: parent's refusal to consent
- 49452.5 Screening for scoliosis
- 49452.7 Information on type 2 diabetes
- 49456 Report to parent
- 49472 Medical and hospital services for pupils
- 49480 Continuing medication regimen for nonepisodic conditions
- 49510-49520 Duffy-Moscone Family Nutrition Education and Services Act of 1970
- 51229 Course of study for grades 7-12
- 51513 Personal beliefs
- 51938 Right of parent/guardian notice HIV/AIDS and sexual health instruction
- 52164.1 Census-taking methods; determination of primary language; assessment of language skills
- 52164.3 Notice of reassessment of language skills
- 52173 Consultation with parents or guardians; notice to parents or guardians; withdrawal of pupil
- 52244 Advanced Placement Program
- 54444.2 Migrant education programs; parent involvement
- 56301 Child-find system; policies re: written notification rights
- 56321 Special education: proposed assessment plan
- 56321.5-56321.6 Notice of parent rights pertaining to special education
- 56329 Written notice of right to findings; independent assessment
- 56341 Individualized education program team
- 56341.1 Development of individualized education program; right to audio record meeting
- 56341.5 Individualized education program team meetings

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

EDUCATION CODE (continued)

56343.5 IEP meetings

56346 Parental notice and consent to special education program

58501 Alternative schools: notice required prior to establishment

60641 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

60850 High School Exit Examination

66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.857 Right to enter child care facility

120365 Immunizations

120370 Immunizations

120375 Immunizations

120440 Sharing immunization information

124085 Certificate of receipt; health screening and evaluation services; waiver by parent/guardian

124100 School districts and private schools; information to parents

PENAL CODE

627.5 Hearing request following denial or revocation of registration

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

18976.5 Parental notice; right of refusal to participate

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

863 Standardized Testing and Reporting Program

3052 Behavioral intervention

3831 General standards (Gifted and Talented Program)

4622 Notice requirements and recipients

4631 Responsibilities of the local agency

11303 Reclassification of English language learners

11309 Parental exception waivers

11523 Notice of proficiency examinations

18066 Policies and procedures absences for child care

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act

1415 Procedural safeguards

1681-1688 Title IX, discrimination based on sex or blindness

6311 State plans

6312 Local education agency plans

6316 Academic assessment and local education agency school improvement

6318 Parental involvement

7908 Armed forces recruiter access to students

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d -2000d-7, Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

Legal Reference continued: (see next page)

PARENTAL NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.7 *Student records, annual notification*

99.34 *Student records, disclosure to other educational agencies*

104.36 *Procedural safeguards*

106.9 *Dissemination of policy, nondiscrimination on basis of sex*

300.345 *Parent participation*

300.502 *Independent educational evaluation*

300.503 *Prior written notice*

300.505 *Parental consent*

300.507 *Parent notice due process hearing*

300.523 *Manifestation determination review*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.84 *Asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response actions*

763.93 *Asbestos management plans*

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools is committed to maintaining an educational environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The County Superintendent prohibits sexual harassment of students by other students, employees, or other persons, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities. The County Superintendent also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against persons who complain, testify, assist, or otherwise participate in Tehama County Department of Education complaint processes.

Complaint Process

Any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed by a school employee, another student, or a non-employee on school grounds or at a school-related activity (e.g., a visiting athlete or coach) shall immediately contact his/her teacher or any other employee. An employee who receives such a complaint shall report it in accordance with administrative regulation.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any complaints regarding sexual harassment are immediately investigated in accordance with administrative regulation. When the County Superintendent or designee has determined that harassment has occurred, he/she shall take prompt, appropriate action to end the harassment and to address its effects on the victim.

Disciplinary Actions

Any student who engages in sexual harassment of anyone at school or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity is in violation of this policy and 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.

Confidentiality and Record-Keeping

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential except as necessary to carry out the investigation or take other subsequent necessary action. (5 CCR 4964)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

SEXUAL HARASSMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex*

48900 *Grounds for suspension or expulsion*

48900.2 *Additional grounds for suspension or expulsion; sexual harassment*

48904 *Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct*

48980 *Notice at beginning of term*

CIVIL CODE

51.9 *Liability for sexual harassment; business, service and professional relationships*

1714.1 *Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor*

GOVERNMENT CODE

12950.1 *Sexual harassment training*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4687 *Uniform Complaint Procedures*

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 *Title IX, discrimination*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1983 *Civil action for deprivation of rights*

2000d-2000d-7 *Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964*

2000e-2000e-17 *Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.1-106.71 *Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs*

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DROPOUT PREVENTION

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes that regular school attendance is critical to student learning and achievement. The County Superintendent desires to provide a learning environment that engages students, helps them become self-motivated, encourages regular attendance, and enables them to meet Tehama County Department of Education standards and to graduate.

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to identify and serve students at all grade levels who are at risk of dropping out of school. Students may be identified on the basis of indicators such as frequent absenteeism, truancy, or tardiness; below-grade-level achievement; or personal, social, health, or economic concerns that may make a student more likely to drop out of school.

The school site council at each school shall develop a comprehensive school plan for student retention in accordance with law, Department policy, and administrative regulation. The plan shall be designed to help reduce student absenteeism and dropout rates and to improve student achievement.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35160 Authority of governing board
- 41505-41508 Pupil Retention Block Grant
- 48400-48403 Compulsory continuation education
- 48430-48438 Continuation education
- 48660-48667 Community day schools
- 51745-51749.3 Independent study
- 52300-52334 Regional Occupational Centers
- 52890 Qualifications and duties of outreach consultants
- 54690-54697 Partnership academies
- 64000-64001 Single plan for student achievement

REPEALED EDUCATION CODE FOR CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS

- 52014 Inclusion of activities in plan
- 52015 Components of plan
- 52900-52904 Alternative education and work centers for school dropouts
- 54660-54669 Elementary and Secondary School Dropout Prevention Act
- 54720-54735 School-based pupil motivation and maintenance program
- 58550-58562 Educational clinics

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 6301-6322 Title I programs

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
- California Dropout Prevention Network: <http://www.edualliance.org/cdpn>
- National Dropout Prevention Center: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org>

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

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

The County Superintendent or designee shall monitor student participation rates and shall identify measures that shall be used to determine program effectiveness, such as outcome-based data on academic performance, attendance, and positive behavioral changes.

The County Superintendent has established a variety of child care and development programs to serve children 0-14 years of age. These programs may be offered by the county office, school districts and other local providers such as family child care providers with the approval by the County Superintendent.

The Department desires to provide child care and development services on or near school campuses that meet the developmental needs of children and offer a convenient child care alternative for parents/guardians in the community. The County Superintendent anticipates that these services will also generate increased parental and community involvement in the schools.

The County Superintendent or designee shall work cooperatively with the Local Child Care Planning Council/ public and private agencies, parents/guardians and other community members to assess child care needs in the community, establish program priorities, obtain ongoing feedback on program quality and inform parents/guardians about child care options.

The Department's child care and development services shall be designed to support the cognitive, physical, social and emotional development of children in a safe, healthy environment. Activities and services shall be age and developmentally appropriate and shall consider the cultural, linguistic, economic and other special needs of children and families being served. The program shall be consistent with the Department's regular educational program and shall provide access to essential support services.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that individuals working in child care and development programs have the necessary qualifications and have satisfied all legal requirements as specified in County Superintendent policy.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (continued)

The County Superintendent or designee shall identify locations in both current and future facilities where child care programs might be placed without adverse impact on the Department or school Department instructional program.

The Department shall work with school districts to provide child care and development programs on school sites that correspond with school district calendars.

The Department shall work with child care providers, private and public agencies, and community members to provide child care and development services at various locations within the community.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that subsidized child care is provided to eligible families to the extent that state and/or federal funding is available and shall establish priorities in accordance with law.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8263 *Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services*
8350-8359.1 *Programs for CalWORKS recipients*
8420-8428 *21st Century After-School Program for Teens*
8482-8484.6 *After School Education and Safety Program*
8484.7-8484.9 *21st Century Community Learning Centers*
17264 *New construction; accommodation of before- and after-school programs*
35021.3 *After-school physical recreation instructors*
45125 *Criminal record check*
49430-49436 *Nutrition standards*
49553 *Free or reduced-price meals*
69530-69547.9 *Cal Grant program*
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6314 *Title I schoolwide programs*
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7171-7176 *21st Century community learning centers*

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Council of Chief State School Officers: <http://www.ccsso.org>
National School Boards Association, *Extended-Day Learning Opportunities Program:*
<http://www.nsba.org/edlo>

PRESCHOOL/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Tehama County Superintendent of Schools recognizes that high-quality preschool experiences for children ages 3-4 years help them develop knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to be successful in school and provide for a smooth transition into the elementary education program. Such programs should provide developmentally appropriate activities in a safe, well-supervised, cognitively rich environment.

Collaboration with Community Programs

The County Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and private preschool providers to assess the availability of preschool programs in the community and the extent to which the community's preschool needs are being met. The County Superintendent encourages the development of a community-wide plan to increase children's access to high-quality preschool programs.

Information about preschool options in the community shall be provided to parents/guardians upon request.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish partnerships with feeder preschools to facilitate articulation of the preschool curriculum with the Tehama County Department of Education's elementary education program.

Department Preschool Programs

When the County Superintendent determines that it is feasible, the Department may provide preschool services in facilities at or near Department schools.

The County Superintendent shall set priorities for establishing or expanding services as resources become available. In so doing, the County Superintendent shall give consideration to the benefits of providing early education programs for at-risk children and/or children residing in the attendance areas of the lowest performing Department schools.

On a case-by-case basis, the County Superintendent shall determine whether the Department shall directly administer preschool programs or contract with public or private providers to offer such programs.

To enable children of working parents/guardians to participate in the Department's preschool program, the County Superintendent or designee shall recommend strategies to provide a full-day program and/or to link to other full-day child care programs in the Department or community to the extent possible.

Because parents/guardians are essential partners in supporting the development of their children, the County Superintendent or designee shall involve them in program planning. Program staff shall encourage volunteerism in the program and shall communicate frequently with parents/guardians of enrolled children regarding their child's progress.

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The Department's program shall be aligned with preschool learning foundations published by the California Department of Education which identify the knowledge, skills, and competencies that children typically attain as they complete their first or second year of preschool. Program components shall address social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development in key areas that are necessary for kindergarten readiness.

The Department's preschool program shall provide appropriate services to support the needs of English language learners and children with disabilities.

To maximize the ability of children to succeed in the preschool program, program staff shall support children's health through proper nutrition and physical activity and shall provide or make referrals to health and social services.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals in Department preschool programs possess the appropriate permit(s) issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, meet any additional qualifications established by the County Superintendent, and participate in professional development opportunities designed to continually enhance their knowledge and skills.

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement an annual plan of evaluation which conforms to state requirements. (5 CCR 18279)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8200-8499.10 *Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:*
8200-8209 *General provisions for child care and development services*
8230-8233 *Migrant child care and development program*
8235-8239 *California state preschool program*
8250-8252 *Programs for children with special needs*
8263 *Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services*
8300-8303 *Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee*
8360-8370 *Personnel qualifications*
8400-8409 *Contracts*
8493-8498 *Facilities*
8499.3-8499.7 *Local child care and development planning councils*
54740-54749 *Cal-SAFE program for pregnant/parenting students and their children*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.70-1596.895 *California Child Day Care Act*
1596.90-1597.21 *Day care centers*
120325-120380 *Immunization requirements*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

18000-18434 *Child care and development programs*
80105-80125 *Permits authorizing service in child development programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311-6322 *Title I, relative to preschool*
6319 *Qualifications for teachers and paraprofessionals*
6371-6376 *Early Reading First*
6381-6381k *Even Start family literacy programs*
6391-6399 *Education of migratory children*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

9831-9852 *Head Start programs*
9858-9858q *Child Care and Development Block Grant*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

101151-101239.2 *General requirements, licensed child care centers, including:*
101151-101163 *Licensing and application procedures*
101212-101231 *Continuing requirements*
101237-101239.2 *Facilities and equipment*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

1301-1310 *Head Start*

Management Resources: (see next page)

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Programs: A Resource and Policy Guide for School Leaders, 2005

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 1, 2008

Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning, 2007

Prekindergarten Learning Development Guidelines, 2000

First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BULLETINS

08-13 California State Preschool Program, November 2008

01-06 The Desired Results for Children and Families System, May 31, 2001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Good Start, Grow Smart, April 2002

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.caeyc.org>

California Children and Families Commission: <http://www.cafc.ca.gov>

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

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

California Head Start Association: <http://caheadstart.org>

California Preschool Instructional Network: <http://www.cpin.us>

Child Development Policy Institute: <http://www.cdpi.net>

Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>

First 5 Association of California: <http://www.f5ac.org>

National Institute for Early Education Research: <http://nieer.org>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>

Preschool California: <http://www.preschoolcalifornia.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>