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NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Trustees is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in district programs and activities. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identify or expression, or genetic information; or the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

- (cf. 1240 – Volunteer Assistance)
- (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
- (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
- (cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)
- (cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
- (cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)
- (cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
- (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
- (cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
- (cf. 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior)
- (cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
- (cf. 6145 – Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
- (cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
- (cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)
- (cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
- (cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

All individuals shall be treated equitably in the receipt of district and school services. Personally identifiable information collected in the implementation of any district program, including, but not limited to, student and family information for the free and reduced-price lunch program, transportation, or any other educational program, shall be used only for the purposes of the program, except when the Superintendent or designee authorizes its use for another purpose in accordance with law. Resources and data collected by the district shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status or any other category identified above.

- (cf. 3540 - Transportation)
- (cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
- (cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

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

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

(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 206.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations and applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in annual parental notification distributed pursuant to Education Code 48980 and, as applicable, in announcements, bulletins, catalogs, handbooks, application forms or other materials distributed by the district schools and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting room, and other prominent locations as appropriate.

(cf. 1113 – District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 – District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - *Employee Notifications*)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In addition, the annual parental notification shall inform parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, including information on educational rights issued by the California Attorney General. Alternatively, such information may be provided through any other cost-effective means determined by the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 234.7)

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

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Access for Individuals with Disabilities

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

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

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

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

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

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
48980 Parental notifications
48985 Notices to parents in language other than English
51007 Legislative intent: state policy

GOVERNMENT CODE

8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act
11000 Definitions
11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
54953.2 Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime
422.6 Interface with constitutional right or privilege
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4600-4687-70 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act
1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX
2301-2415 Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act
6311 State plans

6312 Local education agency plans

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended
2000h-2000h-6 Title IX

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

36.303 Auxiliary aids and services

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.1-100.13 Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI

104.1-104.39 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

106.1-106.61 Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:

106.9 Dissemination of policy

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Updated Legal Guidance: Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students against Sex Discrimination, July 2016

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

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Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING PUBLICATIONS

California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment

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

Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students, May 2016

Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015

Dear Colleague Letter, May 26, 2011

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Notice of Non-Discrimination, Fact Sheet, August 2010

Dear Colleague Letter: Electronic Book Readers, June 29, 2010

Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices in Education, August 1991

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, September 2010

Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, June 2003

WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, December 2008

WEB SITES

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

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

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

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

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

Pacific ADA Center: <http://www.adapacific.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR>

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Americans with Disabilities Act: <http://www.ada.gov>

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

World Wide Web Consortium, Web Accessibility Initiative: <http://www.w3.org/wai>

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