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Employee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date

**All Personnel**

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4212.3  
4312.3

**OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person who administers the oath)

## **Drug And Alcohol-Free Workplace**

## **Board Policy 4020**

The Governing Board believes that the maintenance of drug- and alcohol-free workplaces is essential to school and district operations.

No employee shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance as defined in 21 USC 81 at any school district workplace. These prohibitions apply before, during and after school hours. A school district workplace is any place where school district work is performed, any school-owned or school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; any off-school sites when accommodating a school-sponsored or school-approved activity or function where students are under district jurisdiction; or during any period of time when an employee is supervising students on behalf of the district or otherwise engaged in district business.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall notify employees of these prohibitions. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 702)

An employee shall abide by the terms of this policy and notify the district, within five days, of any criminal drug or alcohol statute conviction which he/she receives for a violation occurring in the workplace. (41 USC 702)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall notify the appropriate federal granting or contracting agencies within 10 days after receiving notification, from an employee or otherwise, of any conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace. (41 USC 701)

The Board may not employ or retain in employment persons convicted of a controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011. If any such conviction is reversed and the person acquitted in a new trial or the charges dismissed, his/her employment is no longer prohibited. A plea or verdict of guilty, a finding of guilt by a court in a trial without a jury, or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere shall be deemed to be a conviction. (Education Code 44836, 45123)

A classified employee may be reemployed after conviction of such an offense if the Board determines, from the evidence presented, that the person has been rehabilitated for at least five years. (Education Code 45123)

The Board may take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, or require the employee to satisfactorily participate in and complete a drug assistance or rehabilitation program approved by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish a drug- and alcohol-free awareness program to inform employees about: (Government Code 8355)

1. The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in the workplace
2. The district policy of maintaining drug- and alcohol-free workplaces
3. Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs
4. The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug and alcohol abuse violations

**Tobacco Free School Policy**

Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union School is a tobacco free school. Smoking or chewing tobacco is not allowed anywhere, by anyone, at any time, on the campus. HSC 104420, 104495

**Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination**

I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials I may be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, at no charge to myself. However, I decline hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to myself.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee Name (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# HUGHES-ELIZABETH LAKES UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **SAFETY PRACTICES**

**Safety is everyone's business. Learning safe work methods can prevent accidents.**

WHEN LIFTING – Hold your back straight, bend your knees, get a firm grip on the object, hold it close to your body, space your feet for good balance; now lift, exerting the lifting force with your strong leg muscles, not the weaker back muscles.

MATERIAL HANDLING – Do not throw objects – always carry or pass them. Use hand trucks or other equipment when possible. Get help with heavy or awkward objects.

TRASH DISPOSAL – Keep sharp objects and dangerous substances out of the trash can. Dispose of them in approved containers. Chemicals should be disposed of as directed by the Material Safety Data Sheet.

CLEAN UP – Remove refuse and spills promptly to prevent slips and tripping.

PREVENT FALLS – Keep aisles, work places and stairways clean, clear and well lighted. Report slippery or faulty floor surfaces to your supervisor.

WALK – DON'T RUN – Watch your step.

TOOLS – Do not use burred, defective or greasy tools. Use the right tool for the job.

FALLING OBJECTS – Handle objects and tools carefully. Store them where they won't fall. Do not store heavy items on top of filing cabinets or on upper shelves. Do not overload book shelves or cabinets.

WORK AREA CONDITIONS – Protruding nails, torn or sharp corners can cause serious cuts and bruises. Remove, pad them or notify maintenance immediately. Keep all drawers closed when not in use.

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS – Do not stand on wet floor while using any electrical apparatus. Use extension cords only as a TEMPORARY measure and make sure they are in good repair. Do not make unauthorized connections or repairs. **DO NOT OVERLOAD OUTLETS.**

GAS FIRE APPARATUS – Do not light gas fired apparatus – Call Maintenance.

REFRIGERATION – Most refrigeration gasses are dangerously poisonous – Call Maintenance.

PREVENT INFECTION – All punctures, cuts and scratches are dangerous – get first aid at once.

BLOODBORNE DISEASES – Whenever blood or other potentially infectious materials are present you must wear the proper protection equipment i.e., latex gloves, mask, etc. If you have not received Bloodborne Pathogens training contact your supervisor immediately.

HORSEPLAY – Scuffling, practical jokes and tricks are not allowed.

IF INJURED – All injuries must be reported at once, no matter how slight.

EXITS – Do not block exits at any time. This also means to keep egress routes clean of obstacles.

BLOCKING EQUIPMENT – Do not block or cover fire extinguishers, electrical panels or AC sensors.

MACHINE GUARDS – Keep guards in place at all times. Never remove a machine guard, this includes the guards on **PAPER CUTTERS**. Do not use any machinery that is missing a guard. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

APPLIANCES – Hot plates, coffee makers, microwave ovens or other electric heating appliances are not allowed in classrooms. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCTS BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL – Every chemical containing product within the District is required to have a material safety data sheet on file at the site where it is kept. We have MSDS sheets on every product the District purchases located in the school office. Any chemical containing products found on the site that have not been purchased by the District will be removed by the custodian. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

PAPER DECORATIONS – No paper is to be suspended from the ceiling at any time. This is a fire hazard and not allowed by the fire marshal. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM – The responsibility for maintaining the cleanliness of the animal habitats and the classroom environment associated with the habitat is the responsibility of the classroom teacher NOT the custodian. Animals are to be contained in cages, etc., appropriate to the size and nature of the beast. Humane treatment of the animals is a requisite to their housing in district classrooms. Prior to maintaining animals in the classroom, the parents of ALL children who would come in contact with the animals are to be notified to ascertain if any children are allergic. If such is the case, the animals MAY NOT be kept in the classroom. Substitute teachers shall be apprised as to the presence of animals in any classroom. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

LADDERS – Use a safe ladder. **DO NOT USE BOXES, CHAIRS, DESKS OR ANY MAKESHIFT PLATFORM TO STAND ON** – This is strictly prohibited. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

- ⊙ Ladders shall be inspected before each use for defects.
- ⊙ Work shall be performed within easy arm length to avoid leaning from the ladder.
- ⊙ A straight ladder or “A” frame shall not be climbed beyond the third rung from the top.
- ⊙ On an “A” frame or extension ladder, anti-slip bases or feet or other stabilizing means shall be used to prevent the ladder from slipping.
- ⊙ Step and similar ladders shall be fully opened and the latch in place before using.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE HUGHES-ELIZABETH LAKES UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY PRACTICES. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE HUGHES-ELIZABETH LAKES UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY PRACTICES.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## EMPLOYEE'S REPORT OF INJURY

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF HIRE \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ SALARY \_\_\_\_\_

DAYS PER WEEK \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS PER WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACT MONTHS \_\_\_\_\_ WORK LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INJURY \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF INJURY \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM

TYPE OF INJURY \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT EMPLOYEE WAS DOING WHEN INJURED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE ACCIDENT OR INJURY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT BEING USED \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE REPORTED TO SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE REPORTED TO DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS & OPERATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST AIDE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\*if medical care is not sought, this report will be kept on file as a first aid incident in case medical care is needed at a later date.

## HELUSD Interoffice Memo

To: All District Employees

From: Ruby Thompson

Date: 7/7/2010

Re: Industrial Injury & Illness Procedures

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### **PLEASE READ**

Please report all industrial injuries or illnesses to the Director of Business and Operations immediately for medical care authorization. This is necessary even if the employee has pre-authorization to see their personal physician. If the Director of Business and Operations is not available, the injured employee should speak with their supervisor. Employee's report of injury forms are available in the office and must be completed before going to the doctor. An Administrator must decide if emergency care is needed when injuries are serious and if an ambulance should be called. The administrator should contact the Director of Business and Operations as soon as possible when an employee is to receive emergency care at a hospital.

If the employee is not in need of medical attention, the incident is considered "first aid" and an employee's report of injury should be completed, marked "first aid" at the top and sent to the Director of Business and Operations. There is a form to be signed to waive the 24 hour physician visit. This report will be kept on file in case medical care is needed at a later date. The waiver is for seeing a physician within 24 hours not the eligibility to receive medical attention.

All absences due to industrial injury or industrial illness must be physician authorized. This includes follow-up office calls which might result in only a few hours absence as well as temporary disability. If such authorization has not been received by the Director of Business and Operations, the absence will be considered regular sick leave.

Since the intent of the District is to return injured employees to work as soon as they are able and to be in compliance with the American's with Disability's Act, accommodations and "light duty" will be considered on an individual basis following an industrial accident. Work restrictions should be discussed with the Director of Business and Operations who will subsequently contact the employee's Supervisor regarding the feasibility of accommodations and "light duty".

Please direct any inquiries concerning industrial accidents or illnesses to the Director of Business and Operations.

## **Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

## **Board Policy 5141.4**

### **Child Abuse Prevention**

The Governing Board recognizes the district's responsibility to educate students about the dangers of child abuse so that they will acquire the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and to react appropriately and promptly.

### **Child Abuse Reporting**

The Board recognizes that child abuse has severe consequences and that the district has a responsibility to protect students by facilitating the prompt reporting of known and suspected incidents of child abuse. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of such incidents in accordance with law.

Employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters shall not investigate any suspected incidents but rather shall cooperate with agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting cases of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide training regarding the reporting duties of mandated reporters.

In the event that training is not provided to mandated reporters, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall report to the California Department of Education the reasons that such training is not provided. (Penal Code 11165.7)

## **Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

## **Administrative Regulations 5141.4**

### **Definitions**

Child abuse or neglect includes the following: (Penal Code 11165.5, 11165.6)

1. A physical injury inflicted by other than accidental means on a child by another person
2. Sexual abuse of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.1
3. Neglect as defined in Penal Code 11165.2
4. Willful harming or injuring of a child or the endangering of the person or health of a child as defined in Penal Code 11165.3
5. Unlawful corporal punishment or injury as defined in Penal Code 11165.4

Child abuse or neglect does not include:

1. A mutual affray between minors (Penal Code 11165.6)
2. An injury caused by reasonable and necessary force used by a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his/her employment (Penal Code 11165.6)
3. An injury resulting from the exercise by a teacher, vice principal, Superintendent/ Principal, or other certificated employee of the same degree of physical control over a student that a parent/guardian would be privileged to exercise, not exceeding the amount of physical control reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, protect the health and safety of students, or maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning (Education Code 44807)
4. An injury caused by a school employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, to protect himself/herself, or to obtain weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the student (Education Code 49001)

5. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by the student (Education Code 49001)

Mandated reporters include but are not limited to teachers; instructional aides; teacher's aides or assistants; classified employees; certificated pupil personnel employees; administrative officers or supervisors of child attendance; administrators and employees of a licensed day care facility; Head Start teachers; district police or security officers; and administrators, presenters, or counselors of a child abuse prevention program. (Penal Code 11165.7)

Reasonable suspicion means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his/her training and experience, to suspect child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

### **Reportable Offenses**

A mandated reporter shall make a report using the procedures provided below whenever, in his/her professional capacity or within the scope of his/her employment, he/she has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. (Penal Code 11166)

Any mandated reporter who has knowledge of or who reasonably suspects that a child is suffering serious emotional damage or is at a substantial risk of suffering serious emotional damage based on evidence of severe anxiety, depression, withdrawal, or untoward aggressive behavior toward self or others, may make a report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166.05)

Any person shall notify a peace officer if he/she reasonably believes that he/she has observed the commission of a murder, rape, or lewd or lascivious act by use of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury, where the victim is a child under age 14. (Penal Code 152.3, 288)

### **Responsibility for Reporting**

The reporting duties of mandated reporters are individual and cannot be delegated to another person. (Penal Code 11166)

When two or more mandated reporters jointly have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect, and when there is agreement among them, the report may be made by a member of the team selected by mutual agreement and a single report may be made and signed by the selected member of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the report. (Penal Code 11166)

No supervisor or administrator shall impede or inhibit a mandated reporter from making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

Any person not identified as a mandated reporter who has knowledge of or observes a child whom he/she knows or reasonably suspects has been a victim of child abuse or neglect may report the known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

## Reporting Procedures

### 1. Initial Telephone Report

Immediately or as soon as practicably possible after knowing or observing suspected child abuse or neglect, a mandated reporter shall make a report by telephone to any police department (excluding a school district police/security department), sheriff's department, county probation department if designated by the county to receive such reports, or county welfare department. (Penal Code 11166)

LA County DCFS  
1-800-540-4000

### 2. Written Report

Within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident, the mandated reporter shall prepare and send to the appropriate agency a written report which includes a completed Department of Justice form. (Penal Code 11166, 11168)

Mandated reporters may obtain copies of the above form from either the district or the appropriate agency.

Reports of suspected child abuse or neglect shall include, if known: (Penal Code 11167)

- a. The name, business address, and telephone number of the person making the report and the capacity that makes the person a mandated reporter
- b. The child's name and address, present location and, where applicable, school, grade, and class
- c. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the child's parents/guardians
- d. The information that gave rise to the reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect and the source(s) of that information
- e. The name, address, telephone number, and other relevant personal information about the person(s) who might have abused or neglected the child

The mandated reporter shall make a report even if some of this information is not known or is uncertain to him/her. (Penal Code 11167)

Information relevant to the incident of child abuse or neglect may also be given to an investigator from an agency that is investigating the case. (Penal Code 11167)

### 3. Internal Reporting

Employees reporting child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the Superintendent/Principal or designee as soon as possible after the initial telephone report to the appropriate agency.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that reporting procedures are carried out in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation. At the mandated reporter's request, the Superintendent/Principal may assist in completing and filing the necessary forms.

The mandated reporter shall not be required to disclose his/her identity to the Superintendent/Principal. (Penal Code 11166)

He/she may provide or mail a copy of the written report to the Superintendent/ Principal or designee without his/her signature or name.

Reporting the information to an employer, supervisor, school principal, school counselor, co-worker, or other person shall not be a substitute for making a mandated report to the appropriate agency. (Penal Code 11166)

### **Training**

Training of mandated reporters shall include child abuse identification and reporting. (Penal Code 11165.7)

### **Victim Interviews**

Whenever a representative of an agency investigating suspected child abuse or neglect deems it necessary, a suspected victim may be interviewed during school hours, on school premises, concerning a report of suspected child abuse or neglect that occurred within the child's home or out-of-home care facility. The child shall be given the choice of being interviewed in private or in the presence of any adult school employee or volunteer aide selected by the child. (Penal Code 11174.3)

A staff member or volunteer aide selected by a child may decline to be present at the interview. If the selected person accepts, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall inform him/her of the following requirements: (Penal Code 11174.3)

1. The purpose of the selected person's presence at the interview is to lend support to the child and enable him/her to be as comfortable as possible.
2. The selected person shall not participate in the interview.
3. The selected person shall not discuss the facts or circumstances of the case with the child.
4. The selected person is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, a violation of which is punishable as specified in Penal Code 11167.5.

If a staff member agrees to be present, the interview shall be held at a time during school hours when it does not involve an expense to the school. (Penal Code 11174.3)

### **Release of Child to Peace Officer**

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse or neglect, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall not notify the parent/guardian, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the peace officer or agent to notify the parent/guardian of the situation. (Education Code 48906)

Peace officers shall be asked to sign an appropriate release or acceptance of responsibility form.

### **Parent/Guardian Complaints**

Upon request, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide parents/guardians with procedures that describe how to report suspected child abuse occurring at a school site to appropriate agencies. For parents/guardians whose primary language is other than English, such procedures shall be in the primary language of the parent/guardian and, when communicating orally regarding those procedures, an interpreter shall be provided.

To file a complaint against a district employee or other person suspected of child abuse or neglect at a school site, parents/guardians may file a report by telephone, in person or in writing with any appropriate agency identified above under "Reporting Procedures." If a parent/guardian makes a complaint to any district employee, that employee shall notify the parent/guardian of procedures for filing a complaint with the appropriate agency. The employee also is obligated pursuant to Penal Code 11166 to file a report himself/herself using the procedures described above for mandated reporters.

In addition, if the child is enrolled in special education, a separate complaint may be filed with the California Department of Education pursuant to 5 CCR 4650.

### **Notifications**

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide all new employees who are mandated reporters a statement that informs them that they are mandated reporters, of their reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166, and of their confidentiality rights under Penal Code 11167. The district shall also provide these new employees with a copy of Penal Code 11165.7, 11166, and 11167. (Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5)

Before beginning employment, employees shall sign the statement indicating that they have knowledge of the reporting obligations under Penal Code 11166 and that they will comply with those provisions. The signed statements shall be retained by the Superintendent/Principal or designee. (Penal Code 11166.5)

Employees who work with dependent adults shall be notified of legal responsibilities and reporting procedures pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 15630-15637.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall also notify all employees that:

1. A mandated reporter who reports a known or suspected instance of child abuse or neglect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for making a report and this immunity shall apply even if the mandated reporter acquired the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect outside of his/her professional capacity or outside the scope of his/her employment. Any other person making a report shall not incur civil or criminal liability unless it can be proven that he/she knowingly made a false report or made a report with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the report. (Penal Code 11172)
2. If a mandated reporter fails to report an incident of known or reasonably suspected child abuse or neglect, he/she is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. (Penal Code 11166)
3. No employee shall be subject to any sanction by the district for making a report. (Penal Code 11166)

### **Code of Ethics**

### **Board Policy 4119.21**

The Governing Board expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, follow district policies and regulations, and abide by state and federal laws. Employee conduct should enhance the integrity of the district and advance the goals of the educational programs. Each employee should make a commitment to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill his or her responsibilities and should focus on his or her contribution to the learning and achievement of district students.

The Board encourages district employees to accept as guiding principles the professional standards and codes of ethics adopted by professional associations to which they may belong.

## **Code of Ethics of the Education Profession**

### **Preamble**

The educator, believing in the worth and dignity of each human being, recognizes the supreme importance of the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, and the nurturing of democratic principles. Essential to these goals is the protection of freedom to learn and to teach and the guarantee of equal educational opportunity for all. The educator accepts the responsibility to adhere to the highest ethical standards.

The educator recognizes the magnitude of the responsibility inherent in the teaching process. The desire for the respect and confidence of one's colleagues, of students, of parents, and of the members of the community provides the incentive to attain and maintain the highest possible degree of ethical conduct. The Code of Ethics of the Education Profession indicates the aspiration of all educators and provides standards by which to judge conduct.

### **Principle I. Commitment to the Student**

The educator strives to help each student realize his/her potential as a worthy and effective member of society. The educator therefore works to stimulate the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding, and the thoughtful formulation of worthy goals.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the student, the educator:

1. Shall not unreasonably restrain the student from independent action in the pursuit of learning
2. Shall not unreasonably deny the student access to varying points of view
3. Shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter relevant to the student's progress
4. Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning or to health and safety
5. Shall not intentionally expose the student to embarrassment or disparagement
6. Shall not on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, family, social, or cultural background, or sexual orientation, unfairly:
  - a. Exclude any student from participation in any program
  - b. Deny benefits to any student
  - c. Grant any advantage to any student
7. Shall not use professional relationships with students for private advantage
8. Shall not disclose information in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law

### **Principle II. Commitment to the Profession**

The education profession is vested by the public with a trust and responsibility requiring the highest ideals of professional service.

In the belief that the quality of the services of the education profession directly influences the nation and its citizens, the educator shall exert every effort to raise professional standards, to promote a climate that encourages the exercise of professional judgment, to achieve conditions that attract persons worthy of the trust to careers in education, and to assist in preventing the practice of the profession by unqualified persons.

In fulfillment of the obligation of the profession, the educator:

1. Shall not in any application for a professional position deliberately make a false statement or fail to disclose a material fact related to competency and qualifications
2. Shall not misrepresent his/her professional qualifications
3. Shall not assist any entry into the profession of a person known to be unqualified in respect to character, education, or other relevant attribute
4. Shall not knowingly make a false statement concerning the qualifications of a candidate for a professional position
5. Shall not assist a noneducator in the unauthorized practice of teaching
6. Shall not disclose information about colleagues obtained in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law
7. Shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about a colleague
8. Shall not accept any gratuity, gift, or favor that might impair or appear to influence professional decisions or action

### **Nondiscrimination In Employment**

### **Board Policy 4030**

The Governing Board prohibits unlawful discrimination against and/or harassment of district employees and job applicants on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, veteran status, gender, sex or sexual orientation at any district site and/or activity. The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee or job applicant who complains, testifies or in any way participates in the district's complaint procedures instituted pursuant to this policy.

Any district employee who engages or participates in unlawful discrimination, or who aids, abets, incites, compels or coerces another to discriminate, is in violation of this policy and is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Any district employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of unlawful discrimination or harassment shall report the incident to the Superintendent/Principal, district administrator or Superintendent/Principal as soon as practical after the incident. Failure of a district employee to report discrimination or harassment may result in disciplinary action.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall regularly publicize, within the district and in the community, the district's nondiscrimination policy and the availability of complaint procedures. Such publication shall be included in each announcement, bulletin or application form that is used in employee recruitment. (34 CFR 100.6, 106.9)

The district's policy and administrative regulation shall be posted in all schools and offices including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. (5 CCR 4960)

The Board designates the following position as Coordinator for Nondiscrimination in Employment:

Superintendent/Principal  
 Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Un SD  
 16633 Elizabeth Lake Road  
 Lake Hughes, CA 93532  
 661-724-1231

Other Remedies

An employee may, in addition to filing a discrimination complaint with the district, file a complaint with either the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The time limits for filing such complaints are as follows:

1. To file a valid complaint with DFEH, the employee must file his/her complaint within one year of the alleged discriminatory act(s), unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code 12960. (Government Code 12960)
2. To file a valid complaint directly with EEOC, the employee must file his/her complaint within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s). To file a valid complaint with EEOC after filing a complaint with DFEH, the employee must file the complaint within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by DFEH, whichever is earlier. (42 USC 2000e-5)

Employees wishing to file complaints with the DFEH and EEOC should contact the nondiscrimination coordinator for more information.

### **Nondiscrimination in Employment**

### **Administrative Regulations 4030**

Unlawful discrimination or harassment of an individual includes:

1. Slurs, epithets, threats or verbal abuse
2. Derogatory or degrading comments, descriptions, drawings, pictures or gestures
3. Unwelcome jokes, stories, teasing or taunting
4. Any other verbal, written, visual or physical conduct against the individual which:
  - a. Adversely affects his/her employment opportunities, or
  - b. Has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with his/her work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment

Any employee or job applicant who feels that he/she has been or is being unlawfully discriminated against or harassed should immediately contact his/her supervisor, the nondiscrimination coordinator or the Superintendent/Principal in order to obtain procedures for reporting a complaint. Such complaints shall be filed in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor when the supervisor is the alleged offender.

Any supervisor who receives a discrimination/harassment complaint shall immediately notify the nondiscrimination coordinator or the Superintendent/Principal, who shall ensure that the complaint is appropriately investigated in accordance with district policy and regulations.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that annual training is provided to all employees regarding the issues of discrimination.

### **Complaints Concerning Discrimination In Employment Administrative Regulations 4031**

The following procedures shall be used when a district employee or job applicant has a complaint alleging that a specific action, policy, procedure or practice discriminates against him/her on any basis specified in the district's nondiscrimination policies.

1. The complaint should be initiated promptly after a complainant knew, or should have known, of the alleged discrimination.
2. All parties involved in allegations of discrimination shall be notified when a complaint is filed, when a complaint meeting or hearing is scheduled, and when a decision or ruling is made. The parties also shall be

notified of their right to appeal the decision to the next level.

3. When a complaint is brought against the individual responsible for the complaint process at any level, the complainant may address the complaint directly to the next appropriate level.
4. Meetings related to a complaint shall be held at times the district determines appropriate to the circumstances.
5. For the protection of all the parties involved, complaint proceedings shall be kept confidential insofar as appropriate.
6. All documents, communications and records dealing with the investigation of the complaint shall be placed in a confidential district personnel complaint file and not in the employee's individual personnel file.
7. Time limits specified in these procedures may be revised only by written agreement of all parties involved. If the district fails to respond within a specified or adjusted time limit, a complainant may proceed to the next level. If a complainant fails to take the complaint to the next step within the prescribed time, the complaint shall be considered settled at the preceding step.

#### Level I

The complainant shall first meet informally with his/her supervisor or the administrator of the school where the alleged discriminatory act occurred. A complaint regarding discrimination away from the school site should be discussed informally with the complainant's supervisor. If the complainant's concerns are not clear or cannot be resolved through informal discussion, the supervisor or other administrator shall prepare, within 10 working days, a written summary of his/her meeting(s) with the complainant. This report shall be made available to the nondiscrimination coordinator (coordinator) designated by the Governing Board in BP 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

#### Level II

If a complaint cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant at Level I, he/she may submit a formal written complaint to the coordinator within 10 working days of his/her attempt to resolve the complaint informally. The written complaint shall include the following:

1. The complainant's name, address and telephone number
2. The name and work location of the district staff member who committed the alleged violation
3. A description of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or omission(s)
4. The discriminatory basis alleged
5. A specific description of the time, place, nature, participants in and witnesses to the alleged violation
6. Other pertinent information which may assist in investigating and resolving the complaint
7. The complainant's signature or that of his/her representative

The coordinator shall assign a staff member to assist the complainant with this writing if such help is needed. The coordinator shall respond to the complaint in writing within 10 working days.

The coordinator shall conduct any investigation necessary to respond to the complaint, including discussion with the complainant, person(s) involved, appropriate staff members and students, and review of the Level I report and all other relevant documents. If a response from third parties is necessary, the coordinator may designate up to 10 additional working days for investigation of the complaint.

#### Level III

If the matter is not resolved at Level II, either party may file a written appeal to the Board within 10 working days after receiving the Level II response. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide the

Board with all information presented at previous levels.

The Board shall grant the hearing request for the next regular Board meeting for which the matter can be placed on the agenda. Any complaint against a district employee shall be addressed in closed session in accordance with law. The Board shall render its decision within 10 working days.

#### Other Remedies

Complainants may appeal the Board's action to the California Department of Education. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that complainants are informed that injunctions, restraining orders and other civil law remedies may also be available to them. This information shall be published with the district's nondiscrimination complaint procedures and included in any related notices. (Education Code 262.3)

#### **Employee Use Of Technology**

#### **Board Policy 4040**

The Governing Board recognizes that technological resources can enhance employee performance by improving access to and exchange of information, offering effective tools to assist in providing a quality instructional program, and facilitating district and school operations. The Board expects all employees to learn to use the available technological resources that will assist them in the performance of their job responsibilities. As needed, employees shall receive training in the appropriate use of these resources.

Employees shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use the district's technological resources only for purposes related to their employment. Such use is a privilege which may be revoked at any time.

Employees should be aware that computer files and communications over electronic networks, including e-mail and voice mail, are not private. These technologies shall not be used to transmit confidential information about students, employees or district operations without authority.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that all district computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that prevents access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, and that the operation of such measures is enforced. The Superintendent/Principal or designee may disable the technology protection measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose. (20 USC 6777; 47 USC 254)

To ensure proper use of the system, the Superintendent/Principal or designee may monitor the district's technological resources, including e-mail and voice mail systems, at any time without advance notice or consent. If passwords are used, they must be known to the Superintendent/Principal or designee so that he/she may have system access.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish administrative regulations which outline employee obligations and responsibilities related to the use of district technology. He/she also may establish guidelines and limits on the use of technological resources.

Inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of the employee's user privileges, disciplinary action and/or legal action in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide copies of related policies, regulations and guidelines to all employees who use the district's technological resources. Employees shall be asked to acknowledge in writing that they have read and understood these policies, regulations and guidelines.

In the event that the use of an electronic resource affects the working conditions of one or more employees, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall notify the employees' exclusive representative.

## **Employee Notifications**

## **Administrative Regulations 4112.9**

The district shall provide employees with the following notifications and shall obtain signed acknowledgments that the notifications were received when so required by law or by district policy or regulations.

### **Acknowledgments Required by Law**

1. Legal obligation to report known or suspected instances of child abuse
2. Oath or affirmation of allegiance required of public employees
3. Hepatitis B vaccine declination
4. The district's school bus driver drug and alcohol testing policy, regulations and related information
5. Notice of release from position requiring an administrative or supervisory credential
6. The classified employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours and prescribed workweek
7. Information about certificated employee membership in the State Teachers' Retirement System

### **Acknowledgments Not Required by Law**

1. The district's drug- and alcohol-free workplace
2. The district's nonsmoking policy
3. Prohibition of sexual harassment
4. The certificated employee's employment status and salary
5. Certificated employee evaluations
6. Requirements and information pertinent to emergency teaching or specialist permit applicants
7. Notice of layoff
8. Derogatory information to be placed in personnel file
9. Exhaustion of classified employee's paid leave
10. Notice of charges related to disciplinary action
11. Notice of intention to dismiss
12. Students whose actions could constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion, except for possession or use of tobacco

## **Sexual Harassment 4119.11**

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors or other unwanted verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite gender, in the work or educational setting, when: (Education Code 212.5; 5 CCR 4916)

1. Submission to the conduct is made expressly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual's employment
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by the individual is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting him/her
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the other individual's work performance; creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment; or adversely affecting the other individual's evaluation, advancement, assigned duties, or any other condition of employment or career development

4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the other individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting him/her regarding benefits, services, honors, programs or activities available at or through the district

Other examples of actions that might constitute sexual harassment, whether committed by a supervisor, an employee, or a non-employee, in the work or educational setting, include but are not limited to:

1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual's body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions or the spreading of sexual rumors
2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, gestures or sexually explicit e-mails; displaying sexually suggestive objects
3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking or brushing the body; touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over or impeding normal movements

Prohibited sexual harassment may also include any act of retaliation against an individual who reports a violation of the district's sexual harassment policy or who participates in the investigation of a sexual harassment complaint.

#### Notifications

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall: (Education Code 231.5)

1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures and standards of conduct are posted
2. Be provided to each faculty member, all members of the administrative staff, and all members of the support staff at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year, or whenever a new employee is hired
3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures and standards of conduct

All employees shall receive either a copy of information sheets prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or a copy of district information sheets that contain, at a minimum, components on: (Government Code 12950)

1. The illegality of sexual harassment
2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
4. The district's complaint process available to the employee
5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC
7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 7287.8 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with, or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

## **Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogens**

## **Board Policy 4119.42**

As part of its commitment to provide a safe and healthful work environment, the Governing Board recognizes the importance of developing an exposure control plan. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish a written exposure control plan in accordance with state and federal standards for dealing with potentially infectious materials in the workplace to protect employees from possible infection due to contact with bloodborne pathogens, including but not limited to hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall determine which employees have occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. In accordance with the district's exposure control plan, employees having occupational exposure shall be offered the hepatitis B vaccination.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee may exempt designated first aid providers from pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccination under the conditions specified by state regulations. (8 CCR 5193(f))

Any employee not identified by the Superintendent/Principal or designee as having occupational exposure may submit a request to the Superintendent/Principal or designee to be included in the training and hepatitis B vaccination program. The Superintendent/Principal or designee may deny a request when there is no reasonable anticipation of contact with any infectious material.

## **Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne Pathogen Administrative Regulations 4119.42**

### Definitions

Occupational exposure means reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Exposure incident means a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, nonintact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that result from the performance of an employee's duties. (8 CCR 5193 (b))

Parenteral contact means piercing mucous membranes or the skin barrier through such events as needlesticks, human bites, cuts, and abrasions. (8 CCR 5193(b))

A sharp is any object that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body and to result in an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193(b))

A sharps injury is any injury caused by a sharp, including but not limited to cuts, abrasions or needlesticks. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Work practice controls are controls that reduce the likelihood of exposure by defining the manner in which a task is performed. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Engineering controls are controls, such as sharps disposal containers, needleless systems, and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection, that isolate or remove the bloodborne pathogens hazard from the workplace. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Engineered sharps injury protection is a physical attribute built into a needle device or into a non-needle sharp which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident. (8 CCR 5193(b))

#### Exposure Control Plan

The district's exposure control plan shall contain at least the following components: (8 CCR 5193(c))

1. A determination of which employees have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials

The district's exposure determination shall be made without regard to the use of personal protective equipment and shall include a list of:

- a. All job classifications in which all employees have occupational exposure
  - b. Job classifications in which some employees have occupational exposure
  - c. All tasks and procedures, or groups of closely related tasks and procedures, in which occupational exposure occurs and which are performed by employees listed in item #b above
2. The schedule and method of implementing:
- a. Methods of compliance required by 8 CCR 5193(d), such as universal precautions, general and specific engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment
  - b. Hepatitis B vaccination
  - c. Bloodborne pathogen post-exposure evaluation and follow-up
  - d. Communication of hazards to employees, including labels, signs, information and training
  - e. Recordkeeping
3. The district's procedure for evaluating circumstances surrounding exposure incidents
4. An effective procedure for gathering information about each exposure incident involving a sharp, as required for the log of sharps injuries
5. An effective procedure for periodically determining the frequency of use of the types and brands of sharps involved in exposure incidents documented in the sharps injury log
6. An effective procedure for identifying currently available engineering controls and selecting such controls as appropriate for the procedures performed by employees in their work areas or departments
7. An effective procedure for documenting instances when a licensed healthcare professional directly involved in a patient's care determines, in the reasonable exercise of clinical judgment, that the use of an engineering control would jeopardize an individual's safety or the success of a medical, dental or nursing procedure involving the individual
8. An effective procedure for obtaining the active involvement of employees in reviewing and updating the exposure control plan with respect to the procedures performed by employees in their respective work areas or departments

The exposure control plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and whenever necessary to: (8 CCR 5193(c))

1. Reflect new or modified tasks and procedures affecting occupational exposure
2. To the extent that sharps are used in the district, reflect progress in implementing the use of needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection
3. Include new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure
4. Review and evaluate the exposure incidents which occurred since the previous update
5. Review and respond to information indicating that the exposure control plan is deficient in any area

The district's exposure control plan shall be accessible to employees upon request. (8 CCR 3204(e))

#### Preventive Measures

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall use engineering and work practice controls to eliminate or minimize employee exposure, and shall regularly examine and update controls to ensure their effectiveness. (8 CCR 5193(d))

#### Hepatitis B Vaccination

The hepatitis B vaccination and vaccination series shall be made available at no cost to all employees who have occupational exposure. The hepatitis B vaccination shall be made available after an employee with occupational exposure has received the required training and within 10 working days of initial assignment, unless the employee has previously received the complete hepatitis B vaccination series, or antibody testing has revealed that the employee is immune, or vaccination is contraindicated by medical reasons. (8 CCR 5193(f))

Employees who decline to accept the vaccination shall sign the hepatitis B declination statement. (8 CCR 5193(f))

The Superintendent/Principal or designee may exempt designated first aid providers from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine in accordance with 8 CCR 5193 (f).

#### Information and Training

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that all employees with occupational exposure participate in a training program containing the elements required by state regulations, during working hours and at no cost to the employee. This program shall be offered at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place, at least annually thereafter, and whenever a change of tasks or procedures affects the employee's exposure. (8 CCR 5193(g))

Designated first aid providers shall receive training that includes the specifics of reporting first-aid incidents which involve blood or body fluids which are potentially infectious. (8 CCR 5193(g))

#### Reporting Incidents

All exposure incidents shall be reported as soon as possible to the Superintendent/Principal or designee.

Unvaccinated designated first aid providers must report any first aid incident involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious material, regardless of whether an exposure incident occurred, by the end of the work shift. The full hepatitis B vaccination series shall be made available to such employees no later than 24 hours after the first aid incident. (8 CCR 5193(f))

#### Sharps Injury Log

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish and maintain a log recording each exposure incident involving a sharp. The exposure incident shall be recorded within 14 working days of the date the incident is reported to the district. (8 CCR 5193(c))

The information recorded shall include the following, if known or reasonably available: (8 CCR 5193(c))

1. Date and time of the exposure incident
2. Type and brand of sharp involved in the exposure incident
3. A description of the exposure incident, including:
  - a. Job classification of the exposed employee
  - b. Department or work area where the exposure incident occurred
  - c. The procedure that the exposed employee was performing at the time of the incident
  - d. How the incident occurred
  - e. The body part involved in the incident
  - f. If the sharp had engineered sharps injury protection, whether the protective mechanism was activated and whether the injury occurred before, during or after the protective mechanism was activated
  - g. If the sharp had no engineered sharps injury protection, the injured employee's opinion as to whether and how such a mechanism could have prevented the injury
  - h. The employee's opinion about whether any other engineering, administrative or work practice could have prevented the injury

#### Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up

Following a report of an exposure incident, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall immediately make available to the exposed employee, at no cost, a confidential medical evaluation, post-exposure evaluation and follow-up. The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall, at a minimum: (8 CCR 5193(f))

1. Document the route(s) of exposure and the circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred
2. Identify and document the source individual, unless that identification is infeasible or prohibited by law
3. Provide for the collection and testing of the employee's blood for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV serological status
4. Provide for post-exposure prophylaxis, when medically indicated, as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service
5. Provide for counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide the health care professional with a copy of 8 CCR 5193; a description of the employee's duties as they relate to the exposure incident; documentation of the route(s) of exposure and circumstances under which exposure occurred; results of the source individual's blood testing, if available; and all medical records maintained by the district relevant to the appropriate treatment of the employee, including vaccination status. (8 CCR 5193(f))

The district shall maintain the confidentiality of the affected employee and the exposure source during all phases of the post-exposure evaluation. (8 CCR 5193(f))

#### Records

Upon an employee's initial employment and at least annually thereafter, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall inform employees with occupational exposure of the existence, location and availability of related records; the person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; and the employee's right of access to these records. (8 CCR 3204)

Medical records for each employee with occupational exposure shall be kept confidential and not disclosed or reported without the employee's written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by law. (8 CCR 5193(h))

Upon request by an employee, or a designated representative with the employee's written consent, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide access to a record in a reasonable time, place and manner, no later than 15 days after the request is made. (8 CCR 3204(e))

Records shall be maintained as follows: (8 CCR 3204(d), 5193(h))

1. Medical records shall be maintained for the duration of employment plus 30 years.
2. Training records shall be maintained for three years from the date of training.
3. The sharps injury log shall be maintained five years from the date the exposure incident occurred.
4. Exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.
5. Each analysis using medical or exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.

### **Universal Precautions**

### **Board Policy 4119.43**

In order to protect employees from contact with potentially infectious blood or other body fluids, the Governing Board requires that universal precautions be observed throughout the district.

Universal precautions are appropriate for preventing the spread of all infectious diseases and shall be used regardless of whether bloodborne pathogens are known to be present.

Employees shall immediately report any exposure incident or first aid incident in accordance with the district's exposure control plan or other safety procedures.

### **Complaints**

### **Board Policy 4144**

The Governing Board recognizes the need for providing employees with a complaint process.

The Board expects that employees and supervisors will make every effort to resolve employee complaints and disagreements informally before resorting to formal complaint procedures.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish complaint procedures which allow employees to appeal to the Board.

### **Employee Property Reimbursement**

### **Board Policy 4156.3**

The Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent/Principal or designee to pay the cost of replacing or repairing employee personal property, except cash, which has been stolen or intentionally destroyed or damaged while being used for work-related purposes.

No reimbursement shall be made for accidental damage or for any loss due to lack of personal supervision or failure to keep property in a secured area.

The maximum payment shall be the amount specified by the district's insurance carrier for such loss or the amount specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, whichever is less.

Reimbursement for personal items used for work-related purposes shall be made only if: (Education Code 35213)

1. Use of the personal property was approved by the Superintendent/Principal, site supervisor or designee before the property was brought to school or district premises
2. At that time, the employee and district representative agreed on the value of the property  
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### **Employee Safety Board Policy 4157**

The Governing Board is committed to maximizing employee safety and believes that safety is every employee's responsibility. Working conditions and equipment shall be maintained in compliance with standards prescribed by federal, state and local laws and regulations.

No employee shall be required or permitted to be in any place of employment which is unsafe or unhealthful. (Labor Code [6402](#))

The Board expects all employees to use safe work practices and to correct any unsafe conditions which may occur. If an employee is unable to correct an unsafe condition, he/she shall immediately report the problem to the Superintendent/Principal or designee.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall promote safety and correct any unsafe work practice through education, training and enforcement.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish and implement a written injury and illness prevention program in accordance with law. (Labor Code [6401.7](#))

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The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall establish and implement a written injury and illness prevention program in accordance with law. (Labor Code [6401.7](#))

The Board shall ensure that the Superintendent/Principal or designee provides eye protective devices as specified in law and administrative regulation.

No employee shall be discharged or discriminated against for making complaints, instituting proceedings or testifying with regard to employee safety or health, or for participating in any occupational health and safety committee established pursuant to Labor Code [6401.7](#). (Labor Code [6310](#))

## **Work-Related Injuries**

## **Board Policy 4157.1**

The Governing Board desires to provide its employees with insurance and workers' compensation benefits in accordance with law. The Superintendent Principal or designee shall develop an efficient claims handling process in order to reduce costs and facilitate employee recovery.

An employee shall report any work-related injury or illness to his/her supervisor as soon as practicable. Upon learning of an injury, a supervisor shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent/Principal or designee and the insurance carrier as appropriate.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that every new employee is notified of his/her right to receive workers' compensation if injured at work and that injured employees are given notice of rights in accordance with law.

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that notifications regarding workers' compensation are posted in accordance with law.

## **Work-Related Injuries**

## **Administrative Regulations 4157.1**

### Notifications

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall post a notice of employee rights related to workers' compensation and shall provide this information in writing to new employees. (Labor Code 3550-3551)

This notice shall also include a statement of the district's policy requiring employees to report work-related injuries as soon as practicable.

Employees shall also be informed that pursuant to Labor Code 4906, it is a felony for an employee to make a false workers' compensation claim.

### District Responsibilities

Supervisors receiving reports of a work-related employee injury shall gather appropriate information, including but not limited to:

1. The date, time and place of the injury
2. The name, occupation and signature of the injured employee
3. Details of how the injury occurred
4. The names of any witnesses

Supervisors shall promptly remit information about work-related injuries to the Superintendent/Principal or designee.

Whenever a work-related injury results in lost work time beyond the date of the injury or requires medical treatment beyond first aid, the employee shall be given a workers' compensation claim form and a notice of potential eligibility for benefits within one working day of the injury. (Labor Code 5401) In the case of stress claims, the claim form shall be provided only if the employee indicates that he/she is going to a physician or is unable to work.

Within five working days of obtaining knowledge of any injury which results in lost time beyond the date of

the injury or which requires medical treatment beyond first aid, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall file a complete report of the injury with the district's insurer. (Labor Code 6409.1)

#### Employee Responsibilities

Upon receiving treatment for a work-related injury, the employee shall obtain a medical verification of his/her condition, indicating any limitations on the employee's ability to work, the anticipated time needed for recovery from these limitations, and the type of work modification needed.

The district has designated a medical carrier where employees will be taken in case of a work-related injury. Employees who wish to be taken to their personal physician for treatment of work-related injuries must have a written request on file with the Superintendent/Principal or designee. It is the employee's responsibility to inform his/her supervisor that he/she has such a request on file. (Labor Code 4600)

To qualify for workers' compensation, employees must notify their supervisor of a work-related injury within 30 days. (Labor Code 5400)

#### **Family Care and Medical Leave Eligibility**

#### **Administrative Regulations 4261.8**

The district shall grant family care and medical leave of a minimum of 12 work weeks during any 12-month period, to eligible employees, for the following reasons: (Government Code 12945.2; 29 USC 2601)

1. Because of the birth of a child of the employee or placement of a child with the employee in connection with the adoption or foster care of the child by the employee.
2. To care for the employee's child, parent or spouse with a serious health condition.
3. Because of the employee's own serious health condition that makes him/her unable to perform the functions of his/her position. However, this does not include leave taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.

The district shall not interfere with, restrain or deny the exercise of any right provided to an eligible employee under the law. Also, the district shall not discharge or discriminate against any employee for opposing any practice made unlawful by, or because of his/her involvement in any proceedings related to the family care and medical leave. (Government Code 12945.2; 29 USC 2615)

#### Definitions

Child means a biological, adopted or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis as long as the child is under 18 years of age or an adult dependent child. (29 USC 2611; Government Code 12945.2)

Eligible employee means an employee who has at least 12 months of service with the employer, and who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the employer during the previous 12-month period. (29 USC 2611; Government Code 12945.2)

Full-time teachers are deemed to meet the 1,250 hours of service requirement. (29 CFR 825.110)

Instructional employee means an employee whose Superintendent/Principal function is to teach; instructional employees include athletic coaches, driving instructors, special education assistants and signers for the hearing impaired. The term does not include teacher assistants or aides, counselors, psychologists, curriculum specialists or other primarily noninstructional employees.

Parent means a biological, foster or adoptive parent, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or another person who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child. (29 USC 2611; Government Code 12945.2)

Serious health condition means an illness, injury, impairment, physical or mental condition that involves either of the following: (29 USC 2611; Government Code 12945.2)

1. Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential health care facility
2. Continuing treatment or continuing supervision by a health care provider

#### Rights to Reinstatement and Maintenance of Benefits

Upon granting an employee's request for family care and medical leave, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall guarantee to reinstate the employee in the same or a comparable position when the leave ends. (29 USC 2614; Government Code 12945.2)

The district may refuse to reinstate an employee returning from leave to the same or a comparable position if all of the following apply: (29 USC 2614, Government Code 12945.2)

1. The employee is a salaried "key employee" who is among the highest paid 10 percent of those district employees who are employed within 75 miles of the employee's worksite
2. The refusal is necessary to prevent substantial and grievous economic injury to district operations
3. The district informs the employee of its intent to refuse reinstatement at the time it determines that the refusal is necessary, and the employee fails to immediately return to service

An employee who takes leave has no greater right to reinstatement than if he/she had been continuously employed during the leave period. If the district reduces its work force during the leave period and the employee is laid off for legitimate reasons at that time, he/she is not entitled to reinstatement, provided the district has no continuing obligations under a collective bargaining agreement or otherwise. (29 CFR 825.216)

During the period when an employee is on family care and medical leave, he/she shall maintain his/her status with the district and the leave shall not constitute a break in service for purposes of longevity, seniority or any employee benefit plan.

The district shall continue to provide an eligible employee on family care and medical leave, the group health plan coverage that was in place before he/she took the leave. If the employee fails to

return to district employment after the expiration of the leave, for any reason other than the continuation, recurrence or onset of a serious health condition, or other circumstances beyond his/her control, he/she shall reimburse the district for premiums paid during the family care and medical leave.

#### Terms of Leave

This 12-month period shall coincide with the fiscal year. (29 CFR 825.200)

Leave taken pursuant to the California Family Rights Act shall run concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), except for any leave taken under the FMLA for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. In addition to family care and medical leave, an employee may be entitled to take pregnancy disability leave of up to four months. During the otherwise unpaid portion of pregnancy disability leave, the employee may use any accrued vacation, sick time or other paid leave.

Leave taken for the birth or placement of a child must be concluded within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the birth or placement of the child. Such leave does not have to be taken in one continuous period of time. The basic minimum duration of the leave shall be two weeks. However, the district shall grant a request for leave of less than two weeks' duration on any two occasions. (29 USC 2612; 2 CCR 7297.3)

If both parents of a child work for the district, their family care and medical leave related to the birth or placement of the child shall be limited to a total of 12 weeks. (Government Code 12945.2; 29 USC 2612)

Leave related to the serious health condition of the employee or his/her child, parent or spouse may be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule when medically necessary. In such a case, the district may require the employee to transfer temporarily to a different position for which he/she is qualified, with equivalent pay and benefits, and that could better accommodate recurring periods of leave. Transfer to an alternative position may include altering an existing job to better accommodate the employee's need for intermittent leave or a reduced leave schedule. (2 CCR 7297.3)

Where the employee involved is an instructional employee and would be on leave for greater than 20 percent of the total number of working days in the leave period, the employee shall have the option of temporarily transferring to an available alternative position or taking leave for periods of a particular duration, not to exceed duration of the planned medical treatment. (29 USC 2618)

#### Instructional Employees: Leaves Near the End of the Term

The district may require an instructional employee to continue taking a requested leave until the end of the term in any of the following situations: (29 USC 2618)

1. If the instructional employee begins a leave of three or more weeks duration more than five weeks before the end of a term and would subsequently return to work during the last three weeks of the term

2. If the instructional employee, for reasons other than his/her own serious health condition, begins a leave of more than two weeks duration during the period that begins five weeks before the end of the term and would subsequently return to work during the last two weeks of the term
3. If the instructional employee, for reasons other than his/her own serious health condition, begins a leave of more than five days duration during the period that begins three weeks before the end of the term

#### Request for Family Care and Medical Leave

An employee shall request family care and medical leave in writing, at least 30 days before the commencement date of the leave. If the leave becomes necessary less than 30 days before its commencement, the employee shall provide such notice as soon as practicable. (29 USC 2612; Government Code 12945.2)

In every case in which the necessity for the leave is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment or supervision, the employee shall make a reasonable effort to schedule the treatment or supervision to avoid disruption of district operations. This scheduling shall be subject to the health care provider's approval. (29 USC 2612; Government Code 12945.2)

#### Certification of Health Condition

A request by an employee for family care and medical leave for his/her serious health condition, or to care for a child, parent or spouse with a serious health condition, shall be supported by a certification from the health care provider of the employee or such other person as applicable. The certification shall include the following: (29 USC 2613; Government Code 12945.2; 2 CCR 7297.0)

1. The date on which the serious health condition began
2. The probable duration of the condition
3. If the employee is requesting leave to care for a child, parent or spouse with a serious health condition, the health care provider's certification of both of the following:
  - a. Estimated amount of time the health care provider believes the employee needs to care for the child, parent or spouse
  - b. Statement that the serious health condition warrants the participation of a family member to provide care during a period of the treatment or supervision of the child, parent or spouse
4. If the employee is requesting leave because of his/her own serious health condition, the health care provider's certification that due to the serious health condition, the employee is unable to perform the functions of his/her job
5. If the employee is requesting leave for intermittent treatment or is requesting leave on a reduced leave schedule for planned medical treatment, the certification must also state the medical necessity for the leave, the dates on which treatment is expected to be given, the duration of such treatment, and the expected duration of the leave

If the district doubts the validity of a certification that accompanies a request for leave, the district may require the employee to obtain a second opinion from a district-approved health care provider, at district expense. If the second opinion is contrary to the first, the district may require the employee to obtain a third medical opinion from a third health care provider approved by both the employee and the district, again at district expense. (29 USC 2613; Government Code 12945.2)

If additional leave is needed when the time estimated by the health care provider expires, the district may require the employee to provide recertification in the manner specified in the preceding paragraph. (29 USC 2613; Government Code 12945.2)

Employees who take family care and medical leave for their own serious health conditions shall present certification from their health care provider to the effect that they are able to resume work.

#### Notifications

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall post separate notices about federal and state law related to family care and medical leave in a conspicuous place. Information about employee rights and obligations related to such leaves shall also be included in employee handbooks. (29 USC 2619; 2 CCR 7297.9)

At least the first time in each six-month period that an employee requests family care and medical leave, the Superintendent/Principal or designee shall provide written notice detailing specific expectations and obligations, and explaining any consequences of a failure to meet these obligations. The notice shall include: (29 CFR 825.301)

1. A statement that the leave will be counted against the employee's annual family care and medical leave entitlement
2. Requirements for the employee to furnish medical certification of a serious health condition
3. The employee's right to substitute paid leave, conditions related to any substitution, and whether the district requires this substitution
4. Health benefit arrangements
5. If applicable, the employee's status as a "key employee" and information related to restoration of that status
6. The employee's right to restoration to the same or an equivalent job
7. The employee's potential liability for health benefits should the employee not return to service
8. The district's requirement that the employee, upon return, present medical certification to the effect that he/she is able to resume work

#### Records

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall maintain records pertaining to individual employees' use of family care and medical leave.

### **Your Rights Under The Family And Medical Leave Act Of 1993**

FMLA requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to

"eligible" employees for certain family and medical reasons. Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least one year, and for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and if there are at least 50 employees within 75 miles.

## REASONS FOR TAKING LEAVE

Unpaid leave must be granted for any of the following reasons:

- to care for the employee's child after birth, or placement for adoption or foster care;
- to care for the employee's spouse, son or daughter, or parent, who has a serious health condition; or
- for a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job.

At the employee's or employer's option, certain kinds of paid leave may be substituted for unpaid leave.

## ADVANCE NOTICE AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

The employee may be required to provide advance leave notice and medical certification. Taking of leave may be denied if requirements are not met.

- The employee ordinarily must provide 30 days' advance notice when the leave is "foreseeable."
- An employer may require medical certification to support a request for leave because of a serious health condition, and may require second or third opinions (at the employer's expense) and a fitness for duty report to return to work.

## JOB BENEFITS AND PROTECTION

- For the duration of FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's health coverage under any "group health plan."
- Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits and other employment terms.
- The use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee's leave.

## UNLAWFUL ACTS BY EMPLOYERS

FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer to:

- interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under FMLA;
- discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to FMLA.

## ENFORCEMENT

- The U.S. Department of Labor is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of violations.
- An eligible employee may bring a civil action against an employer for violations. FMLA

does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination, or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights.  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

#### FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE (CFRA LEAVE) AND PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE

Under the California Family Rights Act of 1993 (CFRA), if you have more than 12 months of service with us and have worked at least 1,250 hours in the 12-month period before the date you want to begin your leave, you may have a right to an unpaid family care or medical leave (CFRA leave). This leave may be up to 12 work weeks in a 12-month period for the birth, adoption or foster care placement of your child or for your own serious health condition or that of your child, parent or spouse.

Even if you are not eligible for CFRA leave, if you are disabled by pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, you are entitled to take a pregnancy disability leave of up to four months, depending on your period(s) of actual disability. If you are CFRA-eligible, you have certain rights to take BOTH a pregnancy disability leave and a CFRA leave for reason of the birth of your child. Both leaves contain a guarantee of reinstatement to the same or to a comparable position at the end of the leave, subject to any defense allowed under law.

If possible, you must provide at least 30 days' advance notice for foreseeable events (such as the expected birth of a child or planned medical treatment for yourself or of a family member). For events which are unforeseeable, we need you to notify us, at least verbally, as soon as you learn of the need for the leave.

Failure to comply with these notice rules is grounds for, and may result in, deferral of the requested leave until you comply with this notice policy.

We may require certification from your health care provider before allowing you a leave for pregnancy or your own serious health condition or certification from the health care provider of your child, parent or spouse who has a serious health condition before allowing you a leave to take care of that family member. When medically necessary, leave may be taken on an intermittent or reduced work schedule.

If you are taking a leave for the birth, adoption or foster care placement of a child, the basic minimum duration of the leave is two weeks and you must conclude the leave within one year of the birth or placement for adoption or foster care.

Taking a family care or pregnancy disability leave may impact certain of your benefits and your seniority date. If you want more information regarding your eligibility for a leave and/or the impact of the leave on your seniority and benefits, please contact .

Authority Cited: Sections 12935, subd. (a) and 12945.2, Government Code

**Types of Complaints**

The district shall use the following procedures to investigate and resolve complaints when the complainant alleges that any of the following has occurred: (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4681, 4682, 4683)

1. Textbooks and instructional materials
  - a. A student, including an English learner, does not have standards-aligned textbooks or instructional materials or state- or district-adopted textbooks or other required instructional materials to use in class.
  - b. A student does not have access to textbooks or instructional materials to use at home or after school.
  - c. Textbooks or instructional materials are in poor or unusable condition, have missing pages, or are unreadable due to damage.
2. Teacher vacancy or misassignment
  - a. A semester begins and a teacher vacancy exists.
  - b. A teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with more than 20 percent English learner students in the class.
  - c. A teacher is assigned to teach a class for which the teacher lacks subject matter competency.

Teacher vacancy means a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the year for an entire year or, if the position is for a one-semester course, a position to which a single designated certificated employee has not been assigned at the beginning of the semester for an entire semester. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

Beginning of the year or semester means the first day classes necessary to serve all the students enrolled are established with a single designated certificated employee assigned for the duration of the class, but not later than 20 working days after the first day students attend classes for that semester. (5 CCR 4600)

Misassignment means the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position for which the employee does not hold a legally recognized certificate or credential or the placement of a certificated employee in a teaching or services position that the employee is not otherwise authorized by statute to hold. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4600)

3. Facilities
  - a. A condition poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff.

Emergency or urgent threat means structures or systems that are in a condition that poses a threat to the health and safety of students or staff while at school, including, but not limited to, gas leaks; nonfunctioning heating, ventilation, fire sprinklers, or air-conditioning systems; electrical power failure; major sewer stoppage; major pest or vermin infestation; broken windows or exterior doors or gates that will not lock and that pose a security risk; abatement of hazardous materials previously undiscovered that pose an immediate threat to students or staff; or structural damage creating a hazardous or uninhabitable condition. (Education Code 17592.72)

- b. A school restroom has not been cleaned, maintained, or kept open in accordance with Education Code 35292.5.

Clean or maintained school restroom means a school restroom has been cleaned or maintained regularly, is fully operational, or has been stocked at all times with toilet paper, soap, and paper towels or functional hand dryers. (Education Code 35292.5)

Open restroom means, except as necessary for student safety or to make repairs, the school has kept all restrooms open during school hours when students are not in classes and has kept a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when students are in classes. (Education Code 35292.5)

### **Filing of Complaint**

A complaint alleging any condition(s) specified in items #1-3 above shall be filed with the Superintendent/Principal or designee (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem within his/her authority. He/she shall remedy a valid complaint within a reasonable time period not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4685)

Complaints may be filed anonymously. If the complainant has indicated on the complaint form that he/she would like a response to the complaint, the principal or designee shall report the resolution of the complaint to him/her within 45 working days of the initial filing of the complaint. If a response is requested, the response shall be made to the mailing address of the complainant as indicated on the complaint form. At the same time, the principal or designee shall report the same information to the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4680, 4685)

When Education Code 48985 is applicable and the complainant has requested a response, the response shall be written in English and in the primary language in which the complaint was filed. (Education Code 35186)

If a complainant is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint, he/she has the right to describe the complaint to the Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

For any complaint concerning a facilities condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff as described in item #3a above, a complainant who is not satisfied with the resolution proffered by the principal or Superintendent or designee may file an appeal to the Superintendent of Public Instruction within 15 days of receiving the district's response. The complainant shall comply with the appeal requirements specified in 5 CCR 4632. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4687)

All complaints and written responses shall be public records. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

### **Reports**

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools on a quarterly basis. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints. These summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 35186; 5 CCR 4686)

### **Forms and Notices**

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that the district's complaint form contains a space to indicate whether the complainant desires a response to his/her complaint and specifies the location for filing a complaint. A complainant may add as much text to explain the complaint as he/she wishes. However, complainants need not use the district's Williams complaint form in order to file a complaint. (Education Code 35186)

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall ensure that a notice is posted in each classroom in each school containing the components specified in Education Code 35186. (Education Code 35186)

## All Personnel

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## Employee Security

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe, orderly working environment for all employees. As part of the district's comprehensive school safety plan, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for protecting employees from potentially dangerous persons and situations and for assisting them in the event of an emergency situation.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)  
(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)  
(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees are informed, in accordance with law, regarding crimes and offenses by students who may pose a danger in the classroom.

When violence is directed against an employee by any individual and the employee so notifies the Superintendent or designee, the Superintendent or designee shall take steps to ensure that appropriate legal measures are instituted. When the employee notifies the Superintendent or designee of a threat of bodily harm, the district shall take appropriate measures to enable the employee to request assistance if a threat occurs on school grounds.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees are trained in crisis prevention and intervention techniques in order to protect themselves and students. Staff development may include training in classroom management, effective communication techniques and crisis resolution.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)  
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Board recognizes that access to two-way communications devices allows employees to call for assistance from their supervisor or law enforcement in the event of a threat of violence or medical emergency. The district shall provide such communications devices in classrooms to the extent possible.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

OPTION 3: Employees may not carry or possess pepper spray on school property or at school activities. On a case-by-case basis, however, the Superintendent or designee may allow the possession of a pepper spray weapon that meets the requirements of Penal Code 12403.7 when justified by unusual dangerous circumstances. Any employee who is negligent or careless in the possession or handling of pepper spray shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)  
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

The Board requires school employees to take immediate action upon being made aware that any person is in possession of an injurious object on school grounds or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity. The employee shall use his/her own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall do one of the following:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately
2. Immediately notify the principal, who shall take appropriate action
3. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the principal

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)  
(cf. 5144. - Discipline)  
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)  
(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

When informing the principal about the possession or seizure of a weapon or dangerous device, the employee shall report the name(s) of persons involved, witnesses, location, and the circumstances of any seizure.