



Flournoy Union  
Elementary School District

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**PUBLIC HEARING BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Mission of Flournoy Elementary School is to provide academic excellence, responsible citizens, and a lifelong desire for learning in a safe environment.

DATE: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at **6:15 p.m.**  
TYPE: Regular Board Meeting  
LOCATION: Flournoy Elementary School; 15850 Paskenta Rd, Flournoy, CA 96029  
POSTED: 12/07/2018 Flournoy School, Flournoy Store and Paskenta Store

1. **PUBLIC MEETING CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER** \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**Roll call**

Lindsey Belter \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Bjornestad-Tobin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Calfee \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Meredith \_\_\_\_\_  
Sara Valoroso \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA**

**Comments on Closed Session Agenda Items, (below).** Any person wishing to speak to any item on the Closed Session Agenda will be granted three minutes to make a presentation.

**Comments from the Floor:** At this time, any person wishing to speak to any item not on the Agenda will be granted three minutes to make a presentation. No action may be taken at this meeting on items addressed during these comments.

**Comments on Agenda Items:** At this time, any person wishing to speak to any item on the Agenda will be granted three minutes to make a presentation.

2. **CLOSED SESSION** None

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Motion/Second Aye/Noes /Abstain

3. **PUBLIC SESSION - REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Recognize staff present:**

Lane Bates, Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_  
Rachel Davis, Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Melinda Flournoy, Business Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Taylor, Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Cody Weston, Custodian \_\_\_\_\_  
Mei Vance, Instructional Aide \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Murphy, Instructional Aide \_\_\_\_\_

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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Motion/Second   Ayes/Noes   /Abstain

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF:**

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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Motion/Second   Ayes/Noes   /Abstain

7. **COMMENTS**

- A. From members of the Board of Education
- B. From the Superintendent and Business Manager
- C. From the Staff/Teachers

8. **GENERAL FUNCTION CONSENT ITEMS**      (Attachments)

- A. Bills and warrants for **November**
- B. MOUs/Agreements:    None

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**      (Attachments)

- 1. Discuss and approve Appointing to fill the board seats vacated by Mark Calfee and Andrew Meredith effective December 2018  
Candidates: Tyson Carter and Laurie Carter

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

- 2. Discuss and approve the Annual Organizational meetings of the FUESD Board of Trustees: Election of Board Officers

a. Board President

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

b. Board Clerk

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

c. Authorized Signatures

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

- 3. Approve the 2018-19 First Interim Report

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

- 4. Discussion Only Annual Report of Developer Fees

- 5. Approve the 2018/19 School Wellness Policy

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

- 6. Approve the Tehama County Plan for the Education of Expelled and At-Risk Students

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

- 7. Consider approval of Form J-13A - Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

8. Consider approval of the following Updated Board Policies:

- AR 3320 Claims and Actions Against the District
- AR 3460 Financial Reports and Accountability
- BP/AR 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process
- BP 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten
- BB 9110 Terms of Office
- BB 9270 Conflict of Interest

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Motion/Second   Aye/Noes   /Abstain

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Tuesday, December 11 - Boys/Girls Basketball game @ Bend Elementary School
- B. Thursday, December 13 - Boy/Girls Basketball game @ Kirkwood Elementary School
- C. Thursday, December 20 - Flourney School Christmas Performance
- D. December 24 - January 4th - Winter Break

11. **DISCUSSION ON NEXT BOARD MEETING**

- A. Next meeting date: **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.**
- B. Possible items for action/discussion
  - Updated Policies
  - Williams Quarterly Report

12. **FURTHER COMMENTS**

- A. From members of the Board of Education
- B. From the Superintendent

Adjournment at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.



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**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
FLOURNOY UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.  
**TYPE OF MEETING:** Regular Board Meeting  
**PLACE:** Flournoy Elementary School; 15850 Paskenta Road, Flournoy, CA 96029  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lindsey Belter, Cathy Bjornestad-Tobin, Mark Calfee  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sara Valoroso, Andrew Meredith  
**RECOGNIZED STAFF:** Lane Bates, Melinda Flournoy

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Board Clerk Lindsey Belter called meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

2. Closed Session None

3. Public comment pertaining to agenda None

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Clerk Lindsey Belter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Adoption of Agenda

On motion by Mark Calfee and second by Cathy Bjornestad-Tobin, the agenda was approved. Aye: 3

6. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of: October 9, 2018

On motion by Cathy Bjornestad-Tobin and second by Mark Calfee, the agenda was approved. Aye: 3

7. Comments:

- A. From members of the Board of Education: None
- B. From the Superintendent: None
- C. From the Staff/Teachers: None

8. Donations and Gifts to the District: None

9. General Function Consent Items:

On Motion by Cathy Bjornestad-Tobin and second by Mark Calfee, the monthly bills, warrants and Agreements and MOU's were approved. Aye:3



10. Discussion/Action Items – New Business

- A. Discussion regarding LCFF/LCAP Dashboard Review
- B. Consider approval of the following Updated Board Policies:
  - BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
  - BP/AR 3514 Environmental Safety
  - BP 3514.1 Hazardous Substances
  - BP/AR 3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan
  - BP/AR 4158/4258/4358 Employee Security
  - BP/AR 4161.9/4261.9/4361.9 Catastrophic Leave Program
  - BP/AR 5111 Admission
  - BP/AR 5111.1 District Residency
  - BP/AR 5125 Student Records
  - AR/E 5125.1 Release of Directory Information
  - BP 5131.2 Bullying
  - BP/AR 5145.13 Response to Immigration Enforcement
  - BP/AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment
  - BP 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior
  - *BP 6161.3 Toxic Art Supplies (Deleted)*

On motion by Mark Calfee and second by Cathy Bjornestad-Tobin the Board approved the Updated Board Policies.  
Aye: 3

11. Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Natalie Cisneros our Elks Lodge Student of the Month for November.:
- B. Tuesday, November 13 - Boys/Girls Basketball game @ Gerber Elementary School
- C. Thursday, November 15 - Boy/Girls Basketball game @ Sacred Heart Elementary School
- D. Friday, November 16 - Agribee Spelling Bee (CANCELED)
- E. November 19-23 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- F. Thursday, November 29 - Boys/Girls Basketball game @ Reeds Creek Elementary School
- G. Wednesday, December 5 - Boys/Girls Basketball game @ Richfield Elementary School

12. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. on motion by Lindsey Belter

## Checks Dated 11/01/2018 through 11/30/2018

Check Number	Check Date	Pay to the Order of	FD-OBJT	Comment	Expensed Amount	Check Amount
40174304	11/01/2018	AT&T/Calnet	01-5901	Phone Bill		79.70
40174305	11/01/2018	Basic Laboratory, Inc.	01-5502	Drinking Water Monitoring		72.00
40174306	11/01/2018	California Safety Company	01-5507	Monthly Central Station Monitoring		50.00
40174307	11/01/2018	Christy White Associates	01-5802	2017-18 District Audit		2,655.00
40174308	11/01/2018	Coastal Business Systems Inc.	01-5600	Copter Lease		176.07
40174309	11/01/2018	Corning Ace Hardware	01-4400	Air Filters	19.90	
			01-5600	Hose, paint roller kit, Flex seal	85.07	
40174310	11/01/2018	J.M. Distributing Dairy Prod.	13-4700	Milk for Lunches		104.97
40174311	11/01/2018	LV.NET LLC	01-5903	Internet Access Point to Point		220.67
40174312	11/01/2018	Pacific Gas & Electric Co	01-5503	Electric Bill		2,121.80
40174313	11/01/2018	Tehama Co Dept of Education	01-5800	1st Qtr. Lan Support		1,104.75
40174314	11/01/2018	US Bank	01-4300	Multiple	325.18	
			01-4400	Multiple	77.70	
			13-4300	Multiple		1,019.80
40174315	11/01/2018	WAXIE Sanitary Supply	01-4300	Maint. Supplies	616.92	
						681.81
					12	8,709.07

Total Number of Checks

## Fund Recap

Fund	Description	Check Count	Expensed Amount
01	GENERAL	11	7,871.48
13	CAFETERIA SPEC REV	2	837.59
	Total Number of Checks	12	8,709.07
	Less Unpaid Tax Liability		.00
	Net (Check Amount)		8,709.07

The preceding Checks have been issued in accordance with the District's Policy and authorization of the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the preceding Checks be approved.

8.A

**COMPARISON - Unrestricted Revenues**

		<b><i>Budget</i></b>		<b><i>1st Interim</i></b>	<b><i>Difference</i></b>
LCFF Sources	\$	295,634.00	\$	295,950.00	\$ 316.00
Federal Revenue	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other State Revenue	\$	7,878.00	\$	10,371.00	\$ 2,493.00
Other Local Revenue	\$	5,824.00	\$	21,824.00	\$ 16,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>309,336.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>328,145.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,809.00</b>

**COMPARISON - Unrestricted Expenditures**

Certificated Salaries	\$	71,984.00	\$	71,984.00	\$ -
Classified Salaries	\$	67,376.00	\$	64,397.00	\$ 2,979.00
Employee Benefits	\$	51,876.00	\$	43,042.00	\$ 8,834.00
Books & Supplies	\$	13,898.00	\$	14,525.00	\$ (627.00)
Services	\$	121,564.00	\$	134,729.00	\$ (13,165.00)
Capital Outlay	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other Outgo/Transfers of Indirect Costs	\$	6,986.00	\$	6,986.00	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>333,684.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>335,663.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,979.00)</b>

**COMPARISON - Fund Balance, Reserves**

Beginning Fund Balance	\$	351,448.00
Ending Fund Balance	\$	322,907.00
Net Increase (Decrease) In Fund Balance	\$	(28,541.00)
Prepaid Expenses	\$	-
Revolving Cash	\$	1,000.00
Reserve for Economic Uncertainties	\$	67,000.00
Other Assignments	\$	254,907.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>322,907.00</b>

Description	Resource Codes	Object Codes	Original Budget (A)	Board Approved Operating Budget (B)	Actuals To Date (C)	Projected Year Totals (D)	Difference (Col B & D) (E)	% Diff (E/B) (F)
<b>A. REVENUES</b>								
1) LCFF Sources		8010-8099	295,634.00	295,634.00	122,915.20	295,950.00	316.00	0.1%
2) Federal Revenue		8100-8299	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
3) Other State Revenue		8300-8599	7,878.00	7,878.00	(609.49)	10,371.00	2,493.00	31.6%
4) Other Local Revenue		8600-8799	5,824.00	5,824.00	20,948.05	21,824.00	16,000.00	274.7%
5) TOTAL, REVENUES			309,336.00	309,336.00	143,253.76	328,145.00		
<b>B. EXPENDITURES</b>								
1) Certificated Salaries		1000-1999	71,984.00	71,984.00	19,729.01	71,984.00	0.00	0.0%
2) Classified Salaries		2000-2999	67,376.00	67,376.00	19,515.19	64,397.00	2,979.00	4.4%
3) Employee Benefits		3000-3999	51,876.00	51,876.00	12,198.47	43,042.00	8,834.00	17.0%
4) Books and Supplies		4000-4999	13,898.00	13,898.00	6,874.80	14,525.00	(627.00)	-4.5%
5) Services and Other Operating Expenditures		5000-5999	121,564.00	121,564.00	26,421.97	134,729.00	(13,165.00)	-10.8%
6) Capital Outlay		6000-6999	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
7) Other Outgo (excluding Transfers of Indirect Costs)		7100-7299						
		7400-7499	6,986.00	6,986.00	0.00	6,986.00	0.00	0.0%
8) Other Outgo - Transfers of Indirect Costs		7300-7399	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
9) TOTAL, EXPENDITURES			333,684.00	333,684.00	84,739.44	335,663.00		
<b>C. EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES (A5 - B9)</b>			(24,348.00)	(24,348.00)	58,514.32	(7,518.00)		
<b>D. OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES</b>								
1) Interfund Transfers								
a) Transfers In		8900-8929	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
b) Transfers Out		7600-7629	10,375.00	10,375.00	0.00	10,375.00	0.00	0.0%
2) Other Sources/Uses								
a) Sources		8930-8979	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
b) Uses		7630-7699	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
3) Contributions		8980-8999	(9,568.00)	(9,568.00)	0.00	(10,648.00)	(1,080.00)	11.3%
4) TOTAL, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/USES			(19,943.00)	(19,943.00)	0.00	(21,023.00)		

Description	Resource Codes	Object Codes	Original Budget (A)	Board Approved Operating Budget (B)	Actuals To Date (C)	Projected Year Totals (D)	Difference (Col B & D) (E)	% Diff (E/B) (F)
<b>E. NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE (C + D4)</b>			(44,291.00)	(44,291.00)	58,514.32	(28,541.00)		
<b>F. FUND BALANCE, RESERVES</b>								
1) Beginning Fund Balance								
a) As of July 1 - Unaudited		9791	330,165.00	330,165.00		351,448.00	21,283.00	6.4%
b) Audit Adjustments		9793	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.0%
c) As of July 1 - Audited (F1a + F1b)			330,165.00	330,165.00		351,448.00		
d) Other Restatements		9795	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.0%
e) Adjusted Beginning Balance (F1c + F1d)			330,165.00	330,165.00		351,448.00		
2) Ending Balance, June 30 (E + F1e)			285,874.00	285,874.00		322,907.00		
Components of Ending Fund Balance								
a) Nonspendable								
Revolving Cash		9711	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00		
Stores		9712	0.00	0.00		0.00		
Prepaid Items		9713	0.00	0.00		0.00		
All Others		9719	0.00	0.00		0.00		
b) Restricted		9740	0.00	0.00		0.00		
c) Committed								
Stabilization Arrangements		9750	0.00	0.00		0.00		
Other Commitments		9760	0.00	0.00		0.00		
d) Assigned								
Other Assignments		9780	217,874.00	217,874.00		254,907.00		
e) Unassigned/Unappropriated								
Reserve for Economic Uncertainties		9789	67,000.00	67,000.00		67,000.00		
Unassigned/Unappropriated Amount		9790	0.00	0.00		0.00		

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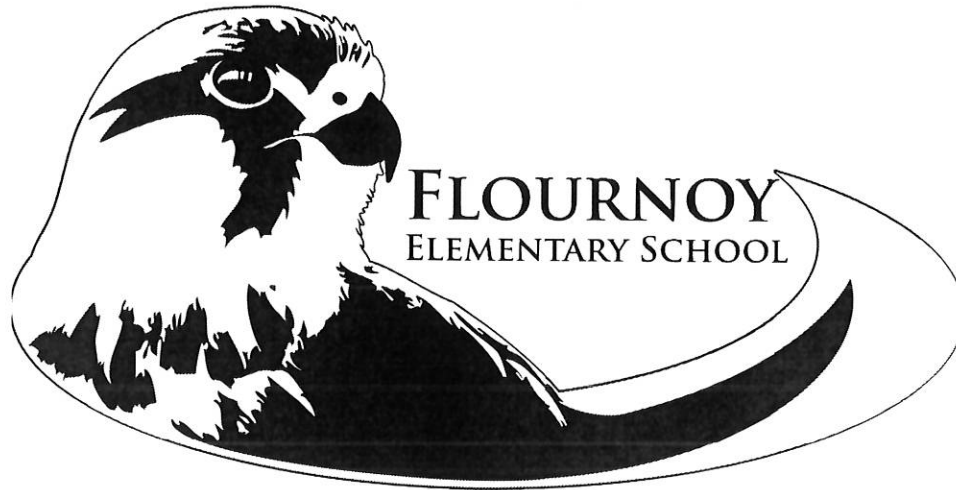
**Flourney Union Elementary School District**  
**Annual Developer Fee Report**  
**Fiscal Year 2017-18**

<b>OBJECT CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
9791	Cash Balance 6/30/17	79,920.03
	<b>ADJUSTED BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$79,920.03</b>
	<b>REVENUE AND TRANSFERS IN</b>	
8660	Interest	\$1,106.11
8681	Mitigation/Developer Fees	3,858.10
8919	Transfers In from Other Funds	0.00
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND TRANSFERS IN</b>	<b>\$4,964.21</b>
	<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE, REVENUE AND TRANSFERS IN</b>	<b>\$84,884.24</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	
5800	Services (Architect, inspection fees, consultants, etc)	0.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$84,884.24</b>

## Balances through June (12)

Fiscal Year 2017/18

FD, RESR, Y, GOAL, FUNC, OBJT, SCH, STF, LCL	Description	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Debit	Credit	Account Balance
Fund 25 - CAPITAL FACILIT						
25- 0000- 0- - - 9791-	UNRESTRICT, BEGINNING BAL	79,694.00	79,920.00		79,920.03	79,920.03
	Total for Starting Balance Accounts and Object 9791	79,694.00	79,920.00	.00	79,920.03	79,920.03
FD, RESR, Y, GOAL, FUNC, OBJT, SCH, STF, LCL						
25- 0000- 0- 0000- 0000- 8660- 260- 000- 000	UNRESTRICT, INTEREST	600.00	600.00		1,106.11	506.11-
	Total for Object 8660	600.00	600.00		1,106.11	506.11-
25- 0000- 0- 0000- 0000- 8681- 260- 000- 000	UNRESTRICT, MITIGATION/DE				3,858.10	3,858.10-
	Total for Object 8681	.00	.00		3,858.10	3,858.10-
	Total for Revenue Accounts	600.00	600.00		4,964.21	4,364.21-
FD, RESR, Y, GOAL, FUNC, OBJT, SCH, STF, LCL						
25- 0000- 0- 0000- 0000- 9780- 000- 000- 000	UNRESTRICT, OTHER ASSIGN	80,294.00	80,520.00			
	Total for Object 9780	80,294.00	80,520.00	.00	.00	.00
25- 0000- 0- - - 9790-	UNRESTRICT, UNDESIGNATEL				4,964.21	4,964.21
	Total for Object 9790	.00	.00	.00	4,964.21	4,964.21
	Total for Ending Balance Accounts	80,294.00	80,520.00	.00	4,964.21	4,964.21
Total for Org 908 and Fund CAPITAL FACILIT						
	Starting Balance			- Expenditures	= Calculated Ending Balance	
Budgeted	79,920.00					80,520.00
Actuals	79,920.03					84,884.24



**Flournoy Elementary School**

***Wellness Plan on  
Physical Activity and Nutrition***

**2018**

*Adopted 12/11/2018*



## ***Goals:***

The nutrition and physical activity policies in this plan shall meet all federal requirements and is based on nutrition science, public health research, and existing practices to promote the health and well being for our students. The objective is to promote student health to increase attendance and create a better learning environment.

- Children need access to healthful foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive;
- good health fosters student attendance and education;
- obesity rates have doubled in children and tripled in adolescents over the last two decades, and physical inactivity and excessive caloric intake are the predominant causes of obesity;
- heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes are responsible for two-thirds of deaths in the United States, and major risk factors for those diseases, including unhealthy eating habits, physical inactivity, and obesity, often are established in childhood;
- parental participation is essential to the development and implementation of successful school wellness policies;

## ***To Achieve These Goals:***

- The school will engage students, parents, teachers, food service professionals, health professionals, and other interested community members in developing, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing district-wide nutrition and physical activity policies.
- All students in grades K-8 will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.
- Foods and beverages served at school will meet the nutrition recommendations of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- Staff will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students; will accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.
- To the maximum extent practicable, the school will participate in available Federal school meal programs and various fruit and vegetable snack programs.
- The school will provide nutrition education and physical education to foster lifelong habits of healthy eating and physical activity, and will establish links between health education and school meal programs, and with related community services.
- The school provides toothbrushes and toothpaste for each student and schedules time each day for students to brush their teeth.

## ***1. Nutritional Quality of Foods and Beverages Served on Campus***

### ***School Meals (see Exhibit A – sample monthly lunch menu)***

Meals served through the National School Lunch Programs will:

- be appealing and attractive to children;
- be served in clean and pleasant settings;
- meet, at a minimum, nutrition requirements established by local, state, and federal statutes and regulations;
- offer a variety of fruits and vegetables;
- serve only low-fat (1%) white and non-fat chocolate and nutritionally-equivalent non-dairy alternatives (to be defined by USDA); and
- Offer foods from the five food groups daily.
- Lunches are generally prepared and cooked from ingredients with a minimal use of packaged products.
- The school will encourage parents to provide a healthy breakfast for their children through newsletter articles, take-home materials, or other means.

***Free and Reduced-priced Meals.*** Schools will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to, and prevent the overt identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals.

***Meal Times and Scheduling.*** The school:

- will provide students with at least 20 minutes after sitting down for lunch;
- should schedule meal periods at appropriate times, e.g., lunch should be scheduled between noon and 1 p.m.;
- should not schedule tutoring, club, or organizational meetings or activities during mealtimes, unless students may eat during such activities;
- will schedule lunch periods to follow recess periods (in elementary schools);
- will provide students access to hand washing or hand sanitizing before they eat meals or snacks; and
- will take reasonable steps to accommodate the tooth-brushing regimens of students with special oral health needs (e.g., orthodontia or high tooth decay risk).

***Beverages.*** Parents are encouraged to provide their students with healthy beverages.

Recognizing parents have the choice to provide their children with non-recommended beverages, the school makes the following recommendations and only provides recommended beverages during school activities or after-school events.

**Recommended:** water or seltzer water without added caloric sweeteners; fruit and vegetable juices and fruit-based drinks that contain at least 50% fruit juice and that do not contain additional caloric sweeteners; unflavored or flavored low-fat or fat free fluid milk and nutritionally-equivalent nondairy beverages (to be defined by USDA);

**Not recommended:** soft drinks containing caloric sweeteners; sports drinks; iced teas; fruit-based drinks that contain less than 50% real fruit juice or that contain additional caloric sweeteners; beverages containing caffeine, excluding low-fat or fat-free chocolate milk (which contain trivial amounts of caffeine).

## **2. Physical Activity Promotion**

**Nutrition Education and Promotion.** The school aims to teach, encourage, and support healthy eating by students. Schools should provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

- is offered at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards based program (incorporated in the curriculum) designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- is part of classroom instruction in subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects;
- includes enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant, participatory activities, such as contests, promotions, taste testing, farm visits, and school gardens;
- promotes fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products, healthy food preparation methods, and health-enhancing nutrition practices;
- emphasizes caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (physical activity/exercise);
- links with school meal programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related community services; and
- teaches media literacy with an emphasis on food marketing;

**Integrating Physical Activity into the Classroom Setting.** For students to receive the nationally-recommended amount of daily physical activity (i.e., at least 60 minutes per day) and for students to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior, students need opportunities for physical activity beyond physical education class. Toward that end:

- classroom health education will complement physical education by reinforcing the knowledge and self-management skills needed to maintain a physically-active lifestyle and to reduce time spent on sedentary activities, such as watching television;
- opportunities for physical activity will be incorporated into other subject lessons; and
- classroom teachers will provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate.

**Communications with Parents.** The district/school will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children. The district/school will provide copies of school menus. Schools should encourage parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and to refrain from including beverages and foods that do not meet the above nutrition standards for individual foods and beverages. The district/school will provide parents a list of foods that meet the district's snack standards and ideas for healthy celebrations/parties, rewards, and fundraising activities. In addition, the district/school will provide opportunities for parents to share their healthy food practices with others in the school community.

**Food Marketing in Schools.** School-based marketing will be consistent with nutrition education and health promotion. As such, schools will limit food and beverage marketing to the promotion of foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards for meals or for foods and beverages served in the school. School-based marketing of brands promoting predominantly low-nutrition foods and beverages is prohibited. The promotion of healthy foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products is encouraged.

Examples of marketing techniques include the following: logos and brand names on/in vending machines, books or curricula, textbook covers, school supplies, scoreboards, school structures, and sports equipment; educational incentive programs that provide food as a reward; programs that provide schools with supplies when families buy low-nutrition food products; in-school television, such as Channel One; free samples or coupons; and food sales through fundraising activities. Marketing activities that promote healthful behaviors (and are therefore allowable) include: vending machine covers promoting water; pricing structures that promote healthy options in a la carte lines or vending machines; sales of fruit for fundraisers; and coupons for discount gym memberships.

**Staff Wellness.** The school highly values the health and well-being of every staff member and will plan and implement activities and policies that support personal efforts by staff to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

### ***3. Physical Activity Opportunities and Physical Education***

#### **Daily Physical Education (P.E.) K-8.**

All students in grades K-8, including students with disabilities, special health-care needs, and in alternative educational settings, will receive daily physical education (or its equivalent of 200 minutes/2 week period) for the entire school year. Student involvement in other activities involving physical activity (e.g., interscholastic or intramural sports) will not be substituted for meeting the physical education requirement. Students will spend at least 50 percent of physical education class time participating in moderate to vigorous physical activity.

#### **Daily Recess**

Students will have at least 20 minutes a day of supervised recess, preferably outdoors, during which schools should encourage moderate to vigorous physical activity verbally and through the provision of space and equipment.

The school does not provide extended periods (i.e., periods of two or more hours) of inactivity. When activities, such as mandatory school-wide testing, make it necessary for students to remain indoors for long periods of time, schools should give students periodic breaks during which they are encouraged to stand and be moderately active.

#### **Physical Activity Opportunities Before and After School.**

When possible and practical, the School will offer extracurricular physical activity programs, such as physical activity clubs or intramural programs. The school will offer a range of activities that meet the needs, interests, and abilities of all students, including boys, girls, students with disabilities, and students with special health-care needs.

After-school child care and enrichment programs will provide and encourage – verbally and through the provision of space, equipment, and activities – daily periods of moderate to vigorous physical activity for all participants.

#### **Physical Activity and Punishment.**

Teachers and other school and community personnel will not use physical activity (e.g., running laps, pushups) or withhold opportunities for physical activity (physical education) as punishment.

#### **Safe Routes to School.**

The school district will assess and, if necessary and to the extent possible, make needed improvements to make it safer and easier for students to walk and bike to school. When appropriate, the district will work together with local public works, public safety, and/or police departments in those efforts.

#### **Use of School Facilities Outside of School Hours.**

School spaces and facilities should be available to students, staff, and community members before and after the school day, on weekends, and during school vacations. These spaces and facilities also should be available to community agencies and organizations offering physical activity and nutrition programs. School policies concerning safety will apply at all times.

#### ***4. Monitoring and Policy Review***

**Monitoring.** The superintendent or designee will ensure compliance with established district-wide nutrition and physical activity wellness policies. In each school, the principal or designee will ensure compliance with those policies in his/her school and will report on the school's compliance to the school district superintendent or designee.

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This plan was reviewed by a committee of staff, and parents during November 2018. It was approved at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Flournoy Union Elementary School District on December 11, 2018.

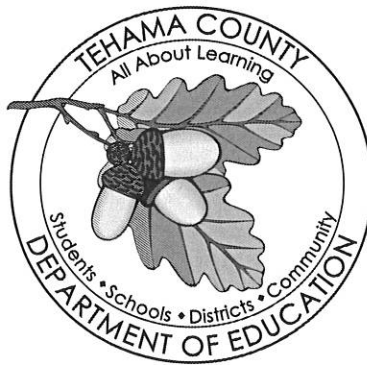
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# **Tehama County Plan for the Education of Expelled and At-Risk Students**



**Developed By:  
Tehama County Department of Education  
and the  
School Districts of Tehama County**

**Triennial Update  
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**TEHAMA COUNTY PLAN FOR THE EDUCATION  
OF EXPELLED AND AT-RISK STUDENTS**



## **Introduction**

Tehama County is located approximately two hours north of Sacramento. Tehama County is primarily rural with a rich history in forestry, fishing/hunting and agriculture. The county is home to just under 64,000 people.

There are currently 14 public school districts in Tehama County with a total enrollment of 11,000 students, grades TK through 12. Tehama school districts are geographically remote, creating needs for student transportation and strong inter-district cooperation. There have been few expulsions in Tehama school districts over the past three years. Several school districts have closed their Community Day Schools and have begun the process of creating alternatives for discipline and student placement.

## **Overview of the Legal Requirement:**

California Education Code Section 48926 requires county superintendents, in conjunction with superintendents of the school districts within the county, to develop a plan for providing educational services to all expelled pupils in that county. The plan was to be adopted by the governing board of each school district within the county, and by the county board of education and submitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) in 1997. Education Code Section 48926 also requires that each county superintendent of schools, in conjunction with district superintendents in the county, submit a triennial update to that plan to the SSPI.

Education Code Section 48926 provides specifically that the plan shall enumerate existing educational alternatives for expelled pupils, identify gaps in educational services to expelled pupils, and strategies for filling those service gaps. The plan shall also identify alternative placements for pupils who are expelled and placed in district community day school programs, but who fail to meet the terms and conditions of their rehabilitation plan or who pose a danger to other district pupils, as determined by the governing board.

In compliance with Education Code Section 48926, the Tehama County Department of Education (TCDE) collaborated with all Tehama County school districts to develop this plan and process for providing educational services to expelled pupils within the county. This plan identifies existing educational alternatives, gaps in educational services to expelled pupils and provides strategies for filling those service gaps.

After approval of all appropriate Boards of Trustees, this triennial plan will be submitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

## **Alternative Programs Offered in Tehama County**

The following districts in Tehama County currently operate alternative programs to serve the needs of expelled students:

1. Corning Union Elementary School District
2. Corning Union High School District
3. Evergreen Union Elementary School District
4. Red Bluff Union Elementary School District



5. Red Bluff Joint Union High School District

All districts in Tehama County are responsible for their own alternative placements but do have the option to partner with other districts for services. Please refer to the process flow charts in the Appendix.

Additional Alternatives for Expelled Students in Tehama County include:

1. Independent Study: Education Code Section 51747 (c) (7) A student expelled for a less serious offense may be offered independent study, provided that an appropriate alternative classroom program is offered as a choice, and the on-site portion of the independent study does not occur on the site from which the student was expelled (EC 48916.1 (c). Students with IEP's will have continued services.
2. Suspended Expulsion with student placement on the same school campus.
3. Suspended Expulsion with student placement on district school campus within the district.
4. Suspended Expulsion with student placement in district independent study, if all parties agree and other appropriate education alternatives are available.
5. Enrollment at another district as described in Education Code Section 48915.1.

### **Addressing Individual Needs of Students**

For any alternative placement, an individual student rehabilitation plan will be developed. It will describe those program elements that the student will receive during their term of expulsion or placement. This rehabilitation plan will provide a description of what steps must be taken for that student to return to the regular school program.

To foster positive attitudes and academic progress, Tehama school districts agree that those districts operating alternative educational programs will provide the help needed to address student academic and behavioral challenges. Alternative educational program staff will collaborate with families, district teachers/counselors/psychologists/school health personnel, and community agencies.

Involvement from community law enforcement and health related agencies will occur as appropriate.

### **County and District Gaps in Educational Services for Expelled Students, Including Strategies to Meet Identified Needs**

#### **Identified Gaps and Needs:**

Tehama County districts have identified four primary areas of need for Expelled Students:

1. The need for strengthened district capacity to serve all at-risk youth.
2. The need for quality, job-embedded professional development and training for alternative education personnel.
3. The need for additional counseling services in regular and alternative education programs.
4. The need for options with behaviorally intensive students who are not successful, even in Tehama school district alternative educational programs.

In conjunction with the Tehama County Department of Education, districts have developed a plan to address the above needs in order of priority:

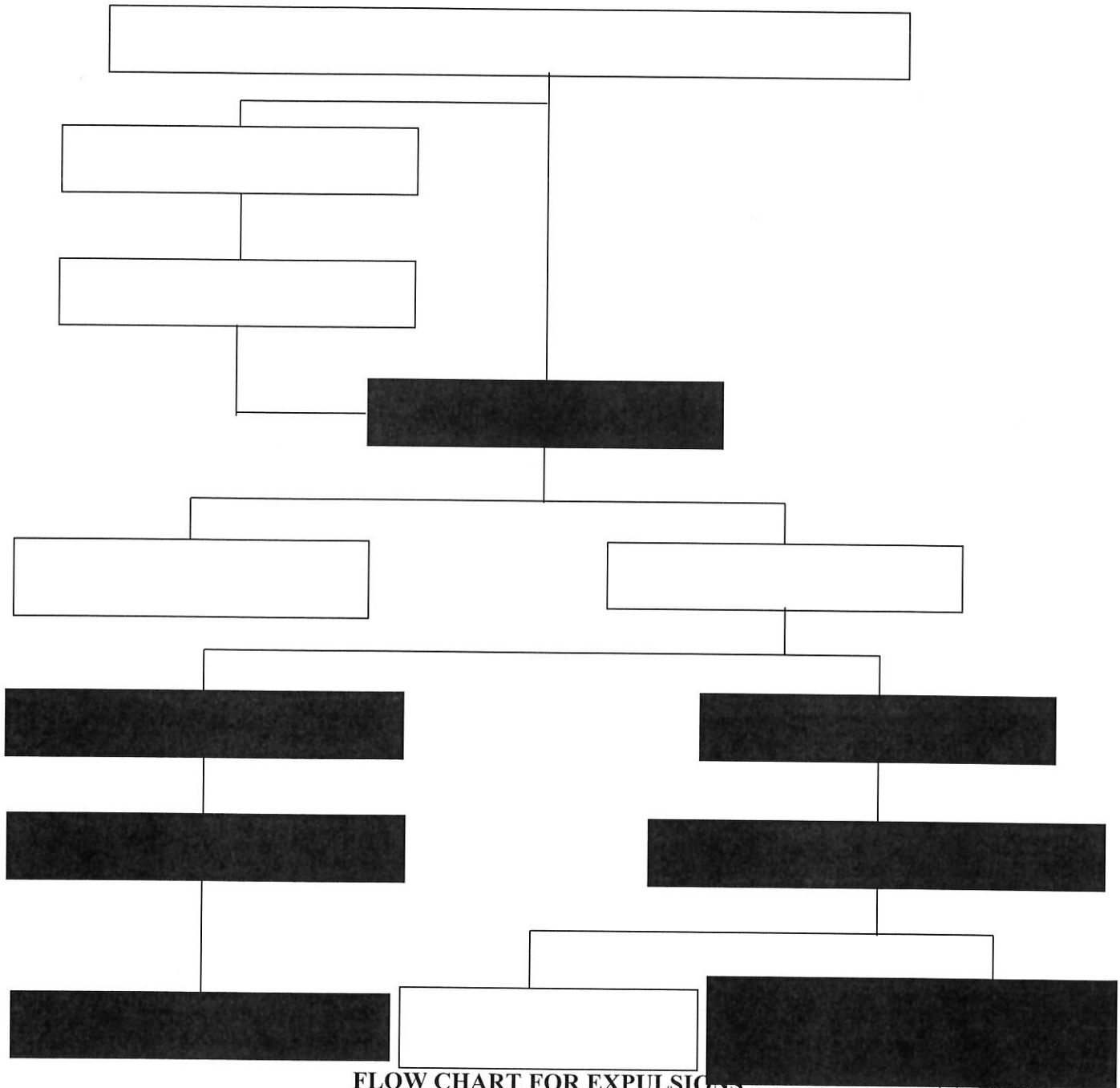
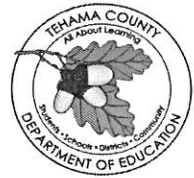
1. A unified approach to adoption of Mult-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) structures and strategies across the county. Tehama County has five districts currently implementing MTSS as part of the SUMS/MTSS Scale Up Initiative.
2. Professional development and support structures aligned to MTSS concepts,
3. Job training opportunities for at risk youth (CTE participation and employability skill instruction), and
4. Additional counseling support addressing drug/alcohol use/abuse, socio-emotional health, trauma, family health and life skills.

### **Monitoring Services**

TCDE will continue to provide leadership while monitoring the need for programs and services. The county office and districts will collaborate in providing additional resources should they be required.

APPENDIX

FLOW CHART FOR EXPULSIONS  
REGULAR EDUCATION



FLOW CHART FOR EXPULSIONS  
SPECIAL EDUCATION





**Business and Noninstructional Operations**

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**CLAIMS AND ACTIONS AGAINST THE DISTRICT****Time Limitations**

The following time limitations apply to claims against the district:

1. Claims for money or damages relating to any cause of action which is governed by a statute or regulation, including childhood sexual abuse and other causes of action specifically excepted from the Government Claims Act by Government Code 905, shall be filed in accordance with the governing statute or regulation. (Government Code 905, 935)
2. In accordance with the Board's authority pursuant to Government Code 935, claims for money or damages which relate to any cause of action specifically excepted from the Government Claims Act by Government Code 905 but which are not governed by any other claims presentation statute or regulation shall be filed not later than six months after the accrual of the cause of action. (Government Code 905, 935)
3. Claims for money or damages relating to a cause of action for death or for injury to person, personal property, or growing crops shall be presented to the Governing Board not later than six months after the accrual of the cause of action. (Government Code 911.2)
4. Claims for money or damages relating to any other cause of action shall be filed not later than one year after the accrual of the cause of action. (Government Code 911.2)

**Receipt of Claims**

A claim, any amendment thereto, or an application to present a late claim shall be deemed presented and received when delivered to the district office or deposited in a post office, mailbox, sub-post office, substation, mail chute, or other similar facility maintained by the U.S. government, in a sealed envelope properly addressed to the district office with postage paid, or when otherwise actually received in the district office or by the Board secretary or clerk. (Government Code 915, 915.2)

Upon receipt of a claim against the district pursuant to the Government Claims Act, the Superintendent or designee shall promptly provide written notice to the district's joint powers authority or insurance carrier in accordance with the applicable conditions of coverage.

**Review of Contents of the Claim**

The Superintendent or designee shall review any claim received to ensure that the claim contains all of the following information as specified in Government Code 910 and 910.2:

1. The name and post office address of the claimant

**CLAIMS AND ACTIONS AGAINST THE DISTRICT** (continued)

2. The post office address to which the person presenting the claim desires notices to be sent
3. The date, place, and other circumstances of the occurrence or transaction which gave rise to the claim asserted
4. A general description of the indebtedness, obligation, injury, damage, or loss incurred insofar as it may be known at the time of presentation of the claim
5. The name(s) of the district employee(s) causing the injury, damage, or loss if known
6. The amount claimed if it totals less than \$10,000, including the estimated amount of any prospective injury, damage, or loss, insofar as it may be known at the time of the claim, together with the basis of computation of the amount claimed. If the amount claimed exceeds \$10,000, the dollar amount shall not be included in the claim and the claimant shall indicate whether the claim is a limited civil case.
7. The signature of the claimant or the person acting on his/her behalf

**Notice of Claim Insufficiency**

If a claim is found insufficient or not to satisfy the form requirements under Government Code 910 and 910.2, the Board or its designee shall, within 20 days of receipt of the claim, personally deliver or mail to the claimant, at the address stated in the claim or application, a notice that states the particular defects or omission in the claim. (Government Code 910.8, 915.4)

The Board shall not act upon the claim until at least 15 days after such notice is given. (Government Code 910.8)

**Amendment to Claims**

Within the time limits provided in the section "Time Limitations" above or prior to final action by the Board, whichever is later, a claim may be amended if, as amended, it relates to the same transaction or occurrence which gave rise to the original claim. (Government Code 910.6)

**Late Claims**

For claims under items #2 and #3 in the section "Time Limitations" above, any person who presents a claim later than six months after the accrual of the cause of action shall present, along with the claim, an application to present a late claim. Such claim and the application to present a late claim shall be presented not later than one year after the accrual of the cause of action. (Government Code 905, 911.4)

**CLAIMS AND ACTIONS AGAINST THE DISTRICT** (continued)

If the claim is presented late and is not accompanied by an application to present a late claim, the Board or its designee may, within 45 days, give written notice that the claim was not presented timely and that it is being returned without further action. (Government Code 911.3)

The Board shall grant or deny the application to present a late claim within 45 days after it is presented. This 45-day period may be extended by written agreement of the claimant and the Board provided that such agreement is made before the expiration of the 45-day period. (Government Code 911.6)

The Board shall grant the application to present a late claim where one or more of the following conditions are applicable: (Government Code 911.6)

1. The failure to present the claim was through mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect and the district was not prejudiced in its defense regarding the claim by the claimant's failure to present the claim within the time limit.
2. The person who sustained the alleged injury, damage, or loss was a minor during all of the time specified for presentation of the claim.
3. The person who sustained the alleged injury, damage, or loss was physically or mentally incapacitated during all of the time specified for presentation of the claim and the disability was the reason he/she failed to present the claim.
4. The person who sustained the alleged injury, damage, or loss died before the expiration of the time specified for the presentation of the claim.

If the application to present a late claim is denied, the claimant shall be given notice in substantially the same form as set forth in Government Code 911.8. (Government Code 911.8)

If the Board does not take action on the application to present a late claim within 45 days, the application shall be deemed to have been denied on the 45th day unless the time period has been extended, in which case it shall be denied on the last day of the period specified in the extension agreement. (Government Code 911.6)

**Action on Claims**

Within 45 days after the presentation or amendment of a claim, the Board shall take action on the claim. This time limit may be extended by written agreement between the district and the claimant before the expiration of the 45-day period. If the 45-day period has expired, the time limit may be extended if legal action has not commenced or been barred by legal limitations. (Government Code 912.4)

**CLAIMS AND ACTIONS AGAINST THE DISTRICT** (continued)

The Board may act on the claim in one of the following ways: (Government Code 912.4, 912.6)

1. If the Board finds that the claim is not a proper charge against the district, the claim shall be rejected.
2. If the Board finds that the claim is a proper charge against the district and is for an amount justly due, the claim shall be allowed.
3. If the Board finds that the claim is a proper charge against the district but is for an amount greater than is justly due, the Board shall either reject the claim or allow it in the amount justly due and reject it as to the balance.
4. If legal liability of the district or the amount justly due is disputed, the Board may reject or compromise the claim.
5. If the Board takes no action on the claim, the claim shall be deemed rejected.

If the Board allows the claim in whole or in part or compromises the claim and the claimant accepts the amount allowed or offered to settle the claim, the Board may require the claimant to accept it in settlement of the entire claim. (Government Code 912.6)

The Board or its designee shall transmit to the claimant written notice of action taken or of inaction which is deemed rejection. The notice shall be in the form set forth in Government Code 913 and shall either be personally delivered or mailed to the address stated in the claim or application. (Government Code 913, 915.4)



**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Interim Reports**

Each interim fiscal report developed pursuant to Education Code 42130 shall include an assessment of the district budget as revised to reflect current information regarding the adopted state budget, district property tax revenues, if any, and ending balances for the preceding fiscal year. (Education Code 42130, 42131)

The interim reports shall be based on State Board of Education (SBE) criteria and standards which address fund and cash balances, reserves, deficit spending, estimation of average daily attendance (ADA), projected enrollment, ratio of ADA to enrollment, projected local control funding formula (LCFF) revenue, salaries and benefits, other revenues and expenditures, and facilities maintenance. For purposes of assessing projections of LCFF revenue, the first interim report shall be compared to the adopted district budget, and the second interim report shall be compared to the projections in the first interim report. (Education Code 42130; 5 CCR 15453-15464)

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 3220.1 - Lottery Funds)*

*(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)*

*(cf. 3314 - Payment for Goods and Services)*

The report shall also provide supplemental information regarding contingent liabilities, use of one-time revenues for ongoing expenditures, contingent revenues, contributions (i.e., projected contributions from unrestricted general fund resources to restricted general fund resources, projected transfers to or from the general fund to cover operating deficits in the general fund or any other fund, and capital project cost overruns that may impact the general fund budget), long-term commitments, unfunded liabilities, temporary interfund borrowings, the status of labor agreements, and the status of other funds. (Education Code 42130; 5 CCR 15453, 15464)

*(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)*

**Audit Report**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a timetable for the completion and review of the annual audit within the deadlines established by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the necessary financial records and cooperate with the auditor selected by the Governing Board to ensure that the audit report contains all information required by law and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The audit shall include an audit of income and expenditures by source of funds for all funds of the district, including the student body and cafeteria funds and accounts, state and federal grant funds, and any other funds under the control or jurisdiction of the district, as well as an

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)**

audit of student attendance procedures. The audit shall also include a determination of whether LCFF funds were expended in accordance with the district's local control and accountability plan or an approved annual update of the plan. (Education Code 41020)

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

*(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)*

*(cf. 3430 - Investing)*

*(cf. 3451 - Petty Cash Funds)*

*(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)*

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

If an audit finding results in the district being required to repay an apportionment or pay a penalty, the district may appeal the finding to the Education Audit Appeals Panel by making an informal summary appeal within 30 days of receiving the final audit report or initiating a formal appeal within 60 days of receiving the report. (Education Code 41344, 41344.1)

While a public accounting firm is performing the audit of the district, it shall not provide any nonauditing, management, or other consulting services for the district except as provided in Government Auditing Standards, Amendment #3, published by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. (Education Code 41020)

### **Report on Expenditures of State Facilities Funds**

When the district participates in the school facilities program pursuant to Education Code 17070.10-17079.30, the Superintendent or designee shall annually report a detailed list of all expenditures of state facilities funds, including interest, and of the district's matching funds for completed projects until all such funds are expended. The report shall identify expenditures on a project-by-project basis, reflect completed projects that were reimbursed within that fiscal year, and clearly indicate the list of projects that have been completed. (Education Code 41024; 2 CCR 1859.104)

Audits of facilities projects shall be concluded within one year of project completion, and shall be included as part of the district's audit for the fiscal year in which the project is reported as completed. A project shall be deemed completed when any of the following conditions is met: (Education Code 41024; 2 CCR 1859.104)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY** (continued)

1. When the notice of completion for the project has been filed, all outstanding invoices, claims, and change orders have been satisfied, and the facility is currently in use by the district
2. Three years from the date of the final fund release for an elementary school project
3. Four years from the date of the final fund release for a middle or high school project

**Fund Balance**

In accordance with GASB Statement 54, external financial reports shall report fund balances in the general fund within the following classifications based on the relative strength of constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

1. Nonspendable fund balance, including amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as resources that are not in a spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact
2. Restricted fund balance, including amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers or by law
3. Committed fund balance, including amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Board
4. Assigned fund balance, including amounts which the Board or its designee intends to use for a specific purpose
5. Unassigned fund balance, including amounts that are available for any purpose

**Negative Balance Report**

Whenever the district reports a negative unrestricted fund balance or a negative cash balance in its annual budget or annual audit report, it shall include in the budget a statement that identifies the reasons for the negative unrestricted fund balance or negative cash balance and the steps that have been taken to ensure that the negative balance will not occur at the end of the current fiscal year. (Education Code 42127.5)

**Non-Voter-Approved Debt Report**

Upon approval by the Board to proceed with the issuance of revenue bonds or any agreement for financing school construction pursuant to Education Code 17170-17199.5, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the County Superintendent of Schools and the county

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY** (continued)

auditor. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board, the county auditor, the County Superintendent, and the public with related repayment schedules and evidence of the district's ability to repay the obligation. (Education Code 17150)

*(cf. 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management)*

*(cf. 7214 - General Obligation Bonds)*

When the Board is considering the issuance of certificates of participation and other debt instruments that are secured by real property and do not require the approval of the voters of the district, the Superintendent or designee shall provide notice to the County Superintendent and county auditor no later than 30 days before the Board's approval to proceed with issuance. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board, the county auditor, the County Superintendent, and the public with information necessary to assess the anticipated effect of the debt issuance, including related repayment schedules, evidence of the district's ability to repay the obligation, and the issuance costs. (Education Code 17150.1)

**Workers' Compensation Claims Report**

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide the Board, at a public meeting, information and related actuarial reports showing the estimated accrued but unfunded cost of workers' compensation claims. The estimate of costs shall be based on an actuarial report completed at least every three years by a qualified actuary. (Education Code 42141)

## **Students**

BP 5144.1(a)

### **SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS**

The Governing Board desires to provide district students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. The Board shall develop rules and regulations setting the standards of behavior expected of district students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)*

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending, and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be only those specified in law, in this policy, and in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Except when otherwise permitted by law, a student may be suspended or expelled only when his/her behavior is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within any district school or another school district, regardless of when it occurs, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48900(s))

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus

*(cf. 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus)*

4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

District staff shall enforce the rules concerning suspension and expulsion of students fairly, consistently, equally, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

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

### **Appropriate Use of Suspension Authority**

Except when a student's act violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e), as listed in items #1-5 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" of the accompanying administrative regulation, or when his/her presence causes a danger to others, suspension shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6)

*(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)*

**SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS (continued)**

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

*(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)*

A student's parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible when there is an escalating pattern of misbehavior that could lead to on-campus or off-campus suspension.

No student in grades K-3 may be suspended for disruption or willful defiance, except by a teacher pursuant to Education Code 48910. (Education Code 48900)

Students shall not be suspended or expelled for truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities.

*(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)*

*(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)*

**Authority to Expel**

A student may be expelled only by the Board. (Education Code 48918(j))

As required by law, the Superintendent or principal shall recommend expulsion and the Board shall expel any student found to have committed any of the following "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds: (Education Code 48915)

1. Possessing a firearm which is not an imitation firearm, as verified by a certificated employee, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

**SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS (continued)**

2. Selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm
3. Brandishing a knife at another person
4. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
5. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
6. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

For all other violations listed in the accompanying administrative regulation under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," the Superintendent or principal shall have the discretion to recommend expulsion of a student. If expulsion is recommended, the Board shall order the student expelled only if it makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct
2. That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others

A vote to expel a student shall be taken in an open session of a Board meeting.

The Board may vote to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order pursuant to the requirements of law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48917)

No student shall be expelled for disruption or willful defiance. (Education Code 48900)

No child enrolled in a preschool program shall be expelled except under limited circumstances as specified in AR 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education.

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

**Due Process**

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and/or expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The

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Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices, hearings, and appeals as specified in law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48911, 48915, 48915.5, 48918)

*(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)*

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

### **Maintenance and Monitoring of Outcome Data**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain outcome data related to student suspensions and expulsions in accordance with Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, including, but not limited to, the number of students recommended for expulsion, the grounds for each recommended expulsion, the actions taken by the Board, the types of referral made after each expulsion, and the disposition of the students after the expulsion period. For any expulsion that involves the possession of a firearm, such data shall include the name of the school and the type of firearm involved, as required pursuant to 20 USC 7961. Suspension and expulsion data shall be reported to the Board annually and to the California Department of Education when so required.

In presenting the report to the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall disaggregate data on suspensions and expulsions by school and by numerically significant student subgroups, including, but not limited to, ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. Based on the data, the Board shall address any identified disparities in the imposition of student discipline and shall determine whether and how the district is meeting its goals for improving school climate as specified in its local control and accountability plan.

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

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Dear Colleague Letter on the Nondiscriminatory Administration of School Discipline, January 2014

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**SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS**

**Definitions**

*Suspension* means removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. However, suspension does not mean any of the following: (Education Code 48925)

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code 48910

*Expulsion* means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control or the general supervision of school personnel. (Education Code 48925)

**Notice of Regulations**

At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each school shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all school rules related to discipline, including suspension and expulsion. (Education Code 35291, 48900.1, 48980)

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

**Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12**

Acts for which a student, including a student with disabilities, may be suspended or expelled shall be only those specified as follows:

*(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))*

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense; or committed as an aider or abettor, as adjudged by a juvenile court, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury (Education Code 48900(a) and (t))
2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence (Education Code 48900(b))

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*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

3. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind (Education Code 48900(c))

*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

4. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented same as such controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant (Education Code 48900(d))
5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion (Education Code 48900(e))
6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property (Education Code 48900(f))
7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property (Education Code 48900(g))
8. Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel, except that this restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing his/her own prescription products (Education Code 48900(h))

*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*

9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity (Education Code 48900(i))
10. Unlawfully possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11014.5 (Education Code 48900(j))
11. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property (Education Code 48900(l))
12. Possessed an imitation firearm (Education Code 48900(m))

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*Imitation firearm* means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm. (Education Code 48900(m))

13. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4 (Education Code 48900(n))
14. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness (Education Code 48900(o))
15. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma (Education Code 48900(p))
16. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing (Education Code 48900(q))

*Hazing* means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective student. *Hazing* does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events. (Education Code 48900(q))

17. Engaged in an act of bullying (Education Code 48900(r))

*Bullying* means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, directed toward one or more students that has or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student in fear of harm to himself/herself or his/her property; cause the student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his/her physical or mental health; or cause the student to experience substantial interferences with his/her academic performance or ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school. (Education Code 48900(r))

Bullying shall include any act of sexual harassment, hate violence, or harassment, threat, or intimidation, as defined in Education Code 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4 and below in items #1-3 of "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," that has any of the effects described above on a reasonable student.

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*Electronic act* means the creation or transmission of a communication originated on or off school site, including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, image, or post on a social network Internet web site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager. A post on a social network Internet web site shall include, but is not limited to, the posting or creation of a burn page or the creation of a credible impersonation or false profile for the purpose of causing a reasonable student any of the effects of bullying described above. (Education Code 48900(r))

*Reasonable student* means a student, including, but not limited to, a student who has been identified as a student with a disability, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his/her age, or for a person of his/her age with his/her disability. (Education Code 48900(r))

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)

18. Aided or abetted the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person, as defined in Penal Code 31 (Education Code 48900(t))
19. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property (Education Code 48900.7)

A *terrorist threat* includes any written or oral statement by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death or great bodily injury to another person or property damage in excess of \$1,000, with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out. (Education Code 48900.7)

**Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12**

Any student in grades 4-12 may be suspended, but not expelled, for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (Education Code 48900(k))

(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

A student in grades 4-12 shall be subject to suspension or recommendation for expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

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1. Committed sexual harassment as defined in Education Code 212.5 (Education Code 48900.2)

*Sexual harassment* means conduct which, when considered from the perspective of a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim, is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. (Education Code 212.5, 48900.2)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

2. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence as defined in Education Code 233 (Education Code 48900.3)

*Hate violence* means any act punishable under Penal Code 422.6, 422.7, or 422.75. Such acts include injuring or intimidating a victim, interfering with the exercise of a victim's civil rights, or damaging a victim's property because of the victim's race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; a perception of the presence of any of those characteristics in the victim; or the victim's association with a person or group with one or more of those actual or perceived characteristics. (Education Code 233; Penal Code 422.55)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

3. Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation against district personnel or students that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of school personnel or students by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment (Education Code 48900.4)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

**Suspension from Class by a Teacher**

A teacher may suspend a student, including a grade K-3 student, from class for the remainder of the day and the following day for disruption, willful defiance, or any of the other acts specified in Education Code 48900 and listed as items #1-18 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above. (Education Code 48910)

When suspending a student from class, the teacher shall immediately report this action to the principal or designee and send the student to the principal or designee for appropriate action. If that action requires the continuing presence of the student at school, he/she shall be appropriately supervised during the class periods from which he/she has been suspended. (Education Code 48910)



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As soon as possible after the teacher decides to suspend the student, he/she shall ask the student's parent/guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. A counselor or psychologist may attend the conference if it is practicable, and a school administrator shall attend if either the parent/guardian or teacher so requests. (Education Code 48910)

A student suspended from class shall not be returned to class during the period of the suspension without the approval of the teacher of the class and the principal or designee. (Education Code 48910)

A student suspended from class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of suspension. However, a student assigned to more than one class per day may continue to attend other regular classes except those held at the same time as the class from which he/she was suspended. (Education Code 48910)

The teacher of any class from which a student is suspended may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the removal. (Education Code 48913)

#### **Suspension by Superintendent, Principal or Principal's Designee**

To implement disciplinary procedures at a school site, the principal may, in writing, designate as the principal's designee another administrator or, if the principal is the only administrator at the school site, a certificated employee. As necessary, the principal may, in writing, also designate another administrator or certificated employee as the secondary designee to assist with disciplinary procedures when the principal and the principal's primary designee are absent from the school site.

The Superintendent, principal, or designee shall immediately suspend any student found at school or at a school activity to have committed any of the acts listed in the Board policy under "Authority to Expel" and for which he/she is required to recommend expulsion. (Education Code 48915(c))

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may impose a suspension for a first offense if he/she determines that the student violated any of items #1-5 listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" above or if the student's presence causes a danger to persons. (Education Code 48900.5)

For all other offenses, a student may be suspended only when the Superintendent or principal has determined that other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct in the student. (Education Code 48900.5)

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When other means of correction are implemented prior to imposing suspension or supervised suspension upon a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall document the other means of correction used and retain them in the student's record. (Education Code 48900.5)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

### **Length of Suspension**

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may suspend a student from school for not more than five consecutive school days. (Education Code 48911)

A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year. However, if a student enrolls in or is transferred to another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class for the purpose of adjustment, he/she may be suspended for not more than 30 school days in a school year. The district may count suspensions that occur while a student is enrolled in another school district toward the maximum number of days for which the student may be suspended in any school year. (Education Code 48903, 48911, 48912)

*(cf. 6184 - Continuation Education)*

These restrictions on the number of days of suspension shall not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48911)

### **Due Process Procedures for Suspension**

Suspensions shall be imposed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Informal Conference:** Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the Superintendent, principal, or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action, presented with the available evidence against him/her, and given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense. (Education Code 48911)

This conference may be omitted if the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that an emergency situation exists involving a clear and present danger to the lives, safety, or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of the conference and the conference

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shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives his/her right to it or is physically unable to attend for any reason. In such a case, the conference shall be held as soon as the student is physically able to return to school. (Education Code 48911)

2. **Administrative Actions:** All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee. A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 48911)
3. **Notice to Parents/Guardians:** At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall also be notified in writing of the suspension. (Education Code 48911)

This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. (Education Code 48900.8)

In addition, the notice may state the date and time when the student may return to school.

4. **Parent/Guardian Conference:** Whenever a student is suspended, school officials may request a meeting with the parent/guardian to discuss the cause(s) and duration of the suspension, the school policy involved, and any other pertinent matter. (Education Code 48914)

If school officials request to meet with the parent/guardian, the notice may state that the law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay. However, no penalties may be imposed on the student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied reinstatement solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend the conference. (Education Code 48911)

5. **Extension of Suspension:** If the Board is considering the expulsion of a suspended student from any school or the suspension of a student for the balance of the semester from continuation school, the Superintendent or designee may, in writing, extend the suspension until such time as the Board has made a decision, provided the following requirements are followed: (Education Code 48911)
  - a. The extension of the original period of suspension is preceded by notice of such extension with an offer to hold a conference concerning the extension, giving the student an opportunity to be heard. This conference may be held in conjunction with a meeting requested by the student or parent/guardian to challenge the original suspension.

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- b. The Superintendent or designee determines, following a meeting in which the student and the student's parent/guardian were invited to participate, that the student's presence at the school or at an alternative school would endanger persons or property or threaten to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48911)
- c. If the student involved is a foster youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for foster youth of the need to invite the student's attorney and a representative of the appropriate county child welfare agency to attend the meeting. (Education Code 48853.5, 48911, 48918.1)

*(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)*

- d. If the student involved is a homeless child or youth, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the district liaison for homeless students. (Education Code 48918.1)

*(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)*

In lieu of or in addition to suspending a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee may provide services or require the student to participate in an alternative disciplinary program designed to correct his/her behavior and keep him/her in school.

**On-Campus Suspension**

A student for whom an expulsion action has not been initiated and who poses no imminent danger or threat to the school, students, or staff may be assigned to on-campus suspension in a separate classroom, building, or site for the entire period of suspension. The following conditions shall apply: (Education Code 48911.1)

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1. The on-campus suspension classroom shall be staffed in accordance with law.
2. The student shall have access to appropriate counseling services.
3. The on-campus suspension classroom shall promote completion of schoolwork and tests missed by the student during the suspension.
4. The student shall be responsible for contacting his/her teacher(s) to receive assignments to be completed in the supervised suspension classroom. The teacher(s) shall provide all assignments and tests that the student will miss while suspended. If no such work is assigned, the person supervising the suspension classroom shall assign schoolwork.

At the time a student is assigned to an on-campus suspension classroom, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in person or by telephone. When the assignment is for longer than one class period, this notification may be made in writing. (Education Code 48911.1)

**Superintendent or Principal's Authority to Recommend Expulsion**

Unless the Superintendent or principal determines that expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct, he/she shall recommend a student's expulsion for any of the following acts: (Education Code 48915)

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense
2. Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance as listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, except for (a) the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, or (b) the student's possession of over-the-counter medication for his/her use or other medication prescribed for him/her by a physician
4. Robbery or extortion
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee

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In determining whether or not to recommend the expulsion of a student, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall act as quickly as possible to ensure that the student does not lose instructional time. (Education Code 48915)

**Student's Right to Expulsion Hearing**

Any student recommended for expulsion shall be entitled to a hearing to determine whether he/she should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the Superintendent, principal, or designee determines that the student has committed the act(s) that form the basis for the expulsion recommendation. (Education Code 48918(a))

The student is entitled to at least one postponement of an expulsion hearing for a period of not more than 30 calendar days. The request for postponement shall be in writing. Any subsequent postponement may be granted at the Board's discretion. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical during the regular school year to comply with these time requirements for conducting an expulsion hearing, the Superintendent or designee may, for good cause, extend the time period by an additional five school days. Reasons for the extension shall be included as a part of the record when the expulsion hearing is held. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical to comply with the time requirements of the expulsion hearing due to a summer recess of Board meetings of more than two weeks, the days during the recess shall not be counted as school days. The days not counted during the recess may not exceed 20 school days, as defined in Education Code 48925. Unless the student requests in writing that the expulsion hearing be postponed, the hearing shall be held not later than 20 calendar days prior to the first day of the next school year. (Education Code 48918(a))

Once the hearing starts, all matters shall be pursued with reasonable diligence and concluded without unnecessary delay. (Education Code 48918(a))

**Stipulated Expulsion**

After a determination that a student has committed an expellable offense, the Superintendent, principal, or designee shall offer the student and his/her parent/guardian the option to waive a hearing and stipulate to the expulsion or to a suspension of the expulsion under certain conditions. The offer shall be made only after the student or his/her parent/guardian has been given written notice of the expulsion hearing pursuant to Education Code 48918.

The stipulation agreement shall be in writing and shall be signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian. The stipulation agreement shall include notice of all the rights that the student is waiving, including the waiving of his/her right to have a full hearing, to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education, and to consult legal counsel.

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A stipulated expulsion agreed to by the student and his/her parent/guardian shall be effective upon approval by the Board.

**Rights of Complaining Witness**

An expulsion hearing involving allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery may be postponed for one school day in order to accommodate the special physical, mental, or emotional needs of a student who is the complaining witness. (Education Code 48918.5)

Whenever the Superintendent or designee recommends an expulsion hearing that addresses allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery, he/she shall give the complaining witness a copy of the district's suspension and expulsion policy and regulation and shall advise the witness of his/her right to: (Education Code 48918.5)

1. Receive five days' notice of his/her scheduled testimony at the hearing
2. Have up to two adult support persons of his/her choosing present at the hearing at the time he/she testifies
3. Have a closed hearing during the time he/she testifies

Whenever any allegation of sexual assault or sexual battery is made, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately advise complaining witnesses and accused students to refrain from personal or telephone contact with each other during the time when an expulsion process is pending. (Education Code 48918.5)

**Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing**

Written notice of the expulsion hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall include: (Education Code 48900.8, 48918(b))

1. The date and place of the hearing
2. A statement of the specific facts, charges, and offense upon which the proposed expulsion is based
3. A copy of district disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1, to provide information about the student's status in the district to any other district in which the student seeks enrollment

This obligation applies when a student is expelled for acts other than those described in Education Code 48915(a) or (c).



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5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or be represented by legal counsel or by a nonattorney adviser

*Legal counsel* means an attorney or lawyer who is admitted to the practice of law in California and is an active member of the State Bar of California.

*Nonattorney adviser* means an individual who is not an attorney or lawyer, but who is familiar with the facts of the case and has been selected by the student or student's parent/guardian to provide assistance at the hearing.

6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing
8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf, including witnesses

**Additional Notice of Expulsion Hearing for Foster Youth and Homeless Students**

If the student facing expulsion is a foster student, the Superintendent or designee shall also send notice of the hearing to the student's attorney and a representative of an appropriate child welfare agency at least 10 days prior to the hearing. (Education Code 48918.1)

If the student facing expulsion is a homeless student, the Superintendent or designee shall also send notice of the hearing to the district liaison for homeless students at least 10 days prior to the hearing. (Education Code 48918.1)

Any notice for these purposes may be provided by the most cost-effective method possible, including by email or a telephone call. (Education Code 48918.1)

**Conduct of Expulsion Hearing**

1. **Closed Session:** Notwithstanding Education Code 35145, the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting. If such a request is made, the meeting shall be public to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated. (Education Code 48918)

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session to deliberate and determine whether or not the student should be expelled. If the Board admits any other person to this closed session, the parent/guardian, the student, and the counsel of the student also shall be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code 48918(c))



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If a hearing that involves a charge of sexual assault or sexual battery is to be conducted in public, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in closed session when testifying in public would threaten serious psychological harm to the witness and when there are no alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm, including, but not limited to, videotaped deposition or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing room by closed-circuit television. (Education Code 48918(c))

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 48918(g))
3. **Subpoenas:** Before commencing a student expulsion hearing, the Board may issue subpoenas, at the request of either the student or the Superintendent or designee, for the personal appearance at the hearing of any person who actually witnessed the action that gave rise to the recommendation for expulsion. After the hearing has commenced, the Board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may issue such subpoenas at the request of the student or the County Superintendent of Schools or designee. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1985.2 and enforced in accordance with Government Code 11455.20. (Education Code 48918(i))

Any objection raised by the student or the Superintendent or designee to the issuance of subpoenas may be considered by the Board in closed session, or in open session if so requested by the student, before the meeting. The Board's decision in response to such an objection shall be final and binding. (Education Code 48918(i))

If the Board determines, or if the hearing officer or administrative panel finds and submits to the Board, that a witness would be subject to unreasonable risk of harm by testifying at the hearing, a subpoena shall not be issued to compel the personal attendance of that witness at the hearing. However, that witness may be compelled to testify by means of a sworn declaration as described in item #4 below. (Education Code 48918(i))

4. **Presentation of Evidence:** Technical rules of evidence shall not apply to the expulsion hearing, but relevant evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The decision of the Board to expel shall be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts pursuant to Education Code 48900 and listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above. (Education Code 48918(h))

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. Although no finding shall be based solely on hearsay, sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses whose disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm. (Education Code 48918(f))

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In cases where a search of a student's person or property has occurred, evidence describing the reasonableness of the search shall be included in the hearing record.

5. **Testimony by Complaining Witnesses:** The following procedures shall be observed when a hearing involves allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code 48918, 48918.5)

- a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify.
- b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including, but not limited to, a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during his/her testimony.
- c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential.
- d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person whom he/she finds is disrupting the hearing.
- e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Penal Code 868.5.
- f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard. Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.
- g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a nonthreatening environment.
  - (1) The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony.
  - (2) At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he/she may leave the hearing room.

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- (3) The person conducting the hearing may:
  - (a) Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness
  - (b) Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours
  - (c) Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand
- 6. **Decision:** The Board's decision as to whether to expel a student shall be made within 40 school days after the student is removed from his/her school of attendance, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a))

In accordance with Board policy, the hearing officer or administrative panel may recommend that the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion. If the hearing officer or administrative panel recommends that the Board expel a student but suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall not be reinstated and permitted to return to the classroom instructional program from which the referral was made until the Board has ruled on the recommendation. (Education Code 48917, 48918)

**Final Action by the Board**

Whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in closed or public session by the Board, a hearing officer, or an administrative panel or is waived through the signing of a stipulated expulsion agreement, the final action to expel shall be taken by the Board in public. (Education Code 48918(j))

*(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)*

The Board's decision is final. If the decision is to not expel, the student shall be reinstated immediately. If the decision is to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion, the student shall be reinstated under the conditions of the suspended expulsion.

Upon ordering an expulsion, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to a school within the district. For a student expelled for any "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" act listed in the section "Authority to Expel" in the accompanying Board policy, this date shall be one year from the date the expulsion occurred, except that the Board may set an earlier date on a case-by-case basis. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. If an expulsion is ordered during summer session or the intersession period of a year-round program, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be

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reviewed for readmission not later than the last day of the semester following the summer session or intersession period in which the expulsion occurred. (Education Code 48916)

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, which may include: (Education Code 48916)

1. Periodic review, as well as assessment at the time of review, for readmission
2. Recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service, or other rehabilitative programs

With parent/guardian consent, students who have been expelled for reasons relating to controlled substances or alcohol may be required to enroll in a county-sponsored drug rehabilitation program before returning to school. (Education Code 48916.5)

**Written Notice to Expel**

The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of the decision to expel to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:

1. The specific offense committed by the student for any of the causes for suspension or expulsion listed above under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" (Education Code 48900.8)
2. The fact that a description of readmission procedures will be made available to the student and his/her parent/guardian (Education Code 48916)
3. Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board (Education Code 48918)
4. Notice of the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the time of expulsion (Education Code 48918)
5. Notice of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1 (Education Code 48918)

**Decision to Suspend Expulsion Order**

In accordance with Board policy, when deciding whether to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order, the Board shall take into account the following criteria:

1. The student's pattern of behavior

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2. The seriousness of the misconduct
3. The student's attitude toward the misconduct and his/her willingness to follow a rehabilitation program

The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion shall be governed by the following:

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class, or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation. This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program. (Education Code 48917)
2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status. (Education Code 48917)
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" or "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct. (Education Code 48917)
4. When the suspension of enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order. (Education Code 48917)
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school. Upon reinstatement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings. (Education Code 48917)
6. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian. The notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board, the alternative educational placement to be provided to the student during the period of expulsion, and the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of his/her status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1(b). (Education Code 48918(j))

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7. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with the County Board. (Education Code 48917)

**Appeal**

The student or parent/guardian is entitled to file an appeal of the Board's decision with the County Board. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the Board's decision to expel, even if the expulsion order is suspended and the student is placed on probation. (Education Code 48919)

If the student submits a written request for a copy of the written transcripts and supporting documents from the district simultaneously with the filing of the notice of appeal with the County Board, the district shall provide the student with these documents within 10 school days following the student's written request. (Education Code 48919)

**Notification to Law Enforcement Authorities**

Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts of assault which may have violated Penal Code 245. (Education Code 48902)

The principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts which may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or of a controlled substance, or of any student acts involving the possession, sale, or furnishing of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons in violation of Education Code 48915(c)(1) or (5) or Penal Code 626.9 and 626.10. (Education Code 48902)

Within one school day after a student's suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate county or district law enforcement authorities, by telephone or other appropriate means, of any student acts which may violate Education Code 48900(c) or (d), relating to the possession, use, offering, or sale of controlled substances, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind. (Education Code 48902)

**Placement During Expulsion**

The Board shall refer expelled students to a program of study that is: (Education Code 48915, 48915.01)

1. Appropriately prepared to accommodate students who exhibit discipline problems



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2. Not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at any elementary school, unless the program is offered at a community day school established at any of these
3. Not housed at the school site attended by the student at the time of suspension

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

*(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)*

When the placement described above is not available and when the County Superintendent so certifies, students expelled for only acts described in items #6-12 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and items #1-3 under "Additional Grounds for

Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12" above may be referred to a program of study that is provided at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school or at an elementary school. (Education Code 48915)

The program for a student expelled from any of grades K-6 shall not be combined or merged with programs offered to students in any of grades 7-12. (Education Code 48916.1)

**Readmission After Expulsion**

Prior to the date set by the Board for the student's readmission:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference, the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
2. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board his/her recommendation regarding readmission. The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or adult student, it shall be honored to the extent that privacy rights of other students are not violated.
3. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission.
4. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student has not satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or that the student continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other district students or employees. (Education Code 48916)
5. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected

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or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school.

6. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program. This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district. (Education Code 48916)

No student shall be denied readmission into the district based solely on the student's arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other such contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code 48645.5)

**Maintenance of Records**

The district shall maintain a record of each suspension and expulsion, including its specific cause(s). (Education Code 48900.8)

Expulsion records of any student shall be maintained in the student's mandatory interim record and sent to any school in which the student subsequently enrolls upon written request by that school. (Education Code 48918(k))

The Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days, honor any other district's request for information about an expulsion from this district. (Education Code 48915.1)

*(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)*



**TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**

The Governing Board desires to offer a high-quality transitional kindergarten (TK) program for eligible children who do not yet meet the minimum age criterion for kindergarten. The TK program shall assist students in developing the academic, social, and emotional skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The district's TK program shall be the first year of a two-year kindergarten program. (Education Code 48000)

The Board encourages ongoing collaboration among district preschool staff, other preschool providers, elementary teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the district's TK program.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

**Eligibility**

The district's TK program shall admit children whose fifth birthday is from September 2 through December 2. (Education Code 48000)

Parents/guardians of eligible children shall be notified of the availability of the TK program and age, residency, immunization, and any other enrollment requirements. Enrollment in the TK program shall be voluntary.

*(cf. 5111 - Admission)*

*(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*

Upon request of a child's parents/guardians, the district may, on a case-by-case basis after the Superintendent or designee determines that it is in the child's best interest, admit into the district's TK program a child whose fifth birthday is on or before September 1 and who is therefore eligible for kindergarten.

At any time during the school year, the district may admit into the TK program a child whose fifth birthday is after December 2 of that same school year, provided that the Superintendent or designee recommends that enrollment in a TK program is in the child's best interest and the child's parents/guardians approve. Prior to such enrollment, the child's parents/guardians shall be provided information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of early admittance. (Education Code 48000)

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### **Curriculum and Instruction**

The district's TK program shall be based on a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. (Education Code 48000)

*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*

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

The program shall be aligned with the preschool learning foundations and preschool curriculum frameworks developed by the California Department of Education (CDE). It shall be designed to facilitate students' development in essential skills related to language and literacy, mathematics, physical development, health, visual and performing arts, science, history-social science, English language development, and social-emotional development.

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)*

The Board shall establish the length(s) of the school day in the district's TK program. TK programs may be maintained for different lengths of time either at the same or different school sites, as long as the school day is at least three hours but no more than four hours. The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to CDE as to whether the district's TK programs are offered full day, part day, or both. (Education Code 37202, 46111, 46115, 46117, 48003)

*(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)*

*(cf. 6112 - School Day)*

TK students may be placed in the same classrooms as kindergarten students when necessary, provided that the instructional program is differentiated to meet student needs.

TK students may be placed in a classroom commingled with 4-year-old students from a California State Preschool Program as long as the classroom does not include students enrolled in TK for a second year or students enrolled in a regular kindergarten. (Education Code 8235, 48000)

### **Staffing**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers assigned to teach in TK classes possess a teaching credential or permit from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) that authorizes such instruction.

*(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)*

## **TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (continued)**

A credentialed teacher who is first assigned to a TK class after July 1, 2015, shall, by August 1, 2020, have at least 24 units in early childhood education and/or child development, comparable experience in a preschool setting, and/or a child development teacher permit issued by CTC. (Education Code 48000)

The Superintendent or designee may provide professional development as needed to ensure that TK teachers are knowledgeable about the standards and effective instructional methods for teaching young children.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

### **Continuation to Kindergarten**

Students who complete the TK program shall be eligible to continue in kindergarten the following school year. Parents/guardians of such students shall not be required to submit a signed Kindergarten Continuance Form for kindergarten attendance.

However, whenever children who would otherwise be age-eligible for kindergarten are enrolled in TK, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain a Kindergarten Continuance Form signed by the parent/guardian near the end of the TK year consenting to the child's enrollment in kindergarten the following year.

A student shall not attend more than two years in a combination of TK and kindergarten. (Education Code 46300)

*(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*

### **Assessment**

The Superintendent or designee may develop or identify appropriate formal and/or informal assessments of TK students' development and progress. He/she shall monitor and regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation and the progress of students in meeting related academic standards.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

## TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (continued)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

- 8235 *California State Preschool Program*
- 8973 *Extended-day kindergarten*
- 37202 *School calendar; equivalency of instructional minutes*
- 44258.9 *Assignment monitoring by county superintendent of schools*
- 46111 *Kindergarten, hours of attendance*
- 46114-46119 *Minimum school day, kindergarten*
- 46300 *Computation of ADA, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten*
- 48000 *Age of admission, kindergarten and transitional kindergarten*
- 48002 *Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade*
- 48003 *Kindergarten annual report*
- 48200 *Compulsory education, starting at age six*

### *Management Resources:*

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*What Boards of Education Can Do About Kindergarten Readiness, Governance Brief, May 2016*

#### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

##### Transitional Kindergarten FAQs

*Desired Results Developmental Profile, 2015*

*Transitional Kindergarten Implementation Guide: A Resource for California Public School District Administrators and Teachers, 2013*

*California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 3, 2013*

*California Preschool Learning Foundations, Vol. 3, 2012*

*California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Vol. 2, 2011*

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#### WEB SITES

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

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

California Kindergarten Association: <http://www.ckanet.org>

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

Transitional Kindergarten California: <http://www.tkcalifornia.org>

**TERMS OF OFFICE**

The Governing Board shall consist of \_\_\_\_\_ members whose terms shall be staggered so that as nearly as practicable, one half of the members shall be elected in each year in which the Board's elections are regularly held. (Education Code 35012)

*(cf. 9220 - Governing Board Elections)*

The term of office for Board members elected in regular elections shall be four years, commencing on the second Friday in December following their election. (Education Code 5017)

*(cf. 9223 - Filling Vacancies)*

*(cf. 9224 - Oath or Affirmation)*

*(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)*

Board members whose terms have expired shall continue to discharge the duties of office until their successors have qualified by taking the oath of office. (Education Code 5017; Government Code 1302, 1360)

If a regularly scheduled Board election date is changed due to consolidation with a statewide or municipal general election, the term of incumbent Board members shall be extended to align with the next applicable election. (Elections Code 10404.5)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

5000-5033 Election of school district board members

35010 Control of district

35012 Board members; number, election and terms

35107 Eligibility

ELECTIONS CODE

1302 Local elections, school district election

10400-10418 Consolidation of elections

14050-14057 California Voter Participation Rights Act

GOVERNMENT CODE

1302 Continuance in office until qualification of successor

1303 Exercising functions of office without having qualified

1360 Necessity of taking constitutional oath

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

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

# Board Bylaw

BB 9270

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Governing Board desires to maintain the highest ethical standards and help ensure that decisions are made in the best interest of the district and the public. Accordingly, no Board member, district employee, or other person in a designated position shall participate in the making of any decision for the district when the decision will or may be affected by his/her financial, family, or other personal interest or consideration.

(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

Even if a prohibited conflict of interest does not exist, a Board member shall abstain from voting on personnel matters that uniquely affect his/her relatives. However, a Board member may vote on collective bargaining agreements and personnel matters that affect a class of employees to which his/her relative belongs. Relative means an adult who is related to the Board member by blood or affinity within the third degree, as determined by the common law, or an individual in an adoptive relationship within the third degree. (Education Code 35107)

A relationship within the third degree includes an individual's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse/registered domestic partner unless the individual is widowed or divorced.

The Board shall adopt for the district a conflict of interest code that incorporates the provisions of 2 CCR 18730 by reference, specifies the district's designated positions, and provides the disclosure categories required for each position. The conflict of interest code shall be submitted to the district's code reviewing body for approval, in accordance with Government Code 87303 and within the deadline for submission established by the code reviewing body. (Government Code 87303)

Upon direction by the code reviewing body, the Board shall review the district's conflict of interest code and submit any changes to the code reviewing body or, if no change is required, the Board shall submit a written statement to that effect. (Government Code 87306.5)

When a change in the district's conflict of interest code is necessitated due to changed circumstances, such as the creation of new designated positions, changes to the duties assigned to existing positions, amendments, or revisions, the amended code shall be submitted to the code reviewing body within 90 days after the changed circumstances necessitating the amendments have become apparent. (Government Code 87306)

When reviewing and preparing the district's conflict of interest code, the Superintendent or designee shall provide officers, employees, consultants, and members of the community adequate notice and a fair opportunity to present their views. (Government Code 87311)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST ( continued)**

Board members and designated employees shall annually file a Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 in accordance with the disclosure categories specified in the district's conflict of interest code. A Board member who leaves office or a designated employee who leaves district employment shall, within 30 days, file a revised statement covering the period of time between the closing date of the last required statement and the date of leaving office or district employment. (Government Code 87302, 87302.6)

(cf. 4117.2/4217.2/4317.2 - Resignation)

(cf. 9222 - Resignation)

**Conflict of Interest under the Political Reform Act**

A Board member, designated employee, or other person in a designated position shall not make, participate in making, or in any way use or attempt to use his/her official position to influence a governmental decision in which he/she knows or has reason to know that he/she has a disqualifying conflict of interest. A disqualifying conflict of interest exists if the decision will have a "reasonably foreseeable material financial effect," which is distinguishable from the effect on the public generally, on the Board member, designated employee, or other person in a designated position, his/her immediate family, or any financial interest described in 2 CCR 18700. (Government Code 87100, 87101, 87103; 2 CCR 18700-18707)

A Board member, designated employee, or other person in a designated position makes a governmental decision when he/she, acting within the authority of his/her office or position, authorizes or directs any action on a matter, votes or provides information or opinion on it, contacts or appears before a district official for the purpose of affecting the decision, or takes any other action specified in 2 CCR 18704.

However, a Board member shall participate in the making of a contract in which he/she has a financial interest if his/her participation is required by the rule of necessity or legally required participation pursuant to Government Code 87101 and 2 CCR 18705.

**Additional Requirements for Boards that Manage Public Investments**

Any Board member who manages public investments pursuant to Government Code 87200 and who has a financial interest in a decision shall, upon identifying a conflict or potential conflict of interest and immediately prior to the consideration of the matter, do all of the following: (Government Code 87105; 2 CCR 18707)

1. Publicly identify each financial interest that gives rise to the conflict or potential conflict of interest in detail sufficient to be understood by the public, except that disclosure of the exact street address of a residence is not required.



**CONFLICT OF INTEREST ( continued)**

2. Recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter, or otherwise acting in violation of Government Code 87100. The Board member shall not be counted toward achieving a quorum while the item is discussed.

However, the Board member may speak on the issue during the time that the general public speaks on it and may leave the dais to speak from the same area as members of the public. He/she may listen to the public discussion and deliberations of the matter with members of the public.

3. Leave the room until after the discussion, vote, and any other disposition of the matter is concluded, unless the matter has been placed on the portion of the agenda reserved for uncontested matters.

If the item is on the consent calendar, the Board member must recuse himself/herself from discussing or voting on that matter, but the Board member is not required to leave the room during consideration of the consent calendar.

4. If the Board's decision is made during closed session, disclose his/her interest orally during the open session preceding the closed session. This disclosure shall be limited to a declaration that his/her recusal is because of a conflict of interest pursuant to Government Code 87100. He/she shall not be present when the item is considered in closed session and shall not knowingly obtain or review a recording or any other nonpublic information regarding the Board's decision.

(cf. 3430 - Investing)

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

**Conflict of Interest under Government Code 1090 - Financial Interest in a Contract**

Board members, employees, or district consultants shall not be financially interested in any contract made by the Board on behalf of the district, including in the development, preliminary discussions, negotiations, compromises, planning, reasoning, and specifications and solicitations for bids. If a Board member has such a financial interest in a contract made by the Board, the contract is void. (Government Code 1090)

A Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract in which he/she has only a "remote interest," as specified in Government Code 1091, if the interest is disclosed during a Board meeting and noted in the official Board minutes. The affected Board member shall not vote or debate on the matter or attempt to influence any other Board member or district official to enter into the contract. (Government Code 1091)



## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST ( continued)**

In addition, a Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract in which his/her interest is a "noninterest" as defined in Government Code 1091.5. Noninterest includes a Board member's interest in being reimbursed for his/her actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his/her official duties, in the employment of his/her spouse/registered domestic partner who has been a district employee for at least one year prior to the Board member's election or appointment, or in any other applicable circumstance specified in Government Code 1091.5.

### **Common Law Doctrine Against Conflict of Interest**

A Board member shall abstain from any official action in which his/her private or personal interest may conflict with his/her official duties.

### **Incompatible Offices and Activities**

Board members shall not engage in any employment or activity or hold any office which is inconsistent with, incompatible with, in conflict with, or inimical to the Board member's duties as an officer of the district. (Government Code 1099, 1126)

(cf. 4136/4236/4336 - Nonschool Employment)

### **Gifts**

Board members and designated employees may accept gifts only under the conditions and limitations specified in Government Code 89503 and 2 CCR 18730.

The limitation on gifts does not apply to wedding gifts and gifts exchanged between individuals on birthdays, holidays, and other similar occasions, provided that the gifts exchanged are not substantially disproportionate in value. (Government Code 89503)

In addition, the limitation on gifts does not apply to informational materials such as books, reports, pamphlets, calendars, and periodicals. (Government Code 82028)

Gifts of travel and related lodging and subsistence shall be subject to the current gift limitation, except when: (Government Code 89506)

1. The travel is in connection with a speech given by a Board member or designated employee, provided the lodging and subsistence expenses are limited to the day immediately preceding, the day of, and the day immediately following the speech and the travel is within the United States.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST ( continued)**

2. The travel is provided by a person or agency specified in Government Code 89506, including a government, governmental agency or authority, bona fide public or private educational institution, as defined in Revenue and Taxation Code 203, or nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Gifts of travel exempted from the gift limitation, as described in items #1 and 2 above, shall nevertheless be reportable on the recipient's Statement of Economic Interest/Form 700 as required by law.

A gift of travel does not include travel provided by the district for Board members and designated employees. (Government Code 89506)

**Honoraria**

Board members and designated employees shall not accept any honorarium, which is defined as any payment made in consideration for any speech given, article published, or attendance at any public or private conference, convention, meeting, social event, meal, or like gathering. (Government Code 89501, 89502)

The term honorarium does not include: (Government Code 89501)

1. Earned income for personal services customarily provided in connection with a bona fide business, trade, or profession, unless the sole or predominant activity of the business, trade, or profession is making speeches
2. Any honorarium which is not used and, within 30 days after receipt, is either returned to the donor or delivered to the district for donation into the general fund without being claimed as a deduction from income for tax purposes

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