Sacramento City Unified School District

Annual Parent and Student Rights Notification and Standards of Behavior

2012-2013

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Welcome to the 2012-2013 School Year
Message from the Sacramento City Unified School District

Dear Student and Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to a new academic year! We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful and productive new year. For your information and reference about expected behavior, the Sacramento City Unified School District publishes the Annual Parent/Guardian Rights Notification and Standards of Behavior.

Please read this booklet thoroughly and discuss it with your family. If you have questions, we encourage you to speak to your child’s teacher or principal. Enclosed in this book is an acknowledgement form stating that you have read this publication.

We ask that you and your child sign the acknowledgement form and return it to your school.

Sincerely,

Jonathan P. Raymond
Superintendent

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The Sacramento City Unified School District is committed in all its activities, policies, programs and procedures to provide equal opportunity for all to avoid discrimination against any person regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, veteran status, gender or sexual orientation.
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**PREFACE**

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a basis for communication to students, parents and teachers about district policies and procedures affecting students and to serve as a reference. Several items are summaries of Board of Education policies and administrative procedures. Should questions arise about a specific policy or procedure, please refer to a copy of the complete text of current policies available in the principals’ office, the district office and on the Sacramento City Unified School District’s website at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu).

This handbook, which is given to each Sacramento City Unified School District student, provides information for students and parents. It also contains an acknowledgment form on the back page to be signed by the parent and student to acknowledge receipt of the notification and consent. This page is to be returned to your child’s school.
PARENT ENGAGEMENT

BOARD POLICY (BP 6020)

The Governing Board believes that family and community engagement is a fundamental component to student success and achievement. Consequently, the Board supports a collaborative environment in which the parents, families, and communities of our students are empowered to become partners with our schools and to participate as stakeholders in the vision of creating a world-class educational system that enables all students to excel. A complete copy of our District’s Parent Engagement Board Policy is available at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu) or by calling the School, Family and Community Partnerships Department at (916) 643-7924.

Health

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND EDUCATION

The Medicaid Program allows the Sacramento City Unified School District to be reimbursed for health services provided at school to Medi-Cal eligible students. These health services include hearing and vision screenings and health assessments. (W & I 14132.06)

To receive the Medicaid Program federal dollars, the school district must make an attempt to gather student insurance information and authorization to bill for these health services through private health insurance companies as well as Medi-Cal. If you carry private insurance for your student (other than Medi-Cal) please provide this information on the back page of this notification.

School health services currently provided to all students will not be changed by your response or lack of response of this questionnaire. School health services will always be available to students attending school and parents will never be billed for these services. For further information regarding this policy, call the school of attendance.

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www.cdpr.ca.gov
All schools are required to provide parents with annual written notice of expected pesticide use at schools. On the back page of this document, parents may request prior notice of individual pesticide applications at the school. If you wish to be notified every time a pesticide is going to be applied, complete the form on the back page and return it to your child’s school. (Education Code §§ 48980.3 and 17612)

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT
An updated management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings is available at the district office. (40 C.F.R. 763.93)

HEALTH PUPIL IMMUNIZATION
Your child must be immunized against certain diseases before being admitted to school, unless exempted for medical or religious reasons. The school district may administer immunizing agents to prevent or control communicable disease to students whose parents or guardians have consented in writing to such immunization. (Education Code § 49403, § 48216)

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL SERVICES
Students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 may be excused from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil’s parent or guardian. (Education Code § 46010.1)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
A child may be excluded from physical examination whenever the parent or guardian files a written statement with the school that they will not consent to a physical examination of their child. When a child has written exclusion and there is a good reason to believe the child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child will be excluded from school attendance. School children are screened for vision, hearing, and curvature of the spine at selected grade levels. (Education Code §§ 49451, 49452, 49452.5)

The district may perform additional screenings, which may include, but not be limited to, assessments, screenings and examinations as determined by a healthcare professional.

State law requires that for each child enrolled in the first grade, the parent or guardian must present within 90 days after entrance, a certified letter, signed by a physician, Report of Health Examination for School Entry verifying that the child has received a physical examination within the last 18 months. A parent or guardian may file with the school district a written objection or waiver stating the reasons why he or she was unable to obtain such services. (Health and Safety Code §§ 124085, 124105)

PUPIL MEDICATION
Any student who must take prescribed medication at school and who desires assistance of school personnel must submit a written statement of instruction from the physician or surgeon and a written statement by the parent(s) or guardian(s) indicating their desire to have the school assist in administering the physician’s instructions. (Education Code § 49480.)

Any student who carries and self-administers prescription auto-injectable epinephrine and/or inhaled asthma medication must submit a written statement of instruction from the physician that includes confirmation that the student is able to self-administer the medication and a written statement by the parent or guardian, 1) consenting to the self-administration, 2) providing a release for the school nurse or other designated school personnel to consult with the physician regarding any questions that may arise regarding the medication, and 3) releasing the school district and school personnel from liability if the student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication.
The written statements required for any medication at school shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency or reason for administration changes. (Education Code § 48980 § 49423, § 49423.1)

CONTINUING MEDICATION

A parent or guardian is required to inform the school if a pupil is on a continuing medication regimen to a non-episodic condition. With a parent’s or guardian’s consent, the school nurse or other designated employees may communicate with the physician with regard to the possible effects of the drug on the child’s physical, intellectual and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission or over-dosage. (Education Code § 49480.)

Enrollment

ENROLLMENT CENTER

Families are now required to go to the Enrollment Center to complete the registration and enrollment process.

The Enrollment Center was created as a one-stop resource for families enrolling their children in our district. Families are able to enroll students, submit transfer and open enrollment applications, have questions answered, receive pre-testing services and benefit from the on-site immunization clinic.

The Enrollment Center ensures fairness and equity in the treatment of families and allows central monitoring of enrollment and intra- and inter-district permits. It also provides an opportunity to consolidate services and create a more efficient enrollment process, as Enrollment Center staff is highly trained and knowledgeable in all processes and procedures.

Addressing student achievement gaps is a top priority of the Sacramento City Unified School District – and of urban public school districts across the nation. As such, the district has adopted Strategic Plan 2010-14: Putting Children First to address issues concerning access to quality teaching and learning for all of our students. The SCUSD Enrollment Center is a key component of the district’s multi-front focus on improving equity within our community.

The primary goal of the Enrollment Center is to provide families in the Sacramento City Unified School District with a more efficient enrollment process and access to district resources at the point of enrollment. This goal is aligned with the District Strategic Plan, Pillar II: Family and Community Engagement, as it serves families efficiently and equitably and provides a point of access for information and services for families.

The Enrollment Center is open throughout the year. The Center is also open Thursday evenings and one Saturday of the month to better serve our families.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
First Saturday of the Month
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Immunization Clinic Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00-11:00 a.m. & 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
First Saturday of the Month
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Matriculation and Orientation Center (MOC)

The Matriculation and Orientation Center is a centralized district location working in conjunction with the Enrollment Center for registration of students who speak a language other than English. The MOC provides assessors/translators who also perform numerous language-related services linking parents to district programs. Languages served are Spanish, Hmong, Chinese, Russian and Vietnamese.
The Matriculation and Orientation Center is open to book appointments throughout the year by calling (916) 643-2162. The MOC is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Enrollment Center and the Matriculation and Orientation Center are located next to the Serna Center at 5601 47th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95824. For more information, contact the Enrollment Center or Matriculation and Orientation Center at (916) 643-2400 or visit www.scusd.edu/enrollmentcenter.

PROOF OF IDENTITY/RESIDENCE
For safety and security of all children, only biological parents or legal guardians may enroll a child into our district. The person enrolling any child will be required to present the following documentation for proof of identity and residential address:
1. Photo ID or passport
2. CURRENT mortgage/property tax bill or rental/lease agreement
3. CURRENT utility bill (SMUD, PG&E, or WATER) with correct name and address
4. Immunization record for each child
5. Proof of birth – original COUNTY ISSUED birth certificate or passport for each child

EMANCIPATION
A pupil whose residence is located within the boundaries of that school district and whose parent or legal guardian is relieved of responsibility, control and authority through emancipation. (Education Code § 48204 (c).)

EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT
Under certain circumstances, the district may have the right to deny the application of a parent to enroll a child in the district in which you are employed if you are not a resident of the district. (Education Code § 48201 (b))

CAREGIVER
A pupil who lives in the home of a caregiving adult that is located within the boundaries of the school district. Execution of an affidavit under penalty of perjury pursuant to Part 1.5 of Division 11 of the Family Code by the caregiving adult is a sufficient basis for a determination that the pupil lives in the caregiver’s home, unless the school district determines from actual facts that the pupil is not living in the caregiver’s home. (Education Code § 48204 (a) (4))

CAREGIVER AFFIDAVIT
Upon enrollment, the caregiving adult shall execute, under penalty of perjury, the affidavit specified in Family Code 6552. Parents/guardians of students living with a caregiver or in foster care shall receive all parental notifications required by law. They shall be contacted for all major educational decisions concerning enrollment, discipline and final grades. If the caregiver or the parent/guardian fails to cooperate with the school district’s efforts to determine facts and ascertain the parent/guardian’s whereabouts, the affidavit may be denied. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Enrollment Center at (916) 643-2400.

FOSTER CARE
A pupil placed within the boundaries of the school district in a regularly established licensed children’s institution, a licensed foster home or a court ordered placement. (Education Code § 48204 (a) (1) (A)) Per AB 490, foster youth have the right to remain in their school of origin when they enter foster care or move (if in their best interest) and be immediately enrolled in a new school (even without health/education records). (Education Code § 4850-4855.5)

HOMELESS STUDENTS
As defined under United States Code, Title 42, Section 11431-11435, students lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence have certain educational rights to
immediate enrollment in the school of their address or continuation at their most current school of enrollment, if it is in their best interest, as well as other rights and protections. Please call the Parker Family Resource Center for information and assistance at (916) 277-6892.

STATE HOSPITAL
A pupil residing in a state hospital located within the boundaries of that school district. (Education Code § 48204 (e))

HOSPITALIZED – TEMPORARY DISABILITY
Parents or guardians have the right to have your child with a temporary disability receive individual instruction if attendance at school is impossible or inadvisable and to be informed of your obligation to notify the district of your child’s presence in a qualifying hospital. Individual instruction may be provided at your child’s home, in a hospital or other residential health facility. (Education Code §§ 48206.3 et seq and 48208)

SPECIFIC SCHOOL REQUEST
Parents or guardians have the right to request a specific school and to receive a response from the school district. Such a request does not obligate the school to grant the request. (Education Code § 51101 (a) (6))

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS
California state law authorizes all school districts to provide alternative schools. Section 58500 of the Education Code defines alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school which is operated in a manner designed to:

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

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

Further, a copy shall be posted in at least two places normally visible to pupils, teachers and visiting parents in each attendance unit for the entire month of March in each year. (Education Code 58501)

INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT
An interdistrict attendance agreement is established between the Sacramento City Unified School District and surrounding school districts. A pupil may attend a school in a district other than the pupil’s district of residence. Contact the Enrollment Center at (916) 643-2400. (Education Code § 46600)

INTRADISTRICT POLICY
An intradistrict attendance policy is established between the student’s school of
residence and other schools within the Sacramento City Unified School District. Contact your student’s school of residence or the Enrollment Center for an application. (Education Code § 35160.5(b))

Attendance

Students are expected to attend school regularly and on time. School district policy and state law require daily school attendance for students between the ages of 6 and 18.

EXCUSED ABSENCES (AR 5113)
A student’s absence shall be excused for the following reasons indicated in Education Code 48205:

1. Personal illness
2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer
3. Medical, dental, optometric or chiropractic appointments
4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family, which is defined as the mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, spouse, son/son-in-law, daughter/daughter-in-law, brother, sister or any relative living in the student’s immediate household. (Education Code 45194, 48205)
5. Jury duty in the manner proved by law.
6. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
7. Participation in religious instruction or exercises in accordance with district policy as indicated in Education Code 46014.
   a. In such instances, the student shall attend at least the minimum school day.
   b. The student shall be excused for this purpose on no more than four school days per month.
8. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Elections Code section 12302. (Education Code 48205)

In addition, a student’s absence shall be excused for justifiable personal reasons. Advance written request by the parent/guardian and approval of the principal or designee shall be required for absences.

1. Appearance in court.
2. Attendance at funeral services.
3. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion.
4. Attendance at religious retreats for no more than four hours during a semester.
5. Employment interview or conference.

In addition, if a student is the custodial parent of a child, his/her absence shall be excused when the child is ill or has a medical appointment during school hours.

HOME INSTRUCTION
Except for students receiving individual instruction provided pursuant to school district or county office-sponsored programs, a pupil with a temporary disability which makes attendance in the regular day classes or alternative education program in which the pupil is enrolled impossible or inadvisable shall receive individual instruction provided by the school district in which the pupil is deemed to reside. (Education Code § 48206.3)

VERIFICATION OF ABSENCES
When students who have been absent return to school, they must present a satisfactory explanation verifying the reason for the absence. The following methods may be used to verify student absences:

1. Written note from parent/guardian, parent representative or student if 18 or older (Education Code 46012)
2. Conversation, in person or by telephone, between the verifying
employee and the student’s parent/guardian or parent representative. District personnel shall record the following:

a. Name of student
b. Name of parent/guardian/representative
c. Name of verifying employee
d. Date or dates of absence
e. Reason for absence

3. Visit to the student’s home by the verifying employee, or any other reasonable method which establishes the fact that the student was absent for the reasons stated. A written recording shall be made, including information outlined above.

4. Physician’s Verification

a. When excusing students for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, district staff shall not ask the purpose of such appointment but may contact a medical office to confirm the time of the appointment.
b. When a student has had 10 absences in the school year for illness verified by methods listed in #1, #2 and #3 above, any further absences for illness must be verified by physician.

TRUANCY

1. Students shall be classified as truant if absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combinations thereof. Such students shall be reported to the Superintendent or designee.

The parent/guardian of a student classified as truant shall be notified of the following:

a. The student is truant.
b. The parent/guardian is obligated to compel the student to attend school.
c. The parent/guardian who fails to meet this obligation may be guilty of an infraction of the law and subject to prosecution. (Education Code 48290-48296.)
d. The parent/guardian has the right to meet with appropriate school personnel to discuss solutions to the student’s truancy.
e. Alternative educational programs are available in the district and the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) may make an involuntary transfer of a student if deemed appropriate by SARB Board.
f. The student may be subject to arrest by a probation officer, a peace officer, a school administrator, an attendance supervisor or his/her designee under Education Code 48264 if found away from home and absent from school without a valid excuse.
g. The student may be subject to suspension, restriction or delay of his/her driving privilege. (Vehicle Code 13202.7)
h. It is recommended that the parent/guardian accompany the student to school and attend classes with the student for one day.

2. Upon his/her first truancy, a student may be given a written warning by a peace officer. A record of this warning may be kept at school for at least 2 years or until the student graduates or transfers. The record may be forwarded to the new school.

3. Upon his/her second truancy within the same school year, a student may be assigned to an after-school or weekend study program with the county. If the student fails to successfully complete this study program,
he/she shall be subject to item #5 below.

4. Upon his/her 3rd truancy within the same school year, a student may be referred to, and required to attend, an attendance review board, a truancy mediation program established by the district attorney or the probation offer, or a comparable program deemed acceptable by the Superintendent or designee. If the student does not successfully complete the truancy mediation program or other similar program, he/she shall be subject to #6 below.

5. Upon his/her fourth truancy within the same school year, the student shall be classified a habitual truant as defined in Education Code 48262.

A habitual truant may be referred to a school attendance review board or to the probation department.

When a student is referred to a school attendance review board or to the probation department, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the student and parent/guardian, in writing, the name and address of the school attendance review board or probation department and the reason for the referral. This notice shall indicate that the student and parent/guardian will be required, along with a district staff member, to meet with the school attendance review board or probation officer to consider a proper disposition of the referral. (Education Code 48263.)

6. If a student in grades 7-12 has been judged by the county juvenile court to be a habitual truant or habitually insubordinate or disorderly at school, or if a student has been required by the court to attend school as a condition of probation, the district shall inform the juvenile court and the student’s probation or parole officer, within 10 days, whenever that student is insubordinate, disorderly at school, or truant or tardy without a valid excuse. (Education Code 48267) (Education Code 48260.5)

To improve student attendance, the Superintendent or designee shall implement positive steps to identify the reasons for a student’s unexcused absences and to help resolve the problems caused by truancy. Such strategies shall focus on early intervention and may include, but not be limited to, communication with parents/guardians and the use of student study teams. (BP 5113.1)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with other agencies within the community to meet the needs of students who have serious school attendance or behavior problems and to maintain a continuing inventory of community resources, including alternative programs.

**STATUTORY AND LOCAL ATTENDANCE OPTIONS**

You have the right to receive notification of all current statutory attendance options and local attendance options. If you would like to receive information about the attendance options discussed throughout this notice, please request the statutory attendance options from the Student Hearing and Placement Department at (916) 643-9425. (Education Code § 48980(h))

**MAKE UP ASSIGNMENTS**

Students whose absences are excused are given an opportunity to make-up missed work. However, no amount of make-up activity can completely duplicate the classroom participation missed during an absence. The importance of daily participation will vary according to the nature of the class.

Individual teachers will enforce standards in their subject areas.
After any excused absence, it is the student’s responsibility to make the initial contact with his/her teacher(s) to determine make-up assignments and schedule times for taking any tests missed. Students absent one week or less will be allowed double the amount of time they are absent in which to make up missed work. For absences longer than one week, the time allowed will be one week plus the number of days absent. Students are expected to fulfill long-term assignments as originally scheduled. Students whose absences extend longer than three weeks may qualify for off-campus educational instruction.

COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

English – 4 years required. Not more than 2 semesters of English at grade 9 can be used to meet this requirement.
Mathematics – 3 years required (including algebra 1, geometry and algebra 2): 4 years recommended.
Science – 2 years of laboratory science required in at least two of these three areas: biology, chemistry and physics; 3 years recommended.
Social Science – 2 years of history/social science to include: one year of U.S. History (or one-half year of U.S. History and one-half year of American Government); and one year world civilization, cultures and geography.
Foreign Languages* - 2 years required of the same language; 3 years recommended.
Visual or Performing Arts – One year required.
2 years of college Preparatory Electives
* requirement can be satisfied in middle school.

To obtain current UC and CSU Web sites to help students and families learn about college admission requirements, visit www.UCOP.edu

Career Technical Education (CTE) is defined by California Department of Education (CDE) as “Designated Subjects Credential and Single Subject Credential: used in career technical education courses based on a combination of subject preparation and industry experience”. The Web site where students can learn more about CTE is www.CDE.ca.gov

School Counselors meet with students individually to conduct an academic review. During the individual conference the school counselor shall apprise the pupil and his or her parent/guardian of:

1. Consequences of not passing the high school exit examination.
2. Programs, courses and career technical education options available for pupils needed for satisfactory completion of high school.
3. Cumulative records and transcripts of the pupil.
4. Performance on standardized and diagnostic assessments for the pupil.
5. Remediation strategies, high school courses and alternative education options available to the pupil.
6. Information on postsecondary education and training.

Standards of Behavior

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

District and school rules pertaining to student discipline are available to parents and guardians of district students in the school office. (Education Code section 35291) The parent or guardian of a student who has been suspended by a teacher may be required to attend a portion of a school day in his or her child’s class. (Education Code 48900.1)

SEVEN KEYS TO STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Seven responsibilities describe the most important behaviors that all students in the Sacramento City Unified School District will demonstrate while attending school.
Every student is responsible for helping to maintain a safe and productive environment at school. You are expected to:

1. Attend school every day and be on time for every class.
2. Resolve differences with others in a positive way.
3. Remain drug, alcohol and tobacco free.
4. Follow school dress code.
5. Respect school property and the property of others.
6. Respect fellow students and all school staff members.
7. Comply with the standards of behavior for your classrooms, school and the Sacramento City Unified School District.

STUDENTS’ RIGHTS
As a student, you have the right to:

- Learn in a safe environment.
- Discuss issues, concerns and progress with your administrators, teachers or other SCUSD personnel.

PARENTS’ RIGHTS
As a parent or guardian, you have the right to:

- Information about the progress of your child's achievement, behavior in school, and attendance
- Expect a safe environment that is non-threatening and allows your child to maximize their learning potential
- Information about all school rules, regulations and expectations

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS’ RESPONSIBILITIES
As representatives of our school district, administrators will:

- Establish and enforce school rules to ensure a safe educational environment.
- Provide support to teachers as they carry out discipline responsibilities.
- Communicate effectively our school rules and consequences to students, families and staff.
- Support students by involving them in activities that increase confidence in their academic responsibilities and outcomes.

PARENT, GUARDIAN AND FAMILY MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES
Parents or guardians are liable for all damages caused by the willful misconduct of their minor children, which results in the death or injury to other students, school personnel or school property. (Civil Code §1714.1; Education Code § 48904)

Every parent, guardian and family member of the school community shares in the responsibility for maintaining a safe and productive environment at your child's school. You share in this responsibility when you:

- Make certain your child arrives at school on time and is ready to learn.
- Acknowledge the rights and authority of the school and the Board of Education to maintain standards of behavior for all students.
- Understand our school district rules. Review your child’s school’s Student Behavior Guidelines and this Standards of Behavior with your family.
- Provide the study materials your child needs. If you are uncertain what materials may be necessary, contact your child's teacher(s).
- Provide a suitable time and place for study at home. Parents have a great influence on the study habits of their children.
- Keep track of your child's scholastic achievement and progress. Review each progress report and report card with your child. Children learn more
when their parents or guardians are involved in monitoring their progress. Participate regularly in your child’s educational program.

• Maintain consistent communication with your child’s teachers, school administrators and other school staff.

PARTICIPATION IN ADVISORY COUNCILS
A parent or guardian has the right to participate as a member of a school site council, a parental advisory council, or a site-based management leadership team in accordance with the rules governing parent or guardian membership in those organizations. (Education Code § 51101)

VOLUNTEERING TIME AND RESOURCES
Parents or guardians may volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and programs under the supervision of district employees. (Education Code § 51101)(a)(14))

To assure student safety, parent volunteers must go through the process required of all volunteers, which includes screening (sex offender check or fingerprinting (Education Code § 32390)) and the completion of a TB test. The type of background check will be determined by whether the volunteer will or will not have unsupervised contact with children. TB tests can be completed on specified dates at the district office at no cost to the volunteer. For more information check the volunteer website: www.scusd.edu or call the Volunteer Office at (916) 643-7924.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, TEACHER AND SUPPORT STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES
The teachers and administrators of our district demonstrate appropriate school and classroom behavior in their attitudes and in their communication with students and parents. In addition to academic excellence, it is our school district’s goal for each school to:

• Communicate regularly and in a timely manner with students and their families about their child’s academic progress, behavior and attendance.
• Adopt a comprehensive written school safety plan and disaster preparedness procedures.
• Establish an environment in which students can meet their grade level academic standards.
• Involve students in an ongoing process of self-evaluation.
• Communicate our district’s and school’s standards of behavior.
• Communicate our Course of Study and Grading Policy.
• Enforce district policies, regulations and school rules fairly and consistently.
• Interact with all parents and students with dignity and respect.
• Provide quality customer service.

CONSEQUENCES OF STUDENT MISBEHAVIOR
Detention is the assignment of a student to a supervised area for a specified time before or after school, at lunch, or during Saturday school.

Supervision must be assigned to a certificated employee. The student shall be given adequate time to use the restroom, get a drink or eat lunch.

ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICES
(BP 5131.2)
The Governing Board believes that the unauthorized use of electronic signaling devices adversely affects students’ ability to achieve academic success, is disruptive to effective classroom discipline and
management and can lead to an invasion of staff and student’s safety and privacy.

(Education Code 48901.5)
(Administrative Regulation 5131.2)

Students shall be permitted to use electronic signaling devices such as cell phones, before and after school hours only. Such devices shall not be turned on or used from the time school starts until the end of school, including non-instructional time and extracurricular activities unless given authorization from site administration. During an emergency declared by the school, text message scripts will be posted for students so they may provide updates of the situation to their parents/guardians. It is important that cell phones and other devices be used sparingly so that emergency services have priority to assist students and staff on site. Site administration shall use a progressive consequence plan when students are found using electronic signaling devices during school hours and without permission, and the device shall be confiscated. In the event there is reasonable suspicion that the electronic device has been used in violation of a school rule or district policy, such as cheating or bullying, taking pictures in locker rooms, or for committing an actual crime, or out of concern for the health and safety of the student or others, the superintendent or designee is authorized to review any and all contents of the device under consultation with law enforcement as necessary.

ANTI-BULLYING AND HARASSMENT (BP 5145.4)

Students are assured that they need not endure bullying behavior or harassment that impairs the learning environment, interferes with a student’s ability to benefit from their education or has a detrimental effect to a student’s emotional well-being. Schools will work toward providing an orderly, caring and non-discriminatory learning environment and students need not endure bullying behavior whether it takes place on or off school property, electronically, at any school-sponsored function or in a school vehicle.

All school employees, students, parents and others are required to report bullying behavior to the principal who will determine if the act meets the anti-bullying policy and who may apply consequences. Retaliation towards students or others who report bullying or harassment is prohibited. Additionally, reports of bullying behavior or harassment can be made anonymously through the district’s bullying prevention hotline at 1-855-86-Bully or 1-855-862-8559.

THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD (SARB)

School Attendance Review Board (SARB) reviews student attendance and disruptive behavior. Students may be referred to SARB for habitual truancy or irregular attendance. SARB may direct a student to take part in community services. SARB may involve the Juvenile Courts, District Attorney, County Probation Department, Sheriff’s Department, City Police Department and County Health and Human Services in a student’s case. SARB may involuntarily transfer the student to another school or to an alternative education program.

THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE POLICY

The Search and Seizure Policy governs the district's authority to search individual students and their property. School officials may search when there is a reasonable suspicion it will reveal evidence that the student is violating the rules and regulations of the district and/or school.

SUSPENSION

Suspension is the exclusion of a student from the classroom for disciplinary reasons for a defined period of time by a teacher or a school administrator. A principal or a designee may suspend from school for up to five consecutive days. A suspension may be extended under certain conditions. There are three kinds of suspensions.
1. Out of School Suspension means that the student is not permitted on or near any Sacramento City Unified School District campus, nor are they allowed to participate in any school activities, during the period of suspension. They may, however, be required to complete assignments and tests which will be made available to them through another school employee.

2. In School Suspension means that the student is removed from class, but remains on campus isolated from other students under the supervision of a certificated staff member.

3. Teacher Suspension allows a teacher to suspend for the remainder of the class in which the misconduct occurred and for the next day’s class.

EXPULSION

An expulsion is the removal of a student from all schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District for violating the California Education Code as ordered by the Board of Education. The expulsion is for a defined period of time, but an application for re-admission must be considered within a specified time period.

State law provides for full due process and rights to appeal any order of expulsion.

State law mandates the Board of Education to expel students as indicated in Education Code 48915 (c) for:

1. Sale, possession or furnishing of a firearm.
2. Brandishing a knife at another person.
3. Selling a controlled substance.
4. Sexual assault or sexual battery.
5. Possession of explosives.

California Education Code requires a school administrator to recommend expulsion if a student commits one of the following offenses:

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person except in self-defense.
2. Possession of any knife, explosive, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.
3. Unlawful possession of any drug except for the first time offense of possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana.
4. Robbery and/or Extortion.
5. Assault or battery upon a school employee.

A student shall not be disciplined, suspended or recommended for expulsion unless the Superintendent, a designee or the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled determines the student has violated one or more parts of the Standards of Behavior, District policies or the Education Code 48900.

A student may be disciplined, suspended for a maximum of five consecutive days or expelled for acts specified in the Standards of Behavior that are related to school activity or school attendance occurring at any district school or within any other school district, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- While on school grounds
- During the lunch period whether on or off campus
- During, going to or coming from a school-sponsored activity

STUDENT SUPPORT STRATEGIES

(may not be available at all sites)

- Character Education
- Community Service
- Community service on campus (cafeteria duty, campus cleanup, work with custodial staff)
- Conflict Resolution
- Counseling
- Detention
- Extended Day
- Friday Afternoon School
- Home Visitation
- In-house Suspension (on school grounds)
- Lunch Detention
- Meetings
- Mentoring
- Morning Club, detention before school
- Parent attend portion of school day
- Parent Conference Via Telephone (document)
- Peer Court
- Prior Central Behavior Review
- Referral to Counseling Group
- Referral to district resources staff for academic assessment
- Referral to School Attendance Review Board (SARB)
- Referral to Student Attendance Review Team (SART)
- Referral to Student Study Team
- Saturday School
- School Exchange
- Shortened Day
- Site Level Behavior Contract
- Student Conference
- Teacher Suspension
- Time Out Buddies, loss of recess (elementary)
- Transfer Classes
- Voluntary Short Term Independent Study

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<td>c2 Brandishing a knife at another person.</td>
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<td>c3 Selling a controlled substance.</td>
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<td>a.2 Possession of any knife, or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil.</td>
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<td>a.1 Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.</td>
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<td>a.2 Willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense.</td>
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| 2. Weapons and Dangerous Objects  
[E.C. 48900(b)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Possession, sale or furnishing of weapons (knife, gun, sharp object, club or an object that could inflict injury) or explosive. | may be considered | yes | 3-5 days | yes |
| 3. Drugs and Alcohol  
[E.C. 48900(c)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Possession, use, sale or otherwise furnishing, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 4. Sale of “look-alike” Drugs and Alcohol  
[E.C. 48900(d)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Offering, arranging or negotiating to sell drugs, alcohol or any intoxicant and then substituting a look-alike substance intended to represent drugs, alcohol or an intoxicant. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 5. Robbery or Extortion  
[E.C. 48900(e)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 6. Damage of Property  
[E.C. 48900(f)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Cause, or attempt to cause, damage to school or private property including electronic files and databases. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 7. Theft or Stealing  
[E.C. 48900(g)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Stealing or attempting to steal school or private property including electronic files and databases. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 8. Tobacco  
[E.C. 48900(h)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Possession or use of tobacco or nicotine products. | may be considered | yes | yes | may cite |
| 9. Profanity, Obscene Acts, Vulgarity  
[E.C. 48900(i)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| 1. Directed at peers. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 2. Directed at school personnel. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 10. Drug Paraphernalia  
[E.C. 48900(j)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Possessed, offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| 11. Willful Defiance or Disruption of School Activities  
[E.C. 48900(k)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Failure to follow school rules. | may be considered | yes | yes | no |
| Failure to follow directive or instruction of staff or teachers. | may be considered | yes | yes | no |
| Failure to follow conduct code for school bus passengers. | may be considered | yes | yes | no |
| 12. Possession of Stolen Property  
[E.C. 48900(l)] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
| Knowingly receive stolen school property or private property. | may be considered | yes | yes | yes |
| **13. Imitation Firearm**  
[**E.C. 48900(m)**] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
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<td>Possession of an imitation firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude the replica is a firearm.</td>
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<td>Committed or attempted to commit sexual assault or battery.</td>
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| **15. Harassment of a Student Witness**  
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<td>Harassed, threatened or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness.</td>
<td>may be considered</td>
<td>yes</td>
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[**E.C. 48900(p)**] | Alternative to Suspension | May Suspend | May Recommend Expulsion | Contact Law Enforcement |
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<td>Offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell or sold the prescription drug Soma.</td>
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<td>Engaged in or attempted to engage in hazing.</td>
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| **18. Bullying**  
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<td>Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined in subdivisions (f) and (g) of Section 32261, directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel.</td>
<td>may be considered</td>
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<td>The infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person.</td>
<td>may be considered</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>no, unless judged by a juvenile court to have committed as an aider or abettor causing serious injury. Expulsion would move forward under EC.48900 or a1, or a2</td>
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<td>Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Applies to grades 4-12.</td>
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<td>Cause, threaten, attempt to cause, or participate in an act of hate violence defined as willfully interfering with or threatening another person’s personal or property rights because of race, ethnicity, national origin, disability or sexual orientation. Speech that threatens violence when the perpetrator has the apparent ability to carry out the threat, may be considered an act of hate violence. Applies to grades 4-12</td>
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<td>Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats or intimidation against district personnel or students that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of school personnel or students by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. Grades 4-12 only.</td>
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<td>Truant [E.C. 48260] (Warning letter #1) Absent from school without a valid excuse.</td>
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<td>Habitual Truant [E.C. 48262] (Warning letter #3) Any student truant three or more times per school year. Students who are habitually truant may be referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) for further action.</td>
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### ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**American Legion Continuation High School**
3801 Broadway, 95817
(916) 277-6600
- Grades 9-12, voluntary/involuntary entry and exit procedures
- Special Education: RSP only
- Program Information: Diploma or GED

**Capital City School (Independent Study)**
Verification form must be completed
7222 24th Street, 95822
(916) 433-5187
- Grades K-12, voluntary only
- Program Information: Same district and state curriculum. One hour per week with teacher, 20 hours independent study per week. Student must meet established criteria approved on verification form signed by a home school administrator

**Charles A. Jones Skills & Business Education Center**
5451 Lemon Hill Avenue, 95824
(916) 433-2600
- Age 18 or older, open enrollment
- Special Education: yes, if IEP designates

Hours: Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Monday through Thursday
5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Saturday
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sacramento Accelerated Academy
5601 47th Avenue, 95824
(916) 433-2927
- Grades: 11th and 12th
- Students must have passed CAHSEE
- Special Education: RSP support only
- Enrollment: Placement via Student Hearing and Placement Department referral ONLY
- Program: Sacramento Accelerated Academy (SAA) is the district’s online credit recovery program and is located at The Enrollment and Family Services Center. SAA students work on coursework in a computer lab setting and will have the assistance of teachers who are on-site as well as online teachers whom they can access remotely via the internet.

Success Academy (4-8)
5601 47th Avenue, 95824
(916) 433-5301
- Special Education: RSP only
- Program: Academic and social/emotional support for high risk students.
- Enrollment: Behavior Review, Expulsion, School Attendance Review Board (SARB)
- All Success Academy referrals come from the Student Hearing and Placement Office.

For other alternative program information, you may contact the Student Hearing and Placement Department at (916) 643-9425.

Reference to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
Please note that this booklet is a summary that reflects general guidelines aligned with District Board policies.

District AR 5144 provides that “The principal of each school shall ensure that students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all Board policies, administrative regulations and individual school rules related to discipline at the beginning of each school year. The notice shall state that these rules and regulations are available on request at the principal’s office in all district schools.”

Board Policies /Administrative Regulations that can be viewed for more detailed information:
- Conduct 5131 BP
- Bus Conduct 5131.1 BP and AR
- Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti 5131.5 BP
- Positive School Climate 5137 BP
- Discipline 5144 BP and AR
- Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process 5144.1 BP and AR
- Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities) 5144.2 AR
- Search and Seizure 5145.12 AR
- Sexual Harassment 5145.7 BP and AR
- Anti-Bullying 5145.4 AR

Student Affairs
California Healthy Kids Survey – 5th Grade Students. Your child may be asked to be part of the school’s Healthy Kids Survey, sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help promote better health among youth and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. It will take your child about one class period to complete the survey. Your written permission is required for your child to participate in the survey. Only fifth grade students will receive the Elementary School Survey.

7th, 9th and 11th Grade Students. Students may be asked to participate in order to gather information regarding student’s physical activity and nutritional habits, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, school safety, environmental and individual strengths and assets. This information will be shared with an outside evaluator(s) for research purposes. You may examine the questionnaire in the
school office or the Healthy Kids Website (www.wested.org/hks).

The survey is voluntary and anonymous and no names will be recorded or attached to the survey forms or data. Students who participate only have to answer the questions they want to answer and they may stop taking the survey at any time.

If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, contact the Youth Development Office at (916) 643-7994.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING
A parent or guardian has the right to receive information about psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test. (Education Code § 51101)

PUPIL AND FAMILY PRIVACY
It is the district’s policy that personal information concerning students and their families should be kept private in accordance with law. District staff is prohibited from administering or distributing survey instruments to students for the purpose of collecting personal information for marketing or selling that information. Any personal information disclosed during counseling with a school counselor either by a pupil 12 years of age or older, or by a parent or guardian of a pupil 12 years of age or older, shall be kept confidential except as provided by law. (Education Code § 49602) (Subject to Board and/or Superintendent approval of revised district policy and/or regulation).

PUPIL PARTICIPATION IN SURVEY
No pupil shall be given any test, survey, questionnaire or examination containing questions about personal or family beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality or religion without affirmative parent consent for any such test, surveys or questionnaires.

However, anonymous, voluntary and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure students’ health behaviors and risk, including tests, questionnaires and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the student’s attitude concerning, or practices relating to sex may be administered to any student in grades 7 through 12 if parents or guardians have not requested in writing that their child not participate. (Education Code §§ 51513, 51938. 60614:20 U.S.C. 1232h(a) and (b)) (Subject to Board and/or Superintendent approval of the revised district policy and/or regulation).

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS/BEHAVIOR/CLOSE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP SURVEY
Parents will be notified in writing if a test, questionnaire, survey or examination is to be administered to your child containing questions about his or her, or your: political affiliations or beliefs, illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior, mental or psychological problems, lawyer, physician, minister, critical appraisals of individuals with whom you have close family relationships and income (except as required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program). Parents have the right to inspect all instructional materials, including teacher’s manuals, films, tapes or other supplementary material to be used in connection with any survey, analysis or evaluation. Parents have the right to consent to the administration of such test, questionnaire, survey or examination. (20 U.S.C. §1232h (a) and (b))

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS
Sacramento City Unified School Board District prohibits the use of tobacco products at all times on district grounds. This prohibition applies to all employees, students and visitors at any activity or athletic event. Students shall not smoke, chew or possess tobacco or nicotine products on school property or during school hours, at school-sponsored events or while under the supervision of district employees.
PUPIL INSURANCE
The district or county office provides or makes available medical or hospital services for injuries to students arising from school programs or activities. No student will be compelled to accept such services without his/her consent or, if a minor, without the consent of a parent or guardian. You may obtain further information regarding availability of pupil accident insurance by contacting the school principal. (Education Code §49472)

FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL
Students are entitled to free or reduced price meals. Contact the school for eligibility information. Please access the online Application at www.scusd.edu/applyformeals.

PERSONAL PROPERTY
The district or the county offices are not responsible for personal property. Students are discouraged from bringing non-instructional items to school.

Release of Directory Information

DEFINITION OF PUPIL RECORD
Pupil Record is any item of information other than directory information that is directly related to an identifiable student and maintained by the district or required to be maintained by an employee in the performance of his/her duties.

NOTIFICATION OF PRIVACY RIGHTS OF STUDENTS
Federal and state laws grant certain privacy rights and rights or access to pupil records to students and to their parents or guardians. Full access to all personally identifiable written records maintained by the school district or county office must be granted to:

- Parents or guardians of students age 17 or younger.
- Parents or guardians of students age 18 or older if the student is a dependent for tax purposes.
- Students age 16 or older or have completed 10th grade.

Parents/guardians may review individual records by making a request to the principal. At each school, the principal or designee shall act as custodian of records. The principal will see that explanations and interpretations are provided if requested. A parent or guardian has the right to question and receive an answer regarding items on their child’s record that appears inaccurate, misleading or that invades his/her child’s privacy. Information, which is alleged to be inaccurate, inappropriate or misleading, may or may not be removed by the Superintendent or his/her designee. A log or record of the maintenance of each pupil record of enrolled students shall be kept in the school office.

In addition, parents or guardians of eligible students may receive a copy of any information in the pupil’s records at a reasonable cost per page. School district policies and procedures relating to types of records, kinds of information retained, persons responsible for maintaining pupil records, directory information, access by other persons review and to challenge the content of records is available through the principal or his/her designee. Parents may contact the school to review the log listing of those that have requested or received information from a pupil’s file, as required in Education Code § 49064.

Access to a pupil’s records will only be granted to those with a legitimate educational interest who are officials or employees whose duties and responsibilities to the district, whether routine or as a result of special circumstance, require that they have access to pupil records. School officials may be authorized to inspect student records if a legitimate educational interest exists. A
school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel), a person serving on the governing board, a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as attorney, auditor, consultant or therapist), a parent or student serving on an official committee (such as a disciplinary or grievance committee), assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. (FERPA, 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 99.7(a) (3)(iii) and 99.31(a)(1) and Ed. Code § 49063 (d), 49064 and 49076)

When a student moves to a new school district, records, including disciplinary records, will be forwarded upon request of the new district. At that time, the parent or an eligible student may challenge, review or receive a copy at a reasonable cost per page, of the requested records. Parents or guardians may contact the school district or county office for any policy regarding the review and expunging of pupil records. If you believe the school district is not in compliance with federal regulations regarding privacy, you may file a complaint with the United States Department of Education at the following address: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-5920.

The school district also makes certain student directory information available in accordance with state and federal laws. This means that each student’s name, birthday, birthplace, address, telephone number, major course of study, participation in school activities and sports, dates of attendance, degrees and awards and the most previous public or private school of attendance may be released to certain specified agencies. In addition, height and weight of athletes may be made available.

MILITARY RECRUITERS
Federal Law (No Child Left Behind) requires that military services representatives shall have access to directory information. However, parents or guardians have the right to request in writing information not be released to a military recruiter without their prior written consent. See the back page to request in writing not to release your student’s information.

Directory information may not be provided to any private profit-making entity other than employers, prospective employers or to representatives of the news media. Names and addresses of seniors or terminating students may be given to public or private schools and colleges. Parents or guardians also have the right to notify the district in writing within 30 calendar days of the receipt of this notice that they do not want a certain category of information designated as directory information.

Upon written request from the parent or guardian of a student age 17 or younger, the school district will withhold directory information about the student. If the student is 18 or older or enrolled in an institution of post-secondary instruction and makes a written request, the pupil’s request to deny access to directory information will be honored. (Education Code 51101)

MEDIA & WEBSITE PHOTOS
The district requires parent/guardian permission before use of student images by the district in any official publication or website. If you have an objection to your child’s image appearing in any district official publication or website, please check the “no” box and sign the permission form on the back of this notification. If you have no objection, you do not need to check the box. (Please note that the news media is asked to not come onto Sacramento City Unified School District campuses without prior permission.)

If you have any questions, please contact the principal at your student’s school of attendance.
Additional information can be attained by calling the Communications Office at (916) 643-9042.

Instruction

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
All primary and supplemental instructional materials and assessments, including textbooks, teacher manuals, films, tapes and software, will be compiled and stored by the classroom instructor and made available promptly for inspection by a parent or guardian in a reasonable time frame or in accordance with district or county office policies or procedures. (Education Code §§ 49091.10; 51101) You have a right to review instructional materials and discuss the curriculum of your student’s course. (Education Code §§ 49063(k) and 49091.14; No Child Left Behind Act. 20 U. S. C. 1232h © and (d))

DAMAGED OR LOST INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS/WITHHOLDING GRADES, DIPLOMA OR TRANSCRIPTS
Instructional materials provided for use by students remain the property of the district. Students are responsible for returning borrowed materials in good condition, with no more wear and tear than usually results from normal use.

Parents/guardians and the students are held responsible for all willfully damaged or lost properties. If properties are lost or damaged, students or parents/guardians shall be responsible for restitution equal to the current replacement cost of the materials. (BP 6161.2)

If payment is not made, the district shall afford the student his/her due process rights in conformance with Education Code expulsion procedures and may withhold the student's grades, diploma or transcripts. (AR 5125.2)

OBSERVATION
Upon written request, a parent or guardian has the right to observe instruction that involves his or her child or for the purpose of selecting a school in accordance with board policies on inter-district and intra-district transfers. Any observation will be done in accordance with policies established to ensure the safety of pupils and school personnel and to prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school personnel. (Education Code §§ 49091.10(b); 51101)

BELIEFS
A pupil may not be compelled to affirm or disavow any particular personally or privately held worldview, religious doctrine or political opinion. This section does not relieve pupils of any obligation to complete regular classroom assignments. (Education Code § 49091.12(a))

EXCUSE FROM HEALTH INSTRUCTION ON RELIGIOUS (MORAL) GROUNDS
Parents may request in writing that their student be excused from any part of a school’s instruction in health which conflicts with religious training and beliefs. (Education Code § 51240)

CURRICULUM
The curriculum, including titles, descriptions and instructional aims of every course offered by a public school, shall be compiled at least once annually in a prospectus. The prospectus is available for review upon request and for copying at a reasonable charge. (Education Code § 49091.14; 49063)

ANIMAL DISSECTION
A pupil, who has a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying animals as part of an instructional program, has a right to request an alternative education project. A pupil’s moral objection must be substantiated by a note from his/her parent or guardian. (Education Code §§ 32255-32255.6)
SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION

Written and audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention education are available for inspection by parents or guardians. The Positive Prevention curriculum is used at the secondary level. District personnel and/or outside consultants may teach these courses. The district may also hold an assembly to deliver comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education by guest speakers. If the district elects to use outside consultants or hold an assembly with guest speakers, written notice shall be given to parents or guardians no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered. Parents or guardians may request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education, and may also request a copy of Chapter 5 and 6, California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act. (Education Code § 51930-51939)

MINIMUM DAYS AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The calendar for the school year indicating the current schedule of any minimum days or pupil-free staff development days shall be provided by each school. A parent or guardian will be notified during the school year of any additional minimum days and pupil-free staff development days. (Education Code § 48980)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMINATION FEE PAYMENT PROGRAM

Low-income students who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) class at the high school level and plan to take the end-of-course AP exam OR the International Baccalaureate exam are eligible to participate in the Fee Payment Program. The program is funded by the federal Trio Program under California Education Code 52244. Parents may inquire about the fee payment program at their student’s high school. Counselors will also provide students and parents with information about the fee payment program.

CAREER COUNSELING

Parents will be notified, at least once, in advance of career counseling and course selection commencing with course selection for grade 7 so that they may participate in the counseling sessions and decisions. (Education Code 221.5 (d))

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

A copy of the school district’s accountability report card may be obtained from the school upon request. (Education Code §§ 35256, 51101)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN MEETING WITH TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL

Upon reasonable notice, a parent or guardian has the right to meet with their child’s teacher and principal. (Education Code § 51101)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOOL RULES

A parent or guardian has the right to be notified concerning their child’s classroom and standardized and statewide test performances and to be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures, attendance policies, dress codes, school visiting procedures and the person to contact should problems arise with their child. (Education Code § 51101) You have the right to be notified when a teacher has determined that your child is in danger of failing a course. (Education Code §§ 49063 and 49067)

PROMOTION OR RETENTION

A parent or guardian has the right to be informed in advance about retention and
promotion policies. A parent or guardian shall be notified as early in the school year if their child is identified as being at risk of retention, and has the right to consult with school personnel responsible for a decision to retain or promote their child and to appeal a decision to retain or promote their child. (Education Code §§ 48070.5, 51101)

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS
A parent or guardian has the right to be informed of the academic expectations of their child. (Education Code § 51101)

Students entering high school in the fall with fewer credits than listed below are considered to be “credit deficient.”

- Sophomore: 50 credits
- Junior: 110 credits
- Senior: 160 credits

Students who are deficient in credits must enroll in extra classes to graduate. Additional credits may be earned by accessing one or more of the options listed below:

1. ROP classes
2. Online Credit Recovery
3. Community College
4. Summer School (students needing summer school after their senior year will not be eligible to participate in graduation ceremony)
5. SCC – College success 10 credits; Community First Aid/CPR 6.5 credits (2 college credits)

It is the student’s responsibility to see that these credits are transferred to the high school registrar.

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE)
Commencing with the 2006 school year, each pupil completing the 12th grade will be required to successfully pass the state high school exit exam as a condition of graduation. Students will have the first opportunity to take the exam in their sophomore year. (Education Code § 60850 et seq.)

In order to pass the exit exam, a pupil will be required to demonstrate mastery of statewide, academically rigorous content standards in language arts and mathematics. A pupil who fails to pass all parts of the exam by the completion of 12th grade shall not receive a diploma since passing the exam is a condition of graduation. (Education Code § 48980(e))

Students who fail to pass one or both parts of the exam by the end of their twelfth grade year have the option to receive intensive instruction and services for up to two consecutive academic years or until the student has passed both parts of the exam, whichever comes first. English learners who fail to pass the exam by the end of twelfth grade may also receive assistance with English proficiency as needed based on the results of the diagnostic assessment and previous results on the exam. (Education Code §§ 1240. 351860 37254, 52378 and 52380)

RULES FOR USE OF COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER NETWORKS
When you use school computers you agree to:

1. Follow the directions of teachers and school staff.
2. Abide by the rules of the school and school district.
3. Obey the rules of any computer network you access.
4. Be considerate and respectful of other users.
5. Use school computers for school-related education and research only.
6. Not to use school computers and networks for personal or commercial activities.
7. Not change any software or documents (except documents you create).

USE OF SCHOOL COMPUTERS AND ACCESS TO THE INTERNET IS A PRIVILEGE
If you do not follow the rules, you may be disciplined and lose your computer privileges.
Do Not Produce, Distribute, Access, Use Or Store Information That Is:
  1. Unlawful.
  2. Private or confidential.
  3. Copyright protected.
  4. Harmful, threatening, abusive or denigrates others.
  5. Obscene, pornographic or contains inappropriate language.
  6. Interferes with or disrupts the work of others.
  7. Causes congestion or damage to systems.

Protect Your Password
Do not allow anyone else to use your password and do not use anyone else's password.

E-Mail Privacy Guidelines:
  1. Use caution when giving your e-mail address to anyone.
  2. Never give out personal information such as your home address or telephone number.
  3. Protect the privacy of others; never give out personal information about yourself or anyone else.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
In accordance with federal and state laws, the school district does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities in its programs and activities. If your child needs special accommodations, please contact the school or the county office.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Parents and guardians have a right to be informed of district programs for students with exceptional needs and to be consulted about the assessment and appropriate placement of their child. Students with exceptional needs have a right to a free appropriate public education. (Education Code 56000 et seq.)

SECTION 504

If you suspect that your child has a disability (e.g., learning disabilities, chronic health problems, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, etc.) which may substantially limit a major life activity, such as learning, you may request that your child be evaluated under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A qualified educational team will evaluate your child to determine if he/she qualifies as a student with a disability. Qualified students will have an individualized 504 plan developed by an educational team that will include the school site 504 coordinator, your child’s teacher(s), other support personnel as needed and you, the parent. This plan will be reviewed regularly and will address appropriate interventions to assist your child’s educational program. For transfer students with current 504 plans, an educational team will review the plan to determine whether to continue it until the next review or to schedule a meeting to recommend revisions to the plan. For more information, contact your child’s teacher, the school site 504 coordinator, or the District 504 coordinator at (916) 643-9144.

SEXUAL NONDISCRIMINATION
The school district has a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex. This policy applies to all students in any program and activity of the district. Under limited circumstances, separate arrangements may be made for students according to gender, such as separate locker room facilities, in accordance with federal law. Complaints alleging noncompliance with this policy should be directed to the school principal or the county office. Appeals may be made to the district superintendent.

General Information

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS
Parents may ask for the following information about their child’s teacher: (20 USC 6311)
1. Whether your child’s teacher has met state qualification and licensing standards for the grade levels and subject areas that they teach.

2. Whether your child’s teacher is teaching with an emergency credential.

3. What the teacher’s college majors and the types of college or graduate degree(s) they hold.

4. Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in federally financing education programs or activities. The district does not discriminate in admission or access to its programs or activities.

Discrimination is prohibited in any program which receives state financial assistance on the basis of gender (which includes sex and a person’s gender identity and gender related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person’s assigned sex at birth), age, race (includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification and ethnic background), national origin, religion (includes all aspects of religious belief, observance and practice and includes agnosticism and theism), mental or physical disability, sexual orientation (includes heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality), or because a person is perceived to have one or more of the above characteristics or because a person associates with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Complaints may be filed with the Superintendent under the District’s Uniform Complaint Procedure (attached). (Education Code §§ 200 and 220, Penal Code § 42.55; Gov. Code § 11135.5 CCR 4610 and 5 CCR 4622)

TITLE IX POLICIES ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT

4119.11(A) AND 5145.7(A)

The Governing Board is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free of harassment. The Board prohibits the unlawful sexual harassment of any student by an employee, student or other person at school electronically or at any school-related activity. You have the right to receive the district’s sexual harassment policy as it related to students. (Education Code §§ 231.5, 48980(g))

Any student who engages in the sexual harassment of anyone at school or a school-related activity shall be subject to disciplinary action.

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment in the working environment of district employees or applicants by any person in any form. Employees who permit or engage in such harassment may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Report Violations to your supervisor or site administrator for initial attempts at resolution or Contact District Title IX Compliance Coordinators.

Employee Related Issues:

Chief Human Resource Officer at (916) 643-7400

Student Related Issues:

Director II, Student Hearing and Placement Department at (916) 643-9425

SACRAMENTO CITY USD

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION AR 1312.3 COMMUNITY RELATIONS Uniform Complaint Procedures Compliance Officers

The Governing Board designates the following compliance officers to receive and
investigate complaints and ensure district compliance with law:

Chief Human Resource Officer
Human Resource Services
5735 - 47th Avenue; Box 770
Sacramento, CA  95824
(916) 643-7400

Chief Human Resource Officer, Human Resource Services, shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible. Such employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Superintendent or designee. (cf. 9124 - Attorney)

For complaints concerning insufficiency of instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions, and/or teacher vacancy or mis-assignment issues, the complaint shall be filed with the school principal or his/her designee at the school site where the complaint arises as provided in Administrative Regulation 1312.4.

Notifications
Chief Resource Officer, Human Resource Services, shall meet the notification requirements of 5 CCR 4622, including the annual dissemination of district complaint procedures and information about available appeals, civil law remedies and conditions under which a complaint may be taken directly to the California Department of Education. The Associate Superintendent, Human Resource Services, shall ensure that complainants understand that they may pursue other remedies, including actions before civil courts or other public agencies. (cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The local agency is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. [T5CCR 4620]
The local education agency complaint procedures shall be available free of charge. [T5CCR4622]

Procedures
The following procedures shall be used to address all complaints, which allege that the district has violated federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. Compliance officers shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions, including all information required for compliance with the 5 CCR 4632. All parties involved in allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed, when a complaint meeting or hearing is scheduled and when a decision or ruling is made.

FILING OF COMPLAINT
Any individual, public agency or organization may file a written complaint of alleged noncompliance by the district. Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination may be filed by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination. The complaint must be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged discrimination occurred or when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination. (5 CCR 4630)

Step 1: Filing
The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.

If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as illiteracy or other disabilities, district staff shall help him/her to file the complaint. (5 CCR 4600)

Step 2: Mediation
Within three days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with the complainant the possibility of using mediation. If the complainant agrees to mediation, the compliance officer shall make all arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of a discrimination complaint, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to
make the mediator a party to related confidential information.

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

The use of mediation shall not extend the district's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 3: Investigation of Complaint
The compliance officer shall make all reasonable efforts to hold an investigative meeting within five days of receiving the complaint or an unsuccessful attempt to mediate the complaint. This meeting shall provide an opportunity for the complainant and/or his/her representative to repeat the complaint orally.

The complainant and/or his/her representative and the district's representatives shall have an opportunity to present information relevant to the complaint. Parties to the dispute may discuss the complaint and question each other or each other's witnesses. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 4: Response
Within 60 days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below. (5 CCR 4631)

Step 5: Final Written Decision
The report of the district's decision shall be in writing and sent to the complainant. (5 CCR 4631.) The report of the district's decision shall be written in English and in the language of the complainant whenever feasible or required by law. If it is not feasible to write this report in the complainant's primary language, the district shall arrange a meeting at which a community member of the complainants choosing will interpret it for the complainant.

This Report shall Include:
1. The findings and disposition of the complaint, including corrective actions, if any. (5 CCR 4631)
2. The rationale for the above disposition. (5 CCR 4631)
3. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the decision to the California Department of Education, and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal. (5 CCR 4631)
4. A detailed statement of all specific issues that were brought up during the investigation and the extent to which these issues were resolved.

For discrimination complaints, notice that the complainant must wait until 60 days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the California Department of Education before pursuing civil law remedies. (5 CCR 4631; Education Code 262.3)

If an employee is disciplined as a result of the complaint, this report shall simply state that effective action was taken and that the employee was informed of district expectations. The report shall not give any further information as to the nature of the disciplinary action.

A complainant not satisfied with the resolution of his or her complaint may also describe the complaint to the District Governing Board during a regularly scheduled meeting. (5 CCR 4686)

APPEALS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
If dissatisfied with the district's decision, the complainant may appeal in writing to the California Department of Education within 15 days of receiving the district's decision. For good cause, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant an extension for filing appeals. (5 CCR 4652)
When appealing to the California Department of Education, the complainant must specify the reason(s) for appealing the district's decision and must include a copy of the locally filed complaint and the district's decision. (5 CCR 4652)

The California Department of Education may directly intervene in the complaint without waiting for action by the district when one of the conditions listed in 5 CCR 4650 exists. In addition, the California Department of Education may also intervene in those cases where the district has not taken action within 60 calendar days of the date the complaint was filed with the district.

CIVIL LAW REMEDIES
A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders. For discrimination complaints, however, a complainant must wait until 60 days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the California Department of Education before pursuing civil law remedies. The moratorium does not apply to injunctive relief and is applicable only if the district has appropriately, and in a timely manner, apprised the complainant of his/her right to file a complaint in accordance with 5 CCR 4622.

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Sacramento, California
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revised: February 3, 2005

Federal Regulations and Acts

TEACHER VACANCIES OR MIS-ASSIGNMENTS / FACILITIES IN NEED OF CLEANING OR REPAIR / INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL COMPLAINTS

You have the right to file a complaint with the principal or designee at the school site where the problem exists. Complaints may be filed anonymously, but in order to receive a written response, complainant will need to provide his or her name and contact information.

PARENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE
Federal law requires the school district and county office to adopt and notify parents and guardians of the district’s complaint procedures for state and federal educational programs, including the opportunity to appeal to the state department. The district must investigate and seek to resolve complaints at the local level and to follow uniform complaint procedures pursuant to state regulations when addressing complaints alleging unlawful discrimination for failure to comply with the law in adult basic education, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, vocational education, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs and special education programs.

The Governing Board has adopted a complaint procedure for programs and services covered by this act and a compliance officer has been appointed to process claims, investigate and ensure compliance with the law. Copies are also available at all schools and offices and may be obtained from the district office, Department of Human Resource Services at (916) 643-7400.

SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOL PROGRAMS
As a recipient of federal funds for participation in the Safe and Drug-Free Program, under the No Child Left Behind Act, parents have the right to be informed of the district’s efforts to prevent student violence and drug use and the right to be informed of the district’s efforts to prevent violence and drug use by students in the district. Parents also have the right to information regarding
the content of programs or activities undertaken by the district to deter violence and drug use and parents have the option to withdraw their student from participation in such programs or activities. Call (916) 643-7994 for more information. (20 U.S.C. § 7116 & § 7163)

FEDERAL TITLE I FUNDS

As a recipient of federal Title I funds, under the No Child Left Behind Act, parents of student participating in programs or activities supported by Title I funds have a right to participate in the development of parent involvement policies by the district and by individual schools that receive Title I funds.

For information about parent involvement policies, please contact: Department of State & Federal Programs at (916) 643-9051. (20 U.S.C. § 6318)

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Sacramento City Unified School District
2012-2013

Standards of Behavior
Parent and Student Commitment

Please read and sign

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the 2012-2013 Standards of Behavior, Tenth Edition as explained on pages 9 - 18 and have read and reviewed its contents.

We understand it is our obligation to meet these behavior standards.

________________________________  ______________________
Parent/Guardian (Print Name)  Student (Print Name)

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Parent/Guardian (Signature)   Student (Signature)

________________________________
Date        Date

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School Name

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR STUDENT’S SCHOOL.
Parent/Student Acknowledgement of Receipt of Annual Parent and Student Rights Notification

This form is to be returned back to your school principal.

Parent and/or student may request a copy for your own record.

Authorization for Release of Student Information & Other Health Coverage Inquiries (Page 1)

This information is necessary for the school district to participate in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Student’s Name: _____________________________________________ Date of Birth: ______/_______/___________

Student’s Health Insurance Coverage is Provided by: _______________________________________________________

Student’s Health Insurance Policy Number: ___________________________ Group Number: _________________

Student’s Health Insurance Carrier Claims Address: ________________________________________________________

Name of Policy Holder: ______________________________________________________________________________

California Healthy Kids Survey: 5th Grade Students Only (Page 18)

To gather information on behaviors from fifth grade students such as physical activity and nutritional habits, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; school safety; environmental and individual strengths and assets.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Release of Directory Information to Outside Agencies Including Military Recruiters (Page 20)

The purpose of this document is to inform you of your rights regarding release of student directory information.

Please do not release my child’s directory information to the following entities:

☐ Military Recruiter (high school students only) ☐ Institutions of Higher Learning ☐ News Media

☐ Parent Groups (PTA, School Site Council, etc.) ☐ Prospective Employers

District Use of Student Photos (Page 21)

By checking this box, I do NOT give permission for the district to use photos of my child in any official district publication or website.

☐ No

Healthy Schools Act Annual Notification Pesticide Products (Page 2)

This notification identifies the active ingredients in each pesticide product that will be used this school year.

I wish to be notified during this school year whenever a pesticide is going to be applied.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Student Use of Technology/Internet and Electronic Communication (Page 24)

To access Internet privileges while in a school environment.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Annual Parent and Student Rights Notification 2012-2013 which is information required by Education Code Section 48980. My signature is acknowledgement that I have been informed of my rights.

Student Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: ____________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: ____________