

WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORKSHOP AGENDA
DISTRICT OFFICE
ROOM 4
January 12, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER 5:00 p.m.

II. Workshop _____p.m.
A. Flag Salute
B. Roll Call

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Steve DeMarzio _____
John Curiel _____
Patricia K. Shaw _____
Linda Jones _____

SUPERINTENDENT

Regina Rossall _____

III. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Ayes: ____ Noes: ____ Abstain: ____

Opened: _____ Closed: _____

IV. GOVERNANCE

1. Agenda

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Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

To approve the Agenda of the Workshop of January 12, 2017

Ayes: ____ Noes: ____ Abstain: ____

2. Board Governance

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- Board Bylaw 9223, Filling Vacancies

3. Revised Board Bylaw 9223, Filling Vacancies

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Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Approval of the first and final reading of the revised Board Bylaw 9223,
Filling Vacancies

Ayes: ____ Noes: ____ Abstain: ____

4. Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures

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Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Approval of the first and final reading of the revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstain: _____

V. WORKSHOP
Governing Board Candidate Orientation

VI. CLOSED SESSION – Continued

VII. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Board, the Workshop of January 12, 2017, is adjourned at _____ p.m. by the Board President.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to access the Board meeting room or to otherwise participate at this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact Tonya Williams at (661) 722-0716. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Board meeting room.

Any writings or documents that are public records and are provided to a majority of the governing board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection on the District Web Site, www.westside.k12.ca.us or in the District Office located at 41914 50th St. West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536 during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

BOARD AGENDA

January 12, 2017

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PREPARED BY: Regina L. Rossall, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Board Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND:

The Board is requested to approve the Agenda for January 12, 2017.

PROGRAM/EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATION:

None

COST ANALYSIS/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BOARD AGENDA

January 12, 2017

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PREPARED BY: Regina L. Rossall, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Discussion Items:

- Board Governance
 - Board Bylaw 9223, Filling Vacancies

BOARD AGENDA

January 12, 2017

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PREPARED BY: Regina L. Rossall, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Board Bylaws – First and Final Reading

BACKGROUND:

As part of Board vacancy, the following Board Bylaw is being reviewed.

BB 9223, Filling Vacancies

PROGRAM/EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATION:

None

COST ANALYSIS/FUNDING SOURCE:

There are no costs associated with updating these policies and administrative regulations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

WESTSIDE UNION ESD

Board Bylaw

Filling Vacancies

Board Bylaws

BB 9223(a)

A vacancy on the Board of Trustees may occur for any of the events specified in Government Code 1770 or by a failure to elect. (Education Code 5090) Removal by recall election shall also create a vacancy on the Board. (Elections Code 11384)

A vacancy on the Board also occurs when a Board member ceases to inhabit the trustee area which he/she represents on the Board. (58 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 888 (1975))

If a vacancy occurs less than four months before the end of a Board member's term, the Board shall take no action. (Education Code 5093)

If a vacancy occurs four or more months before the end of a Board member's term, the Board shall, within 60 days of the date of the vacancy or the filing of the member's deferred resignation, either order an election or make a provisional appointment, unless a special election is mandated as described below. (Education Code 5091)

Mandated Special Election

If a vacancy occurs from six months to 130 days before a regularly scheduled Board election at which the position is not scheduled to be filled, a special election to fill the position shall be consolidated with the regular election. The person so elected shall take office at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following the certification of the election and shall serve only until the end of the term of the position which he/she was elected to fill. (Education Code 5093)

Provisional Appointments

When the special election described above is not required, the Board may make a provisional appointment. (Education Code 5091, 5093)

In order to draw from the largest possible number of candidates, the Board shall advertise in the local media to solicit candidate applications.

The Provisional Member application will consist of the following:

1. Application form
 2. Resume
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3. Statement of why candidate is interested in serving on the Board

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that applicants are eligible for Board membership and announce the names of the eligible candidates.

The Superintendent or designee will solicit possible questions for the Board interview from CSEA, WUTA, Management/Confidential, the Board and PTA/Community Members.

The Superintendent will create a panel consisting of one representative each from: WUTA, CSEA, Management/Confidential, the Board, PTA/Community Members and the Superintendent. The panel will review the questions and organize them into categories, combining and/or deleting to avoid duplication. The Board members will use the panels suggestions when determining the five questions to ask the candidates.

The Question Bank will be sent to each Board member and to each candidate.

Letters of recommendation will be accepted and attached to candidates' applications.

The Board shall interview the candidates at a public meeting, accept oral or written public input, and select the provisional appointee by a majority vote as follows:

1. A motion will be made to consider the candidates for provisional Board member vacancy.
2. Each candidate will have five minutes to present his/her qualifications and reasons for being selected.
3. Other candidates will not be present during this time unless they have already made their presentations.
4. Board members will ask all candidates the same five questions determined by the panel as described above.
5. Public input will be accepted. Time will be limited to three minutes for three people in favor or each candidate and three people opposed to each candidate. If more than three people wish to speak to either side, names will be drawn.
6. First Vote Each Board member will vote for two candidates.
7. Board members will discuss qualifications of candidates who received at least one vote. Other candidates will not be considered further.
8. Second/Subsequent Votes Each Board member will vote for one of the remaining candidates. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes, a motion will be made to select this candidate and a final vote will be taken.

9. If no single candidate receives a majority vote, members of the Board will propose and select additional questions to ask of remaining candidates and vote again.

10. Once a candidate receives a majority of the votes, a motion will be made to select this candidate and a final vote will be taken.

11. Reference: If no candidate receive a majority vote, the Board may defer the issue to the County Board of Education; or alternately, call for a special election.

(cf. 9220 - Governing Board Elections)

(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Notice and Duration of Provisional Appointment

Within 10 days after the appointment is made, the Board shall post notices of the vacancy or resignation and the provisional appointment. The notice shall be published in the local newspaper and posted in at least three public places within the district. (Education Code 5092)

The notice shall contain: (Education Code 5092)

1. The date of the occurrence of the vacancy or the date of the filing of, and the effective date of, the resignation
2. The full name of the appointee
3. The date of appointment
4. A statement notifying the voters that unless a petition calling for a special election pursuant to Education Code 5091 is filed in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools within 30 days of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment

The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment. (Education Code 5091)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

5019-5019.5 Trustee areas

5090 Definition (vacancy)

5091 Special election or provisional appointment

5092 Public notice of vacancy and provisional appointment

5093 Re vacancies occurring near end of term and incumbent not reelected

5094 Power of president of county board of education when majority of offices vacant
5095 Powers of remaining board members and new electees or appointees
5200 Districts governed by boards of education
5304 Duties of the governing board (re school district elections)
5325 Publication of information regarding district elections
5420-5426 Cost of elections, especially:
5424 Expenses of conducting legal recall election
35107 Eligibility
35178 Resignation with deferred effective date
ELECTIONS CODE
10603-10604 School district elections
11384 Vacancy in office if majority vote for recall
GOVERNMENT CODE
1064 Absence from state
1770 Vacancies: definition
3060-3074 Removal other than by impeachment
6061 One time
54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:
54953 Meetings open and public; secret ballots
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
58 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 888 (1975)

Bylaw WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
adopted: June 4, 2002 Quartz Hill, California
reviewed, readopted: July 24, 2012, November 15, 2016

BOARD AGENDA

January 12, 2017

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PREPARED BY: Marguerite Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

SUBJECT: Revised Board Policies/Administrative Regulation - First and Final Reading

BACKGROUND:

Annually policies are reviewed and changes are suggested as a result of either recent judicial rulings or legislative enactment. Changes make the policy and regulation consistent with law.

PROGRAM/EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATION:

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures- Revised

The policy has been revised to provide a comprehensive list of federal and state programs covered by the Uniform Complaint Procedures.

The administrative regulation has been revised to explain that complaints regarding student fees can be taken to the Superintendent or designee as well as the site principal.

COST ANALYSIS/FUNDING SOURCE:

There are no costs associated with updating these policies and administrative regulations.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

Westside Union SD

Board Policy - Revised

Uniform Complaint Procedures

Community Relations

BP 1312.3(a)

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Board encourages the early, ~~informal~~ resolution of complaints whenever possible and appropriate. To resolve complaints which ~~cannot be resolved through such informal process~~ may require a more formal process, the Board shall adopt a the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation.

The district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve the following complaints:

1. Any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, after school education and safety programs, compensatory education, Every Child Succeeds Act/No Child Left Behind, Tobacco-Use Prevention, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, and any other district-implemented program which is listed in Education Code 64000 (a) (5 CCR 4610),

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)
(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

2. Any complaint alleging the occurrence of unlawful discrimination, (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), against any person in district programs and activities, including, but not limited to, those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on the person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group

identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55 (5 CCR 4610)

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

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

3. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the requirement to provide reasonable accommodation to a lactating student on school campus to express breast milk, breastfeed an infant child, or address other breastfeeding-related needs of the student (Education Code 222)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

4. Any complaint alleging district violation of the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities (5 CCR 4610)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

5. Any complaint alleging that the district has not complied with legal requirements related to the implementation of the local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

6. Any complaint, by or on behalf of any student who is a foster youth, alleging district noncompliance with any legal requirement applicable to the student regarding placement decisions, the responsibilities of the district's educational liaison to the student, the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district, school transfer, or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

7. Any complaint, by or on behalf of a homeless student as defined in 42 USC 11434a, alleging district noncompliance with any requirement applicable to the student regarding the award of credit for coursework satisfactorily completed in another school or district or the grant of an exemption from Board-imposed graduation requirements (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

8. Any complaint alleging district noncompliance with the physical education instructional minutes requirement for students in elementary school (Education Code 51210, 51223)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

9. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy

10. Any other complaint as specified in a district policy

The Board recognizes that alternative dispute resolution (ADR) can, depending on the nature of the allegations, offer a process to reach a resolution to the complaint that is agreeable to all parties. One type of ADR is mediation, which shall be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the use of ADR is consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

The district shall protect all complainants from retaliation. In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved shall be protected as required by law. As appropriate for any complaint alleging retaliation or unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the Superintendent or designee shall keep confidential the identity of the complainant and/or the subject of the complaint, if he/she is different from the complainant, as long as the integrity of the complaint process is maintained.

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

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

When an allegation that is not subject to the UCP is included in a UCP complaint, the district shall refer the non-UCP allegation to the appropriate staff or agency and shall investigate and, if appropriate, resolve the UCP-related allegation(s) through the district's UCP.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to district staff to ensure awareness and knowledge of current law and related requirements, including the steps and timelines specified in this policy and the accompanying administrative regulation.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of all UCP complaints and the investigations of those complaints. All such records shall be destroyed in accordance with applicable state law and district policy.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Non-UCP Complaints

The following complaints shall not be subject to the district's UCP but shall be referred to the specified agency: (5 CCR 4611)

1. Any complaint alleging child abuse or neglect shall be referred to the County Department of Social Services, the County Protective Services Division, and the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Any complaint alleging health and safety violations by a child development program shall, for licensed facilities, be referred to Department of Social Services and shall, for licensing-exempt facilities, be referred to the appropriate Child Development regional administrator.
3. Any complaint alleging employment discrimination shall be sent to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the compliance officer shall notify the complainant by first class mail of the transfer.
4. Any complaint alleging fraud shall be referred to the California Department of Education.

In addition, the district's Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaint related to sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or teacher vacancies and misassignments. (Education Code 35186)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
222 Reasonable accommodations; lactating students
8200-8498 Child care and development programs
8500-8538 Adult basic education
18100-18203 School libraries
32289 School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures
35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures
48853-48853.5 Foster youth
48985 Notices in language other than English
49010-49013 Student fees
49060-49079 Student records
49069.5 Rights of parents

49490-49590 Child nutrition programs
 51210 Courses of study grades 1-6
 51223 Physical education, elementary schools
 51225.1-51225.2 Foster youth and homeless children; course credits; graduation requirements
 51228.1-51228.3 Course periods without educational content
 52060-52077 Local control and accountability plan, especially
 52075 Complaint for lack of compliance with local control and accountability plan requirements
 52160-52178 Bilingual education programs
 EDUCATION CODE (continued)
 52500-52616.24 Adult schools
 52800-52870 School-based program coordination
 54400-54425 Compensatory education programs
 54440-54445 Migrant education
 54460-54529 Compensatory education programs
 56000-56867 Special education programs
 59000-59300 Special schools and centers
 64000-64001 Consolidated application process
 GOVERNMENT CODE
 11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
 12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
 PENAL CODE
 422.55 Hate crime; definition
 422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege
 CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
 3080 Application of section
 4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
 4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
 1221 Application of laws
 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
 1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
 6301-6577 Title I basic programs
 6801-6871 Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students
 7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
 7201-7283g Title V promoting informed parental choice and innovative programs
 7301-7372 Title V rural and low-income school programs
 12101-12213 Title II equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities
 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
 794 Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
 2000d-2000e-17 Title VI and Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
 2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
 6101-6107 Age Discrimination Act of 1975
 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

- 35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints
- CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
- 99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy
- 100.3 Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin
- 104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
- 106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX
- 106.9 Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex
- 110.25 Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age

Management Resources:

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

Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015

Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence, April 2014

Dear Colleague Letter: Bullying of Students with Disabilities, August 2013

Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence, April 2011

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance: Harassment of Students by School Employees, Other Students, or Third Parties, January 2001

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, 2002

WEB SITES

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

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

Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://familypolicy.ed.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov>

Policy WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: February 3, 2015 Quartz Hill, California

revised: September 20, 2016

Westside Union SD

Administrative Regulation - Revised

Uniform Complaint Procedures

Community Relations

AR 1312.3(a)

Except as the Board of Trustees may otherwise specifically provide in other district policies, these general uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve only the complaints specified in BP 1312.3.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Compliance Officers

The district designates the individual(s) identified below as the employee(s) responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws. The individual(s) also serve as the compliance officer(s) specified in AR 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment as the responsible employee to handle complaints regarding sex discrimination. The individual(s) shall receive and coordinate the investigation of complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law.

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

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The compliance officer who receives a complaint may assign another compliance officer to investigate and resolve the complaint. The compliance officer shall promptly notify the complainant if another compliance officer is designated to investigate the complaint.

In no instance shall a compliance officer be assigned to a complaint in which he/she has a bias or conflict of interest that would prohibit him/her from fairly investigating or resolving the

complaint. Any complaint filed against or implicating a compliance officer may be filed with the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees assigned to investigate and resolve complaints receive training and are knowledgeable about the laws and programs at issue in the complaints to which they are assigned. Training provided to such designated employees shall include current state and federal laws and regulations governing the program, applicable processes for investigating and resolving complaints, including those involving alleged unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), applicable standards for reaching decisions on complaints, and appropriate corrective measures. Designated employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

The compliance officer or, if necessary, any appropriate administrator shall determine whether interim measures are necessary during and pending the results of an investigation. If interim measures are determined to be necessary, the compliance officer or the administrator shall consult with the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or, if appropriate, the site principal to implement, if possible, one or more of the interim measures. The interim measures may remain in place until the compliance officer determines that they are no longer necessary or until the district issues its final written decision, whichever occurs first.

Notifications

The district's UCP policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. (Education Code 234.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually provide written notification of the district's UCP, including information regarding unlawful student fees, local control and accountability plan (LCAP) requirements, and requirements related to the educational rights of foster youth and homeless students, to students, employees, parents/guardians, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties. (Education Code 262.3, 48853, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2, 49013, 52075; 5 CCR 4622)

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)
(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

The annual notification and complete contact information of the compliance officer(s) may be posted on the district web site and, if available, provided through district-supported social media.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians, including students and parents/guardians with limited English proficiency, have access to the relevant information provided in the district's policy, regulation, forms, and notices concerning the UCP.

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 the UCP 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 UCP information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

The notice shall:

1. Identify the person(s), position(s), or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints
2. Advise the complainant of any civil law remedies that may be available to him/her under state or federal discrimination laws, if applicable
3. Advise the complainant of the appeal process, including, if applicable, the complainant's right to take a complaint directly to the California Department of Education (CDE) or to pursue remedies before civil courts or other public agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in cases involving unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying).
4. Include statements that:
 - a. The district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs.
 - b. The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.
 - c. A complaint alleging retaliation, unlawful discrimination, (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) must be filed not later than six months from the date it occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension.

- d. A student enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a fee for his/her participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.
- e. The Board is required to adopt and annually update a local control and accountability plan (LCAP), in a manner that includes meaningful engagement of parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders in the development and/or review of the LCAP.
- f. A foster youth shall receive information about educational rights related to his/her educational placement, enrollment in and checkout from school, as well as the responsibilities of the district liaison for foster youth to ensure and facilitate these requirements and to assist the student in ensuring proper transfer of his/her credits, records, and grades when he/she transfers between schools or between the district and another district.
- g. A foster youth or homeless student who transfers into a district high school or between district high schools shall be notified of the district's responsibility to:
 - (1) Accept any coursework or part of the coursework that the student has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, and to issue full or partial credit for the coursework completed
 - (2) Not require the student to retake any course or a portion of a course which he/she has satisfactorily completed in another public school, juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency
 - (3) If the student has completed his/her second year of high school before the transfer, provide the student information about district-adopted coursework and Board-imposed graduation requirements from which he/she may be exempted pursuant to Education Code 51225.1
- h. The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision.
- i. The appeal to the CDE must include a copy of the complaint filed with the district and a copy of the district's decision.
- j. Copies of the district's UCP are available free of charge.

District Responsibilities

All UCP-related complaints shall be investigated and resolved within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline. (5 CCR 4631)

The compliance officer shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions,

including steps taken during the investigation and all information required for compliance with 5 CCR 4631 and 4633.

All parties involved in the allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed and when a decision or ruling is made. However, the compliance officer shall keep all complaints or allegations of retaliation, unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) confidential except when disclosure is necessary to carry out the investigation, take subsequent corrective action, conduct ongoing monitoring, or maintain the integrity of the process. (5 CCR 4630, 4964)

Filing of Complaints

The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

All complaints shall be filed in accordance with the following:

1. A written complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs may be filed by any individual, public agency, or organization. (5 CCR 4630)
2. Any complaint alleging noncompliance with law regarding the prohibition against requiring students to pay student fees, deposits, and charges or any requirement related to the LCAP may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complaint about a violation of the prohibition against the charging of unlawful student fees may be filed with the principal of the school or with the Superintendent or designee. However, any such complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. (Education Code 49013, 52075; 5 CCR 4630)
3. A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), may be filed only by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to it. The complaint shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged discrimination occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination. The time for filing may be extended for up to 90 days by the Superintendent or designee for good cause upon written request by the complainant setting forth the reasons for the extension. (5 CCR 4630)
4. When a complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) is filed anonymously, the compliance officer shall pursue an investigation or other response as appropriate, depending on the specificity and reliability of the

information provided and the seriousness of the allegation.

5. When the complainant or alleged victim of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform him/her that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the conduct or take other necessary action. When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district will nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

6. If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, district staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint. (5 CCR 4600)

Mediation

Within three business days after the compliance officer receives the complaint, he/she may informally discuss with all the parties the possibility of using mediation. Mediation shall be offered to resolve complaints that involve more than one student and no adult. However, mediation shall not be offered or used to resolve any complaint involving an allegation of sexual assault or where there is a reasonable risk that a party to the mediation would feel compelled to participate. If the parties agree to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of a complaint alleging retaliation, unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to relevant confidential information. The compliance officer shall also notify all parties of the right to end the informal process at any time.

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with his/her investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. If mediation is successful and the complaint is withdrawn, then the district shall take only the actions agreed to through the mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful, the district shall then continue with subsequent steps specified in this administrative regulation.

Investigation of Complaint

Within 10 business days after the compliance officer receives the complaint, the compliance officer shall begin an investigation into the complaint.

Within three business days of initiating the investigation, the compliance officer shall provide the complainant and/or his/her representative with the opportunity to present the information

contained in the complaint to the compliance officer and shall notify the complainant and/or his/her representative of the opportunity to present the compliance officer with any evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegations in the complaint. Such evidence or information may be presented at any time during the investigation.

In conducting the investigation, the compliance officer shall collect all available documents and review all available records, notes, or statements related to the complaint, including any additional evidence or information received from the parties during the course of the investigation, shall individually interview all available witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint, and may visit any reasonably accessible location where the relevant actions are alleged to have taken place. To resolve a complaint alleging retaliation, unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the compliance officer shall interview the alleged victim(s), any alleged offenders, and other relevant witnesses privately, separately, and in a confidential manner. As necessary, additional staff or legal counsel may conduct or support the investigation.

A complainant's refusal to provide the district's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation, or engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation. (5 CCR 4631)

In accordance with law, the district shall provide the investigator with access to records and other information related to the allegation in the complaint and shall not in any way obstruct the investigation. Failure or refusal of the district to cooperate in the investigation may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

The compliance officer shall apply a "preponderance of the evidence" standard in determining the veracity of the factual allegations in a complaint. This standard is met if the allegation is more likely to be true than not.

Report of Findings

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, a final decision shall be sent to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's receipt of the complaint. Within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in the section "Final Written Decision" below. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, he/she may, within five business days, file his/her complaint in writing with the Board.

The Board may consider the matter at its next regular Board meeting or at a special Board meeting convened in order to meet the 60-day time limit within which the complaint must be answered. The Board may decide not to hear the complaint, in which case the compliance officer's decision shall be final.

If the Board hears the complaint, the compliance officer shall send the Board's decision to the complainant within 60 calendar days of the district's initial receipt of the complaint or within the time period that has been specified in a written agreement with the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

Final Written Decision

The district's decision on how it will resolve the complaint shall be in writing and shall be sent to the complainant. (5 CCR 4631)

In consultation with district legal counsel, information about the relevant part of a decision may be communicated to a victim who is not the complainant and to other parties that may be involved in implementing the decision or affected by the complaint, as long as the privacy of the parties is protected.

If the complaint involves a limited-English-proficient student or parent/guardian and the student involved attends a school at which 15 percent or more of the students speak a single primary language other than English, then the decision shall also be translated into that language. In other all other instances, the district shall ensure meaningful access to all relevant information for parents/guardians with limited English proficiency.

For all complaints, the decision shall include: (5 CCR 4631)

1. The findings of fact based on the evidence gathered. In reaching a factual determination, the following factors may be taken into account:
 - a. Statements made by any witnesses
 - b. The relative credibility of the individuals involved
 - c. How the complaining individual reacted to the incident
 - d. Any documentary or other evidence relating to the alleged conduct
 - e. Past instances of similar conduct by any alleged offenders
 - f. Past false allegations made by the complainant
2. The conclusion(s) of law
3. Disposition of the complaint
4. Rationale for such disposition

For complaints of retaliation or unlawful discrimination, (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), the disposition of the complaint shall include a

determination for each allegation as to whether retaliation or unlawful discrimination has occurred.

The determination of whether a hostile environment exists may involve consideration of the following:

- a. How the misconduct affected one or more students' education
 - b. The type, frequency, and duration of the misconduct
 - c. The relationship between the alleged victim(s) and offender(s)
 - d. The number of persons engaged in the conduct and at whom the conduct was directed
 - e. The size of the school, location of the incidents, and context in which they occurred
 - f. Other incidents at the school involving different individuals
5. Corrective action(s), including any actions that have been taken or will be taken to address the allegations in the complaint and including, with respect to a student fees complaint, a remedy that comports with Education Code 49013 and 5 CCR 4600

For complaints of unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), including remedies offered or provided to the subject of the complaint

- a. The corrective actions imposed on the individual found to have engaged in the conduct that relate directly to the subject of the complaint
 - b. Individual remedies offered or provided to the subject of the complaint or another person who was the subject of the complaint
 - c. Systemic measures the school has taken to eliminate a hostile environment and prevent recurrence
6. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the district's decision within 15 calendar days to the CDE and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal

The decision may also include follow-up procedures to prevent recurrence or retaliation and for reporting any subsequent problems.

For complaints alleging unlawful discrimination based on state law (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying), the decision shall also include a notice to the complainant that:

1. He/she may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint

procedures, including seeking assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys, 60 calendar days after the filing of an appeal with the CDE. (Education Code 262.3)

2. The 60 days moratorium does not apply to complaints seeking injunctive relief in state courts or to discrimination complaints based on federal law. (Education Code 262.3)

3. Complaints alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender, disability, or age may also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights at www.ed.gov/ocr within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.

Corrective Actions

When a complaint is found to have merit, the compliance officer shall adopt any appropriate corrective action permitted by law. Appropriate corrective actions that focus on the larger school or district environment may include, but are not limited to, actions to reinforce district policies, training for faculty, staff, and students, updates to school policies, or school climate surveys.

For complaints involving retaliation, unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), appropriate corrective actions that focus on the victim may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Counseling
2. Academic support
3. Health services
4. Assignment of an escort to allow the victim to move safely about campus
5. Information regarding available resources and how to report similar incidents or retaliation
6. Separation of the victim from any other individuals involved, provided the separation does not penalize the victim
7. Restorative justice
8. Follow-up inquiries to ensure that the conduct has stopped and there has been no retaliation
9. Determination of whether any past actions of the victim that resulted in discipline were related to the treatment the victim received and described in the complaint

For complaints involving retaliation, unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory

harassment, intimidation, or bullying) appropriate corrective actions that focus on a student offender may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Transfer from a class or school as permitted by law
2. Parent/guardian conference
3. Education regarding the impact of the conduct on others
4. Positive behavior support
5. Referral to a student success team
6. Denial of participation in extracurricular or co-curricular activities or other privileges as permitted by law
7. Disciplinary action, such as suspension or expulsion, as permitted by law

The district may also consider training and other interventions for the larger school community to ensure that students, staff, and parents/guardians understand the types of behavior that constitute unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying), that the district does not tolerate it, and how to report and respond to it.

If a complaint alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, deposits, and other charges, physical education instructional minutes for students in elementary schools, or any requirement related to the LCAP is found to have merit, the district shall provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians subject to procedures established by regulation of the State Board of Education.. (Education Code 49013, 51223, 52075)

For complaints alleging noncompliance with the laws regarding student fees, the district shall attempt in good faith, by engaging in reasonable efforts, to identify and fully reimburse all affected students and parents/guardians who paid the unlawful student fees within one year prior to the filing of the complaint. (Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4600)

Appeals to the California Department of Education

Any complainant who is dissatisfied with the district's final written decision may file an appeal in writing with the CDE within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision. (Education Code 222, 48853, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 51223, 51225.1, 51225.2, 51228.3, 52075; 5 CCR 4632)

The complainant shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision. (5 CCR 4632)

Upon notification by the CDE that the complainant has appealed the district's decision, the Superintendent or designee shall forward the following documents to the CDE: (5 CCR 4633)

1. A copy of the original complaint
2. A copy of the written decision
3. A summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the district, if not covered by the decision
4. A copy of the investigation file including, but not limited to, all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by the parties and gathered by the investigator
5. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint
6. A copy of the district's uniform complaint procedures
7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE

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