

Community Relations

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEB SITES

BP 1113 (a)

Design Standards

The Superintendent or designee shall establish design standards for district and school web sites in order to maintain a consistent identity, professional appearance, and ease of use.

The district's design standards shall address the accessibility of district-sponsored web sites to individuals with disabilities, including compatibility with commonly used assistive technologies.

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Guidelines for Content

The Superintendent or designee shall develop content guidelines for district and school web sites and shall assign staff to review and approve content prior to posting.

Privacy Rights

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the privacy rights of students, parents/guardians, staff, Board members, and other individuals are protected on district and school web sites.

(cf. 1340 – Access to District Records)

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

(cf. 5022 – Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

Telephone numbers and home and email addresses of students and/or their parents/guardians shall not be published on district or school web sites.

Because of the wide accessibility of the Internet and potential risk to students, photographs of individual students shall not be published with their names or other personally identifiable information.

Photographs of groups of students, such as at a school event, may be published provided that students' names are not included.

Staff members' home addresses or telephone numbers shall not be posted on district or school web sites.

The home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official including, but not limited to, a Board member or public safety official, shall not be posted on district or school web sites without the prior written permission of that individual. (Government Code 3307.5, 6254.21, 6254.24)

No public safety official shall be required to consent to the posting on the Internet of his/her photograph or identity as a public safety officer for any purpose if that officer reasonably believes that the disclosure may result in a threat, harassment, intimidation, or harm to the officer or his/her family. (Government Code 3307.5)

(cf. 3515.3 – District Police/Security Department)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Contracts for advertising

35258 Internet access to school accountability report cards

48907 Exercise of free expression; rules and regulations

48950 Speech and other communication

49061 Definitions, directory information

49073 Release of directory information

60048 Commercial brand names, contracts or logos

GOVERNMENT CODE

3307.5 Publishing identity of public safety officers

6254.21 Publishing addresses and telephone numbers of officials

6254.24 Definition of public safety official

11135 Nondiscrimination; accessibility to state web sites

PENAL CODE

14029.5 Prohibition against publishing personal information of person in witness protection program

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 17

101.1101 Federal copyright law

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; accessibility to federal web sites

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 16

312.1-312.12 Children's Online Privacy

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

COURT DECISIONS

Aarias v. Las Virgenes Unified School District, (1998) 64 Cal.App.4th 1112

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

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 Department of Education, Web Accessibility Standards:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/webaccessstds.asp>

California School Public Relations Association: <http://www.calspra.org>

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

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

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