

**ANNUAL NOTIFICATION  
OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
2018-2019**

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*Note: This section is for **information only**. The notifications required by EC 48980 are individually listed and described in the Summary of Notifications.*

### **EC 48980. Notice at beginning of term of rights and responsibilities; required content**

- (a) At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the governing board of each school district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Sections 35291, 46014, 48205, 48207, 48208, 49403, 49423, 49451, 49472, and 51938 and Chapter 2.3 (commencing with Section 32255) of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1.
- (b) The notification also shall advise the parent or guardian of the availability of individualized instruction as prescribed by Section 48206.3, and of the program prescribed by Article 9 (commencing with Section 49510) of Chapter 9.
- (c) The notification also shall advise the parents and guardians of all pupils attending a school within the school district of the schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days, and if minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled thereafter, the governing board of the district shall notify parents and guardians of the affected pupils as early as possible, but not later than one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day.
- (d) The notification also may advise the parent or guardian of the importance of investing for future college or university education for their children and of considering appropriate investment options including, but not limited to, United States savings bonds.
- (e) Each school district that elects to provide a fingerprinting program pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 32390) of Chapter 3 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 shall inform parents or guardians of the program as specified in Section 32390.
- (f) The notification also shall include a copy of the written policy of the school district on sexual harassment established pursuant to Section 231.5, as it relates to pupils.
- (g) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of all existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the school district. This notification component shall include all options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance, programmatic options offered within the local attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis. This notification component also shall include a description of all options, a description of the procedure for application for alternative attendance areas or programs, an application form from the district for requesting a change of attendance, and a description of the appeals process available, if any, for a parent or guardian denied a change of attendance. The notification component also shall include an explanation of the existing statutory attendance options including, but not limited to, those available under Section 35160.5, Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 46600) of Part 26, and subdivision (b) of Section 48204. The department shall produce this portion of the notification and shall distribute it to all school districts.
- (h) It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing board of each school district annually review the enrollment options available to the pupils within its district and that the districts

strive to make available enrollment options that meet the diverse needs, potential, and interests of the pupils of California.

- (i) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian that a pupil shall not have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences excused pursuant to Section 48205 if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time, and shall include the full text of Section 48205.
- (j) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the availability of state funds to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees pursuant to Section 52244.
- (k) The notification to the parent or guardian of a minor pupil enrolled in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, also shall include the information required pursuant to Section 51229.
- (l) If a school district elects to allow a career technical education course to satisfy the requirement imposed by subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 51225.3, the school district shall include, in the notification required pursuant to this section, both of the following:
  - (1) Information about the high school graduation requirements of the school district and how each requirement satisfies or does not satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.
  - (2) A complete list of career technical education courses offered by the school district that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, and which of the specific college admission requirements these courses satisfy.

#### **EC 48980.3. Notification of pesticides**

The notification required pursuant to Section 48980 shall include information regarding pesticide products as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 17612.

#### **EC 48981. Time and means of notification**

The notice shall be provided at the time of registration for the first semester or quarter of the regular school term. The notice may be provided using any of the following methods:

- (a) By regular mail.
- (b) If a parent or guardian requests to receive the notice in electronic format, by providing access to the notice electronically. Notice provided in electronic format shall conform to the requirements of Section 48985.
- (c) By any other method normally used to communicate with the parents or guardians in writing.

#### **EC 48982. Signature; return to school; effect of signature**

- (a) The notice shall be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the school. Signature of the notice is an acknowledgment by the parent or guardian that he or she has been informed of his or her rights but does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has either been given or withheld.
- (b) If the notice is provided in electronic format pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 48981, the parent or guardian shall submit to the school a signed acknowledgment of receipt of the notice.

#### **EC 48983. Contents of notice**

If any activity covered by the sections set forth in Section 48980 will be undertaken by the school during the forthcoming school term, the notice shall state that fact and shall also state the approximate date upon which any of such activities will occur.

**EC 48984. Activities prohibited unless notice given**

No school district shall undertake any activity covered by the sections set forth in Section 48980 with respect to any particular pupil unless the parent or guardian has been informed of such action pursuant to this article or has received separate special notification.

**EC 48985. Notices to parents in language other than English; monitoring; notice to school districts**

- (a) If 15 percent or more of the pupils enrolled in a public school that provides instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, speak a single primary language other than English, as determined from the census data submitted to the department pursuant to Section 52164 in the preceding year, all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to the parent or guardian of any such pupil by the school or school district shall, in addition to being written in English, be written in the primary language, and may be responded to either in English or the primary language.
- (b) Pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 64001, the department shall monitor adherence to the requirements of subdivision (a) as part of its regular monitoring and review of public schools and school districts, commonly known as the Categorical Program Monitoring process, and shall determine the types of documents and languages a school district translates to a primary language other than English, the availability of these documents to parents or guardians who speak a primary language other than English, and the gaps in translations of these documents.
- (c) Based on census data submitted to the department pursuant to Section 52164 in the preceding fiscal year, the department shall notify a school district, by August 1 of each year, of the schools within the school district, and the primary language other than English, for which the translation of documents is required pursuant to subdivision (a). The department shall make that notification using electronic methods.
- (d) The department shall use existing resources to comply with subdivisions (b) and (c).

*Note:* The California Department of Education has established a Clearinghouse for Multilingual Documents to help schools meet state and federal requirements for document translation and parental notification, including other legislation. The Clearinghouse may be accessed at the following web address: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/Ls/pf/cm/>.

**SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS  
2018-2019**

## ***ALL SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS***

### **Asbestos Management Plan – 40 CFR 763.93**

Requires the school district, at least once each school year, to notify in writing parent, teacher, and employee organizations of the availability of a complete, updated management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings and shall include in the management plan a description of the steps taken to notify such organizations, and a dated copy of the notification.

The San Marino Unified School District maintains and annually updates its management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings. For a copy of the District's asbestos management plan, please contact Mr. Jim Fahey, Director of Maintenance & Operations at 626-299-7000, ext. 1313 or [jfahey@smusd.us](mailto:jfahey@smusd.us).

### **Attendance Options/Permits – EC 48980(h)**

EC 48980(h): Requires the annual notification to advise parents or guardians of all existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the school district, including all options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance, programmatic options offered within the local attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis.

Notification to include a description of all options, a description of the procedure for application to alternative attendance areas or programs, an application form from the district for requesting a change of attendance, and a description of the appeals process available, if any, for a parent or guardian denied a change of attendance.

Notification to also include an explanation of the existing statutory attendance options including, but not limited to, those available under EC 35160.5, 46600 *et seq.*, 48204(b), 48300 *et seq.*, and 48350 *et seq.*

### **Interdistrict Attendance – EC 46600 *et seq.***

The parent or legal guardian of a pupil may seek release from the home district to attend a school in any other school district. School districts may enter into agreements for the interdistrict transfer of one or more pupils for a period of up to five years. The agreement must specify the terms and conditions for granting or denying transfers, and may contain standards of reapplication and specify the terms and conditions under which a permit may be revoked. Unless otherwise specified in the agreement, a pupil will not have to reapply for an interdistrict transfer, and the school board of the district of enrollment must allow the pupil to continue to attend the school in which he/she is enrolled.

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

### **Availability of Prospectus – EC 49063 and 49091.14**

Requires each school to compile annually a prospectus of the curriculum including titles, descriptions and instructional aims of every course offered by the school. Prospectus to be reproduced and made available, upon request by parent or guardian, for inspection.

Each school must annually compile a prospectus of the curriculum to include titles, descriptions and instructional goals for every course offered by the school. Please contact Mr. Jason Kurtenbach, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction for a copy of the prospectus.

**Before and After School Programs – EC 8482.6, 8483, 8483.1, and 8483.95**

***Programas Antes y Después de la Escuela – CE 8482.6, 8483, 8483.1, and 8483.95***

Provides, beginning on July 1, 2017, homeless students and students who are in foster care priority for enrolling in before and after school programs and prohibits a program that charges family fees from charging a fee to a family of a homeless or foster care student.

Prohibits a before school or after school program funded by state and federal funds from charging fees to a family for a child, if the program knows that the child is a homeless youth, or for a child who the program knows is in foster care.

Strikes the provision specifying that priority for enrollment of pupils in middle school or junior high school shall be given to pupils who attend daily, and instead establishes the following priorities for enrollment: a) First priority shall go to pupils who are identified by the program as homeless youth, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, at the time that they apply for enrollment or at any time during the school year, and to pupils who are identified by the program as being in foster care. b) For programs serving middle and junior high school pupils, second priority shall go to pupils who attend daily.

Specifies that nothing shall be construed to require a program to verify, or a school to disclose to an after school program, that a pupil applying for or participating in the program is a homeless youth or a foster youth.

Specifies that nothing shall be construed to require or authorize the disenrollment of a current participant in order to secure the enrollment of a pupil who has priority for enrollment.

Requires a program to inform the parent or caregiver of a pupil of the right of homeless children and foster children to receive priority enrollment and how to request priority enrollment.

Specifies that for purposes of identifying a pupil who is eligible for priority enrollment on the basis of being homeless, the administrators of a program shall allow self-certification of the pupil as a homeless youth or a foster youth. Specifies that administrators of a program may also obtain this information through the school district liaison designated for homeless children, provided that the school district has a waiver on file allowing for the release of this information.

Expresses the intent of the Legislature that an After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) not use its core operating funds for mandatory snacks or meals, but shall instead seek AB 1567 Page 2 to qualify program sites as approved distribution sites for federally funded after school snacks or meals provided for by the National School Lunch Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the School Breakfast Program, or the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Makes declarations and findings regarding the benefits of the ASES program and the need to establish priority for enrollment for homeless and foster care students due to underfunding and waiting lists.

**Career Counseling & Course Selection – EC 221.5(d)**

***Consejo de Profesión y Selección de Curso – CE 221.5(d)***

Requires the parents or legal guardian of a pupil to be notified in a general manner at least once in the annual notification, in advance of career counseling and course selection commencing with course selection for grade 7, so that the parent or guardian may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions.

*Note:* Does not apply to K-6 school districts.

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

*Empezando desde el grado 7, personal de la escuela asistirá a los alumnos con la selección de curso o el consejo de profesión, investigando la posibilidad de carreras, o cursos que llevan a carreras basados en el interés y la habilidad del alumno y no en el sexo del alumno. Los padres y tutores legales serán notificados para que puedan participar en tales sesiones de consejo y decisiones.*

**Child Find System – EC 56301; 20USC1401(3); 1412(a)(3); 34CFR300.111(c)(d)**

***Sistema de Buscar y Servir – CE 56301; 20USC1401(3); 1412(a)(3); 34CFR300.111(c)(d)***

Requires the special education local plan area (SELPA) to establish written policy and procedures for continuous child find system including children with disabilities who are migrant or homeless or wards of the state and children with disabilities attending private schools. Policy and procedures to include written notification to all parents of their rights regarding identification, referral, assessment, instructional planning, implementation, review, and procedures for initiating referral for assessment.

*Note:* The district's local SELPA can provide appropriate and specific language to meet this notification requirement.

**Concussion and Head Injuries – EC 49475**

***Conmoción Cerebral y Heridas a la Cabeza – CE 49475***

Requires, on a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet to be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. These provisions would not apply to an athlete engaged in an athletic activity during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course. A revised sample information sheet is provided on pages 100-103.

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

requirement does not apply to an athlete engaging in an athletic activity during the regular schoolday or as part of a physical education course.

**Confidential Medical Services – EC 46010.1**

A school district each academic year must notify pupils in grades 7 to 12, and the parents or guardians of all pupils enrolled in the district, that school authorities may excuse any pupil from the school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian. Notice may be included with any other notice given pursuant to Education Code.

The California Attorney General in November 2004, opined that a school district may not adopt a policy under which the district will notify a parent when a pupil leaves school to obtain confidential medical services, nor may a district require a pupil obtain written parental consent prior to releasing pupil from school to receive confidential medical services.

**Cyber Sexual Bullying – EC 234.2 and 48900**

Adds to the definition of bullying via an electronic act "cyber sexual bullying" and requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to include information on cyber sexual bullying on the California Healthy Kids Resource Center Internet Web site and other appropriate CDE Internet websites where information about discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying is posted.

Defines "cyber sexual bullying" as the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act with the purpose or effect of humiliating or harassing a pupil. Specifies that a photograph or other visual recording shall include the depiction of a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of a minor where the minor is identifiable from the photograph, visual recording, or other electronic act. 2) Specifies that "cyber sexual bullying" does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities. 3) Requires the CDE to annually inform school districts of the information on the California Healthy Kids Resource Center Internet Web site and other CDE Internet Web sites where information about cyber sexual bullying is posted. Authorizes the CDE to use electronic mail to inform school districts of this information. 4) Encourages school districts to inform pupils regarding the information and resources on the CDE's Internet Web sites. 5) Incorporates the provisions from AB 2212 (Harper) of the current legislative session to avoid chaptering out problems.

### **Directory Information – EC 49073**

Requires notice to parents or guardians, on an annual basis, of the categories of directory information that the school plans to release and of the persons or agencies who may receive such information. Authorizes parents to preclude release by notifying the school district. A revised sample form of the release of directory information is provided on pages 90-91.

“Directory Information” includes one or more of the following items: student’s name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent public or private school attended by the student. The District has determined that the following individuals, officials, or organizations may receive directory information: San Marino Unified School District and schools, PTAs, and San Marino Schools Foundation.

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

### **Educational Equity: Immigration and Citizenship Status - EC 200, 220, and 234.1 adding Article 5.7 to EC 234.7 (District information ONLY)**

**All persons in public schools, regardless of their Immigration status, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other other specified characteristic, are to be afforded equal rights and opportunities in the schools, and are not to be discriminated against on the basis of these specific characteristics in any program or activity conducted by the school that receives or benefits from state financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state financial aid. School officials are prohibited from collecting information or documents regarding citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members. Schools are to adopt a policy that prohibits and adopt a process for receiving and investigating complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on those actual or perceived specified characteristics. The superintendent of a school district or county office of education and principal of a charter school are to report to the governing board of local educational agency in a timely manner any requests for information or access to the school site by an officer or employee or a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing the immigration laws in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information. Schools are encouraged, when an employee is aware that a student's parent or guardian is not available to care for the student, to work with parents or guardians to update the emergency contact information and not to contact Child Protective Services to arrange for the student's care unless the school is able to arrange for care through the use of emergency contact information or instructions provided by the student's parent or guardian. Governing boards or schools are to provide information to parents and guardians as appropriate, regarding their children's right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs. Schools and school districts will adopt by July 1, 2018 model policies created by the California Attorney General, limiting immigration enforcement at public schools ensuring that public schools remain safe and accessible regardless of immigration status.**

**Educational Liaison for Foster Children – EC 48204, 48645.5, 48853, and 48853.5, WIC 317 and 16010**

Requires the State Department of Education, in consultation with the California Foster Youth Education Task Force, to develop a standardized notice of the educational rights of foster children, as specified, and to make the notice available to educational liaisons for foster children for dissemination by posting the notice on its Internet Web site.

Note: Post CDE information on district web site when notice is received.

**Emergency Treatment for Anaphylaxis – EC 49414**

Requires school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide emergency epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses and trained personnel and authorizes them to use epinephrine auto-injectors to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering or reasonably believed to be suffering from a life-threatening severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

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

**English Learners Identification Notice - EC 313.2 (District Information ONLY)**

**Parents are to be notified by schools that in addition to the child's English proficiency status, for which they are notified using the English Language Proficiency for Assessments for California (ELPAC), that they are to be notified that their child is a long-term English learner or is an English learner at-risk of becoming a long-term English learner. Schools are required to send an alternative notice to comply with this requirement.**

### **Excused Absences – EC 46014 and 48205**

EC 48980(a): At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the governing board of each school district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Sections 46014 and 48205.

EC 48980(j): Requires the annual notification to advise the parent or guardian that no pupil may have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences excused under EC 48205, if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Requires the full text of EC 48205 be included in the annual notification.

EC 48205, allows a pupil's attendance at his or her naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen to be deemed an excused absence for purposes of computing average daily attendance (ADA).

Pupils, with the written consent of their parents or guardians, may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral or religious instruction.

No pupil shall have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence or absences, if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- (1) Due to his or her illness.
- (2) Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- (3) For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic services rendered.
- (4) For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of his or her immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.
- (5) For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- (6) Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
- (7) For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization when the pupil's absence is requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
- (8) For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.
- (9) For the purpose of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in EC § 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
- (10) For the purpose of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.

- (b) A pupil absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefore. The teacher of the class from which a pupil is absent shall determine which tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.
- (c) For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed four hours per semester.
- (d) Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state apportionment payments.
- (e) "Immediate family," as used in this section, has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 45194, except that references therein to "employee" shall be deemed to be references to "pupil."

**Free and Reduced-price Meals – EC 49510 *et seq.***

***Comidas Gratuitas y Precios Reducidos – CE 49510 *et seq.****

EC 48980(b): Requires the annual notification to advise the parent or guardian of the program of free and reduced-price meals prescribed by EC 49510 *et seq.*

EC 49520: Requires the school district to provide annual notification of the availability of the program to provide nutritious meals at school for pupils in receipt of public assistance.

Free or reduced-price lunches are available at school for pupils whose parents or legal guardians qualify, based on annual household income, and complete the required application form. Application forms may be obtained through [SMUSD Food Services on the District website](#).

**Harm or Destruction of Animals – EC 32255 *et seq.***

EC 48980(a): At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the school district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Chapter 2.3 (commencing with Section 32255) of Part 19. A sample opt-out form is provided on pages 94-97.

Any pupil with a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying an animal, or any part thereof, must inform his or her teacher of the objection. Objections must be substantiated by a note from the pupil's parent or guardian.

A pupil who chooses to refrain from participation in an education project involving the harmful or destructive use of an animal may receive an alternative education project, if the teacher believes that an adequate alternative education project is possible. The teacher may work with the pupil to develop and agree upon an alternative education project so that the pupil may obtain the knowledge, information, or experience required by the course of study in question.

**Homeless Youth Education – 42 US 11432, EC 48853, 49069, 51225.1 and 51225.2**

Requires every local education agency to appoint a homeless liaison to ensure parents of homeless pupils are informed of educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in education of their children. Unaccompanied youth, such as teen

parents not living with their parent/guardian or students that have run away or have been pushed out of their homes, have access to these same rights. Notification may address:

1. Liaison contact information.
2. Circumstances for eligibility (*e.g.*, living in a shelter, a motel, hotel, a house or apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss, in an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the street, in temporary foster care or with an adult who is not your parent or guardian, in substandard housing, or with friends or family because you are a runaway, unaccompanied, or migrant youth).
3. Right to immediate enrollment in school of origin or school where currently residing without proof of residency, immunization records or tuberculosis skin-test results, school records, or legal guardianship papers.
4. Right to education and other services (*e.g.*, to participate fully in all school activities and programs for which child is eligible, to qualify automatically for nutrition programs, to receive transportation services, and to contact liaison to resolve disputes that arise during enrollment).
5. Right to be notified of possibility of graduating within four years with reduced state requirements, if the homeless student transferred after the second year of high school, is credit deficient, and will not be able to graduate on time with local district requirements.
6. Right for district to accept partial credits for courses that have been satisfactorily completed by the homeless student.

#### **Immunizations – HSC 120325, 120335, 120338, 120365, 120370, and 120375**

Eliminates the exemption from existing specified immunization requirements based upon personal beliefs, but would allow exemption from future immunization requirements deemed appropriate by the State Department of Public Health for either medical reasons or personal beliefs. Exempts pupils in a home-based private school and students enrolled in an independent study program and who do not receive classroom-based instruction, pursuant to specified law from the prohibition described above. Allows pupils who, prior to January 1, 2016, have a letter or affidavit on file at a private or public elementary or secondary school, child day care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center stating beliefs opposed to immunization, to be enrolled in any private or public elementary or secondary school, child day care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center within the state until the pupil enrolls in the next grade span, as defined. Except as under the circumstances described above, on and after July 1, 2016, prohibits a governing authority from unconditionally admitting to any of those institutions for the first time or admitting or advancing any pupil to the 7th grade level, unless the pupil has been immunized as required by the bill. Specifies that its provisions do not prohibit a pupil who qualifies for an individualized education program, pursuant to specified laws, from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her individualized education program. Narrows the authorization for temporary exclusion from a school or other institution to make it applicable only to a child who has been exposed to a specified disease and whose documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against one of the diseases described above. Makes conforming changes to related provisions.

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

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

Students are not required to have immunizations if they attend a home-based private school or an independent study program and do not receive classroom-based instruction. However, parents must continue to provide immunizations records for these students to their schools.

The immunization requirements do not prohibit students from accessing special education and related services required by their individualized education programs.

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

**Instruction for Pupils with Temporary Disabilities – EC 48206.3, 48207 and 48208**

***Instrucción para los Estudiantes con Discapacidades Temporales – CE 48206.3, 48207 y 48208***

EC 48980(b): Requires the annual notification to advise the parent or guardian of the availability of individualized instruction as prescribed by EC 48206.3, 48207 and 48208.

A pupil with a temporary disability which makes attendance in the regular day classes or the alternative educational program in which the pupil is enrolled impossible or inadvisable may receive individualized instruction provided in the pupil's home for one hour a day. Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ for further information.

A pupil with a temporary disability, who is in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding a state hospital, may be deemed to have complied with the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district in which the hospital is located.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify the school district in which the hospital or other residential health facility is located of the presence of a pupil with a temporary disability. Upon receipt of the notification, the district will within five working days determine whether the pupil will be able to receive individualized instruction pursuant to EC 48206.3 and, if so, provide the instruction within five working days or less.

**Juvenile Court School Pupils - EC 48645.3, 48645.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2**

Requires school districts to exempt former juvenile court school students who transfer into school districts after their second year in high school from local graduation requirements that exceed those of the state, and requires a county office of education to issue a diploma of graduation to a pupil who completes statewide coursework requirements for graduation while attending a juvenile court school.

Define "former juvenile court school pupil" as a student who, upon completion of her or his second year of high school, transfers to a school district from a juvenile court school, except for a school district run by the Division of Juvenile Justice. 2) Add these students to the existing sections which provide certain rights for students in foster care and those who are homeless, thereby making the rights afforded to them subject to complaint under the Uniform Complaint Procedures. 3) Prohibit a former juvenile court school student, the person holding

the right to make educational decisions for the student, the student's social worker, or the student's probation officer from requesting a transfer solely to qualify the pupil for the exemptions. 4) State the intent of the Legislature that students in juvenile court schools have a rigorous curriculum that includes a course of study preparing them for high school graduation and career entry, and fulfilling the requirements for admission to the University of California and the California State University.

**Juvenile Court School Pupils: Graduation Requirements and Continued Education Options  
- EC 48645.3 and 48645.7 (District Information ONLY)**

**Requires the county office of education, when a pupil completes the state minimum coursework requirements and becomes eligible for a diploma, to notify the pupil, the educational rights holders, the pupil's social worker or probation officer all of the following: The pupil's right to a diploma issued by the school district of residence if he or she completed the graduation requirements while being detained. The school district of residence shall issue to the pupil a diploma from the school the pupil last attended before detention or in the alternative, the county superintendent of schools may issue the diploma. How taking coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing board of the county office of education or continuing education upon release from the juvenile detention facility will affect the pupil's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution. Information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges. The pupil's or the education rights holder's, as applicable, option to allow the pupil to defer or decline the diploma and take additional coursework. If the county office of education fails to provide timely notice, the pupil shall be eligible for the diploma once notified, even if that notification occurs after termination of the court's jurisdiction over the pupil. In addition to the statewide minimum course work, if a county office of education determines that the pupil could benefit from the coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing board of the county office of education, the county office of education shall do both of the following: Inform the pupil of his or her option to take coursework and other requirements adopted by the governing board of the county office of education. Permit the pupil, upon agreement with the pupil, if the pupil is 18 years of age or older, or, if the pupil is under 18 years of age, upon agreement with the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil, to take coursework or other requirements adopted by the governing board of the county office of education, and to defer the granting of the diploma until the pupil is released from the juvenile detention facility. The County Office of Education will notify the educational rights holder, or pupil if they are over 18, upon the release from a juvenile detention facility: The option to decline the issuance of the diploma for the purpose of enrolling the pupil in a school operated by a local educational agency or charter school to take additional coursework. Advise the pupil, if the pupil is 18 years of age or older, or, if the pupil is under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil, to consider, when deciding whether to elect to decline the diploma, whether the pupil is highly likely to do all of the following: *Enroll in a school operated by a local educational agency or charter school. Benefit from continued instruction. Graduate from high school.* If a juvenile court school pupil who is entitled to receive a diploma by completing the state minimum coursework requirements is not granted a diploma or if the pupil or the education rights holder, as applicable, has previously deferred or declined a diploma after completing the state minimum requirements, a county office of education shall grant a diploma if it is requested by the education rights holder or the pupil if they are over the age of 18. If a juvenile court school pupil is entitled to a diploma by completing the state minimum coursework requirements, a county office of education shall not revoke that eligibility. If a former juvenile court school pupil is entitled to a diploma by completing the state minimum coursework that right shall continue to apply after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the pupil.**

**Medical or Hospital Service – EC 49472**

***Servicios Médicos y de Hospital – CE 49472***

School districts may provide, or make available, medical or hospital service, or both, for injuries to pupils of the district arising out of accidents related to school activity or attendance. Pupils are not required to accept such service without the consent of his or her parent or guardian.

EC 49471: Requires school districts maintaining middle or high school to notify, in writing, the parent or guardian of each pupil participating in an athletic activity, when the district does not provide medical and hospital services for pupils of the district injured while participating in athletic activities.

### Services Not Provided (Option 1)

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

### Services Provided (Option 2)

The School District may provide or make available medical or hospital service through nonprofit membership corporations, defraying the cost of medical or hospital service, or through group, blanket or individual policies of accident insurance or through policies of liability insurance for injuries to pupils arising out of accidents related to school activity or attendance. No pupil is required to accept such service without the consent of his/her parent or legal guardian.

### **Medication Regimen – EC 49480**

Requires the school district to inform the parents or legal guardians of all pupils in the district of the following.

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

**Note: The following notifications are related to EC 49480. It is recommended that such information be grouped together.**

#### Administration of Prescribed Medication for Pupils – EC 49423 and 49423.1

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

#### Administration of Epilepsy Medication – EC 49414.7

If a pupil with epilepsy has been prescribed an emergency antiseizure medication by his or her health care provider, the pupil's parent or guardian may request the pupil's school to have one or more of its employees receive training in the administration of an emergency antiseizure medication in the event that the pupil suffers a seizure when a nurse is not available.

**Note: Guidance from the California Department of Education provides a sample checklist that may be given to parents and guardians when children need medication at school. Districts may consider including it in the annual notification.**

1. Talk to your child's doctor about making a medicine schedule so that your child does not have to take medicine while at school.
2. If your child is regularly taking medicine for an ongoing health problem, even if he or she only takes the medicine at home, give a written note to the school nurse or other designated school employee at the beginning of each school year. You must list the medicine being taken, the current amount taken, and the name of the doctor who prescribed it (EC 49480).

3. If your child must take medicine while at school, give the school a written note from you and a written note from your child's doctor or other health care provider, who is licensed to practice in California. Provide new, updated notes at the beginning of each school year and whenever there is any change in the medicine, instructions, or doctor (EC 49423).
4. As parent or guardian, you must supply the school with all medicine your child must take during the school day. You or another adult must deliver the medicine to school, except medicine your child is authorized to carry and take by him or herself.
5. All controlled medicine, like Ritalin, must be counted and recorded on a medicine log when delivered to the school. You or another adult who delivered the medicine should verify the count by signing the log.
6. Each medicine your child must be given at school must be in a separate container labeled by a pharmacist licensed in the United States. The container must list your child's name, doctor's name, name of the medicine, and instructions for when to take the medicine and how much to take.
7. Pick up all discontinued, outdated, and/or unused medicine before the end of the school year.
8. Know and follow the medicine policy of your child's school.

### **Minimum & Pupil-free Staff Development Days – EC 48980(c)**

Requires the annual notification to advise parents and guardians of all pupils attending a school of the schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days. If minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled after the start of the school year, the school should notify parents and guardians of affected pupils as early as possible, but not later than one month prior to the scheduled day.

*Note:* To meet this notification requirement schools may include the school calendar with the annual notification.

### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

#### ***Declaración No Discriminatoria***

Discrimination in education programs and activities is prohibited by state and federal law. Education Code 200 *et seq.* requires school districts to afford all pupils regardless of gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group identification, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or the perception of one or more of such characteristics, equal rights and opportunities in education. State law, as provided in EC 221.5, specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in enrollment, counseling, and the availability of physical education, athletic activities, and sports. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, also prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender. The Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. The Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education has authority to enforce federal laws in all programs and activities that receive federal funds.

The San Marino Unified School District is committed to providing a safe school environment where all individuals in education are afforded equal access and opportunities. The District's academic and other educational support programs, services and activities shall be free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any individual based on the person's actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; 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. Specifically, state law prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender in enrollment, counseling, and the availability of physical education, athletic activities, and sports. Transgender students shall be permitted to participate in gender-segregated school programs and activities (e.g., athletic teams, sports competitions, and field trips) and to use facilities consistent with their gender identity. The District assures that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission or participation in District programs. Complaints of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying are investigated through the Uniform Complaint Process. Such complaints must be filed no later than six months after knowledge of the alleged discrimination was first obtained. For a complaint form or additional information, contact: Linda de la Torre, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources.

### **Notice of Alternative Schools – EC 58501**

The following notice shall be sent along with the notification of parents and guardians required by EC 48980. In addition, a copy shall be posted in at least two places, normally visible to pupils, teachers, and visiting parents in each attendance unit, for the entire month of March in each year.

#### “Notice of Alternative Schools”

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

- (a) Maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility, and joy.
- (b) Recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of his/her desire to learn.
- (c) Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his/her own time to follow his/her own interests. These interests may be conceived by him/her totally and independently or may result in whole or in part from a presentation by his/her teachers of choices of learning projects.
- (d) Maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous, permanent process.
- (e) Maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers, and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including, but not limited to, the community in which the school is located.

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

### **Open Meetings: Public Comments: Translation – GC 54954.3**

Requires local agencies to provide at least twice the allotted time for public comment to speakers who require translation services.

Require, when the legislative body of a local agency limits time for public comment, the legislative body to provide at least twice the allotted time to a member of the public who

utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the legislative body of a local agency. 2) Provide that the above requirement shall not apply if the legislative body utilizes simultaneous translation equipment in a manner that allows the legislative body of a local agency to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously. 3) Find and declare that Section 1 of the bill furthers, within the meaning of California Constitution Article I Section 3 subdivision (b) paragraph (7), the purposes of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings of local public officials and local agencies, and declare, pursuant to California Constitution Article I Section 3 subdivision (b) paragraph (7), the Legislature makes the following findings: Because this bill restricts the authority of a legislative body of a local agency under the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) to limit time for public comment by a speaker who uses a translator, the bill furthers the purpose of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. 4) Provide that no reimbursement is required by this bill because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district under this bill would result from a legislative mandate that is within the scope of California Constitution Article I Section 3(b)(7).

**Pesticide Products – EC 17612 and 48980.3**

***Productos Pesticidas – CE 17612 y 48980.3***

EC 48980.3: Requires the annual notification to include information on pesticide products as specified in EC 17612(a).

Requires a school to annually provide to all staff and to parents or guardians of pupils enrolled at the school written notification of the name of all pesticide products expected to be applied at the schoolsite during the upcoming year.

Notification to identify the active ingredient(s) in each pesticide product, an Internet address on pesticide use and reduction developed under Food and Agricultural Code 13184, the Internet address where the schoolsite integrated pest management plan may be found if the schoolsite has posted the plan, and any other information deemed necessary by the school designee. The notice shall provide staff and parents or guardians the opportunity to register with the school if they wish to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school. A revised sample Pesticide Notification Request letter is provided on pages 98-99.

To obtain a copy of all pesticide products and expected use at the school facility during the year, and to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school at least 72 hours before the application, please contact Jim Fahey, Director of Maintenance & Operations. The notice will identify the active ingredient(s) in each pesticide product, the intended date of application [https://www.smusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=29923&type=d&pREC\\_ID=23643](https://www.smusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=29923&type=d&pREC_ID=23643).

**Physical Examination – EC 49451**

***Examen Físico – CE 49451***

EC 48980(a): At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the school district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under EC 49451.

20 USC 1232h: Requires notification to parents of pupils, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening is scheduled or is expected to be scheduled that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance, and is not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the pupil or other pupils. Notification to offer parents an opportunity to opt pupils out of participation in the activity. Requires school district to develop policy, in consultation with parents, regarding the administration of physical examinations or screenings that the school may administer to a pupil. Requires notification to parents of pupils enrolled in schools served by the district of the adoption or continued use of such policies. Notification to be provided annually, at the beginning of the school year, or within a reasonable period of time after any substantive changes in the policy.

A parent or guardian may file annually with the school principal a written statement, signed by the parent or legal guardian, withholding consent to a physical examination of the pupil. However, whenever there is good reason to believe that the pupil is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the pupil shall be sent home and shall not be permitted to return until school authorities are satisfied that the contagious or infectious disease no longer exists.

***Note:*** Physical examinations that schools are required to conduct include sight and hearing testing under EC 49452 and scoliosis screening under EC 49452.5. Schools may screen for type 2 diabetes mellitus under EC 49452.6. As indicated in EC 49451 and 20 USC 1232h a parent or guardian may file a waiver of the examination requirement based on personal beliefs. (See Sample Forms.)

**Pupil instruction: coursework and graduation requirements: children of military families – EC 51225.1 and 51225.2**

***Instrucción del alumno: trabajo de curso y requisitos de graduación: hijos de familias militares - CE 51225.1 y 51225.2***

Within 30 days of enrollment, the school district shall notify children of military families if they are qualified to be exempted from local graduation coursework requirements that go above and beyond state graduation requirements. The school district make a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the school district's graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the pupil's fourth year of high school or is reasonably able to complete the school districts graduation requirements with in the pupils fifth year of high school. The coursework completed while attending another school is to be issued full or partial credit. "Pupil who is a child of a military family" means a pupil who meets the definition of "children of military families" under Section 49701.

**If you are a military family, your child may qualify to be exempted from local graduation coursework requirements that are beyond the California state requirements. Please make an appointment with the school counselor to review your child's options for graduation. All coursework that was completed at another school outside of the San Marino Unified School District) will be issued full or partial credit. You may reach the Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction.**

**Pupil Records – EC 49063 and 49069, 34 CFR 99.7, 20 USC 1232g**

***Registros de los Estudiantes – CE 49063 y 49069, 34 CRF 99.7, 20 CEEUU 1232g***

Requires the school district to notify parents in writing upon initial enrollment and annually at the beginning of the school year of their rights concerning pupil records. Notice to take a form which reasonably notifies parents of the availability of the following specific information:

1. The types of records and information contained therein which are directly related to students and maintained by the institution.
2. The position of the official responsible for the maintenance of each type of record.
3. The location of all official pupil records if not centrally located and the availability of qualified certificated personnel to interpret records, if requested.
4. The location of the log or record required to be maintained pursuant to Section 49064.
5. The criteria to be used by the district in defining "school officials and employees" and in determining "legitimate educational interest" as used in Section 49064 and paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 49076.
6. The policies of the institution for reviewing and expunging those records.
7. The right of the parent to access pupil records.
8. The procedures for challenging the content of pupil records.
9. The cost if any which will be charged to the parent for reproducing copies of records.
10. The categories of information which the institution has designated as directory information pursuant to Section 49073.
11. The right of the parent to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office, concerning an alleged failure by the district to comply with the provisions of FERPA.
12. The availability of the prospectus prepared pursuant to Section 49091.14.

**The notice to be, insofar as is practicable, in the home language of the pupil.**

A cumulative record, whether recorded by handwriting, print, tapes, film, microfilm or other means, must be maintained on the history of a pupil's development and educational progress. The District will protect the privacy of such records. Parents/guardians have the

right to 1) inspect and review the student's educational record maintained by the school, 2) request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading, and 3) have some control over the disclosure of information from educational records. School officials with legitimate educational interests may access student records without parental consent as long as the official needs to review the records in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility. Upon request from officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, the District shall disclose educational records without parental consent.

Parents' request to access their student's educational records must be submitted in a written form to School Office and the school will have five (5) business days from the day of receipt of the request to provide access to the records. Copies of student records are available to parents for a fee.

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

### **Residency Requirements – EC 482000, 48204, and 48204.3**

#### ***Requisitos de Residencia - CE 48200, 48204, and 48204.3***

Eliminates the July 1, 2017 sunset of the provisions in existing law that authorize a student to enroll in a school where at least one parent or legal guardian of the student is employed, rather than where the student resides.

Provides that a pupil complies with a school district's residency requirements in instances where the pupil's parent or legal guardian resides outside of the boundaries of that school district but is employed and lives with the pupil at the place of his or her employment within the boundaries of the school district for a minimum of 3 days during the school week. By requiring a school district to allow those pupils to attend a public school within the school district, thereby increasing the duties of a school district, imposes a state-mandated local program. *Note:* The following is a summary of the existing statutory attendance options only.

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

**A pupil may alternatively comply with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district, if he or she is any of the following: placed in a foster home or licensed children's institution within the boundaries of the school district pursuant to a commitment of placement under the Welfare and Institutions Code; a pupil who is a foster child who remains in his or her school of origin; an emancipated pupil who resides within the boundaries of the school district; a pupil who lives in the home of a caregiving adult that is located within the boundaries of the school district; or a pupil residing in a state hospital located within the boundaries of the**

**school district; or a pupil whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order.**

#### **Safe Place to Learn Act – EC 234 and 234.1**

It is the policy of the State of California to ensure that all local education agencies continue to work to reduce discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, and bullying. It is further the policy of the state to improve pupil safety at schools and the connections between pupils and supportive adults, schools, and communities. As such, school districts must adopt policies and procedures that address the following:

1. Policy that prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics set forth in PC 422.55 and EC 220, and disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.
2. Policy that applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district.
3. Process for receiving and investigating complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying that shall include, but not be limited to all of the following:
  - (a) A requirement that, if school personnel witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, he or she shall take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so.
  - (b) A timeline to investigate and resolve complaints that shall be followed by all schools under the jurisdiction of the school district.
  - (c) An appeal process afforded to the complainant should he or she disagree with the resolution of a complaint filed.
  - (d) Maintenance of complaints and their resolution for a minimum of one review cycle.
  - (e) Manner to ensure that complainants are protected from retaliation and that their identities remain confidential, as appropriate.
4. Identification of a responsible local educational agency officer for ensuring compliance.

**In addition, a copy of the policy and information about the manner in which to file a complaint, to pupils, parents, employees, agents of the governing board, and the general public shall be posted in all schools and offices, including staff lounges and pupil government meeting rooms. Notice to be in English, and when applicable under EC 48985, the primary language or mode of communication of the recipient.**

The San Marino Unified School District is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code and EC 220, and disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. All school personnel who witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so. Any student who engages in acts of discrimination, harassment, violence, intimidation, or bullying related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school of the school district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. To report an incidence and/or to receive a copy of the district's antidiscrimination, antiharassment, anti-intimidation, and antibullying policies, please contact Linda de la Torre, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

#### **School Rules – EC 35291**

EC 48980(a): At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the school district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Section 35291. EC 35291: The school district may notify the parent or guardian

of all pupils registered in schools of the district of the availability of rules of the district pertaining to student discipline.

*Note: A summary of the current laws on suspension and expulsion are provided in Codes section.*

### **Sex Equity: Title IX Notifications – EC 221.61**

#### ***Equidad de género: Notificaciones del Título IX - CE 221.61***

Requires schools to post information on their Web sites relative to the designated Title IX coordinator, rights of students and responsibilities of schools, and a description of how to file a complaint. (Assembly Amendments authorize a public school that does not have a Web site to comply with the provisions of this bill by posting specified information on the Web site of its school district or county office of education, and specify that this bill SB 1375 Page 2 does not require a local educational agency (LEA) to maintain a Web site if the LEA does not already have a Web site.)

Requires, by July 1, 2017, public schools, private schools that receive federal funds and are subject to the requirements of Title IX, school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to post in a prominent and conspicuous location on their Web sites all of the following: a) The name and contact information of the Title IX coordinator for that school, school district, or county office of education, including the Title IX coordinator's phone number and email address. b) The rights of a students and the public, and the responsibilities of the school, school district, or county office of education under Title IX, which included but is not limited to links to Web sites with information about those rights and responsibilities located on the Web sites of CDE's Office for Equal Opportunity and the OCR, and the list of rights enumerated in existing law. c) A description of how to file a complaint under Title IX, which must include all of the following: i) An explanation of the statute of limitations within which a complaint must be filed after an alleged incident of discrimination has occurred, and how a complaint may be filed beyond the statute of limitations. ii) An explanation of how the complaint will be investigated and how the complainant may further pursue the complaint, including but not limited to links the information on OCR's Web site. iii) A link to OCR's Web site for the complaint form, and the contact information for OCR which shall include the phone number and email address for OCR. SB 1375 Page 5 2) authorizes a public school that does not have a Web site to comply with the provisions of this bill by posting specified information on the Web site of its school district or county office of education. 3) Specifies that this bill does not require a LEA to maintain a Web site if the LEA does not already have a Web site. 4) Requires, by April 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the Superintendent of Public Instruction to send a letter through electronic means to all public schools, private schools that receive federal funds and are subject to the requirements of Title IX, school districts, county offices of education and charter schools informing them of the requirements of this bill and of their responsibilities under Title IX. 5) States legislative findings and declarations relative to the lack of awareness about Title IX, and a lack of training on monitoring and ensuring compliance.

### **Sex and HIV/AIDS Education – EC 51938**

EC 48980(a): At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the school district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under EC 51938.

Requires the school district at the beginning of each school year, or at the time of the student's enrollment, if different, to notify the parent or guardian of each pupil about instruction in comprehensive sexual health

education and HIV/AIDS prevention education and assessments on pupil health behaviors and risks planned for the school year. Provides that a parent or guardian has the right to excuse their child from all or part of the instruction.

**Note: If arrangements for this instruction are made after the beginning of the school year, notice shall be made by mail or another commonly used method of notification, no fewer than 14 days before instruction is delivered. The complete text of EC 51930 *et seq.* is provided on pages 82-86. See Sample Forms.**

The purpose of the California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act (Education Codes 51930 through 51939) is to provide every student with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

The San Marino Unified School District will provide instruction in comprehensive sexual health education, HIV/AIDS prevention education, and/or will conduct assessments on pupil health behaviors and risks in the coming school year.

Parents or guardians may:

1. Inspect the written and audiovisual educational materials used in the comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention education
2. Request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education
3. Request a copy of Education Codes 51930 through 51939
4. Be informed whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants
5. When the district chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to teach comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education, to be informed of:
  - a. The date of the instruction
  - b. The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker

#### **Sexual Harassment – EC 231.5 and 48980(g)**

Requires the annual notification to include a copy of the school district's written policy on sexual harassment as it relates to pupils.

The San Marino Unified School District is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment. Any student who engages in sexual harassment of anyone in or from the district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Any employee who permits, engages in, or fails to report sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. For a copy of the district's sexual harassment policy or to report incidences of sexual harassment, please contact Linda de la Torre, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

#### **Social Security Numbers – EC 49076.7 and 56601**

##### ***Números de Seguridad Social – CE 49076.7 and 56601***

Prohibits a local educational agency from collecting or soliciting social security numbers or the last four digits of social security numbers from students or their parents.

Prohibits a school district, county office of education, or charter school from collecting or soliciting social security numbers or the last four digits of social security numbers from

students or their parents, unless otherwise required to do so by state or federal law. Authorizes the California Department of Education (CDE) to additionally prohibit the collection and solicitation of other personally identifiable information, as recommended by the SPI and approved by the State Board of Education. Eliminates the authority for the SPI to collect and use social security numbers, associated with students receiving special education or related services. States legislative findings and declarations regarding prioritizing student data privacy, and that social security numbers are the single most misused piece of information associated with identity theft.

#### **Surveys – EC 51513 and 51514**

Prohibits the use of tests, questionnaires, surveys or examinations containing any questions about the pupil's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, and religion, unless the parent or guardian is notified in writing that the test, questionnaire, survey, or examination is to be administered and the parent or guardian consents in writing.

20 USC 1232h: Provides that no pupil may be required to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals sensitive, personal information (*i.e.*, political affiliations or beliefs, mental or psychological problems, sex behavior or attitudes, illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior, critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships, legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, religious practices, affiliations or beliefs, or income) without the prior written consent of the parent.

Requires notification to parents of pupils, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates when the administration of any survey that reveals sensitive, personal information is scheduled or is expected to be scheduled. Notification to offer parents an opportunity to opt pupils out of participation in the activity.

Requires the school district to develop policy, in consultation with parents, regarding the right of a parent to inspect, upon request, surveys created by a third party or any instrument used in the collection of personal information, the applicable procedures for granting a request for inspection, and arrangements to protect pupil privacy provided by the district in the event of the administration or distribution of a survey that reveals sensitive, personal information. Requires notification to parents of pupils enrolled in schools served by the district of the adoption or continued use of such policies. Notification to be provided annually, at the beginning of the school year, or within a reasonable period of time after any substantive changes in the policy.

Prohibits the removal of any questions pertaining to sexual orientation and gender identity already included in any voluntary surveys administered by the local education agency.

**Anonymous, voluntary and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student's health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the student's attitudes and practices relating to sex, family life, morality, and religion may be administered to students if the parent is notified in writing that 1) this test, questionnaire, or survey is to be administered, 2) the student's parent is given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire, or survey, and 3) the parent consents in writing. Questions pertaining to the sexual orientation and gender identity of a student shall not be removed from a survey that already includes them.**

**Uniform Complaint Policy and Procedure – 5 CCR 4622, EC 234.1, 32289, and 49013**

Requires annual written notification to pupils, employees, parents, district advisory committee, school advisory committees, and other interested parties of the school district's uniform complaint process. Notice to include the identity of the person(s) responsible for processing the complaints, the civil law remedies that may be available, and the appeal or review procedures contained in the following sections: 5 CCR 4650, Basis of Direct State Interventions, 5 CCR 4652, Appealing Local Agency Decisions, and 5 CCR 4671, Federal Review Rights. Notice to be in English, and when applicable under EC 48985, the primary language or mode of communication of the recipient.

In compliance with the Safe Place to Learn Act (AB 9, Chapter 723, Statutes of 2011) which became effective on July, 1, 2012, school districts may authorize the filing of a uniform complaint to resolve complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying.

EC 49013 authorizes the filing of a uniform complaint for noncompliance regarding pupil fees. The California State Board of Education will begin the process of amending and adding to the California Code of Regulations to ensure consistency and clarity in relation to EC 49010-49013 (AB 1575, Chapter 776), which became effective on January 1, 2013.

EC 52075 authorizes the filing of a uniform complaint alleging a school district, county office of education, or charter school failed to comply with LCFF requirements related to the LCAP (EC 52060-52076) or EC 47606.5 and 47607.3.

The Uniform Complaint Procedures apply to the filing, investigation and resolution of complaints regarding alleged: 1) failure to comply with federal or state law or regulations governing adult education, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, vocational education, child care and developmental programs, child nutrition programs and special education programs; 2) unlawful discrimination against any protected group as identified under Education Code (EC) sections 200 and 220 and Government Code section 11135, including actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability, or age, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any program or activity conducted by a local agency, which is funded directly by, or that receives or benefits from any state financial assistance; 3) failure to comply with school safety planning requirements as specified in Section 7114 of Title 20 of the United States Code; 4) unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code and EC 220, and disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics; \*\*\* 5) unlawful imposition of pupil fees for participation in educational activities in public schools; and 6) failure to comply with the requirements established through the Local Control Funding Formula related to the Local Control and Accountability Plan as described in EC sections 52060 through 52076 or sections 47606.5 and 47607.3.

A complaint must be filed no later than six months from the date the complainant first obtains knowledge of the concern. These uniform procedures require the complainant to submit a written complaint to Linda de la Torre, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources who will coordinate an investigation and response within 60 days of receipt of the written complaint, unless the complainant agrees in writing to extend the time line. If the District finds merit in a complaint, the District shall provide a remedy to all affected pupils, parents/guardians.

A complainant may appeal the District's decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 days after receiving the District's decision. The CDE may directly intervene in the complaint without waiting for action by the district when one of the conditions listed in Section 4650 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations exists, including cases in which the district has not taken action within 60 days of the date the complaint was filed with the district. If a district is found to have violated a state or federal law and/or regulation, and the District does not take corrective action to comply, then various civil remedies may be available. Contact Linda de la Torre, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for additional information or assistance.

### **Victim of a Violent Crime – 20 USC 7912**

Requires the school district to have a written policy stating that students who are victims of a violent criminal offense, while in or on the grounds of a public school, must be allowed to attend a safe public school. The written policy must be communicated to all parties, and reiterated to victims of violent criminal offenses and their parents.

*Note:* Guidance from the California Department of Education, dated September 9, 2005, recommends that school districts communicate to parents the Unsafe School Choice Option policy in writing to all parents at the beginning of the school year and/or in enrollment materials and at the time of the incident or at the time the school became aware of the incident. The district must maintain verification of compliance with the transfer option. Records demonstrating that victims' parents were notified of the transfer option must also be maintained.

A student who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of a school that the student attends, has the right to transfer to another school within the district. The District has 14 calendar days to offer students the option to transfer. For more information, please contact Linda de la Torre, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

### **Williams Complaint Policy & Procedure – EC 35186**

#### ***Norma y Procedimiento de Williams para Presentar Quejas – CE 35186***

Requires school districts to use a modified uniform complaint process to help identify and resolve deficiencies related to instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of students or staff, and teacher vacancy or misassignment. Allows for the filing of anonymous complaints. A complainant who identifies himself or herself is entitled to a response upon request.

Requires notice to be posted in classrooms notifying parents, guardians, pupils and teachers of the following:

1. There should be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. For there to be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials each pupil, including English learners, must have a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.
2. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair.
3. There should be no teacher vacancies or misassignments as defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision (h).
4. The location at which to obtain a form to file a complaint in case of a shortage. Posting a notice downloadable from the internet website of the department shall satisfy this requirement.

Every school must provide sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. Every student, including English learners, must have textbooks or instructional materials, or both, to use at home or after school. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair. There should be no teacher vacancies or misassignments. If a school is found to have deficiencies in these areas, and the school does not take corrective action, then a complaint form may be obtained at [https://www.smusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=29916&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1186217](https://www.smusd.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=29916&type=d&pREC_ID=1186217). Parents, students, teachers or any member of the public may submit a complaint regarding these issues. However, it is highly encouraged that individuals express their concerns to the school principal before completing the complaint forms to allow the school to respond to these concerns.

## ***ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS ONLY***

### **Entrance Health Screening – HSC 124085, 124100, and 124105**

#### ***Evaluación de Salud de Ingreso – HSC 124085, 124100 y 124105***

Requires the school district to notify the parents or guardians of pupils in kindergarten and first grade that a physical examination is required for all children entering first grade. Notification to also inform parents or guardians of the availability of free health screenings through the local health department.

State law requires that the parent or legal guardian of each pupil provide the school within 90 days after entrance to first grade documentary proof that the pupil has received a health screening examination by a doctor within the prior 18 months. Pupils may be excluded up to 5 days from school for failing to comply or not providing a waiver. Free health screening is available for eligible students through the Child Health Disabilities Prevention Program.

### **Fingerprinting – EC 32390 and 48980(f)**

#### ***Huellas Digitales – CE 32390 y 48980(f)***

Requires each school district that elects to provide a fingerprinting program under EC 32390 to inform parents or guardians of the program as specified in Section 32390.

*Note:* Only include this notification if your school district has elected to offer fingerprinting.

The San Marino Unified School District offers a fingerprint program for children enrolled in kindergarten or newly enrolled. Parents or guardians must declare, in writing, whether or not they want their child(ren) to be fingerprinted. Parents or guardians consenting to the fingerprinting must pay the applicable fee. Parents or guardians may reverse in writing the declaration on fingerprinting at any time. No child may be fingerprinted without the consent of the parent or guardian.

### **Oral Health Assessment – EC 49452.8**

#### ***Evaluación de la Salud Oral – CE 49452.8***

Requires a pupil, while enrolled in kindergarten in a public school, or while enrolled in first grade in a public school if the pupil was not previously enrolled in kindergarten in a public school, to no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> of the school year present proof of having received an oral health assessment that was performed no earlier than 12 months prior to the date of the initial enrollment of the pupil.

*Note:* The California Department of Education has developed a standardized notification form to be used by each school district. Forms in English and Spanish are available at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/oralhealth.asp>.

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

**Schoolbus Safety – EC 39831.5**

Requires school districts to provide written information on schoolbus safety (*i.e.*, a list of schoolbus stops near each pupil's home, general rules of conduct at schoolbus loading zones, red light crossing instructions, schoolbus danger zone, and walking to and from schoolbus stops) upon registration to parents or guardians of all pupils not previously transported in a schoolbus and who are in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1 to 6.

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

## ***HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY***

### **Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate Exam Fees – EC 52244**

EC 48980(k): Requires the annual notification to advise the parent or guardian if the school district has obtained state funds to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees under EC 52244.

Eligible high school students may receive financial assistance to cover the costs of the advanced placement examination fees or the International Baccalaureate examination fees, or both. Please contact Dr. Soomin Chao, Assistant Principal at San Marino High School for information.

### **Cal Grant Program – EC 69432.9**

By October 15<sup>th</sup> of a pupil's grade 12 academic year, a school district or charter school must provide written notice to each grade 12 pupil and, for a pupil under 18 years of age, his/her parent/guardian that the pupil will be automatically deemed a Cal Grant applicant unless the pupil opts out. The deadline to opt out must not be less than 30 days from the date of the notice. Until a pupil turns 18 years of age, only a parent/guardian may opt the pupil out. Once a pupil turns 18 years of age, only the pupil may opt himself/ herself out and, if prior to the conclusion of the notice period, the pupil may opt in over the prior decision of a parent/guardian to opt out. The notice must indicate when the school will first send grade point averages to the Student Aid Commission. A sample opt out form is provided on pages 92-93.

A Cal Grant is money for college that does not have to be paid back. To qualify, a student must meet the eligibility and financial requirements as well as any minimum grade point average (GPA) requirements. Cal Grants can be used at any University of California, California State University or California Community College. Some independent and career colleges or technical schools in California also take Cal Grants.

In order to assist students apply for financial aid, all students in grade 12 are automatically considered a Cal Grant applicant and each grade 12 student's GPA will be submitted to the California Student Aid Commission (CASC) electronically by a school or school district official. A student, or the parent/guardian of a student under 18 years of age, may complete a form to indicate that he/she does not wish for the school to electronically send CASC the student's GPA. Until a student turns 18 years of age, only the parent/guardian may opt out the student. Once a student turns 18 years of age, only the student may opt himself/herself out, and can opt in if the parent/guardian had previously decided to opt out the student. All grade 12 students' GPA will be sent to CASC.

### **California High School Exit Exam – EC 60840**

#### ***Examen de Egreso de la Preparatoria de California – CE 60840***

Suspends the administration of the high school exit examination and would remove the high school exit examination as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation or a condition of graduation from high school for each pupil completing grade 12, for the 2015–16, 2016–17, and 2017–18 school years. Until July 31, 2018, requires the governing board or body of a local educational agency, as defined, and the State Department of Education on behalf of state special schools, to grant a diploma of graduation from high school to any pupil who completed grade 12 in the 2003–04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination.

Adds a new requirement, that the Superintendent convene an advisory panel consisting of specified individuals to provide recommendations to the Superintendent on the continuation of the high school exit examination and on alternative pathways to satisfy specified high school graduation requirements, to those recommendations to be submitted by the Superintendent.

The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) has been suspended for any pupils completing grade 12 through the 2017-18 school years. All schools, including state special schools, are to grant a diploma of graduation from high school to any pupil who completed grade 12 in the 2003–04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination.

### **California High School Proficiency Exam – 5 CCR 11523**

Requires the principal of a school maintaining grades 11 and 12 to distribute an announcement explaining the California High School Proficiency Examination provided under EC 48412. Notification to be made in time sufficient to enable interested pupils to meet examination registration requirements for Fall test.

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills taught in public schools. Eligible pupils who pass the CHSPE are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the State Board of Education. A pupil who receives a Certificate of Proficiency may, with verified approval from the parent or legal guardian, leave high school early. The Certificate of Proficiency, however, is not equivalent to completing all course work required for regular graduation from high school. For more information, including administration dates and registration deadlines, visit the following website: <http://www.chspe.net/>.

### **College & Career Technical Education – EC 51229**

Requires annual notification to include a one-page written notice to parents or guardians of students in grades 9 through 12 that includes all of the following:

1. A brief explanation of the college admission requirements.
2. A list of the current UC and CSU web sites that help students and their families learn about college admission requirements and that list high school courses that have been certified by UC as satisfying the requirements for admission to UC and CSU.
3. A brief description of what career technical education is, as defined by the CDE.
4. The internet address for the portion of the web site of the CDE where students can learn more about career technical education.
5. Information about how students may meet with school counselors to help them choose courses that will meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses.

*Note: A sample notification is provided on pages 110-111. Also note the notification requirements specified under EC 48980(m) regarding Career Technical Education Course in codes section.*

### **Driver's Training – EC 35211**

Requires school districts maintaining courses in driver's training to advise parents and guardians of the potential civil liability and of the mandated insurance coverage.

Parent and guardians of students who take the district offered driver's training course behind the wheel, must obtain mandated liability insurance coverage due to potential civil liability.

**Dropout Recovery High Schools - EC 2574, 2575, 8238, 8239, 8263,1, 8265, 8265.5, 8335, 8335.1, 8335.2, 8335.4, and 52052.3**

This bill extends the sunset by three years on the ability of dropout recovery high schools to use an individual student growth model for purposes of school accountability

This bill extends the sunset by three years on the ability of dropout recovery high schools to use an individual student growth model for purposes of school accountability. Specifically, this bill: 1) Extends by three years, from January 1, 2017, to January 1, 2020, the sunset on the requirement that the SPI and the SBE allow up to 10 dropout recovery high schools to report the results of an individual student growth model that is proposed by the school and certified by the SPI. 2) Updates terminology, from the federal “Workforce Investment Act” to the federal “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.”

**Foster youth exemption from local graduation requirements - EC 48853, 49069, and 51225.2**

Foster and homeless youth are allowed educational rights, such as: immediate enrollment, remain in school of origin, enrollment in local comprehensive school, partial credits, graduation with state minimum requirements with possible fifth year/exemption from local graduation requirements, and access to academic resources, services and extracurricular activities. A local educational agency must provide a remedy to the affected pupil following the Uniform Complaint Procedures, including information regarding exemption from local graduation requirements, if educational rights are not allowed at the public high school.

**Health Insurance Coverage for Athletes – EC 32221.5**

Requires school districts that operate interscholastic athletic teams to include a statement regarding no- or low-cost health insurance programs in offers of insurance coverage that are sent to athletic team members. The statement should be printed in boldface type of prominent size and shall read:

Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that all members of school athletic teams have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. This insurance requirement can be met by the school district offering insurance or other health benefits that cover medical and hospital expenses.

Some pupils may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs. Information about these programs may be obtained by calling [Insert the toll free telephone number of the Healthy Families Program, Medi-Cal, or any other comparable toll-free telephone number for a no- or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance program].

**Off-campus Lunch – EC 44808.5**

School districts may permit students enrolled at any high school to leave the school grounds during the lunch period. The school district and its officers or employees are not liable for the conduct or safety of any student who leaves school grounds during lunch period.

In the event that a school district provides for an open campus lunch, it shall send the following notice along with the notification of parents and guardians required by Section 48980:

The governing board of the San Marino Unified School District, pursuant to Education Code 44808.5, has decided to permit the students enrolled at San Marino High School to leave the school grounds during the lunch period.

Neither the school district nor any officer or employee thereof shall be liable for the conduct or safety of any pupil during such time as the pupil has left the school grounds pursuant to this section.

## ***SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES***

### **Bilingual Education – EC 52173, 5 CCR 11303**

Requires the school district to provide parents an opportunity for consultation prior to placement of child in a program of bilingual education. Requires notification, by mail or in person, to inform parents: 1) in a simple, nontechnical description of purposes, method, and content of the program; 2) that they have the right and are encouraged to visit classes and to come to the school for a conference to explain the nature and objectives of bilingual education; 3) of their right not to have their child enrolled in such a program; and 4) the opportunity to participate in the school or school district advisory committee, or both. Written notice shall be provided in English and the primary language of the pupil.

### **Career Technical Education Course – EC 48980(m)**

Requires a school district that elects to allow a career technical course to satisfy the graduation requirement imposed by EC 51225.3(a)(1)(E) to provide the following notifications:

1. Information about the high school graduation requirements of the school district and how each requirement satisfies or does not satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.
2. A complete list of career technical education courses offered by the school district that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, and which of the specific college admission requirements these courses satisfy.

### **Competitive Athletics – EC 221.9**

Commencing with the 2015-2016 school year and every year thereafter, each public elementary and secondary school, including each charter school, that offers competitive athletics, shall publicly make available at the end of the school year all of the following information:

1. The total enrollment of the school, classified by gender.
2. The number of pupils enrolled at the school who participate in competitive athletics, classified by gender.
3. The number of boys' and girls' teams, classified by sport and by competition level.

Schools shall make the information identified above publicly available by posting it on the school's website. If the school does not maintain its own website, the school can submit the information to its school district or charter operator to have the information posted on the district's or operator's website; the information shall be disaggregated by schoolsite.

“Competitive athletics” means sports where the activity has coaches, a governing organization, and practices, and competes during a defined season, and has competition as its primary goal.

### **Disclosure of Student Information for Marketing Purposes – 20 USC 1232h**

Requires notification to parents of pupils, at least annually at the beginning of the school year, of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when an activity involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from pupils for the purpose of marketing or selling that information is scheduled or expected to be scheduled. Notification to offer parents an opportunity to opt pupils out of participation in the activity.

Requires the school district to develop policy, in consultation with parents, regarding the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from pupils for the purpose of marketing or selling that information. Requires notification to parents of pupils enrolled in schools served by the district of the adoption or continued use of such policies. Notification to be provided annually, at the beginning of the school year, or within a reasonable period of time after any substantive changes in the policy.

### **English Immersion Program – EC 310, 5 CCR 11309**

In order to facilitate parental choice of program, all parents and guardians must be informed of the placement of their children in a structured English immersion program and must be notified of an opportunity to apply for a parental exception waiver. Notice to include a description of the locally-adopted procedures for requesting a parental exception waiver, and any locally-adopted guidelines for evaluating a parental waiver request.

### **GATE Program – 5 CCR 3831**

Requires the school district to develop a written plan for the GATE program which shall be available for public inspection. Plan to include: 1) the rationale for the purposes of the program, including the general goals and specific objectives which pupils are expected to achieve; 2) rationale for the district's method of identification of gifted and talented pupils; 3) where appropriate, procedure for the consideration of the identification and placement of a pupil who was identified as gifted or talented in the district from which the pupil transferred; 4) the services to be rendered and the activities to be included for pupils participating in special day classes, receiving special services, or participating in special activities for an amount of time as specified in Education Code Section 52206; 5) plan for evaluating the various components of the program; 6) procedures for modifying the district gifted and talented program on the basis of the annual review; 7) staff development plan based upon a needs assessment which includes specification of requisite competencies of teachers and supervisory personnel; 8) procedures for ensuring continuous parent participation in recommending policy for planning, evaluating, and implementing the district program; 9) procedure to inform parents of a pupil's participation or nonparticipation in the gifted and talented program; and 10) an objective related budget.

### **Gun-Free School Zone – PC 626.9 and 30310**

Recasts the provisions relating to a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm to allow that person to carry a firearm in an area that is within 1,000 feet of, but not on the grounds of, a public or private school providing instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Deletes the exemption that allows a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm to bring or possess a firearm on the campus of a university or college. Creates an additional exemption from those prohibitions for certain appointed peace officers who are authorized to carry a firearm by their appointing agency, and an exemption for certain retired reserve peace officers who are authorized to carry a concealed or loaded firearm.

Reorganizes those exceptions: deletes the exemption that allows a person to carry ammunition or reloaded ammunition onto school grounds if the person is licensed to carry a concealed firearm. Creates an additional exception to that prohibition by authorizing a person to carry ammunition or reloaded ammunition onto school grounds if it is in a motor vehicle at all times and is within a locked container or within the locked trunk of the vehicle.

### **Lactating Pupils – EC 222**

Requires a school operated by a school district or a county office of education, the California School for the Deaf, the California School for the Blind, and a charter school to provide, only if there is at least one lactating pupil on the school campus, reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil on a school campus to express breast milk, breast-feed an infant child, or address other needs related to breast-feeding. These reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to, access to a private and secure room, other than a restroom, to express breast milk or breast-feed an infant child, permission to bring onto a school campus any equipment used to express breast milk, access to a power source for that equipment, and access to a place to safely store expressed breast milk.

Also requires that a lactating pupil on a school campus be given a reasonable amount of time to accommodate the need to express breast milk or breast-feed an infant child. Prohibits a pupil from incurring an academic penalty as a result of her use, during the school day, of these reasonable accommodations. Authorizes a complaint of noncompliance with the requirements of the bill to be filed with the local educational agency, and would require the local educational agency to respond to such a complaint, in accordance with specified procedures. Authorizes a complainant to appeal a decision of the local educational agency to the State Department of Education and would require the department to issue a written decision within 60 days of its receipt of the appeal. Requires a local educational agency to provide a remedy to the affected pupil if the local educational agency finds merit in a complaint or if the Superintendent of Public Instruction finds merit in an appeal. Includes a statement of legislative findings and declarations.

### **Migrant Education – EC 54444.2**

Requires a school district receiving migrant education funds or services to actively solicit parental involvement in the planning, operation, and evaluation of its programs through the establishment of, and consultation with, a parent advisory council. Requires notice to parents, in language they understand, that parents have sole authority to decide composition of council.

### **Persistently Dangerous Schools – 20 USC 7912**

Requires that school district have a written policy stating that students who attend a persistently dangerous school must be allowed to attend a safe public school. The written policy must be communicated to all parties.

### **Pupil Records Obtained from Social Media – EC 49073.6**

Requires a school district, county office of education, or charter school that considers a program to gather or maintain in its records any information obtained from social media, as defined, of any enrolled pupil to first notify pupils and their parents/guardians about the proposed program, and to provide an opportunity for public comment at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing board before the adoption of the program.

Once a program is adopted, the following information must be provided to parents/guardians as part of the annual notification:

1. Definition of “social media.”
2. Assurance that the information gathered or maintained pertains directly to school or pupil safety.
3. An explanation of the process by which a pupil or a pupil’s parent/guardian may access the pupil’s records for examination of the information gathered or maintained.
4. An explanation of the process by which a pupil or a pupil’s parent/ guardian may request the removal of information or make corrections to information gathered or maintained.
5. Notice that the information gathered and maintained shall be destroyed within one year after a pupil turns 18 years of age or within one year after the pupil is no longer enrolled, whichever occurs first.

### **Residency Investigations – EC 48204.2**

If a school district elects to undertake an investigation, as specified, require the governing board of the school district to adopt a policy regarding the investigation of a pupil to determine whether the pupil meets the residency requirements for school attendance in the school district before investigating any pupils. Requires the policy to, among other things, identify the circumstances upon which the school district may initiate an investigation, describe the investigatory methods that may be used, including whether the school district will be employing the services of a private investigator, prohibit the surreptitious photographing or video-recording of pupils who are being investigated, as provided, and provide for an appeal process, as specified. Requires the policy to be adopted at a public meeting of the governing board of the school district.

**Note: Sample Checklist in Forms Section**

### **Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Prevention – EC 51900.6**

Authorizes school districts, county offices of education and charter schools to provide age-appropriate instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12, in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Parents or guardians may submit a written request to excuse their child from participation in any class involving sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. **See Sample Forms Section**

### **Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention – EC 51950**

Authorizes school districts to provide sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention education which includes instruction on the frequency and nature of sexual abuse and sex trafficking, strategies to reduce their risk, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely report an incident. Parents or guardians may submit a written request to excuse their child from participation in any class involving sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention education, and assessments related to that education. **See Sample Forms Section**

### **Title I – 20 USC 6311, 34 CFR 200.61**

Requires the school district, at the beginning of each school year, to notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I funds that they may request, and the district will provide on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, a school that receives Title I funds shall provide to each individual parent information on the level of achievement of the parent's child in each of the State academic assessments as required under this part; and timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not highly qualified.

The notice and information provided to parents under this paragraph shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

### **Tobacco-free Campus – HSC 104420 and 104495**

Requires all school districts and county offices of education that receive Tobacco Use Prevention (TUPE) funding to adopt and enforce a tobacco-free campus policy no later than July of each fiscal year. The policy shall prohibit the use of tobacco products, any time, in district-owned or leased buildings, on

district property and in district vehicles. Information about the policy and enforcement procedures must be communicated clearly to school personnel, parents, pupils and the larger community. Signs stating “Tobacco use is prohibited” must be prominently displayed at all entrances to school property. Information about smoking cessation support programs must be made available and encouraged for pupils and staff.

HSC 104495 prohibits smoking a cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco-related product and disposal of cigarette butts, cigar butts, or any other tobacco-related waste within 25 feet of any playground or tot lot sandbox area. Any person who violates this section is guilty of an infraction and shall be punished by a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each violation of this section. The prohibitions do not apply to private property or a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of a playground or a tot lot sandbox area.

### **Acceptable Use of Technology**

Although EC 48980 was amended in 2005, to remove the requirement that school districts annually notify parents or guardians of district policy regarding access by pupils to Internet and online sites, it is recommended that such notification still occur.

One of the adopted goals of the San Marino Unified School District is to assist in advancing the use of technology to enhance student learning. Access to San Marino Unified School District technology is a privilege, not a right, and students enrolled in District programs or activities must follow District guidelines and procedures regarding acceptable use of technology. All San Marino Unified School District students and their parents/guardians shall sign the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement prior to using District technological resources. The San Marino Unified School District shall make a diligent effort to filter the inappropriate or harmful matter accessible through the Internet, and students shall also take responsibility not to initiate access to inappropriate or harmful matter while using District technology. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action and the loss of the privilege to use the technology and/or civil or criminal liability.

### **Avoiding Absences, Written Excuses**

School districts may consider informing parents of the importance of regular attendance as follows.

San Marino Unified School District urges parents to make sure their children attend school regularly and to schedule medical and other appointments after school or during school holidays. The district also asks that travel or other absences be avoided during the time school is in session. The higher the district’s daily attendance rate, the more a student will learn and the greater the amount of funding that the district will receive from the state for classroom instruction and academic programs. The school calendar is designed to minimize problems for families which plan vacations around traditional holiday periods, and thereby minimize student absences.

Following an absence, a student is required to bring a written excuse from home when returning to school. Illnesses, and doctor and dental appointments are considered excused absences. Absences without a written excuse are recorded as unexcused.

### **Tardiness**

Children should be encouraged to be prompt as part of \*\*\* developing good habits. They are expected to be at school on time. If a child is late, the child should bring an excuse from home to the school office. \*\*\* Repeated tardies in excess of 30 minutes lead to the student being designated as truant.

### Truancy Definitions – EC 48260, 48262 and 48263.6

A student is considered truant after three absences or three tardies of more than 30 minutes each time or any combination thereof and the absences or tardies are unexcused. After a student has been reported as a truant three or more times in a school year and the district has made a conscientious effort to meet with the family, the student is considered an habitual truant. A student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for 10% or more of the schooldays in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, is considered a chronic truant. Unexcused absences are all absences that do not fall within EC 48205. A student who is an habitual truant may be referred to a School Attendance and Review Board (SARB).

### Chronic Absenteeism – EC 60901

A student is considered a chronic absentee when he/she is absent on 10% or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date. Chronic absenteeism includes all absences – excused and unexcused – and is an important measure because excessive absences negatively impact academic achievement and student engagement.

### **Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting – PC 11164 *et seq.***

The school may consider informing parents of staff's role as mandated reporters as well as providing information to assist parents in determining whether or not child abuse has occurred and, if so, how to file a complaint of child abuse to the appropriate agency. For additional resources, visit California Department of Education webpage: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/ap/>

The San Marino Unified School District is committed to protecting all students in its care. All employees of the District are considered mandated reporters, required by law to report cases of child abuse and neglect whenever there is reasonable suspicion abuse or neglect has occurred. District employees may not investigate to confirm a suspicion.

All complaints must be filed through a formal report, over the telephone, in person, or in writing, with an appropriate local law enforcement agency (i.e. Police or Sheriff's Department, County Probation Department, or County Welfare Department/County Child Protective Services). Both the name of the person filing the complaint and the report itself are confidential and cannot be disclosed except to authorized agencies.

Parents and guardians of students also have a right to file a complaint against a school employee or other person that they suspect has engaged in abuse of a child at a school site. Complaints may be filed with the local law enforcement agency; you may also notify the District of an incident by contacting .

Child abuse does not include an injury caused by any force that is reasonable and necessary for a person employed by or engaged in a school:

1. To stop a disturbance threatening physical injury to people or damage to property;
2. For purposes of self-defense;
3. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within control of a student;
4. To exercise the degree of control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of pupils, and maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning.

### **Civility on School Grounds – CC 1708.9, EC 32210**

In order to maintain civil communication between public schools and visitors, the following is code for local compliance and law enforcement.

Any person who willfully disturbs any public school or any public school meeting is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

It is unlawful for any person, except a parent/guardian acting toward his/her minor child, to intentionally or to attempt to injure, intimidate, interfere by force, threat of force, physical obstruction, or nonviolent physical obstruction with any person attempting to enter or exit any public or private school grounds.

### **Dangerous Objects**

If the school district has concerns about students bringing legal but dangerous objects on campus, such as laser pointers or pellet guns, it may consider notifying parents or guardians of the following provisions.

#### Laser Pointer – PC 417.27

It is a crime for any student to possess a laser pointer on any elementary or secondary school premise, unless the possession is for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose.

#### Imitation Firearm – PC 12550, 12556

A BB device can be considered an imitation firearm. The Penal Code makes it a criminal offense to openly display or expose any imitation firearm in a public place, including a public school.

### **Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (e-cigarettes)**

With the rise in the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) among minors, schools are encouraged to adopt a policy to prohibit its use. Schools may also want to provide information to parents as a preventative measure.

The San Marino Unified School District prohibits the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) such as e-cigarettes, hookah pens, cigarillos, and other vapor-emitting devices, with or without nicotine content, that mimic the use of tobacco products on all district property and in district vehicles at all times. ENDS are often made to look like cigarettes, cigars and pipes, but can also be made to look like everyday items such as pens, asthma inhalers and beverage containers. These devices are not limited to vaporizing nicotine; they can be used to vaporize other drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and heroin.

Section 119405 of the Health and Safety Code prohibits the sales of e-cigarettes to minors which means that students should not be in possession of any such devices. Students using, in possession of, or offering, arranging or negotiating to sell ENDS can be subject to disciplinary action, particularly because ENDS are considered drug paraphernalia, as defined by 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.

### **Electronic Signaling Devices – EC 48901.5**

By policy or practice the school district, or its individual schools, may regulate the right of pupils to possess or use electronic signaling devices, including cell phones and pagers, during the school day or at school functions.

*Note:* No student may be prohibited from possessing or using an electronic signaling device that is determined by a licensed physician to be essential for the health of the pupil and the use of which is limited to the pupil's health.

### **School Safety Plan – EC 32280 *et seq.***

The school district may consider the following notification to address school safety plans.

Each San Marino Unified School District school site has a Comprehensive School Safety Plan, which includes a disaster preparedness plan and emergency procedures. Copies are available to read at each school office. Fire and emergency drills are held periodically at each school.

### **School Visiting Procedures – EC 51101(a) (12)**

Parents and guardians of students enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity, as mutually supportive and respectful partners in the education of their children, to be informed in advance about school rules, including procedures for visiting the school.

*Note: PC 627.6 requires schools to post at every entrance a notice setting forth the visitor registration requirements, hours during which registration is required, the registration location, the route to take to that location, and the penalties for violation of registration requirements.*

### **Search of School Lockers**

Although there are no reported cases in California addressing the search of student lockers without reasonable individualized suspicion, cases from other states indicate that it is possible by having a policy in place and providing notification to students as follows.

School lockers remain the property of the San Marino Unified School District even when assigned to students. The lockers are subject to search whenever the District finds a need to do so. The use of the school locker for other than school-related purposes is prohibited.

### **Suicide Prevention Policies – Ch.2, Part 1, Division 1 of Title I of EC**

*Requires local educational agencies (LEAs) that serve students in grades 7 to 12 to adopt policies on the prevention of student suicides and also require the California Department of Education (CDE) to develop and maintain a model suicide prevention policy. (Once policy is created, provide copy of policy to parents and guardians.)*

# **CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE**

**RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO INFORMATION**  
**California Education Code 51101 (*in part*)**

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The parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity, as mutually supportive and respectful partners in the education of their children within the public schools, to be informed by the school, and to participate in the education of their children, as follows:

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

**SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION LAWS**  
**California Education Codes (EC) 48900 *et seq.***

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**EC 48900. Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion**

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

- (a) (1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; (2) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.
- (b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, unless, in the case of possession of an object of this type, the pupil had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the principal or the designee of the principal.
- (c) Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.
- (d) Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to a person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance, or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant.
- (e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- (f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- (g) Stolen or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- (h) Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. However, this section does not prohibit use or possession by a pupil of his or her own prescription products.
- (i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- (j) Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia, as defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (k) (1) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.  
(2) Except as provided in Section 48910, a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 3, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts enumerated in this subdivision, and this subdivision shall not constitute grounds for a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to be recommended for expulsion. This paragraph shall become inoperative on July 1, 2018, unless a later enacted statute that becomes operative before July 1, 2018, deletes or extends that date.
- (l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- (m) Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section, "imitation firearm" means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
- (n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.
- (o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or

retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both.

- (p) Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- (q) Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" means a method of initiation or preinitiation into a pupil 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 pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- (r) Engaged in an act of bullying. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:
  - (1) "Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils as defined in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:
    - (A) Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil's or those pupils' person or property.
    - (B) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
    - (C) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
    - (D) Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.
  - (2) (A) "Electronic act" means the creation **or** transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
    - (i) A message, text, sound, image *or video*.
    - (ii) A post on a social network Internet Web site, including, but not limited to:
      - (I) Posting to or creating a burn page. "Burn page" means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1).
      - (II) Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.
      - (III) Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (1). "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
- (B) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subparagraph (A), an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.
- (3) "Reasonable pupil" means a pupil, including, but not limited to, an exceptional needs pupil, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with his or her exceptional needs.

Bullying via an electronic act is defined as the creation or transmission of a message, text, sound, image, or post on a social network Internet Web site via an electronic device. This bill adds videos to that definition. Videos are a form of image that can be transmitted via an electronic device. As such, principals and superintendents are already likely able to suspend or recommend expulsion of a pupil who makes or shares a video to harass or bully another student. Nevertheless, a video is

consistent with a message, text, sound, or image. Taking a video in and of itself would not constitute grounds for suspension, but using or sharing the video to harass or humiliate another student would.

*La intimidación a través de un acto electrónico se define como la creación o transmisión de un mensaje, texto, sonido, Imagen o publicación en un sitio Web de Internet de la red social a través de un dispositivo electrónico. Este proyecto de ley añade videos a esa definición. Los videos son una forma de imagen que se puede transmitir a través de un dispositivo. Como tal, los directores y superintendentes ya son capaces de suspender o recomendar. Expulsión de un alumno que hace o comparte un video para acosar o intimidar a otro estudiante. Sin embargo, un video es consistente con un mensaje, texto, sonido o imagen. Cómo tomar un video y por sí mismo no constituiría motivo para la suspensión, sino que utilizar o compartir el video para acosar o humillar a otro estudiante.*

- (s) A pupil shall not be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in this section, unless that act is related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district or principal or occurring within any other school district. A pupil may be suspended or expelled for acts that are enumerated in this section and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
  - (1) While on school grounds.
  - (2) While going to or coming from school.
  - (3) During the lunch period whether on or off the campus.
  - (4) During, or while going to or coming from, a school sponsored activity.
- (t) A pupil who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension, but not expulsion, pursuant to this section, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (u) As used in this section, "school property" includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.
- (v) For a pupil subject to discipline under this section, a superintendent of the school district or principal may use his or her discretion to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion that are age appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil's misbehavior as specified in Section 48900.5.
- (w) It is the intent of the Legislature that alternatives to suspension or expulsion be imposed against a pupil who is truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from school activities.

### **EC 48900.2. Sexual Harassment**

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

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

### **EC 48900.3. Hate Violence**

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

**EC 48900.4. Harassment, Threats or Intimidation**

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

**EC 48900.5. Limitations on Imposing Suspension**

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

**EC 48900.7. Terroristic Threats**

- (a) In addition to the reasons specified in Sections 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, and 48900.4, a pupil may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has made terroristic threats against school officials or school property, or both.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, "terroristic threat" shall include any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$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, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family's safety, or for the protection of school district property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.

**EC 48915. Circumstances for Recommending Expulsion**

- (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (c) and (e), the principal or the superintendent of schools shall recommend the expulsion of a pupil for any of the following acts committed at school or at a school activity off school grounds, unless the principal or superintendent determines that expulsion should not be recommended under the circumstances or that an alternative means of correction would address the conduct:
  - (A) Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.
  - (B) Possession of any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.

- (C) Unlawful possession of any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, except for either of the following:
    - (i) The first offense for the possession of not more than one avoirdupois ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis.
    - (ii) The possession of over-the-counter medication for use by the pupil for medical purposes or medication prescribed for the pupil by a physician.
  - (D) Robbery or extortion.
  - (E) Assault or battery, as defined in Sections 240 and 242 of the Penal Code, upon any school employee.
- (2) If the principal or the superintendent of schools makes a determination as described in paragraph (1), he or she is encouraged to do so as quickly as possible to ensure that the pupil does not lose instructional time.
- (b) Upon recommendation by the principal, superintendent of schools, or by a hearing officer or administrative panel appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48918, the governing board may order a pupil expelled upon finding that the pupil committed an act listed in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) or in subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of Section 48900. A decision to expel shall be based on a finding of one or both of the following:
    - (1) Other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.
    - (2) Due to the nature of the act, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.
  - (c) The principal or superintendent of schools shall immediately suspend, pursuant to Section 48911, and shall recommend expulsion of a pupil that he or she determines has committed any of the following acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds:
    - (1) Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm. This subdivision does not apply to an act of possessing a firearm if the pupil had obtained prior written permission to possess the firearm from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the principal or the designee of the principal. This subdivision applies to an act of possessing a firearm only if possessing an imitation firearm, as defined in subdivision (m) of Section 48900, is not an offense for which suspension or expulsion is mandatory pursuant to this subdivision and subdivision (d), but it is an offense for which suspension, or expulsion pursuant to subdivision (e), may be imposed.
    - (2) Brandishing a knife at another person.
    - (3) Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.
    - (4) Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900.
    - (5) Possession of an explosive.
  - (d) The governing board shall order a pupil expelled upon finding that the pupil committed an act listed in subdivision (c), and shall refer that pupil to a program of study that meets all of the following conditions:
    - (1) Is appropriately prepared to accommodate pupils who exhibit discipline problems.
    - (2) Is not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or at any elementary school.
    - (3) Is not housed at the school site attended by the pupil at the time of suspension.
  - (e) Upon recommendation by the principal, superintendent of schools, or by a hearing officer or administrative panel appointed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48918, the governing board may order a pupil expelled upon finding that the pupil, at school or at a school activity off of school

grounds violated subdivision (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), or (m) of Section 48900, or Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, and either of the following:

- (1) That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.
  - (2) That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the pupil causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the pupil or others.
- (f) The governing board shall refer a pupil who has been expelled pursuant to subdivision (b) or (e) to a program of study which meets all of the conditions specified in subdivision (d). Notwithstanding this subdivision, with respect to a pupil expelled pursuant to subdivision (e), if the county superintendent of schools certifies that an alternative program of study is not available at a site away from a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or an elementary school, and that the only option for placement is at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or another elementary school, the pupil may be referred to a program of study that is provided at a comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or at an elementary school.
- (g) As used in this section, "knife" means any dirk, dagger, or other weapon with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade longer than 3½ inches, a folding knife with a blade that locks into place, or a razor with an unguarded blade.
- (h) As used in this section, the term "explosive" means "destructive device" as described in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

## **CALIFORNIA COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION ACT**

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### **EC 51930. Short title; purposes.**

- (a) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act.
- (b) The purposes of this chapter are as follows:
  - (1) To provide a pupil with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect his or her sexual and reproductive health from unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
  - (2) To encourage a pupil to develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender roles, sexual orientation, dating, marriage, and family.

### **EC 51931. Definitions**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Age appropriate" refers to topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents, based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group.
- (b) "Comprehensive sexual health education" means education regarding human development and sexuality, including education on pregnancy, family planning, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- (c) "English learner" means a pupil as described in subdivision (a) of Section 306.
- (d) "HIV/AIDS prevention education" means instruction on the nature of HIV/AIDS, methods of transmission, strategies to reduce the risk of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, and social and public health issues related to HIV/AIDS. For the purposes of this chapter, "HIV/AIDS prevention education" is not comprehensive sexual health education.
- (e) "Instructors trained in the appropriate courses" means instructors with knowledge of the most recent medically accurate research on human sexuality, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- (f) "Medically accurate" means verified or supported by research conducted in compliance with scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, where appropriate, and recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field, such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
- (g) "School district" includes county boards of education, county superintendents of schools, the California School for the Deaf, and the California School for the Blind.

### **EC 51932. Exclusions from application of chapter**

- (a) This chapter does not apply to description or illustration of human reproductive organs that may appear in a textbook, adopted pursuant to law, on physiology, biology, zoology, general science, personal hygiene, or health.
- (b) This chapter does not apply to instruction or materials that discuss gender, sexual orientation, or family life and do not discuss human reproductive organs and their functions.

### **EC 51933. Authority of school districts; course offerings criteria; instructional and material requirements**

- (a) School districts may provide comprehensive sexual health education, consisting of age-appropriate instruction, in any kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, using instructors trained in the appropriate courses.

- (b) A school district that elects to offer comprehensive sexual health education pursuant to subdivision (a), whether taught by school district personnel or outside consultants, shall satisfy all of the following criteria:
- (1) Instruction and materials shall be age appropriate.
  - (2) All factual information presented shall be medically accurate and objective.
  - (3) Instruction shall be made available on an equal basis to a pupil who is an English learner, consistent with the existing curriculum and alternative options for an English learner pupil as otherwise provided in this code.
  - (4) Instruction and materials shall be appropriate for use with pupils of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and pupils with disabilities.
  - (5) Instruction and materials shall be accessible to pupils with disabilities, including, but not limited to, the provision of a modified curriculum, materials and instruction in alternative formats, and auxiliary aids.
  - (6) Instruction and materials shall encourage a pupil to communicate with his or her parents or guardians about human sexuality.
  - (7) Instruction and materials shall teach respect for marriage and committed relationships.
  - (8) Commencing in grade 7, instruction and materials shall teach that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy, teach that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, and provide information about the value of abstinence while also providing medically accurate information on other methods of preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
  - (9) Commencing in grade 7, instruction and materials shall provide information about sexually transmitted diseases. This instruction shall include how sexually transmitted diseases are and are not transmitted, the effectiveness and safety of all federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved methods of reducing the risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, and information on local resources for testing and medical care for sexually transmitted diseases.
  - (10) Commencing in grade 7, instruction and materials shall provide information about the effectiveness and safety of all FDA-approved contraceptive methods in preventing pregnancy, including, but not limited to, emergency contraception.
  - (11) Commencing in grade 7, instruction and materials shall provide pupils with skills for making and implementing responsible decisions about sexuality.
  - (12) Commencing in grade 7, instruction and materials shall provide pupils with information on the law on surrendering physical custody of a minor child 72 hours or younger, pursuant to Section 1255.7 of the Health and Safety Code and Section 271.5 of the Penal Code.
- (c) A school district that elects to offer comprehensive sexual health education pursuant to subdivision (a) earlier than grade 7 may provide age appropriate and medically accurate information on any of the general topics contained in paragraphs (8) to (12), inclusive, of subdivision (b).
- (d) If a school district elects to offer comprehensive sexual health education pursuant to subdivision (a), whether taught by school district personnel or outside consultants, the school district shall comply with the following:
- (1) Instruction and materials may not teach or promote religious doctrine.
  - (2) Instruction and materials may not reflect or promote bias against any person on the basis of any category protected by Section 220.

**EC 51934. Pupils in grades 7 through 12; required courses in HIV/AIDS prevention**

- (a) A school district shall ensure that all pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, receive HIV/AIDS prevention education from instructors trained in the appropriate courses. Each pupil shall receive this instruction at least once in junior high or middle school and at least once in high school.

- (b) HIV/AIDS prevention education, whether taught by school district personnel or outside consultants, shall satisfy all of the criteria set forth in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of subdivision (b) and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 51933, shall accurately reflect the latest information and recommendations from the United States Surgeon General, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Academy of Sciences, and shall include the following:
- (1) Information on the nature of HIV/AIDS and its effects on the human body.
  - (2) Information on the manner in which HIV is and is not transmitted, including information on activities that present the highest risk of HIV infection.
  - (3) Discussion of methods to reduce the risk of HIV infection. This instruction shall emphasize that sexual abstinence, monogamy, the avoidance of multiple sexual partners, and abstinence from intravenous drug use are the most effective means for HIV/AIDS prevention, but shall also include statistics based upon the latest medical information citing the success and failure rates of condoms and other contraceptives in preventing sexually transmitted HIV infection, as well as information on other methods that may reduce the risk of HIV transmission from intravenous drug use.
  - (4) Discussion of the public health issues associated with HIV/AIDS.
  - (5) Information on local resources for HIV testing and medical care.
  - (6) Development of refusal skills to assist pupils in overcoming peer pressure and using effective decision making skills to avoid high-risk activities.
  - (7) Discussion about societal views on HIV/AIDS, including stereotypes and myths regarding persons with HIV/AIDS. This instruction shall emphasize compassion for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

**EC 51935. HIV/AIDS prevention education; development through regional planning, joint powers agreements or contract services**

- (a) A school district shall cooperatively plan and conduct in-service training for all school district personnel that provide HIV/AIDS prevention education, through regional planning, joint powers agreements, or contract services.
- (b) In developing and providing in-service training, a school district shall cooperate and collaborate with the teachers of the district who provide HIV/AIDS prevention education and with the State Department of Education.
- (c) In-service training shall be conducted periodically to enable school district personnel to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of HIV/AIDS. In-service training shall be voluntary for school district personnel who have demonstrated expertise or received in-service training from the State Department of Education or federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (d) A school district may expand HIV/AIDS in-service training to cover the topic of comprehensive sexual health education in order for school district personnel who provide comprehensive sexual health education to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of sexual health.

**EC 51936. Outside consultants; contracts for services**

School districts may contract with outside consultants with expertise in comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education, or both, including those who have developed multilingual curricula or curricula accessible to persons with disabilities, to deliver the instruction or to provide training for school district personnel.

**EC 51937. Legislative intent**

It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage pupils to communicate with their parents or guardians about human sexuality and HIV/AIDS and to respect the rights of parents or guardians to supervise their

children's education on these subjects. The Legislature intends to create a streamlined process to make it easier for parents and guardians to review materials and evaluation tools related to comprehensive sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education, and, if they wish, to excuse their children from participation in all or part of that instruction or evaluation. The Legislature recognizes that while parents and guardians overwhelmingly support medically accurate, comprehensive sex education, parents and guardians have the ultimate responsibility for imparting values regarding human sexuality to their children.

**EC 51938. Right of parent or guardian; time to exercise right; notification of course content and materials; tools to measure pupil's health behavior and risks; outside consultants or guest speakers**

A parent or guardian of a pupil has the right to excuse their child from all or part of comprehensive sexual health education, HIV/AIDS prevention education, and assessments related to that education, as follows:

- (a) At the beginning of each school year, or, for a pupil who enrolls in a school after the beginning of the school year, at the time of that pupil's enrollment, each school district shall notify the parent or guardian of each pupil about instruction in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education and research on pupil health behaviors and risks planned for the coming year. The notice shall do all of the following:
  - (1) Advise the parent or guardian that written/audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention are available for inspection.
  - (2) Advise the parent or guardian whether the comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education will be taught by school district personnel or by outside consultants. A school district may provide comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education, to be taught by outside consultants, and may hold an assembly to deliver comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education by guest speakers, but if it elects to provide comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education in either of these manners, the notice shall include the date of the instruction, the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker, and information stating the right of the parent or guardian to request a copy of this section, Section 51933, and Section 51934. If arrangements for this instruction are made after the beginning of the school year, notice shall be made by mail or another commonly used method of notification, no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered.
  - (3) Include information explaining the parent's or guardian's right to request a copy of this chapter.
  - (4) Advise the parent or guardian that the parent or guardian may request in writing that his or her child not receive comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education.
- (b) Notwithstanding Section 51513, anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure pupils' health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the pupil's attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex may be administered to any pupil in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, if the parent or guardian is notified in writing that this test, questionnaire, or survey is to be administered and the pupil's parent or guardian is given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire, or survey and to request in writing that his or her child not participate.
- (c) The use of outside consultants or guest speakers as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) is within the discretion of the school district.

**EC 51939. Written request to excuse; effect upon receipt by school; alternative educational activities**

- (a) A pupil may not attend any class in comprehensive sexual education or HIV/AIDS prevention education, or participate in any anonymous, voluntary, and confidential test, questionnaire, or survey on pupil health behaviors and risks, if the school has received a written request from the pupil's parent or guardian excusing the pupil from participation.
- (b) A pupil may not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the pupil's parent or guardian declines to permit the pupil to receive comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education or to participate in anonymous, voluntary, and confidential tests, questionnaires, or surveys on pupil health behaviors and risks.
- (c) While comprehensive sexual health education, HIV/AIDS prevention education, or anonymous, voluntary, and confidential test, questionnaire, or survey on pupil health behaviors and risks is being administered, an alternative educational activity shall be made available to pupils whose parents or guardians have requested that they not receive the instruction or participate in the test, questionnaire, or survey.

We appreciate your cooperation in these matters.

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