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Nondiscrimination/Harassment

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the Compliance Officer(s). The employee(s) is responsible for coordinating the district's efforts to comply with applicable state and federal civil rights laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The individual(s) shall also serve as the Compliance Officer(s) specified in Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination of a student, and the Title IX Coordinator specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful sexual harassment, as permitted by law. The Compliance Officer(s) may be contacted at: (Education Code 234.1; 5 CCR 4621)

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Measures to Prevent Discrimination

- 1. To prevent unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, and bullying, of students at district schools or activities and to ensure equal access of all students to the educational program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures: Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, including the Compliance Officer's contact information, to students, parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, and the general public by posting them in prominent locations and providing easy access to them through district-supported communications.
- 2. Post the district's policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination, harassment, student sexual harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying, including a section on social media bullying that includes all of the references described in Education Code 234.6 as possible forums for social media, in a prominent location on the district's website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.1, 234.6)
- 3. Post the definition of sex discrimination and harassment as described in Education Code 230, including the rights set forth in Education Code 221.8, in a prominent location on the district's website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

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- 4. Post in a prominent location on the district website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students information regarding Title IX prohibitions against discrimination based on a student's sex, including the following: (Education Code 221.6, 221.61, 234.6)
 - a. The name and contact information of the district's Title IX Coordinator, including the phone number and email address
 - b. The rights of students and the public and the responsibilities of the district under Title IX, including a list of rights as specified in Education Code 221.8 and web links to information about those rights and responsibilities located on the websites of the Office for Equal Opportunity and the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
 - c. A description of how to file a complaint of noncompliance under Title IX, which shall include:
 - 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 web links to this information on OCR's website
 - iii. A web link to the OCR complaints form and the contact information for the office, including the phone number and email address for the office
 - d. A link to the Title IX information included on the California Department of Education's (CDE) website
- 5. Post CDE's standardized incident form to track racial discrimination, harassment, or hazing that occurs at high school sporting games or events, including information on how to submit a completed incident form to the district. (Education Code 33353)
- 6. Post a link to statewide CDE-compiled resources, including community-based organizations, that provide support to youth who have been subjected to school-based discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying and to their families. (Education Code 234.5. 234.6)
 - Such resources shall be posted in a prominent location on the district's website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)
- 7. Provide to students a handbook that contains age-appropriate information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior.

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8. Annually notify all students and parents/guardians of the district's nondiscrimination policy, including its responsibility to provide a safe, nondiscriminatory school environment for all students.

The notice shall inform students and parents/guardians that they may request to meet with the Compliance Officer to determine how best to accommodate or resolve concerns that may arise from the district's implementation of its nondiscrimination policies. The notice shall also inform all students and parents/guardians that, to the extent possible, the district will address any individual student's interests and concerns in private. Ensure that students and parents/guardians, including those with limited English proficiency, are notified of how to access the relevant information provided in the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures, notices, and forms in a language they can understand. If 15 percent or more of students enrolled in a particular district school speak a single primary language other than English, the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning nondiscrimination shall be translated into that language in accordance with Education Code 234.1 and 48985. In all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

9. Provide to students, employees, volunteers, and parents/guardians age-appropriate training and/or information regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy; what constitutes prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying; how and to whom a report of an incident should be made; and how to guard against segregating or stereotyping students when providing instruction, guidance, supervision, or other services to them.

Such training and information shall include details of guidelines the district may use to provide a discrimination-free environment for all district students.

- 10. Provide to certificated employees serving students in grades 7-12 information on existing school and community resources related to the support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) students, or related to the support of students who may face bias or bullying on the basis of any of the actual or perceived characteristics in Penal Code 422.55, including immigration status; Education Code 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. (Education Code 234.1)
- 11. For the 2025-2026 school year through the 2029-2030 school year, provide annually to certificated employees serving students in grades 7-12 at least one hour of training to support LGBTQ+ cultural competency in accordance with Education Code 218.3.
- 12. At the beginning of each school year, inform school employees that any employee who witnesses any act of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, against a student is required to intervene if it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

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13. At the beginning of each school year, inform each principal or designee of the district's responsibility to provide appropriate assistance or resources to protect students from threatened or potentially discriminatory behavior and ensure their privacy rights.

Reporting Discrimination

Students who feel that they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination are strongly encouraged to immediately contact the Compliance Officer(s), Title IX Coordinator(s), principal, or any other staff member. In addition, students who observe discrimination are strongly encouraged to report the incident to the Compliance Officer(s), Title IX Coordinator(s), or principal, regardless of whether the student(s) subjected to the conduct reports it.

Any district employee who observes or receives a report of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall report the incident to the Compliance Officer(s), Title IX Coordinator(s), or principal immediately regardless of whether the person subjected to the conduct reports it.

Any school employee who witnesses an incident of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

Reports of sexual harassment that meet the federal Title IX definition of sexual harassment will be addressed consistent with Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

Reports of discrimination (excluding Title IX sexual harassment), including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, will addressed as follows:

- 1. After a report of such discrimination is made to or received by a principal, Compliance Officer, or Title IX Coordinator, the official receiving the report or their designee shall do the following:
 - a. Interim Measures Discuss interim measures with the student allegedly subjected to discrimination or their parent/guardian.
 - b. Explain potentially applicable Board policies and administrative regulations and related next steps. For reports of unlawful discrimination, explain the right to file a complaint in accordance with Administrative Regulation 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures ("UCP"). UCP complaints will be addressed consistent Administrative Regulation 1312.3.
- 2. In the absence of a UCP complaint, the district will address the report within 30 school days, absent good cause, by:
 - a. Investigating the alleged discriminatory conduct.
 - b. Determining whether the alleged conduct, more likely than not, occurred, and if so, whether the conduct, more likely than not, resulted in unlawful discrimination.
 - c. <u>Implement corrective action and discipline as determined appropriate based on the totality of the circumstances;</u>

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i. When a suspension or corrective actions are imposed on a student in response to the student's discriminatory bullying, harassment, or intimidation, the principal or designee may provide the students involved in the incident the opportunity to participate in a restorative justice practice suitable to the needs of the students. The principal or designee may require students found responsible for discriminatory bullying, harassment, or intimidation to participate in a culturally sensitive program that promotes justice and equity and combats discrimination and ignorance specific to the student's discriminatory conduct. The principal or designee shall regularly check on students subjected to discriminatory conduct to ensure they are supported and not in danger of suffering from any long-lasting mental health issues. (Education Code 48900.5)

Once notified verbally or in writing, the Compliance Officer(s) or Title IX Coordinator(s) shall begin the investigation and shall implement immediate measures necessary to stop the discrimination and ensure that all students have access to the educational program and a safe school environment. Any interim measures adopted to address unlawful discrimination shall, to the extent possible, not disadvantage the complainant or a student subjected to the alleged unlawful discrimination.

Any report or complaint alleging unlawful discrimination by the principal, Compliance Officer(s), Title IX Coordinator(s), or any other person to whom a report would ordinarily be made or complaint filed shall instead be made to or filed with the Superintendent or designee who shall determine how the complaint will be investigated.

Support for Intersex, Nonbinary, Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students

Gender refers to a student's sex, and includes a student's gender identity and gender expression. (Education Code 210.7)

Gender identity refers to a student's gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior as determined from the student's internal sense, regardless of whether that gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the student's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

Gender expression refers to a student's gender-related appearance and behavior, regardless of whether stereotypically associated with the student's assigned sex at birth. (Education Code 210.7)

Gender transition refers to the process in which a student changes from living and identifying as the sex assigned to the student at birth to living and identifying as the sex that corresponds to the student's gender identity.

Gender-nonconforming refers to when a student's gender expression differs from stereotypical expectations.

Intersex refers to when a student has natural bodily variations in anatomy, hormones, chromosomes, and other traits that differ from expectations generally associated with female and male bodies.

Nonbinary refers to when a student's gender identity falls outside of the traditional conception of strictly

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either female or male, regardless of whether the student identifies as transgender, was born with intersex traits, uses gender-neutral pronouns, or uses agender, genderqueer, pangender, gender nonconforming, gender variant, or such other more specific term to describe their gender.

Sex refers to the biological condition of being a female or male human being. (5 CCR 4910)

Transgender refers to when a student's gender identity is different from the sex assigned at birth.

The district shall ensure that all students, regardless of sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, are afforded the same rights, benefits, and protections provided to students by law and Board policy. To do so, the Superintendent or designee shall address each situation that arises on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1. Acceptance of a Student's Gender Identity: The district shall accept the student's assertion of the student's gender identity and treat the student consistent with that gender identity unless district personnel present a credible and supportable basis for believing that the student's assertion is for an improper purpose.
- 2. Use of Names and Pronouns: Upon request by a student, district personnel shall address the student by the requested name and pronoun(s), without the necessity of a court order or a change to the student's mandatory permanent student record Inadvertent slips or honest mistakes by district personnel in the use of the student's name and/or pronouns may not constitute a violation of this administrative regulation or the accompanying Board policy.
- 3. Accessibility to Sex-Segregated Facilities, Programs, and Activities: When the district maintains sex-segregated facilities, such as restrooms and locker rooms, or offers sex-segregated programs and activities, such as physical education classes, intermural sports, and interscholastic athletic programs, students shall be permitted to access facilities and participate in programs and activities consistent with their gender identity.

Additionally, a student shall be permitted to participate in accordance with the student's gender identity in other circumstances where students are separated by sex, such as for class discussions, yearbook pictures, and field trips.

To address any student's privacy concerns in using sex-segregated facilities, the district shall consider offering a gender-neutral or single-use restroom or changing area, a bathroom stall with a door, an area in the locker room separated by a curtain or screen, or use of the locker room before or after the other students. However, in no case shall the district require a student to utilize these options because of the student's sex, gender, gender identify, or gender expression. A student's right to participate in a sex-segregated activity in accordance with the student's gender identity shall not render invalid or inapplicable any other eligibility rule established for participation in the activity.

Beginning July 1, 2026, each school shall provide and maintain at least one all-gender restroom for student use that meets the requirements of Education Code 35292.5.

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- 4. Adherence to Uniforms/Dress Code: A student has the right to dress in a manner consistent with the student's gender identity, subject to any dress code adopted on a school site, which may not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression.
- 5. Equal Access to Educational Programs and Activities: Upon request by a student based on the student's gender identity or gender expression, the Compliance Officer shall identify and develop strategies for ensuring that the student's access to educational programs and activities is Maintained.

The Compliance Officer shall consider the rights of all students and how those rights may affect and be affected by the rights of other students. Additionally, the Compliance Officer shall identify specific school site employee(s) to whom the student may report any problem related to the student's sex, gender, gender identity, or gender expression so that prompt action can be taken to address it. Alternatively, if appropriate and desired by the student, the school may form a support team for the student that will meet periodically to assess whether the arrangements for the student are providing equal access to programs and activities.

- 6. Right to privacy: A student's sex, gender, gender identity, and gender status is private information The district may only disclose such information to others when the disclosure is permitted by law, with the student's prior written consent, or when the district has compelling evidence that disclosure is necessary to preserve the student's physical or mental well-being. (Education Code 220.3, 220.5; 34 CFR 99.31, 99.36)
- 7. Student Records: A student's sex and legal name shall be maintained as part of a student's mandatory permanent student record as specified in 5 CCR 432 and shall only be changed with proper documentation. (Education Code 49061-49072)

When a request to change a student's gender or name is submitted without proper documentation, any change to the student's gender or name shall be applied only to documents not included in the mandatory permanent student record such as attendance sheets, report cards, and school identification

The Superintendent or designee shall follow this guideline such that it does not change or alter the obligations of the district to maintain student records in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5125 - Student Records, and to ensure access to such records in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1340 - Access to District Records.

The district prohibits any act of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility, including any such act based on sex, gender, gender identity, or gender expression, or that have the purpose or effect of producing a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment, regardless of whether the acts are sexual in nature, including, but not limited to:

1. Refusing to address or refer to a student in a manner consistent with the student's gender identity

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- 2. Disciplining a student or excluding the student from participating in activities, for behavior or appearance that is consistent with the student's gender identity or that does not conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity
- 3. Blocking, prohibiting, or restricting a student's entry to the restroom that corresponds to the student's gender identity
- 4. Disclosing student records that reveal a student's gender identity to individuals who do not have a legitimate need for the information except as permitted by law
- 5. Verbally or physically assaulting a student because of the student's sex, gender, gender identity, or gender expression, including, but not limited to, causing, attempting to cause, threatening to cause, or participating in an act of hate violence on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, or gender expression

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5 CCR 4900-4965	Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance
Civ. Code 1714.1	<u>Liability of parent/guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor</u>
Ed. Code 17585	School modernization project; all-gender restroom
Ed. Code 200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 33353	California Interscholastic Federation; standardized incident form
Ed. Code 35292.5	School restrooms; all-gender restrooms
Ed. Code 48900.3	Suspension or expulsion for act of hate violence
Ed. Code 48900.4	Suspension or expulsion for harassment, threats, or intimidation
Ed. Code 48900.5	Suspension; other means of correction
Ed. Code 48904	Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct
Ed. Code 48907	Exercise of free expression; time, place, and manner rules and regulations

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