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CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Governing Board recognizes that the success of district students and programs hinges on effective personnel. The Board desires to establish safe and supportive working conditions that will attract and retain staff members who are highly qualified and dedicated to the education and welfare of students. The district's personnel policies and related regulations shall be designed to ensure a supportive, positive climate and shall be in conformance with state and federal law and regulations.

As the legal representative of the district in negotiations with employee representatives, the Board shall maintain communications during the process, and adopt the negotiated contract. Terms and conditions of employment which have been negotiated and stated in employee contracts shall have the force of policy. The Board shall hear employee complaints and appeals when such hearings are in accordance with Board policy or negotiated agreements. The Board shall also adopt wage and salary schedules and shall commit budget funds for staff development so that staff members may continue developing their skills.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 4144/4244/4344 - Complaints)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

The Superintendent has primary responsibility for overseeing the district's personnel system. To support this effort, the Board shall approve a framework for sound hiring practices. The Superintendent shall nominate all personnel for employment, and the Board shall approve only those persons so recommended. Individuals who approach Board members regarding prospective employment shall be referred to the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4211 - Recruitment and Selection)
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The Superintendent or designee shall assign and supervise the work of all employees and shall evaluate their work in accordance with effective accountability systems approved by the Board. The Superintendent or designee also shall recommend disciplinary action which the Board may take against employees when warranted pursuant to Board policy, administrative regulations and/or state or federal law.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)
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CONCEPTS AND ROLES (continued)

The Board recognizes that every employee has a stake in the district's successful operation. The Board encourages all district employees to express their ideas, concerns and proposals related to the improvement of working conditions and the total educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures whereby he/she will receive and consider employee suggestions and submit them, when appropriate, for consideration by the Board.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
35020 Duties of employees fixed by governing board
35035 Powers and duties of superintendent
35160 Powers of governing board

GOVERNMENT CODE
3540-3549.3 Public education employer-employee relations
Burnt Ranch School District
Board Policy

All Personnel

DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

The Governing Board believes that the maintenance of a drug- and alcohol-free workplace is essential to staff and student safety and to help ensure a productive and safe work and learning environment.

(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)
(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

An employee shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substance in the workplace. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

Employees are prohibited from being under the influence of controlled substances or alcohol while on duty. For purposes of this policy, on duty means while an employee is on duty during both instructional and noninstructional time in the classroom or workplace, at extracurricular or cocurricular activities, or while transporting students or otherwise supervising them. Under the influence means that the employee's capabilities are adversely or negatively affected, impaired, or diminished to an extent that impacts the employee's ability to safely and effectively perform his/her job.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees of the district's prohibition against drug use and the actions that will be taken for violation of such prohibition. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

An employee shall abide by the terms of this policy and shall notify the district, within five days, of his/her conviction for violation in the workplace of any criminal drug statute. (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

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

In accordance with law and the district's collective bargaining agreements, the Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, against an employee for violating the terms of this policy and/or shall require the employee to satisfactorily participate in and complete a drug assistance or rehabilitation program approved by a federal, state, or local public health or law enforcement agency or other appropriate agency.

(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE (continued)

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

Drug-Free Awareness Program

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about: (Government Code 8355; 41 USC 701)

1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace

2. The district's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace

3. Available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs

(cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)

4. The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
44011 Controlled substance offense
44425 Conviction of controlled substance offenses as grounds for revocation of credential
44836 Employment of certificated persons convicted of controlled substance offenses
44940 Compulsory leave of absence for certificated persons
44940.5 Procedures when employees are placed on compulsory leave of absence
45123 Employment after conviction of controlled substance offense
45304 Compulsory leave of absence for classified persons

GOVERNMENT CODE
8350-8357 Drug-free workplace
UNIVERSITY CODE, TITLE 20
7111-7117 Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act
UNIVERSITY CODE, TITLE 21
812 Schedule of controlled substances
UNIVERSITY CODE, TITLE 41
701-707 Drug-Free Workplace Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 21
1308.01-1308.49 Schedule of controlled substances

COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs: http://www.adp.ca.gov
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

Approved by the Board: January 10, 2011
Burnt Ranch School District
Board Policy

Nondiscrimination in Employment

Personnel

The Governing Board desires to provide a positive work environment where employees and job applicants are assured of equal access and opportunities and are free from harassment in accordance with law. The Board prohibits district employees from discriminating against or harassing any other district employee or job applicant on the basis of the person's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, veteran status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, or sexual orientation.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)
(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Prohibited discrimination consists of the taking of any adverse employment action against a person, including termination or denial of promotion, job assignment, or training, or in discriminating against the person in compensation, terms, conditions, or other privileges of employment based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above.

The prohibition against discrimination based on the religious creed of an employee or job applicant includes any discrimination based on the person's religious dress or grooming practices or any conflict between the person's religious belief, observance, or practice and an employment requirement. The prohibition against discrimination based on the sex of an employee or job applicant shall include any discrimination based on the person's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical conditions. (Government Code 12926, 12940)

Harassment consists of any unwelcome verbal, physical, or visual conduct that is based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above and that is so severe or pervasive that it adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee or job applicant who complains, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint procedures instituted pursuant to this policy.

Any district employee who engages in prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to engage or attempt to engage in such behavior in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
The following position is designated as Coordinator for Nondiscrimination in Employment:

The School Superintendent/Principal

Any employee or job applicant who believes that he/she has been or is being discriminated against or harassed in violation of district policy should, as appropriate, immediately contact his/her supervisor, the Coordinator, or the Superintendent who shall advise the employee or applicant about the district's procedures for filing, investigating, and resolving any such complaint.

Complaints regarding employment discrimination or harassment shall immediately be investigated in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment.

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment shall report the incident to the Coordinator or Superintendent as soon as practical after the incident. All other employees are encouraged to report such incidents to their supervisor immediately.

Training and Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to employees about how to recognize harassment and discrimination, how to respond appropriately, and components of the district's policies and regulations regarding discrimination.

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

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

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
CIVIL CODE
1.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation
GOVERNMENT CODE
11135 Unlawful discrimination
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
PENAL CODE
422.56 Definitions, hate crimes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
287.6 Terms, conditions and privileges of employment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
621-634 Age Discrimination in Employment Act
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
6101-6107 Age discrimination in federally assisted programs
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

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110.1-110.39 Nondiscrimination on the basis of age

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Management Resources:
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS
Notice of Non-Discrimination, August 2010

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS
Questions and Answers: Religious Discrimination in the Workplace, 2008
Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, October 2002
Enforcement Guidance: Vicarious Employer Liability for Unlawful Harassment by Supervisors, June 1999

WEB SITES
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr

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Administrative Regulation

All Personnel

AR 4031(a)

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Complaint Procedure

Any complaint by an employee or job applicant alleging discrimination or harassment shall be addressed in accordance with the following procedures:

1. **Notice and Receipt of Complaint:** Any employee or job applicant (the "complainant") who believes he/she has been subjected to prohibited discrimination or harassment shall promptly inform his/her supervisor, the district's Coordinator for Nondiscrimination in Employment, or the Superintendent.

   The complainant may file a written complaint in accordance with this procedure, or if he/she is an employee, may first attempt to resolve the situation informally with his/her supervisor.

   A supervisor or manager who has received information about an incident of discrimination or harassment, or has observed such an incident, shall report it to the Coordinator, whether or not the complainant files a written complaint.

   The written complaint should contain the complainant's name, the name of the individual who allegedly committed the act, a description of the incident, the date and location where the incident occurred, any witnesses who may have relevant information, other evidence of the discrimination or harassment, and any other pertinent information which may assist in investigating and resolving the complaint.

   (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
   (cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
   (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
   (cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

2. **Investigation Process:** The Coordinator shall initiate an impartial investigation of an allegation of discrimination or harassment within five school days of receiving notice of the behavior, regardless of whether a written complaint has been filed or whether the written complaint is complete.

   The Coordinator shall meet with the complainant to describe the district's complaint procedure and discuss the actions being sought by the complainant in response to the allegation. The Coordinator shall inform the complainant that the allegations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, but that some information may be revealed as necessary to conduct an effective investigation.
COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT (continued)

If the Coordinator determines that a detailed fact-finding investigation is necessary, he/she shall begin the investigation immediately. As part of this investigation, the Coordinator should interview the complainant, the person accused, and other persons who could be expected to have relevant information.

When necessary to carry out his/her investigation or to protect employee or student safety, the Coordinator may discuss the complaint with the Superintendent or designee, district legal counsel, or the district's risk manager.

The Coordinator also shall determine whether interim measures, such as scheduling changes, transfers, or leaves, need to be taken before the investigation is completed to ensure that further incidents do not occur. The Coordinator shall ensure that such interim measures do not constitute retaliation.

3. Written Report on Findings and Corrective Action: No more than 30 days after receiving the complaint, the Coordinator shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of his/her findings. This timeline may be extended for good cause. If an extension is needed, the Coordinator shall notify the complainant and explain the reasons for the extension.

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. If a determination has been made that discrimination or harassment occurred, the report also shall include any corrective action(s) that have been or will be taken to address the behavior, correct the effect on the complainant, and ensure that retaliation or further discrimination or harassment does not occur.

The report shall be presented to the complainant, the person accused, and the Superintendent or designee.

4. Appeal to the Governing Board: The complainant or the person accused may appeal any findings to the Board within 10 working days of receiving the written report of the Coordinator's findings. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with all information presented during the investigation. Upon receiving an appeal, the Board shall schedule a hearing as soon as practicable. Any complaint against a district employee shall be addressed in closed session in accordance with law. The Board shall render its decision within 10 working days.
COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT (continued)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

Other Remedies

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

1. To file a valid complaint with DFEH, within one year of the alleged discriminatory act(s), unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code 12960 (Government Code 12960)

2. To file a valid complaint directly with EEOC, within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) (42 USC 2000e-5)

3. To file a valid complaint with EEOC after first filing a complaint with DFEH, within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by DFEH, whichever is earlier (42 USC 2000e-5)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
GOVERNMENT CODE
12920-12921 Nondiscrimination
12940-12948 Discrimination prohibited; unlawful practices, generally
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
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12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX

Management Resources:
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS
Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, October 2002
COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT (continued)

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OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL
Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January, 1999
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EEOC: http://www.eeoc.gov
OCR: http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR

Regulation approved: September 21, 2009

BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
All Personnel

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

Definitions

Disability, with respect to an individual, is defined as any of the following: (Government Code 12926; 29 CFR 1630.2)

1. A physical or mental impairment that limits one or more of the major life activities
2. A record of such an impairment
3. Being regarded as having such an impairment

Limits shall be determined without regard to mitigating measures such as medications, assistive devices, prosthetics or reasonable accommodations, unless the mitigating measure itself limits a major life activity. (Government Code 12926)

Essential functions are the fundamental job duties of the position the individual with a disability holds or desires. The term does not include the marginal functions of the position. (29 CFR 1630.2)

Reasonable accommodations that an employer may need to provide in connection with modifications to the work environment or adjustments in how and when a job is performed that enable an individual with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities include, but are not limited to: (29 CFR 1630.2)

1. Making existing facilities accessible and usable
2. Restructuring the job duties
3. Offering part-time or modified work schedules
4. Acquiring or modifying equipment or devices
5. Changing tests, training materials or policies
6. Providing qualified readers or interpreters
7. Reassigning the employee to a vacant position

Qualified individual with a disability means an individual with a disability who satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of the employment position and who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of such position. (29 CFR 1630.2)
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION (continued)

Undue hardship is a determination based on an individualized assessment of current circumstances that shows that a specific reasonable accommodation would cause significant difficulty or expense. A determination of undue hardship should be based on several factors, including: (29 CFR 1630.2)

1. The nature and net cost of the accommodation needed, taking into consideration the availability of tax credits and deductions and/or outside funding

2. The overall financial resources of the facility making the reasonable accommodation, the number of persons employed at this facility, the effect on expenses and resources of the facility, or the impact on the operations of the facility

3. The overall financial resources, size, number of employees, and the number, type and location of facilities of the district

4. The type of operation of the district, including the structure and functions of the workforce, the geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the facility involved in making the accommodation

5. The impact of the accommodation on the operation of the facility, including the impact on the ability of other employees to perform their duties and the impact on the facility's ability to conduct business.

Requests for Reasonable Accommodation

The district designates the position specified in BP 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment as the coordinator of its efforts to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and to investigate any and all related complaints.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

When requesting reasonable accommodation, the employee or employee's representative shall inform the employee's supervisor that he/she needs a change at work for a reason related to a medical condition.

When requesting reasonable accommodation during the hiring process, a job applicant shall inform the coordinator that he/she will need a reasonable accommodation for the process.

When the disability and/or the need for accommodation is not obvious, the coordinator may ask the employee to supply reasonable documentation about his/her disability. In requesting this documentation, the coordinator shall specify the types of information that are being sought about the employee's condition, the employee's functional limitations and the need for reasonable accommodation. The employee may be asked to sign a limited release allowing the district to submit a list of specific questions to the health care or vocational professional.
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION (continued)

If the documentation submitted by the employee does not specify the existence of a qualifying disability and explain the need for reasonable accommodation, the district may require the employee to submit to an examination by a health care professional selected and paid for by the district.

Upon receiving a request to reasonably accommodate a qualified employee with a disability, the coordinator shall:

1. Determine the essential functions of the job

2. Engage in an informal, interactive process with the employee to review the request for accommodation, identify the precise limitations resulting from the disability, identify potential means for providing accommodation, and assess their effectiveness

3. Develop a plan for reasonable accommodation which is effective and allows the employee to perform the essential functions of the job or to gain equal access to a benefit or privilege of employment and does not impose undue hardship on the district

To qualify for a job, an individual shall not pose a significant risk of substantial harm to himself/herself or others in the workplace which cannot be eliminated or reduced by reasonable accommodation. (29 CFR 1630.2)

The determination of whether an individual poses a significant risk of substantial harm to himself/herself or others shall be made on a case-by-case basis and shall be based on objective, factual evidence, taking into consideration the duration of the risks, the nature and severity of the potential harm, the likelihood that the potential harm will occur and the imminence of potential harm. (29 CFR 1630.2)

The coordinator may confer with the district’s medical advisor and/or other district staff before making a final decision as to the accommodation.

Appeal Process

Any appeal for reasonable accommodation shall be considered a complaint concerning discrimination in employment and may be taken to the Governing Board in accordance with the district’s procedure for such complaints.

Legal Reference: (see next page)
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION (continued)

Legal Reference:
CIVIL CODE
51 Unruh Civil Rights Act
GOVERNMENT CODE
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
701-794e Vocational Rehabilitation Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act, especially:
35.107 Designation of employee
36.101-36.608 Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability by public facilities
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29
1630.2 Direct threat
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, October 2002
WEB SITES
EEOC: http://www.eeoc.gov
Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Burnt Ranch School District
Board Policy
Lactation Accommodation

Personnel

The Governing Board recognizes the immediate and long-term health advantages of breastfeeding for infants and mothers and desires to provide a supportive environment for any district employee to express milk for her infant child upon her return to work following the birth of the child. The Board prohibits discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation against any district employee who chooses to express breast milk for her infant child while at work.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

The district shall provide a reasonable amount of break time to accommodate an employee each time she has a need to express breast milk for her infant child. (Labor Code 1030)

To the extent possible, such break time shall run concurrently with the break time already provided to the employee. Any additional break time used by a non-exempt employee for this purpose shall be unpaid. (Labor Code 1030; 29 USC 207)

The employee shall be provided a private location, other than a restroom, which is in close proximity to her work area and meets the requirements of Labor Code 1031 and 29 USC 207, as applicable.

Employees are encouraged to notify their supervisor or other appropriate personnel in advance of their intent to make use of the accommodations offered for employees who are nursing mothers. As needed, the supervisor shall work with the employee to address arrangements and scheduling in order to ensure that the employees' essential job duties are covered during the break time.

Lactation accommodations may be denied only in limited circumstances in accordance with law. (Labor Code 1032; 29 USC 207)

Before an employee's supervisor makes a determination to deny lactation accommodations, he/she shall consult the Superintendent or designee. In any case in which lactation accommodations are denied, the Superintendent or
designee shall document the options that were considered and the reasons for denying the accommodations.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
CIVIL CODE
43.3 Right of mothers to breastfeed in any public or private location
GOVERNMENT CODE
12940 Discriminatory employment practices
12945 Discrimination based on pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions
LABOR CODE
1030-1033 Lactation accommodation
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
7291.2-7291.16 Sex discrimination; pregnancy and related medical conditions
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
207 Fair Labor Standards Act; lactation accommodation
FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION DECISIONS
Department of Fair Employment and Housing v. Acosta Tacos (Chavez), FEHC Precedential Decision 09-03P, 2009

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS PUBLICATIONS
Rest Periods/Lactation Accommodation, Frequently Asked Questions
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS
Minimum Requirements of the California Lactation Accommodation Law
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS
Lactation Support Program Toolkit
FEDERAL REGISTER
Reasonable Break Time for Nursing Mothers, December 21, 2010, Vol. 75, No. 244, pages 80073-80079
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL PUBLICATIONS
The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding, 2011
HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATIONS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION, PUBLICATIONS
Fact Sheet #3: Break Time for Nursing Mothers under the FLSA, rev. December 2010
WEB SITES
California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor and Standards
Enforcement: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse
California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov
California Women, Infants and Children: http://www.wicworks.ca.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov
Health Resources and Services Administration: http://www.hrsa.gov
U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Break Time for Nursing
Mothers: http://www.dol.gov/whd/nursingmothers

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EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

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

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

Employees shall be responsible for the appropriate use of technology and shall use the district's technological resources primarily for purposes related to their employment.

(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)

Employees shall be notified that computer files and electronic communications, including email and voice mail, are not private. Technological resources shall not be used to transmit confidential information about students, employees, or district operations without authority.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)

Online/Internet Services

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

To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of technological resources, including the accessing of email and stored files. Monitoring may occur at any time without advance notice or consent. When passwords are used, they must be known to the Superintendent or designee so that he/she may have system access.
EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish administrative regulations and an Acceptable Use Agreement which outline employee obligations and responsibilities related to the use of district technology. He/she also may establish guidelines and limits on the use of technological resources. Inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of the employee's user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or legal action in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

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

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

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

Use of Cellular Phone or Mobile Communications Device

An employee shall not use a cellular phone or other mobile communications device for personal business while on duty, except in emergency situations and/or during scheduled work breaks.

Any employee that uses a cell phone or mobile communications device in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to discipline and may be referred to law enforcement officials as appropriate.

(cf. 3513.1 - Cellular Phone Reimbursement)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
51870-51874 Education technology
52270-52272 Education technology and professional development grants
52295.10-52295.55 Implementation of Enhancing Education Through Technology grant program
GOVERNMENT CODE
3343.1 Rights of employee organizations
PENAL CODE
502 Computer crimes, remedies
632 Eavesdropping on or recording confidential communications
VEHICLE CODE
23123 Wireless telephones in vehicles
23123.5 Mobile communication devices; text messaging while driving
23125 Wireless telephones in school buses
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6751-6777 Enhancing Education Through Technology Act, Title II, Part D, especially:
6777 Internet safety
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 47
254 Universal service discounts (E-rate)
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 47
54.320 Internet safety policy and technology protection measures, E-rate discounts

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
American Library Association: http://www.ala.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov

Policy
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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
EMLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Online/Internet Services: User Obligations and Responsibilities

Employees are authorized to use district equipment to access the Internet or other online services in accordance with Board policy, the district's Acceptable Use Agreement, and the user obligations and responsibilities specified below.

1. The employee in whose name an online services account is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Employees shall keep account information, home addresses, and telephone numbers private. They shall use the system only under the account number to which they have been assigned.

2. Employees shall use the system safely, responsibly, and primarily for work-related purposes.

3. Employees shall not access, post, submit, publish, or display harmful or inappropriate matter that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

4. Employees shall not use the system to promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law, Board policy, or administrative regulations.

(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)

5. Employees shall not use the system to engage in commercial or other for-profit activities without permission of the Superintendent or designee.

6. Copyrighted material shall be posted online only in accordance with applicable copyright laws.

(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)

7. Employees shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to send or receive email, nor shall they attempt to read, delete, copy, modify, or forge other users' email.
EMPLOYEE USE OF TECHNOLOGY (continued)

8. Employees shall not develop any classroom or work-related web sites, blogs, forums, or similar online communications representing the district or using district equipment or resources without permission of the Superintendent or designee. Such sites shall be subject to rules and guidelines established for district online publishing activities including, but not limited to, copyright laws, privacy rights, and prohibitions against obscene, libelous, and slanderous content. Because of the unfiltered nature of blogs, any such site shall include a disclaimer that the district is not responsible for the content of the messages. The district retains the right to delete material on any such online communications.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

9. Users shall report any security problem or misuse of the services to the Superintendent or designee.
The Governing Board recognizes that teachers and other certificated personnel work closely with students in carrying out the district’s educational goals. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the duties, responsibilities, and district’s expectations for certificated positions are clearly defined and made known to each member of the certificated staff.

Each certificated staff member shall be held accountable for duties assigned to him/her and shall undergo regular performance evaluations in accordance with law and negotiated agreements.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

The Board strongly encourages certificated staff to continually improve their skills and pursue excellence within their profession.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Policies, rules and regulations related to certificated personnel shall be available to all concerned and shall be administered in a fair and equitable manner.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
90 Definition, certificated and certified
44006 Certificated person

GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation
Recruitment And Selection

Personnel

The Governing Board is committed to employing suitable, qualified individuals to carry out the district's mission to provide high-quality education to its students and to ensure the efficiency of district operations.

(cf. 0100 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 4100 - Certificated Personnel)
(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)
(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop fair, open, and transparent recruitment and selection processes and procedures that ensure individuals are selected based on demonstrated knowledge, skills, and competence and not on any bias, personal preference, or unlawful discrimination.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4111.2/4211.2/4311.2 - Legal Status Requirement)

When a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent or designee shall review the job description for the position to ensure that it accurately describes the major functions and duties of the position. He/she also shall disseminate job announcements to ensure a wide range of candidates.

With Board approval, the Superintendent or designee may provide incentives to recruit teachers, administrators, or other employees to work in low-performing schools or in hard-to-fill positions.

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

The district's selection procedures shall include screening processes, interviews, observations, and recommendations from previous employers as necessary to identify the best possible candidate for a position. The Superintendent or designee may establish an interview committee, as appropriate, to rank candidates and recommend finalists. All discussions and recommendations shall be confidential in accordance with law.

(cf. 2230 - Representative and Deliberative Groups)
During job interviews, applicants may be asked to describe or demonstrate how they will be able to perform the duties of the job. No inquiry shall be made with regard to any category of discrimination prohibited by state or federal law.

For each position, the Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board one candidate who meets all qualifications established by law and the Board for the position. No person shall be employed by the Board without the recommendation or endorsement of the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching English Language Learners)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)
(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)
(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)
(cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
41530-41533 Professional Development Block Grant
44066 Limitations on certification requirement
44259 Teaching credential; exception; designated subjects; minimum requirements
44735 Teaching as a Priority block grant
44740-44741 Personnel management assistance teams
44750 Teacher recruitment resource center
44830-44831 Employment of certificated persons
44858 Age or marital status in certificated positions
44859 Prohibition against certain rules and regulations re: residency
45103-45139 Employment (classified employees)
49406 Examination for tuberculosis
GOVERNMENT CODE
815.2 Liability of public entities and public employees
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, including:
12940-12956 Discrimination prohibited; unlawful practices
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 8
1324a Unlawful employment of aliens
1324b Unfair immigration related practices
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended
2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov
Education Job Opportunities Information Network: http://www.edjoin.org
Teach USA: http://www.calteacher.org

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Within three business days of hire, the Superintendent or designee shall physically examine the documentation presented by the employee establishing his/her identity and employment authorization as set forth in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9. The employee may present either an original document which establishes both employment authorization and identity or two separate original documents which establish authorization and identity. Only unexpired documents are acceptable. (8 CFR 274a.2)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

The Superintendent or designee shall: (8 CFR 274a.2)

1. Ensure that the documents presented appear to be genuine and relate to the individual

2. Complete the "Employer Review and Verification" section and sign the attestation with a handwritten signature or electronic signature on Form I-9

Persons employed for three business days or less must provide such documentation on their first day. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If unable to provide satisfactory documentation because the document was lost, stolen, or damaged, the employee shall furnish a receipt indicating that a replacement document has been requested. This receipt must be presented within three business days of the hire, and the replacement document must be provided within 90 days of the hire. (8 CFR 274a.2)

If an individual's employment authorization expires, the Superintendent or designee must reverify Form I-9, by noting the document's identification number and expiration date on the form, no later than the date the work authorization expires. The employee shall present a document that shows either continuing employment authorization or a new grant of work authorization. (8 CFR 274a.2)

The district shall retain an individual's Form I-9 for three years after the date of the hire or for one year after the date his/her employment is terminated, whichever is later. (8 CFR 274a.2)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall copy documents presented by an individual for verification and shall retain them with the individual's Form I-9. The documents shall be kept confidential and used only as needed to help justify the district's past decision to accept the documents as valid.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Certificated Personnel

APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Upon recommendation from the Superintendent or designee, the Governing Board shall approve the appointment of all certificated personnel. The position and the salary classification shall be reported to the Board at a regular meeting.

(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Individuals appointed to the certificated staff shall:

1. Possess the appropriate certification qualifications and register the certification document in accordance with law and Board policy (Education Code 44250-44279, 44330)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)

2. Demonstrate proficiency in basic skills as required by law and Board policy (Education Code 44252.5, 44830)

3. When required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act for teachers of core academic subjects, possess the qualifications of "highly qualified" teachers as defined in law, Board policy and administrative regulations (20 USC 6319)

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

4. Submit to fingerprinting as required by law (Education Code 44830.1)

5. Not have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5 or 1192.7, unless the individual has received a certificate of rehabilitation and pardon (Education Code 44830.1)

(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

6. Not have been convicted of any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010 (Education Code 44836)

7. Not have been required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 because of a conviction for a crime where the victim was a minor under the age of 16 (Penal Code 290.95)

(cf. 3515.5 - Sex Offender Notification)

8. Not have been determined to be a sexual psychopath pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 6300-6332 (Education Code 44837)
APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (continued)

9. Not have been convicted of any controlled substance offense as defined in Education Code 44011 (Education Code 44836)

10. Submit to a physical examination, tuberculosis testing and/or provide a medical certificate as required by law and Board policy (Education Code 44839, 49406)

(cf: 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

11. Furnish a statement of military service and, if any was rendered, a copy of the discharge or release from service or, if no such document is available, other suitable evidence of the termination of service (Education Code 44838)

12. File the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by Government Code 3100-3109

(cf: 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)

13. Fulfill any other requirements as specified by law, collective bargaining agreement, Board policy or administrative regulation

(cf: 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
35161 Powers and duties
44008 Effect of termination of probation
44009 Conviction of specified crimes; definitions
44010 Sex offense
44011 Controlled substance offense
44066 Limitation on certification requirements
44250-44277 Credential types
44330 Effect of registration of certification document
44830.1 Felons; certificated positions; criminal record summary; fingerprints
44836 Employment of person convicted of sex offenses or controlled substance offenses
44837 Employment of sexual sociopath
44838 Statement of military service
44839 Medical certificate
44839.5 Medical certificate for retiree
49406 Examination for tuberculosis

GOVERNMENT CODE
3100-3109 Oaths or affirmations of allegiance for disaster service workers and public employees
12940-12950 Unlawful employment practices

PENAL CODE
290 Registration of sex offenders
290.95 Disclosure by persons required to register as sex offenders
667.3 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms
1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE
6300-6332 Sexual psychopaths

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
6100-6125 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6319 Highly qualified teachers
7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
200.55-200.57 Highly qualified teachers
Certificated Personnel

CONTRACTS

When initially employed, certificated employees shall receive a written statement of their employment status and salary. In the case of temporary employees, this statement shall clearly indicate the temporary nature of the employment and the length of time for which the person is being employed. (Education Code 44916)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Length of Contract

Any certificated employee may be offered a continuing contract covering a period longer than one year but not exceeding four years. (Education Code 44929.20)

(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

Employee Notification

By May 15 of each year, each classroom teacher shall notify the Superintendent or designee of his/her intent to return to a teaching position for the next school year. (Education Code 44832).

An employee on leave of absence shall notify the district of his/her intent to remain in service the following year in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 4161/4261/4361 - Leaves)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
44832 Teachers; notice of intent to return
44842 Failure to provide notice or to report to work
44843 Notice of employment (to county superintendent)
44916 Time of classification; statement of employment status
44929.20 Continuing contract-districts w/less than 250 ADA
44955 Reduction in number of employees
Burnt Ranch School District
Board Policy
Certification

Personnel

Cautionary Notice: As added and amended by SBX3 4 (Ch. 12, Third Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009) and ABX4 2 (Ch. 2, Fourth Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2009), Education Code 42605 grants districts flexibility in "Tier 3" categorical programs and provides that districts are deemed in compliance with the program and funding requirements for these programs for the 2008-09 through 2012-13 fiscal years. As a result of this flexibility, the district may choose to temporarily suspend certain provisions of the following policy or administrative regulation that reflect those requirements. However, this flexibility does not affect or alter any existing contract or bargaining agreement that the district may have in place. Thus, districts should examine the terms of those contracts and agreements and consult with district legal counsel for additional guidance. Also see BP 2210 - Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy.

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's ability to provide a high-quality educational program is dependent upon the employment of certificated staff who are adequately prepared and have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills and in the subject matter to be taught. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that persons employed in positions requiring certification qualifications possess the appropriate credential or permit from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) authorizing their employment in such positions.

(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)
(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching Students of Limited English Proficiency)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)
(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4113 - Assignment)
(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

All teachers of core academic subjects shall meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. (20 USC 6319, 7801; 5 CCR 6100-6125)
(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

When a credentialed teacher or intern is not available, the district may request that the CTC issue a short-term staff permit, provisional internship permit (PIP), visiting faculty permit, emergency permit, or credential waiver under the conditions and limitations provided in state or federal law.

When requesting a PIP, the Board shall approve, as an action item at a public Board meeting, a notice of intent to employ the applicant in the identified position. (5 CCR 80021.1)

Before requesting a visiting faculty permit or emergency permit, the Board shall annually approve a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators as an action item at a regularly scheduled public Board meeting. (Education Code 44300.1; 5 CCR 80026)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide support and guidance to noncredentialed teachers in accordance with law to ensure the quality of the instructional program. He/she also may provide assistance and support to staff holding preliminary credentials to help them meet the qualifications required for the professional clear credential.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4131.1 - Beginning Teacher Support/Induction)
(cf. 4138 - Mentor Teachers)

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification

The Board encourages district teachers to voluntarily seek additional certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards which demonstrates advanced knowledge and teaching skills.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform all teachers about the program and how to acquire the necessary application and information materials. The Superintendent or designee may provide release time, fee support, a stipend upon completion, or other support to teachers participating in the program contingent upon funding.

(cf. 4161.3 - Professional Leaves)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
8360-8370 Qualifications of child care personnel
32340-32341 Unlawful issuance of a credential
35186 Complaints regarding teacher vacancy or misassignment
41520-41522 Teacher Credentialing Block Grant
42647 Eligibility to issue warrants
44066 Limitations on certification requirements
44200-44399 Teacher credentialing, especially:
44250-44277 Credential types; minimum requirements
44279.1-44279.7 Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program
44300-44302 Emergency permits and visiting faculty permits
44320.2 Teachers' performance assessment
44325-44328 District interns
44330-44355 Certificates and credentials
44380-44387 Alternative certification program
44395-44399 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
44420-44440 Revocation and suspension of credentials
44450-44468 University internship program
44560-44562 Certificated Staff Mentoring Program
44735 Teaching as a Priority Block Grant
44830-44929 Employment of certificated persons; requirement of proficiency in basic skills
56060-56063 Substitute teachers in special education
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
6100-6125 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act
80001-80674.6 Commission on Teacher Credentialing
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 Parental notifications
6312 Title I local educational agency plan
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INTERNS

The Governing Board may employ interns to fulfill the district's need for additional instructional resources and to assist future teachers in meeting state credentialing requirements by linking teaching theory with practice.

The Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement with an accredited college or university to provide supervised teaching experiences within the district as part of a teacher preparation program. He/she shall ensure that the district collaborates with the college or university in the selection, placement, support, and performance assessment of interns.

(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that interns employed by the district possess an appropriate internship credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and that their prior experiences and personal qualifications adequately prepare them for the responsibilities of the position.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching Students of Limited English Proficiency)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)

An intern may be assigned to provide the same service as a holder of a regular credential in accordance with the authorizations specified on the internship credential. (Education Code 44454, 44325, 44326, 44830.3)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

To be assigned to teach core academic subjects, as defined in law, an intern must meet the definition of a "highly qualified" teacher adopted by the State Board of Education. (20 USC 6319, 7801; 5 CCR 6100-6112)

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

Terms of employment for interns shall be consistent with law and the district’s collective bargaining agreement, as applicable. Interns shall not displace certificated district employees.

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Interns shall receive systematic supervision and guidance by qualified personnel in order to enhance their instructional skills and knowledge. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district staff serving as supervisors, mentor teachers, or other support providers receive appropriate training to fulfill their responsibilities and maintain frequent communication with the interns they are assigned to assist.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4138 - Mentor Teachers)
INTERNS (continued)

Interns shall be provided with ongoing feedback regarding their performance and shall be formally evaluated at least once every year in accordance with Board policy and the district's collective bargaining agreement.

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

When an intern has successfully completed the program, the Board may recommend to the CTC that the intern be awarded a preliminary or professional clear credential commensurate with his/her qualifications. (Education Code 44328, 44468, 44830.3)

The Board shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the program to determine whether changes are needed in the support and/or assignment of interns. The Board's evaluation shall be based on a report by the Superintendent or designee, including, but not limited to, data on student performance in classes taught by interns, feedback from interns and supervisors, and the number of interns who successfully complete the program and obtain teaching or education specialist credentials.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

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INTERNS

University Internship Program

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with a college or university in the development, implementation, and coordination of the university internship program. (Education Code 44452, 44465, 44467)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

The Superintendent or designee may enter into an agreement with a college or university for the employment of competent and qualified college or university staff members to supervise and guide interns as they pursue their district responsibilities. (Education Code 44461)

Salary payments for the supervision of interns may be made out of district funds and may be met by proportionately reducing the salaries of paid interns. In such cases, no more than eight interns may be supervised by one staff member and the district salary normally paid to interns may be reduced by no more than one-eighth to pay the supervisor’s salary. The intern shall not be paid less than the minimum salary required by the state for a regularly certificated teacher. (Education Code 44462)

(cf. 4151/4251 - Employee Compensation)

Before an intern enrolls in any college or university program to renew his/her internship credential, the Superintendent or designee shall counsel the intern and plan a program for the first and subsequent renewals. (Education Code 44457)

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Early Completion Option

An intern may choose an early completion option leading to a five-year preliminary credential by completing the following requirements: (Education Code 44468)

1. Passing the CTC-approved assessment of knowledge of teaching foundations

2. Passing the CTC-approved Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA)
   a. The intern shall first pass the assessment of teaching foundations described in item #1 before qualifying to take the TPA.
b. The intern may take the TPA only one time as part of the early completion option. An intern who is not successful on the TPA may complete his/her internship program and his/her scores shall be used to provide an individualized professional development plan that emphasizes preparation in areas where additional growth is warranted and waiving preparation in areas where the intern has demonstrated competence. The intern shall be required to retake and pass the TPA at the end of the internship in order to be considered for recommendation to the CTC.

3. For interns pursuing a preliminary multiple subjects credential, passing the reading instruction competence assessment described in Education Code 44283

4. Meeting the requirements for teacher fitness as set forth in Education Code 44339, 44340, and 44341

Alternative Certification Program for Addressing Teacher Shortages

To assist with recruitment of teachers in geographic and subject matter shortage areas, the district shall implement an alternative certification program that encourages persons with work experience and others who already have a bachelor's degree in the field in which they plan to teach to obtain a permanent credential. (Education Code 44382)

The district's alternative certification program shall be operated as a university internship program and/or district internship program under the requirements specified above for the applicable program. (Education Code 44384)

Enhanced Internship Program

When granted additional state funding as an enhanced internship program, the district's program shall: (Education Code 44387)

1. Provide interns, before they provide instructional services, with the greater of the following:

   a. 120 hours of intensive preservice training focused on the teaching of English language learners

   b. 40 hours of preservice training in addition to all other required training, including, but not limited to, training related to services for English language learners pursuant to Education Code 44253.3, 44253.4, and 44253.10
INTERNS (continued)

2. Provide all teacher interns with 40 hours of classroom observation, supervision, assistance, and assessment by one or more experienced teachers who possess valid certification to teach the same grade level and the same subject matter and who are employed by the district and assigned to assist the interns

(cf. 4138 - Mentor Teachers)

3. Maintain a ratio of one experienced teacher to no more than five
Burnt Ranch School District
Administrative Regulation
Staff Teaching English Language Learners

Definitions

English learner means a student who does not speak English or whose native language is not English and who is not currently able to perform ordinary classroom work in English. (Education Code 306)

Instruction for English language development (ELD) means instruction designed specifically for English learners to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English. (Education Code 44253.2)

Specially designed academic instruction in English (SDAIE) means instruction in a subject area, delivered in English, that is specially designed to meet the needs of English learners. (Education Code 44253.2)

Primary language instruction includes both primary language development designed to develop English learners' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in their primary language and content instruction delivered in the primary language in any subject area. (Education Code 44253.2)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

Teacher Qualifications

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any teacher with one or more English learners in his/her class possesses an English learner authorization issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) authorizing ELD and/or SDAIE, as appropriate. A teacher possessing a bilingual authorization may be assigned to provide ELD, SDAIE, and/or primary language instruction.

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)
(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)
(cf. 4113 - Assignment)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
A teacher with a designated subjects teaching credential or a service credential with a special class authorization may enroll in a CTC-approved staff development program and, upon successful completion, may apply to the CTC for a Certificate of Completion of Staff Development authorizing instruction in SDAIE. (Education Code 44253.11)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

The Governing Board may, for the purpose of providing primary language instruction, hire bilingual teachers who are employed in public or private schools of a foreign country, state, territory, or possession, provided such teachers speak English fluently and hold the necessary sojourn credential issued by the CTC. After the initial two-year sojourn credential expires, the teacher may annually apply to the CTC for an extension for a total period of not more than five years. Any application for renewal shall include verification by the Superintendent or designee that termination of the employment would adversely affect an existing bilingual program and that attempts to secure the employment of a qualified certificated California teacher have been unsuccessful. (Education Code 44856)

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SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF

Any teacher assigned to serve students with disabilities shall possess a credential that authorizes him/her to teach the primary disability of the students within the program placement recommended in the students' individualized education programs (IEP). (5 CCR 80046.5)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4113 - Assignment)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

Special education teachers who teach core academic subjects shall possess the qualifications required by the No Child Left Behind Act. (20 USC 1401, 6319, 7801; 34 CFR 200.55-200.57, 300.18; 5 CCR 6100-6126)

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that caseloads for special education teachers are within the maximum caseloads established by law and/or the comprehensive plan of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) in which the district participates.

(cf. 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

RESOURCE SPECIALISTS

The Governing Board shall employ certificated resource specialists to provide services for students with disabilities which shall include, but not be limited to: (Education Code 56362)

1. Providing instruction and services to students whose needs have been identified in an IEP and who are assigned to regular classroom teachers for a majority of the school day

   A student shall not be enrolled in a resource specialist program for a majority of a school day without approval by the student's IEP team.

2. Providing information and assistance to students with disabilities and their parents/guardians

3. Providing consultation, resource information, and material regarding students with disabilities to their parents/guardians and regular education staff members

4. Coordinating special education services with the regular school programs for each student with disabilities enrolled in the resource specialist program
SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF (continued)

5. Monitoring student progress on a regular basis, participating in the review and revision of IEPs as appropriate, and referring students who do not demonstrate sufficient progress to the IEP team.

The district’s resource specialist program shall be under the direction of a resource specialist who possesses: (Education Code 56362)

1. A special education credential or clinical services credential with a special class authorization

2. Three or more years of teaching experience, including both regular and special education teaching experience

3. The demonstrated competencies required for a resource specialist as established by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing in 5 CCR 80070.8

No resource specialist shall have a caseload which exceeds 28 students. As necessary and with the agreement of the resource specialist, the Board may request a waiver from the State Board of Education to increase the caseload to no more than 32 students, provided that an individual resource specialist does not have a caseload exceeding 28 students for more than two school years and has the assistance of an instructional aide at least five hours daily during the period of the waiver. (Education Code 56362, 56362.1; 5 CCR 3100)

(cf. 1431 - Waivers)

Resource specialists shall not simultaneously be assigned to serve as resource specialists and to teach regular classes. (Education Code 56362)

Teachers of Students with Autism

A teacher whose preliminary Level I education specialist credential or other previously issued credential authorizes him/her to provide instruction to students with mild and moderate disabilities may be assigned to provide instruction to students with autism, provided that the teacher consents to the assignment and satisfies either of the following criteria prior to the assignment: (Education Code 44265.1)

1. The teacher has provided full-time instruction for at least one year prior to September 1, 2007, in a special education program that serves students with autism in accordance with their IEP and received a favorable evaluation or recommendation from the district to teach students with autism.

2. The teacher has completed a minimum of three semester units of coursework in the subject of autism offered by a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF (continued)

The Superintendent or designee shall report teachers assigned under the above conditions to the county office of education as part of the annual assignment monitoring pursuant to Education Code 44258.9. (Education Code 44265.1)

The Superintendent or designee may employ and assign a teacher to provide instruction to students age 3-4 who are diagnosed with autism if the teacher holds a valid preliminary Level I or clear Level II education specialist credential, is authorized to provide instruction to students with autism, and satisfies either of the criteria listed in items #1 and 2 above, except that the prior service shall have been with autistic students age 3-4 or the completed coursework shall have been in the subject of special education related to early childhood education. (Education Code 44265.2)

Verification of experience or coursework for any teacher of autistic students shall be maintained on file in the district office. (Education Code 44265.1, 44265.2)

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Recognizing the importance of teacher effectiveness in improving student achievement, the Governing Board desires to recruit and hire teachers for core academic subjects who possess the subject matter knowledge and teaching skills required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)
(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching Students of Limited English Proficiency)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

All teachers employed to teach core academic subjects shall be "highly qualified" as defined by federal law and the State Board of Education. (20 USC 6319, 7801; 34 CFR 200.55; 5 CCR 6100-6126)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform teachers of NCLB requirements and shall identify additional qualifications, if any, that individual teachers need to demonstrate in order to meet the requirements. He/she shall work with individual teachers to develop a plan for attaining full qualifications.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board on the progress of the district's teachers toward becoming fully qualified. Such reports shall include, but need not be limited to, the percentage of teachers in core academic subjects who meet the definition of a "highly qualified" teacher in accordance with federal law, and the percentage of teachers who are receiving professional development to enable them to satisfy this definition. (20 USC 6319)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4131.1 - Beginning Teacher Support/Induction)

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TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Definitions

Core academic subjects include English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography. (20 USC 7801)

High Objective Uniform State Standard Evaluation (HOUSSE) is a method of determining a teacher's subject matter competence using forms developed by the California Department of Education (CDE). HOUSSE Part 1 consists of a summation of the teacher's years of experience, coursework, professional development, and service to the profession. HOUSSE Part 2, to be conducted only if Part 1 does not indicate subject matter competency, consists of direct observation and portfolio assessment and, if necessary, completion of the Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers or other individualized professional development plan. (5 CCR 6104)

(cf. 4139 - Peer Assistance and Review)

Teacher new to the profession is a teacher who either graduated from an accredited institution of higher education and received a credential, or was enrolled in or had completed an approved intern program, on or after July 1, 2002. (5 CCR 6100)

Teacher not new to the profession is a teacher who either graduated from an accredited institution of higher education and received a credential, or was enrolled in or had completed an approved intern program, before July 1, 2002. (5 CCR 6100)

Teacher Qualifications

To meet the teacher qualification requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), a teacher of a core academic subject shall meet all of the following conditions: (20 USC 6319, 7801; 34 CFR 200.55, 200.56, 300.18; 5 CCR 6101, 6104, 6105, 6110)

1. Hold a bachelor's degree

2. Hold a full credential or be currently enrolled in an approved intern program for less than three years

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)

3. Demonstrate subject matter competency in accordance with the applicable requirements below

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
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A teacher who holds a supplementary authorization or is employed on a local teaching assignment shall meet the teacher qualification requirements of NCLB if he/she holds a California teaching credential and has demonstrated subject matter competency for the grade span and subject matter taught. (5 CCR 6116)

A teacher shall not meet the teacher qualification requirements of NCLB if he/she is teaching with a short-term staff permit, a provisional internship permit, or a state or local waiver for the grade or subject taught. (5 CCR 6115, 80021, 80021.1)

Demonstration of Subject Matter Competency

Subject matter competency shall be demonstrated in accordance with the following requirements based on the grade levels taught and the teacher’s length of time in the profession:

1. An elementary teacher who is new to the profession shall pass a validated statewide subject matter examination certified by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). (5 CCR 6102)

2. An elementary teacher who is not new to the profession shall complete one of the following: (5 CCR 6103-6104)
   a. A validated statewide subject matter examination that the CTC has utilized to determine subject matter competency for credentialing purposes
   b. The HOUSSE, as defined above, to determine the teacher’s subject matter competency in each of the core academic subjects taught by the teacher

3. An elementary school special education teacher teaching multiple subjects exclusively to students with disabilities may either: (20 USC 1401; 34 CFR 300.18; 5 CCR 6111)
   a. Meet the requirements above for teachers who are new or not new to the profession, as applicable
   b. In the case of a new special education teacher who has demonstrated subject matter competency in mathematics, language arts, or science, demonstrate competency in the other core academic subject(s) he/she teaches through the HOUSSE no later than two years after the date of employment
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT
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Satisfaction of Requirements Outside District

A teacher who has been determined by another district in California to have met the teacher qualification requirements for the grade level and/or subject taught shall not be required to demonstrate again that he/she meets those requirements. (5 CCR 6120)

A teacher who has been determined to meet subject matter competency requirements outside of California shall be considered to have met those requirements for the particular subject and/or grade span in California. The date of issuance of a valid out-of-state credential shall be used to identify a teacher as new or not new to the profession. (5 CCR 6125)

A teacher prepared in a country other than the United States shall be considered to have met NCLB teaching requirements if he/she: (5 CCR 6126)

1. Holds a degree from a foreign college or university that is at least equivalent to a bachelor's degree offered by an American institution of higher education

2. Has completed a teacher preparation program that meets CTC requirements for out-of-country trained teachers

3. Demonstrates subject matter competency for the grade span and subjects taught through the same or equivalent processes and methods required of California teachers

4. Holds a California teaching credential

Certification of Compliance

All teachers teaching core academic subjects shall complete and sign a certificate of compliance with NCLB requirements and attach appropriate documentation. The Superintendent or designee shall verify the information and retain the signed original copy.

The Superintendent shall annually attest in writing as to whether the school is in compliance with NCLB requirements related to teacher qualifications. Copies of the attestation shall be maintained at the school office and shall be available to any member of the public upon request. (20 USC 6319)

District Plan for Highly Qualified Teachers

Within the Title I local educational agency plan, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan for ensuring that all teachers of core academic subjects will meet NCLB requirements in accordance with law. As part of this plan, the Superintendent or designee shall provide high-quality professional development designed to enable teachers to meet NCLB requirements. (20 USC 6312, 6319)
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Parental Notifications

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher including, but not limited to: (20 USC 6311)

1. Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction

2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived

3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree

4. Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide timely notice to individual parents/guardians of students attending a Title I school whenever their child has been assigned to or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher of a core academic subject who does not meet NCLB teacher qualification requirements. (20 USC 6311; 34 CFR 200.61)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify teachers, as appropriate, prior to distributing the above notice to parents/guardians.

The notice and information provided to parents/guardians shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, be provided in a language that the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6311)
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

ATTESTATION REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS OF TITLE I TEACHERS

Instructions: The following certification must be annually completed and signed by each principal in a school that operates a Title I program pursuant to 20 USC 6314 (schoolwide programs) and 20 USC 6315 (targeted assistance schools).

School: ____________________________________ Principal: __________________________

I certify that all teachers hired after the first day of the 2002-03 school year to teach core academic subjects in a program supported by Title I funds meet the following qualifications:

1. Hold at least a bachelor's degree

2. Have a credential or are currently enrolled in an approved intern program for less than three years

3. Have demonstrated subject matter competence as required by 5 CCR 6100-6115 for the grade level(s) taught and the teacher's length of time in the profession

Signature of Principal __________________________ Date __________________________
TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

To Parents/Guardians:

Your child is attending a school receiving Title I federal funds under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

Under NCLB, teachers of core academic subjects are required to hold state certification and demonstrate subject matter competency for the grade span or subject matter taught. These requirements help us to ensure that all our students receive the best education by teachers who are highly skilled and knowledgeable in their subject areas.

This federal law requires the school to notify you that a teacher who has not yet completed the process for meeting NCLB requirements has taught your child for four or more consecutive weeks. However, the teacher is authorized to teach in California and is working toward completion of the requirements. Our school district continues to monitor teacher qualifications and to provide additional support and training, as necessary, to help teachers meet the requirements.

You may contact Burnt Ranch School to request the qualifications of your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Meierding at 530-629-2543.
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

All district employees are declared by law to be disaster service workers and thus shall take the oath or affirmation required for disaster service workers before beginning employment with the district. In the event of natural, manmade or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life, property and resources, all district employees are subject to disaster service activities as assigned to them by their supervisors or by law. (Government Code 3100-3102)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 9224 - Oath or Affirmation)

Legally employed noncitizens shall be exempt from taking this oath. (Government Code 3101)

At the advice of legal counsel, the Superintendent or designee may exempt an employee from taking the oath if he/she raises a valid religious objection.

The Superintendent or other person authorized in Education Code 60 shall administer the oath or affirmation when a district employee is hired.

In the case of intermittent, temporary, emergency or successive employments, the Superintendent or designee may determine that the oath shall be effective for all successive periods of employment which begin within one calendar year from the date that the oath was subscribed. (Government Code 3102)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

The Superintendent or designee shall file the executed oath or affirmation within 30 days of the date on which it is taken and subscribed. An employee’s oath or affirmation may be destroyed five years after the termination of employment. (Government Code 3105)

Reimbursement of Expenses for Disaster Service Workers

Whenever an employee seeks compensation or reimbursement of expenses as a disaster service worker, the Superintendent or designee shall ascertain and certify that the employee has taken the oath or affirmation. (Government Code 3107)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
OATH OR AFFIRMATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
60 Persons authorized to administer and certify oaths
44334 Oath or affirmation required for credential
44354 Administration of oath required for credential

GOVERNMENT CODE
3100-3109 Oath or affirmation of allegiance

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 20, Section 3 Oath of office

COURT DECISIONS
Chilton v. Contra Costa Community College District, 55 Cal. App. 3d 544 (1976)
Vogel v. County of Los Angeles, (1967) 68 Cal. 2d 18, 22
OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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

I understand that as a public employee I am a disaster service worker pursuant to Government Code 3100 and 3102 and that I am required to take this oath before entering the duties of my employment. In the event of natural, manmade or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life, property and resources, I am subject to disaster services activities assigned to me by my supervisor.

(Signature)

Certified by:

(Person who administers the oath)
Burnt Ranch School District
Administrative Regulation

All Personnel

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

Tuberculosis Tests

No applicant shall be initially employed in a classified or certificated position unless, within
the past 60 days, he/she has submitted to an intradermal tuberculin skin test or other
approved tuberculin test and, if that test was positive, has subsequently obtained an x-ray of
the lungs. The applicant shall submit to the district a certificate signed by an authorized
health care provider indicating that he/she is free of active tuberculosis. (Education Code
49406; 5 CCR 5503)

The cost of the pre-employment tuberculosis examination shall be paid by the applicant.

An applicant who was previously employed in another California school district or private or
parochial school may fulfill the tuberculosis examination requirement either by producing a
certificate showing that he/she was examined within the last four years and found to be free
of active tuberculosis or by having his/her previous employer verify that it has on file a
certificate which contains that evidence. (Education Code 49406)

Every district employee who tests negative shall undergo a tuberculosis examination at least
once every four years, or more often if so directed by the Governing Board upon
recommendation of the county health officer, for as long as the employee's test remains
negative. An employee with a documented positive test for tuberculosis infection shall no
longer be required to submit to the examination but shall be referred to the county health
officer within 30 days of the examination to determine the need for follow-up care.
(Education Code 49406)

Tuberculosis tests for employees shall be provided by the district or at district expense.
(Education Code 44839, 45122, 49406)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from the tuberculosis testing requirement
classified employees who are employed for less than a school year if their functions do not
require frequent or prolonged contact with students. (Education Code 49406)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt a pregnant employee from the requirement that
a positive tuberculin skin test be followed by an x-ray of the lungs, for a period not to exceed
60 days following termination of the pregnancy. (Education Code 49406)

Medical Certification for Communicable Diseases for Certificated Employees

The Board shall not fill a position requiring certification with an applicant who has not
previously been employed in a certificated position in California or a retirant who has not
HEALTH EXAMINATIONS (continued)

been employed as a retirant, unless the district has on file a medical certification completed and submitted directly to the district by an authorized health care provider. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5)

(cf. 4117.14/4317.14 - Postretirement Employment)

The medical certification shall certify that the applicant or retirant is free from any disabling disease which would render him/her unfit to instruct or associate with children. The medical examination referred to in the certificate must have been conducted within six months of the date that the certificate is filed. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5; 5 CCR 5503)

(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)

Applicants and retirants shall pay for the cost of obtaining the medical certification. (Education Code 44849, 44839.5)

Mental Examination for Certificated Employees

A certificated employee may be suspended or transferred to other duties if the Board has reasonable cause to believe that the employee is suffering from mental illness of such a degree as to render him/her incompetent to perform his/her duties. In such a case, the district shall follow the process specified in Education Code 44942 and the district's collective bargaining agreement, including the opportunity for the employee to be examined by a panel of psychiatrists or psychologists.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
44839  Medical certificate; periodic medical examination
44839.5  Requirements for employment of retirant
44932  Grounds for dismissal of permanent employee
44942  Suspension or transfer of certificated employee on ground of mental illness
45122  Physical examinations
49406  Examination for tuberculosis

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE
2700-2838  Nurses
3500-3546  Physician assistants

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
121525  Private and parochial school employees, examination for tuberculosis

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
5502  Filing of notice of physical examination for employment of retired persons
5503  Physical examination for employment of retired persons
5504  Medical certification procedures
HEALTH EXAMINATIONS (continued)

COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov
Public Health Institute: http://www.phi.org
U.S. Food and Drug Administration: http://www.fda.gov

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Drug And Alcohol Testing For School Bus Drivers

Personnel

Definitions

For purposes of drug testing required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), drugs included in the tests are marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, phencyclidine (PCP), and opiates. (49 CFR 40.3, 40.85, 382.107)

Alcohol concentration or level means the alcohol in a volume of breath expressed in terms of grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. For purposes of the DOT alcohol testing program, an alcohol level between 0.02 and 0.04 requires removal of the bus driver for a 24-hour period following the test. An alcohol level of 0.04 or higher requires immediate removal of the driver from performing safety-sensitive functions until the driver has successfully completed the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 382.107, 382.201, 382.505)

Safety-sensitive function means all time from the time a driver begins to work or is required to be in readiness to work until the time he/she is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work. Safety-sensitive functions include, but are not limited to, all time driving or otherwise in the bus; waiting at a district facility to be dispatched; inspecting, servicing, or conditioning the bus or bus equipment; loading or unloading the bus; supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading of the bus; and repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled bus. (49 CFR 382.107)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

Designated Employer Representative

The Superintendent or an identified designated employer representative and shall provide his/her name and telephone number to the testing contractor to contact about any problems or issues that may arise during the testing process. (49 CFR 40.35, 40.215)

The Superintendent or designated employer representative shall be responsible for receiving test results and other communications, taking immediate action(s) to remove drivers from safety-sensitive functions, and making other required decisions in the testing and evaluation processes. (49 CFR 40.3)

Pre-employment Testing
When hiring a new driver, the Superintendent or designee shall, with the driver's written consent, request the driver's past drug and alcohol testing record, as specified in 49 CFR 40.25, from any employer who has employed the driver at any time during the previous two years. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall ask the driver if he/she tested positive, or refused to test, on any pre-employment drug or alcohol test that was administered during the past two years in the course of applying for another safety-sensitive transportation position that he/she did not obtain. The driver shall not be permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions if he/she refuses to provide consent to obtain the information from previous employers, the information from previous employers is not received within 30 days of the date on which the driver first performed safety-sensitive functions for the district, or the driver or a previous employer reports a violation of a drug or alcohol regulation without subsequent completion of the return-to-duty process. (49 CFR 40.25, 382.413)

Upon making a contingent offer of employment to a driver and prior to the first time the driver performs safety-sensitive functions for the district, the Superintendent or designee shall require the driver to undergo testing for drugs and to receive a verified negative test result. This testing requirement may be waived if all of the following conditions exist: (49 CFR 382.301)

1. The driver has participated in a qualified drug testing program within the previous 30 days.

2. While participating in the program, the driver either was tested within the past six months or participated in a random drug testing program for the previous 12 months.

3. The Superintendent or designee has contacted the testing program(s) in which the driver has participated and has obtained information about the program and the driver's participation as specified in 49 CFR 382.301.

4. No prior employer of the driver of whom the district has knowledge has records of the driver's violation of federal drug testing regulations within the previous six months.

**Post-Accident Testing**

As soon as practicable following an accident involving a school bus or student activity bus, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the driver involved is tested for alcohol and/or drugs under either of the following conditions: (49 CFR 382.303)

1. The accident involved loss of human life.
2. The driver receives a citation for alcohol use within eight hours of the accident, or for drug use within 32 hours of the accident, and the accident involved bodily injury to a person who required immediate medical treatment away from the scene of the accident and/or disabling damage to one or more vehicles requiring towing.

The Superintendent or designee shall attempt to administer a required alcohol test up to eight hours following the accident and/or a drug test up to 32 hours following the accident. The results of an alcohol or drug test conducted by federal, state, or local officials having independent authority for the test shall be considered to meet this requirement. If the alcohol test is not administered within two hours following the accident, or the test for drugs is not administered within 32 hours following the accident, the Superintendent or designee shall make a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. (49 CFR 382.303)

**Random Testing**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that random, unannounced drug and alcohol tests of bus drivers are conducted on testing dates reasonably spread throughout the year. Such tests shall be conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions. (49 CFR 382.305)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the percentage of district drivers randomly tested for drugs and alcohol meets or exceeds the minimum annual percentage rates specified in 49 CFR 382.305 or subsequently published in the Federal Register.

Each driver selected for random testing shall have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made. (49 CFR 382.305)

Each driver who is selected for testing shall proceed to the test site immediately or, if performing a safety-sensitive function other than driving a bus, then as soon as possible after ceasing that function. (49 CFR 382.305)

**Reasonable Suspicion Testing**

A driver shall be required to submit to a drug or alcohol test whenever the Superintendent or designee has reasonable suspicion that the driver has violated the prohibitions against the use of drugs or alcohol. Such reasonable suspicion shall be based on specific, contemporaneous, articulable observations, conducted during, immediately before, or immediately after the performance of safety-sensitive functions, concerning the driver's appearance, behavior, speech, and/or body odors. Reasonable suspicion of drug use may also include indications of the chronic and withdrawal effects of drugs. (49 CFR 382.307)

The person who makes the required observations for reasonable suspicion testing for drugs or alcohol shall be trained in accordance with 49 CFR 382.603. The person
who makes the determination that reasonable suspicion exists to conduct an alcohol test shall not be the same person who conducts the alcohol test. (49 CFR 382.307)

Within 24 hours of the observed behavior or before the results of the drug or alcohol test are released, whichever is earlier, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and sign a written record of the observations leading to a reasonable suspicion test. (49 CFR 382.307)

An alcohol test required as a result of reasonable suspicion shall be administered within eight hours following the determination of reasonable suspicion. If the test is not administered within two hours, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and maintain on file a record stating the reasons the test was not promptly administered. (49 CFR 382.307)

In the absence of a reasonable suspicion alcohol test, the district shall take no action against a driver based solely on the driver's behavior and appearance, except that the driver shall not be allowed to report for or remain on safety-sensitive functions until an alcohol test is administered and the results show a concentration less than 0.02 or 24 hours have elapsed following the determination of reasonable suspicion. (49 CFR 382.307)

**Return-to-Duty Testing**

The Superintendent or designee may permit a driver who has violated federal drug or alcohol regulations to return to safety-sensitive functions after the driver has successfully complied with the education and treatment services prescribed by a substance abuse professional and has taken a return-to-duty drug or alcohol test. The driver shall not resume performance of safety-sensitive functions unless the drug test shows a negative result and/or the alcohol test shows a concentration of less than 0.02. (49 CFR 40.305, 382.309)

**Follow-Up Testing**

Upon receiving a written follow-up testing plan from a substance abuse professional, the Superintendent or designee shall determine the actual dates for follow-up testing consistent with those recommendations and shall ensure that such tests are unannounced and follow no discernable pattern as to their timing. No additional tests beyond those included in the plan shall be imposed by the district. (49 CFR 40.307-40.309, 382.111)

**Notifications**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide each driver with materials explaining the federal regulations and the district's policy and procedure related to drug and alcohol testing and shall notify representatives of employee organizations of the availability of this information. This information shall include a detailed discussion
of at least the following as per CHP regulations: (49 CFR 382.303, 382.113, 382.601)

1. The identity of the person designated by the district to answer driver questions about the materials

2. The categories of drivers who are subject to drug and alcohol testing

3. Sufficient information about the safety-sensitive functions performed by those drivers to make clear what period of the workday the driver is required to be in compliance

4. Specific information concerning prohibited driver conduct

5. The circumstances under which a driver will be tested for drugs and/or alcohol, including post-accident testing

6. The procedures that will be used to test for the presence of drugs and alcohol, protect the driver and the integrity of the testing processes, safeguard the validity of the test results, and ensure that those results are attributed to the correct driver

7. The requirement that a driver submit to drug and alcohol tests

8. An explanation of what constitutes a refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test and the attendant consequences

9. The consequences for drivers found to have violated the prohibitions against drug or alcohol use, including the circumstances under which drivers will be removed immediately from safety-sensitive functions and the requirements for education, treatment, and return-to-duty testing

10. The consequences for drivers found to have a blood alcohol concentration between 0.02 and 0.04

11. Information concerning the effects of drug and alcohol use on an individual’s health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of a drug or alcohol problem (the driver’s or a co-worker’s); and available methods of intervening when a drug or alcohol problem is suspected, including confrontation, referral to any employee assistance program, and/or referral to management

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

Each driver shall sign a statement certifying that he/she has received a copy of the above materials. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the original of the signed certificate and may provide a copy of the certificate to the driver. (49 CFR 382.601)
In addition, prior to administering each alcohol or drug test, the driver shall be notified that the test is required pursuant to Title 49, Part 382, of the Code of Federal Regulations. (49 CFR 382.113)

The driver shall be notified of the results of drug and alcohol tests in accordance with 49 CFR 382.411.

**Records**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the district's drug and alcohol testing program in accordance with 49 CFR 40.333 and 382.401. Such records shall be maintained for 3 years in a secure location with controlled access and shall be disclosed only in accordance with 49 CFR 382.405.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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Certificated Personnel

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Applicants for Employment

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each person to be employed submits fingerprints, either electronically through the Live Scan system or on fingerprint identification cards, for processing by the Department of Justice. If the district is using the Live Scan system, the Superintendent or designee shall also provide the applicant with a Live Scan request form and a list of nearby Live Scan locations.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that no person is hired in a position requiring certification qualifications or supervising positions requiring certification qualifications who has been convicted of a violent or serious felony as listed in Penal Code 667.5(c) or 1192.7(c), unless that person has obtained a certificate of rehabilitation and a pardon. (Education Code 44830.1)

(cf: 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
(cf: 4112.2 - Certification)

However, a certificated employee may be hired by the district, without obtaining a criminal record summary, if that employee became a permanent employee of another school district as of October 1, 1997. (Education Code 44830.1)

(cf: 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Temporary Certificate of Clearance

Before issuing a temporary certificate of clearance to an applicant whose credential is being processed, the Superintendent or designee shall obtain a criminal record summary from the Department of Justice. The Superintendent or designee shall not issue a temporary certificate of clearance if the applicant has been convicted of a violent or serious felony, unless the applicant has obtained a certificate of rehabilitation and pardon. (Education Code 44332, 44332.5, 44332.6)

The Superintendent or designee may issue a temporary certificate of clearance without obtaining a criminal record summary to an employee currently and continuously employed by a district within the county who is serving under a valid credential and has applied for a renewal of that credential or for an additional credential. (Education Code 44332.6)

The Superintendent or designee may issue a temporary certificate of clearance to a person who has been convicted of a serious felony that is not also a violent felony, if that person can prove to the sentencing court of the offense in question, by clear and convincing evidence, that he/she has been rehabilitated for the purposes of school employment for at least one year. (Education Code 44332.6)
CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (continued)

Subsequent Arrest Notification

The Superintendent or designee shall request subsequent arrest notification from the Department of Justice as provided under Penal Code 11105.2. (Education Code 44830.1)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

Current Employees

The Superintendent or designee shall not retain in employment any current certificated employee who is a temporary employee, substitute employee or probationary employee serving before March 15 of the employee's second probationary year if he/she has been convicted of a violent or serious felony. (Education Code 44830.1)

Upon notification by the Department of Justice of such conviction, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately place that employee on leave without pay. (Education Code 44830.1)

When the district receives written electronic notification of the fact of conviction from the Department of Justice, the Superintendent or designee shall terminate that employee without regard to any other procedure for termination specified in the Education Code or district procedures, unless that employee has received a certificate of rehabilitation and a pardon. (Education Code 44830.1)

If the employee challenges the Department of Justice record and the Department of Justice withdraws in writing its notification, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately reinstate that employee with full restoration of salary and benefits for the period of time from the suspension without pay to the reinstatement. (Education Code 44830.1)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
44010 Sex offense
44332 Temporary certificate
44332.5 Registering certificates by certain districts
44332.6 Criminal record check, county board of education
44346.1 Applicants for credential, conviction of a violent or serious felony
44830.1 Certificated employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony
44830.2 Certificated employees; interagency agreement
44836 Conviction of a sex offense
45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony
45125 Use of personal identification cards to ascertain conviction of crime
45125.01 Classified employees; interagency agreements
45125.5 Automated records check
45126 Duty of Department of Justice to furnish information

PENAL CODE
667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms
1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation
11105.2 Subsequent arrest notification
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11
703 Release of criminal offender record information
708 Destruction of criminal offender record information

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
Department of Justice/Attorney General's Office: http://www.caag.state.ca.us/app
CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Burnt Ranch School District
Administrative Regulation
Personnel Files

Personnel

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain personnel files for all current employees at the district's central office or at the location where the employee works.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine the types of information to be included in personnel files, including, but not limited to, records required by law, and shall process all material to be placed in such files.

Personnel files for district police or security officers shall be maintained and accessed in accordance with Government Code 3305-3306.5 and AR 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

Personnel records for current and former employees shall be retained in accordance with 5 CCR 16023.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Placement of Material in Personnel Files

Any supervisor or administrator who places written material or drafts written material for placement in an employee's file shall sign the material and indicate the date of the placement.

When an employee is asked to sign any material that is to be placed in his/her file, he/she shall be informed that the signature only signifies that he/she has read the material and does not necessarily indicate that he/she agrees with its contents.

Any request by an employee to include materials in his/her personnel file must be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

An employee may initiate a written reaction or response to his/her performance evaluation. The response shall be permanently attached to the evaluation and placed in the employee's personnel file.
Derogatory Information

Information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered into an employee's personnel file unless and until the employee is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment on that information. Such a review shall take place during normal business hours. The employee shall be released from duty for this purpose without a salary reduction. The employee may enter his/her own comments and have them attached to the derogatory statement. (Education Code 44031)

Persons with Authorized Access

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of any personnel records which, if inappropriately disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the employee's privacy.

Access to an employee's personnel file shall be granted only to the employee, persons authorized by the employee, district personnel, and others with a valid "right to know" or "need to know" who are authorized access by the Superintendent or designee.

Individual Governing Board members shall not be allowed to access personnel files, but the Board may request pertinent information from an employee's file in cases of personnel action.

Any authorized reviewer shall maintain strict confidence of the contents of a personnel file. Personnel files shall be reviewed and replaced within the shortest time possible. In no case shall a personnel file be left unattended or left unsecured overnight.
File Review by Employee

Any employee wishing to inspect his/her personnel record shall contact the Superintendent or designee.

With the exceptions noted below, all personnel records related to the employee's performance or to any grievance concerning the employee shall be made available for inspection by the employee. Noncredentialed employees shall have access to any numerical scores obtained as a result of written examinations. (Education Code 44031; Labor Code 1198.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall not be required to make available to the employee: (Education Code 44031; Labor Code 1198.5)

1. Records related to the investigation of a possible criminal offense
2. Letters of reference
3. Ratings, reports, or records that were obtained prior to the employee's employment, prepared by identifiable examination committee members, or obtained in connection with a promotional examination

(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)

Personnel records related to the employee's job performance or to any grievance concerning him/her shall be made available to the employee at reasonable intervals and at reasonable times. The Superintendent or designee shall not be required to make such records available at a time when the employee is required to render services to the district, unless the employee is required to view the file where it is stored. (Education Code 44031; Labor Code 1198.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall do one of the following: (Labor Code 1198.5)

1. Keep a copy of each employee's personnel records at the place where the employee reports to work
2. Make the employee's personnel records available at the place where the employee reports to work within a reasonable period of time following the employee's request
3. Permit the employee to inspect the personnel records at the location where the district stores the personnel records, with no loss of compensation to the employee
The employee may be accompanied by a representative of his/her choice while reviewing his/her personnel records.

Inspection shall take place in the presence of the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall keep a record of the date and time the file was reviewed and the name and title of the person(s) present during the review.

In no instance shall any material be removed from the records. Requests for copies of material in a personnel record must be made in writing.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35253 Regulations to destroy records
44031 Personnel file contents and inspection
44663 Performance appraisals and related materials
GOVERNMENT CODE
3305-3306.5 District police officers; personnel files
6250-6270 California Public Records Act, especially:
6254 Exemption for personnel records if invasion of personal privacy
6254.3 Disclosure of home address and phone number
LABOR CODE
1198.5 Inspection of personnel files
PENAL CODE
11165.14 Report of investigation of child abuse complaint
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
16020-16022 Records, general provisions
16023-16027 Retention of records
COURT DECISIONS
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
Cal. Atty. Gen., Indexed Letter, no. IL 75-73 (June 6, 1975)

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EMLOYMENT REFERENCES

The Superintendent or designee shall process all requests for references, letters of recommendation, or information about the reasons for separation regarding all district employees other than himself/herself. All letters of recommendation to be issued on behalf of the district for current or former employees must be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

At his/her discretion, the Superintendent or designee may refuse to give a recommendation. Any recommendation he/she gives shall provide a careful, truthful and complete account of the employee's job performance and qualifications.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4117.5/4217.5/4317.5 - Termination Agreements)

Legal Reference:
LAWOR CODE
1050-1054 Reemployment privileges
CIVIL CODE
47 Privileged communication
CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
327.3 Labor disputes
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
80332 Professional candor and honesty in letters or memoranda of employment recommendation
COURT DECISIONS
EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES

No certificated employee shall write or sign any letter or memorandum which intentionally omits significant facts, or which states as facts matters which the writer does not know of his/her own knowledge to be true, relating to the professional qualifications or personal fitness to perform certificated services of any person who the writer knows will use the letter or memorandum to obtain professional employment. (5 CCR, Section 80332)

No certificated employee shall agree to provide a positive letter of recommendation which misrepresents facts as a condition of another employee's resigning or withdrawing action against the district. (5 CCR, Section 80332)
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MAINTENANCE OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORDS

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that criminal record background checks on employees or prospective employees are conducted through the Department of Justice (DOJ) and that any Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) received is maintained in accordance with law.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 3515.6 - Criminal Background Checks for Contractors)
(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Records)
(cf. 4212.5 - Criminal Record Check)

To ensure its confidentiality, CORI shall be accessible only to the custodian of records and shall be kept in a locked file separate from other files. CORI shall be used only for the purpose for which it is requested and its contents shall not be disclosed or reproduced. (Education Code 44830.1, 45125)

Once a hiring determination is made, the records shall be destroyed to the extent that the identity of the individual can no longer be reasonably ascertained. (Education Code 44830.1, 45125; 11 CCR 708)

Any unauthorized release or reproduction of any criminal offender record or other violation of this administrative regulation may result in suspension, dismissal, and/or criminal or civil legal action.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

Custodian of Records

The Superintendent shall designate an employee as custodian of records. Beginning July 1, 2011, any employee designated as custodian of records shall receive a criminal background check clearance from the DOJ prior to serving in that capacity. (Penal Code 11102.2)

The custodian of records shall sign and return to the DOJ the Employee Statement Form acknowledging an understanding of the laws prohibiting misuse of CORI. In addition, the custodian of records shall ensure that any individual with access to CORI has on file a signed Employee Statement Form.
MAINTENANCE OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORDS (continued)

The custodian of records shall be responsible for the security, storage, dissemination, and destruction of all CORI furnished to the district. He/she also shall serve as the primary contact for the DOJ for any related issues. (Penal Code 11102.2)

By March 1, 2012, and by March 1 of every year thereafter, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the DOJ of the district's designated custodian of records. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the DOJ whenever a designated custodian of records ceases to serve in that capacity. (Penal Code 11102.2)

Interagency Agreements

The district shall submit an interagency agreement to the DOJ to establish authorization to submit and receive CORI on behalf of all participating districts. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

Upon receipt from the DOJ of a report of conviction of a serious or violent felony, the district shall communicate that fact to participating districts and shall remove the affected employee from the common list of persons eligible for employment. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

In addition, upon receipt from the DOJ of a criminal history record or report of subsequent arrest for any person on a common list of persons eligible for employment, the district shall give notice to the superintendent of any participating district, or the person designated in writing by that superintendent, that the report is available for inspection on a confidential basis by the superintendent or the authorized designee. The report shall be made available at the district office for 30 days following the receipt of the notice. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

The district shall not release a copy of that information to any participating district or any other person. In addition, the district shall retain or dispose of the information in the manner specified in law and in this administrative regulation after all participating districts have had an opportunity to inspect it in accordance with law. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

The district shall maintain a record of all persons to whom the information has been shown. This record shall be available to the DOJ. (Education Code 44830.2, 45125.01)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
MAINTENANCE OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORDS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
44332 Temporary certificate
44332.6 Criminal record check, county board of education
44346.1 Applicants for credential, conviction of a violent or serious felony
44830.1 Certificated employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony
44830.2 Interagency agreements
45122.1 Classified employees, conviction of a violent or serious felony
45125 Use of personal identification cards to ascertain conviction of crime
45125.01 Interagency agreements
45125.5 Automated records check
45126 Duty of Department of Justice to furnish information
49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificates

PENAL CODE
667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms
1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation
11075-11081 Criminal record dissemination
11102.2 Criminal records: custodian
11105 State criminal history information; furnishing to authorized persons
11105.3 Record of conviction involving sex crimes, drug crimes or crimes of violence; availability to employer for applicants for positions with supervisory or disciplinary power over minors
11140-11144 Furnishing of state criminal history information
13300-13305 Local summary criminal history information

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 11
701-708 Criminal offender record information

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, Background Checks:
http://www.ag.ca.gov/fingerprints

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Exhibit

All Personnel

MAINTENANCE OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORDS

SAMPLE EMPLOYEE STATEMENT FORM
USE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION

As an employee/volunteer of __________________________ School District, you may have access
to confidential criminal record information which is controlled by state and federal statutes. Misuse
of such information may adversely affect the individual's civil rights and violate constitutional rights
of privacy. Penal Code 502 prescribes the penalties relating to computer crimes. Penal Code 11105
and 13300 identify who has access to criminal history information and under what circumstances it
may be disseminated. Penal Code 11140-11144 and 13301-13305 prescribe penalties for misuse of
criminal history information. Government Code 6200 prescribes felony penalties for misuse of
public records. Penal Code 11142 and 13300 state:

"Any person authorized by law to receive a record or information obtained from a record who
knowingly furnishes the record or information to a person not authorized by law to receive the
record or information is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Civil Code 1798.53, Invasion of Privacy, states:

"Any person who intentionally discloses information, not otherwise public, which they know or
should reasonably know was obtained from personal or confidential information maintained by a
state agency or from records within a system of records maintained by a federal government agency,
shall be subject to a civil action, for invasion of privacy, by the individual."

CIVIL, CRIMINAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES:

*Penal Code 11141: DOJ furnishing to unauthorized person (misdemeanor)

*Penal Code 11142: Authorized person furnishing to other (misdemeanor)

*Penal Code 11143: Unauthorized person in possession (misdemeanor)

*California Constitution, Article I, Section 1 (Right to Privacy)

*Civil Code 1798.53, Invasion of Privacy

*Title 18 USC 641, 1030, 1951, and 1952
MAINTENANCE OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORDS (continued)

Any employee who is responsible for such misuse may be subject to immediate dismissal. Violations of this law may result in criminal and/or civil action.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICY REGARDING MISUSE OF CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Printed Name ___________________________ Title ___________________________

Name of District ___________________________

PLEASE NOTE: Do not return this form to the DOJ. Your Custodian of Records should maintain these forms.

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The Governing Board desires to maximize staff and community confidence in district hiring, promotion, and other employment decisions by promoting practices that are free of conflicts of interest or the appearance of impropriety.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

The Board prohibits the appointment of any person to a position for which his/her relative maintains management, supervisory, evaluation, or promotion responsibilities and prohibits an employee from participating in any decision that singularly applies to any of his/her relatives.

(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4215 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

For purposes of this policy, relative includes the individual's spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse or domestic partner.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to appoint a person to a position in the same department or facility as an employee with whom he/she maintains a personal relationship when that relationship has the potential to create (1) an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, or morale of other district employees or (2) a conflict of interest for the individuals involved which is greater because of their relationship than it would be for another person.

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

An employee shall notify his/her supervisor within 30 days of any change in his/her circumstances that may constitute a violation of this policy.

Legal Reference: (see next page)
EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES (continued)

Legal Reference:

*EDUCATION CODE*
35107 School district employees

*FAMILY CODE*
297-297.5 Rights, protections, benefits under the law; registered domestic partners

*GOVERNMENT CODE*
1090-1098 Prohibitions applicable to specified officers
12940 Unlawful employment practices

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2*
7292.0-7292.6 Marital status discrimination, especially
7292.5 Employee selection

Management Resources:

*WEB SITES*
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov
Institute for Local Government: http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=ilsg
Burnt Ranch School District
Board Policy
Employee Notifications

Personnel

The Governing Board believes that providing clear communications to staff is essential to establishing a professional, positive work environment and enhancing their job performance. The Superintendent or designee shall provide district employees all notifications required by law and any other notifications he/she believes will promote staff knowledge of the district's policies, programs, activities, and operations.

When required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, district employees shall be asked to sign an acknowledgment indicating receipt of the notification. Such acknowledgments shall be retained in each employee's personnel file.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
231.5 Sexual harassment policy
17612 Notification of pesticide use
22455.5 STRS information to potential members
22461 Postretirement compensation limitation
35031 Nonreelection of superintendent, assistant superintendent, or manager of classified services
35171 Notice of regulations pertaining to certificated employee evaluations
37616 Notice of public hearing on year-round schedule
44031 Personnel file contents, inspection
44663-44664 Evaluation of certificated employees
44842 Reemployment notices, certificated employees
44896 Transfer of administrator or supervisor to teaching position
44916 Written statement of employment status
44929.21 Reelection or nonreelection of probationary employee after second year
44934 Notice of disciplinary action for cause
44938 Notice of unprofessional conduct and opportunity to correct
44940.5-44941 Notification of suspension and intent to dismiss
44948.3-44948.5 Dismissal of probationary employees
44949 Cause, notice and right to hearing
Continuation in position unless notified, administrative or supervisory personnel
Nonreelection of temporary employees
Reduction in number of employees
Notification of charges, classified employees
Notice of layoff, classified employees
Employee salary data, classified employees
Industrial and accident leave
Additional leave
Notice of public hearing on block schedule
Notification to teacher; student who has engaged in acts re: grounds
suspension or expulsion

GOVERNMENT CODE
Incompatible activities of employees
Oath or affirmation of allegiance
Certification of drug-free workplace, including notification
Sexual harassment
Complaints against employees; right to open session
Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
Tobacco-free schools
Information on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B
Notification to employees re AIDS, AIDS-related conditions, and
hepatitis B

LABOR CODE
Notification of availability of continuation health coverage
Notifications re: workers' compensation benefits
Workers' compensation; claim form and notice of potential eligibility

PENAL CODE
Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act; notification requirement
Employment; statement of knowledge of duty to report child abuse or
neglect

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE
Disability insurance; notice of rights and benefits

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
Sexual harassment training, provision of district policy

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
Uniform complaint procedures
Reports of change in employment status, alleged misconduct

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
Employees exposed to bloodborne pathogens, access to exposure and
medical records
California bloodborne pathogens standard

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 38
Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, notice
requirement

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 41
8101-8106 Drug-Free Workplace Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29
825.300 Family and Medical Leave Act; notice requirement
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
104.8 Nondiscrimination
106.9 Dissemination of policy, nondiscrimination on basis of sex
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40
763.84 Asbestos inspections, response actions and post-response actions
763.93 Asbestos management plans
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49
382.601 Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notifications
   (6/94 2/95) 7/12

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All Personnel

EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS

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

Acknowledgments Required by Law

1. Legal obligation to report known or suspected instances of child abuse
   (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

2. Oath or affirmation of allegiance required of public employees
    (cf. 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3 - Oath or Affirmation)

3. Hepatitis B vaccine declination
   (cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

4. The district's school bus driver drug and alcohol testing policy, regulations and related information
   (cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

5. Notice of release from position requiring an administrative or supervisory credential
   (cf. 4313.2 - Demotion/Reassignment)

6. The classified employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours and prescribed workweek
   (cf. 4212 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

7. Information about certificated employee membership in the State Teachers' Retirement System

Acknowledgments Not Required by Law

1. The district's drug- and alcohol-free workplace
   (cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

2. The district's nonsmoking policy
   (cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

3. Prohibition of sexual harassment
   (cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

4. The certificated employee's employment status and salary
   (cf. 4112.1 - Contracts)

5. State disability insurance rights and benefits
   (cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

6. Certificated employee evaluations
   (cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
   (cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

7. Requirements and information pertinent to emergency teaching or specialist permit applicants
   (cf. 4112.2 - Certification)

8. Notice of layoff
   (cf. 4117.3 - Personnel Reduction)
   (cf. 4217.3 - Layoff/Rehire)

9. Derogatory information to be placed in personnel file
   (cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

10. Exhaustion of classified employee's paid leave
    (cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
    (cf. 4261.11 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

11. Notice of charges related to disciplinary action
    (cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

12. Notice of intention to dismiss
    (cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
    (cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATIONS (continued)

13. Students whose actions could constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion, except for possession or use of tobacco

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
231.5 Sexual harassment policy
22455.5 STRS information to potential members
22515 Irrevocable election to join STRS
44031 Personnel file contents, inspection
44663 Evaluation and assessment; copy to certificated employee
44916 Written statement of employment status
44940.5-44941 Notification of suspension and intent to dismiss
44949 Cause, notice and right to hearing
44951 Continuation in position unless notified
44955 Reduction in number of employees
45113 Notification of charges
45117 Notice of layoff
45169 Employee salary data
45192 Industrial and accident leave
45195 Additional leave
49079 Notification to teacher

GOVERNMENT CODE
3100-3109 Oath or affirmation of allegiance
8255 Certification of drug-free workplace, including notification

PENAL CODE
11166.5 Employment; statement of knowledge of duty to report

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE
2613 Notice of rights and benefits

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
80026.1 Information to applicants

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
5193 California bloodborne pathogens standard

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49
382.601 Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing notifications

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
E 4112.9 Employee Notifications
E 4312.9 Personnel

I. To All Employees

When/Whom to Notify: At the beginning of school year or upon employment
Legal Code: Education Code 2311.5, Government Code 12950, 2 CCR 7288.0
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11
Subject: The district's policy on sexual harassment, legal remedies, complaints

When/Whom to Notify: Annually to all employees
Legal Code: Education Code 17612
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514.2
Subject: Use of pesticide product, active ingredients, Internet address to access information

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees, prior to year-round instruction
Legal Code: Education Code 37616
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 6112
Subject: Public hearing on year-round implementing year-round program schedule

When/Whom to Notify: Annually to all employees
Legal Code: Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4622
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 1312.3; BP 3260
Subject: Uniform complaint procedures, available appeals, civil law remedies, identity of coordinator, complaints about student fees

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees
Legal Code: Government Code 1126
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4136/4236/4336
Subject: Prohibition of activities that are inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties; discipline; appeal
When/Whom to Notify: Prior to beginning employment
Legal Code: Government Code 3102
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.3/4212.3/4312.3
Subject: Oath or affirmation of allegiance required of public employees

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees
Legal Code: Government Code 8355; 41 USC 8102
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4020, BP 4159/4259/4359
Subject: District's drug- and alcohol-free workplace; actions that will be taken if violated; available employee assistance programs
When/Whom to Notify: Upon placement of automated external defibrillator (AED) in school and annually thereafter
Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 1797.196
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141
Subject: Proper use of AED; location of all AEDs on campus

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees, if the district receives Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds
Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 104420
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3513.3
Subject: District's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures

When/Whom to Notify: Annually to all employees
Legal Code: Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43
Subject: AIDS and hepatitis B, methods to prevent exposure

When/Whom to Notify: To covered employees and former employees
Legal Code: Labor Code 2800.2
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4154/4254/4354
Subject: Availability of COBRA/Cal-COBRA continuation and conversion coverage; statement encouraging careful examination of options before declining coverage

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment or by end of first pay period
Legal Code: Labor Code 3551
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1
Subject: Workers' compensation benefits, how to obtain medical care, role of primary physician, form for reporting personal physician/chiropractor

When/Whom to Notify: Prior to beginning employment
Legal Code: Penal Code 11165.7, 11166.5
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 5141.4
Subject: Status as a mandated reporter of child abuse, reporting obligations, confidentiality rights, copy of law

When/Whom to Notify: Upon employment, and when employee goes on leave for specified reasons
Legal Code: Unemployment Insurance Code 2613
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4154/4254/4354
Subject: Disability insurance rights and benefits

When/Whom to Notify: To all employees via employee handbook, or to each new employee
Legal Code: 29 CFR 825.300
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8
Subject: Benefits through Family and Medical Leave Act
When/Whom to Notify: **To all employees and job applicants**
Legal Code: 34 CFR 104.8, 106.
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 0410, BP 4030
Subject: **District’s policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures**

When/Whom to Notify: **Annually to all employees**
Legal Code: 40 CFR 763.84, 763.93
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR3514
Subject: **Availability of asbestos management plan; any inspections, response actions or post-response actions planned or in progress**

II. **To Certificated Employees**

When/Whom to Notify: **To eligible certificated employees in a timely manner, and to part-time and substitute certificated employees within 30 days of hire**
Legal Code: Education Code 22455.5
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4121
Subject: **Criteria for membership in retirement system; right to elect membership at any time**

When/Whom to Notify: **Upon employment of a retired certificated individual**
Legal Code: Education Code 22461
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.14/4317.14
Subject: **Postretirement compensation limitation**

When/Whom to Notify: **To certificated employees**
Legal Code: Education Code 35171
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4115, BP 4315
Subject: **District regulations related to performance evaluations**

When/Whom to Notify: **30 days before last day of school year for instructional staff, or by June 30 for noninstructional certificated staff, in any year in which employee is evaluated**
Legal Code: Education Code 44663
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4115
Subject: **Copy of employee’s evaluation**

When/Whom to Notify: **To a certificated employee with unsatisfactory evaluation**
Legal Code: Education Code 44664
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4115
Subject: **Notice and description of the unsatisfactory performance**
When/Whom to Notify: By May 30, if district elects to issue reemployment notices to certificated employees
Legal Code: Education Code 44842
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.1
Subject: Request to notify district of intent to remain in service for the following school year; copy of law

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employees upon employment
Legal Code: Education Code 44916
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.1, AR 4121
Subject: Employment status and salary

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary employees in district with ADA of 250 or more, by March 15 of employee’s second consecutive year of employment
Legal Code: Education Code 44929.21
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.6
Subject: Whether or not employee is reelected for next school year

When/Whom to Notify: When certificated employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause
Legal Code: Education Code 4493
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.4, AR 4118
Subject: Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights; intent to dismiss or suspend 30 days after notice

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with unprofessional conduct
Legal Code: Education Code 44938
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4118
Subject: Notice of deficiency and opportunity to correct

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, within 10 days of entry of judgment in proceedings
Legal Code: Education Code 44940.5
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4118
Subject: Notice of intent to dismiss 30 days from notice

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary employees 30 days prior to dismissal, or not later than March 15 for second-year probationary employees
Legal Code: Education Code 44948.3
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.4
Subject: Reasons for dismissal and opportunity to appeal

When/Whom to Notify: To probationary employees in districts with less than 250 ADA, before notice of nonreelection but no later than March 15, with final notice by May 15
Legal Code: Education Code 44948.5
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.4
Subject: Recommendation of nonreelection notice for reason other than personnel reduction; statement of reasons upon request

When/Whom to Notify: By March 15 when necessary to reduce certificated personnel, with final notice by May 15
Legal Code: Education Code 44949, 44955
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4117.3
Subject: Reasons for personnel reduction and employees' right to hearing; final notice of Board decision re: termination

When/Whom to Notify: On or before June 30, to temporary employee who served 75 percent of school year but will be released
Legal Code: Education Code 44954
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4121
Subject: District's decision not to reelect employee for following school year

When/Whom to Notify: To teacher, when student engages in or is reasonably suspected of specified acts
Legal Code: Education Code 49079
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4158/4258/4358
Subject: Student has committed specified act that constitutes ground for suspension or expulsion

When/Whom to Notify: To certificated employee upon change in employment status due to alleged misconduct
Legal Code: 5 CCR 80303
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4117.7
Subject: Contents of state regulation re: report to Commission on Teacher Credentialing

III. To Classified Employees

When/Whom to Notify: To classified employee charged with mandatory leave of absence offense, in merit system district
Legal Code: Education Code 44940.5
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4218
Subject: Notice of intent to dismiss in 30 days

When/Whom to Notify: When classified employee is subject to disciplinary action for cause, in nonmerit district
Legal Code: Education Code 45113
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4218
Subject: Notice of charges, procedures, and employee rights
When/Whom to Notify: To classified employees, at least 60 days prior to layoff, or by April 29 if specially funded program is expiring at end of school year
Legal Code: Education Code 45117
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4217.3
Subject: Notice of layoff and reemployment rights

When/Whom to Notify: To classified employees upon employment and upon each change in classification
Legal Code: Education Code 45169
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4212
Subject: Employee's class specification, salary data, assignment or work location, duty hours, prescribed workweek

When/Whom to Notify: To classified permanent employee whose leave is exhausted
Legal Code: Education Code 45192, 45195
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4261.1, AR 4261.11
Subject: Exhaustion of leave, opportunity to request additional leave

When/Whom to Notify: To school bus and school activity bus drivers upon employment and at least once a year thereafter
Legal Code: 13 CCR 2480
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514
Subject: Limitation on vehicle idling; consequences of not complying

When/Whom to Notify: To school bus drivers, prior to district drug testing program and thereafter upon employment
Legal Code: 49 CFR 382.601
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42
Subject: Explanation of federal requirements for drug testing program and district's policy

IV. To Administrative/Supervisory Personnel

When/Whom to Notify: To deputy, associate, or assistant superintendent or senior manager of classified service, at least 45 days before expiration of contract
Legal Code: Education Code 35031
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4312.1
Subject: Decision not to reelect or reemploy upon expiration of contract or term

When/Whom to Notify: Upon request by administrative or supervisory employee transferred to teaching position
Legal Code: Education Code 44896
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4313.2
Subject: Statement of the reasons for the release or reassignment

When/Whom to Notify: **By March 15 to employee who may be released/reassigned the following school year**
Legal Code: Education Code 44951
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4313.2
Subject: **Notice that employee may be released or reassigned the following school year**

V. To Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances

When/Whom to Notify: **Prior to placing derogatory information in personnel file**
Legal Code: Education Code 44031
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6
Subject: **Notice of derogatory information, opportunity to review and comment**

When/Whom to Notify: **24 hours before Board meets in closed session to hear complaints or charges against employee**
Legal Code: Government Code 54957
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BB 9321
Subject: **Employee’s right to have complaints/charges heard in open session**

When/Whom to Notify: **Notice or training to employee with access to confidential information**
Legal Code: Government Code 54963
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23
Subject: **Law prohibiting disclosure of confidential information obtained in closed session**

When/Whom to Notify: **Within one working day of work-related injury or victimization of crime at workplace**
Legal Code: Labor Code 3553, 5401
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: BP 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1
Subject: **Potential eligibility for workers’ compensation benefits, claim form**

When/Whom to Notify: **To any employee with exposure to bloodborne pathogens, upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter**
Legal Code: 8 CCR 3204, 5193
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42
Subject: **The existence, location, and availability of exposure and medical records; person responsible for maintaining and providing access to records; right to access records**
When/Whom to Notify: To any employee assigned to a work area where hazardous chemicals are present, upon initial assignment and upon new exposure situation
Legal Code: 8 CCR 5191
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514.1
Subject: **Location and availability of chemical hygiene plan, exposure limits, signs and symptoms of exposure, location of reference material**

When/Whom to Notify: To any employee who may be exposed to hazardous substances in the work area, upon initial assignment and when new hazard is introduced into work area
Legal Code: 8 CCR 5191
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 3514.1
Subject: **Any presence of hazardous substances in the work area, location and availability of hazard communication program, new safety data sheet, employee rights**

When/Whom to Notify: To employee eligible for military leave
Legal Code: 38 USC 4334
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.5/4261.5/4361.5
Subject: **Notice of rights, benefits, and obligations under military leave**

When/Whom to Notify: Within five days of employee's request for family care and medical leave
Legal Code: 29 CFR 825.300
Board Policy/Administrative Regulation #: AR 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8
Subject: **Whether or not employee is eligible for FMLA leave, rights and obligations; consequences of failure to meet obligations**

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ASSIGNMENT

In order to serve the best interests of students and the educational program, the Governing Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to assign certificated personnel to positions for which their preparation, certification, professional experience, and aptitude qualify them.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)
(cf. 4112.22 - Staff Teaching Students of Limited English Proficiency)
(cf. 4112.23 - Special Education Staff)
(cf. 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8 - Employment of Relatives)

Assignment to Courses/Classes

The Superintendent or designee shall assign teachers to courses based on the grade level and subject matter authorized by their credentials.

When there is no credential authorization requirement for teaching an elective course, the Superintendent or designee shall select the credentialed teacher whose knowledge and skills best prepare him/her to provide instruction in that subject.

Teachers who are assigned to teach core academic subjects shall meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) pertaining to qualifications of highly qualified teachers. (20 USC 6319, 7801; 5 CCR 6100-6126)

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

The Superintendent or designee may assign a teacher, with his/her consent, to a position outside his/her credential authorization when specifically authorized by law or regulation, and in accordance with the local teaching assignment options described in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Administrator's Assignment Manual. Assignments made pursuant to Education Code 44256, 44258.2, and 44263 shall be annually approved by Board resolution. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall reference in district records the statute or regulation under which the assignment is authorized.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board on teacher assignments and vacancies, including the number and type of assignments made outside a teacher's credential authorization through a local teaching assignment option. Whenever district misassignments and vacancies are reviewed by the County Superintendent of Schools or Commission on Teacher Credentialing, as applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall report the results to the Board and shall provide recommendations for remedying any identified issues.
ASSIGNMENT (continued)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
33126 School accountability report card
33035 Additional powers and duties of superintendent
33186 Complaint process
37616 Assignment of teachers to year-round schools
4425.6 Commission report to the legislature re: teachers
44250-44277 Credentials and assignments of teachers
44314 Subject matter programs, approved subjects
44395-44398 Incentives for assigning NBPTS-certified teachers to high-priority schools
44824 Assignment of teachers to weekend classes
44935 Reduction in number of employees

GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
6100-6126 Teacher qualifications, No Child Left Behind Act
80000-80005 Credential authorizations
80002-80020.5 Additional assignment authorizations
80335 Performance of unauthorized professional services
80339-80339.6 Unauthorized certificated employee assignment

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6311 State plan
6319 Highly qualified teachers

6601-6651 Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund
7801 Definitions, highly qualified teacher

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
200.55-200.57 Highly qualified teachers

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Revised State Plan for the No Child Left Behind Act, rev. September 2008
COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.ccsba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov
Santa Clara County Office of Education, Personnel Management Assistance Team:
http://www.sccoe.org/depts/pmat

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
ASSIGNMENT

Assignment to Departmentalized Classes Outside Credential Authorization

Any holder of a credential other than an emergency permit may be assigned, with his/her consent, to teach departmentalized classes in grades K-12 regardless of the designations on his/her teaching credential, provided that their subject matter knowledge is verified prior to the assignment. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures for verifying a teacher's subject matter knowledge shall be developed and implemented by the Superintendent or designee with the involvement of appropriate subject matter specialists, including curriculum specialists, resource teachers, classroom teachers certified to teach the subject, staff assigned to regional subject matter projects or curriculum institutes, or college faculty. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures to be used for this purpose shall specify: (Education Code 44258.3)

1. One or more of the following ways in which subject matter competence shall be assessed:
   a. Observation by subject matter specialists
   b. Oral interviews
   c. Demonstration lessons
   d. Presentation of curricular portfolios
   e. Written examinations

2. Specific criteria and standards for verifying subject matter knowledge by any of the above methods. These criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, evidence of the individual's knowledge of the subject matter to be taught, including demonstrated knowledge of the curriculum framework for the subject and the specific content of the district's course of study for the subject at the grade level to be taught.

   (cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

Whenever a teacher is assigned to teach departmentalized classes pursuant to Education Code 44258.3, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the exclusive representative of the district's certificated employees. (Education Code 44258.3)

   (cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)
ASSIGNMENT (continued)

Assignment to Elective Courses Outside Credential Authorization

A full-time teacher with special skills and preparation outside his/her credential authorization may, with his/her consent and the prior approval of a district committee on assignments, be assigned to teach an elective course in the area of the special skills or preparation, excluding a course in English, mathematics, science, or social studies. (Education Code 44258.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a committee on assignments, consisting of an equal number of teachers selected by teachers and school administrators selected by school administrators, to approve such assignments. (Education Code 44258.7)

Committee members shall serve a two-year term but may be reappointed using the same procedure as the initial appointment.

When determining whether a teacher is qualified for an assignment pursuant to Education Code 44258.7, the committee may consider the teacher's education, prior experience, observation by subject matter specialists, oral interviews, demonstration lessons, presentation of curricular portfolios, and/or written examinations.

Assignments approved by the committee shall be for a maximum of one school year, but may be extended by action of the committee upon application by the Superintendent and teacher. (Education Code 44258.7)
TEMPORARY MODIFIED/LIGHT-DUTY ASSIGNMENT

The Governing Board recognizes that, when employees have temporarily disabling medical conditions, temporary modified or light-duty assignments can allow the district to continue to use their valuable knowledge, skills, and abilities while minimizing time away from work. Temporary modified/light-duty assignments may also serve to facilitate the employee's transition back to his/her regular duties or full-time work.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)
(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)
(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)
(cf. 4261.8 - Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)

Any employee may request a modified or light-duty assignment when he/she has a temporary medical condition which prevents the performance of the essential functions of his/her current assignment or position. The Superintendent or designee shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a suitable temporary position currently exists to accommodate the physical restrictions specified by the employee's medical provider.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

An employee's initial assignment to a temporary modified or light-duty position shall be for a limited duration, not to exceed 30 days. At the end of the initial assignment, the employee may request that the Superintendent or designee extend the assignment. When requesting any such extension, the employee shall submit documentation from his/her medical provider verifying that the employee is still temporarily disabled and is not medically able to return to his/her regular assignment. Temporary assignments generally shall not exceed 90 days, but may be extended at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee for an additional 90 days upon verification by the employee's medical provider that such an extension will allow the employee to return to unrestricted regular duties.

An employee who rejects a temporary modified/light-duty assignment may be subject to a loss of workers' compensation benefits in accordance with district's insurance policy.

Legal Reference: (see next page)
TEMPORARY MODIFIED/LIGHT-DUTY ASSIGNMENT (continued)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
44984 Required rules for industrial accident and illness leave
45192 Industrial accident and illness leave for classified employees
GOVERNMENT CODE
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
2601-2654 Family Care and Medical Leave Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov
EVALUATION/SUPERVISION

The Governing Board believes that regular and comprehensive evaluations can help instructional staff improve their teaching skills and raise students' levels of achievement. Evaluations also serve to hold staff accountable for their performance. The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the performance of certificated staff members in accordance with law, negotiated employee contracts and Board-adopted evaluation standards.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Evaluation procedures may include observation of teacher performance in the classroom.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that evaluation ratings have uniform meaning throughout the district.

Evaluations shall be used to recognize the exemplary skills and accomplishments of staff and to identify areas needing improvement. When areas needing improvement are identified, the Board expects employees to accept responsibility for improving their performance. The Superintendent or designee shall assist employees in improving their performance and may require participation in appropriate programs. Staff members are encouraged to take initiative to request assistance as necessary to promote effective teaching.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4139 - Peer Assistance and Review)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
33039 State guidelines for teacher evaluation procedures
35171 Availability of rules and regulations for evaluation of performance
44500-44508 Peer assistance and review program for teachers
44660-44665 Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees (the Stull Act)

GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6319 Highly qualified teachers
7801 Definition of highly qualified teacher

Management Resources:

CTC PUBLICATIONS
Standards for the Quality and Effectiveness for Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Programs, 1997
California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 1997

WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
California Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: http://www.nbpts.org

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Certificated Personnel

EVALUATION/SUPERVISION

The Superintendent or designee shall print and make available to certificated employees written regulations related to the evaluation of their performance in their assigned duties. (Education Code 35171)

(cf. 4100 - Certificated Personnel)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Frequency of Evaluations

Each probationary certificated employee shall be evaluated at least once within a two year period. (Education Code 44664)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)

In addition, probationary teachers shall be formally observed and given constructive feedback at least once each semester and more often when necessary, as part of the evaluation process. Within three school days of each formal observation, a conference shall be held between the evaluator and the probationary teacher.

The performance of each certificated employee with permanent status shall be evaluated and assessed on a continuing basis as follows: (Education Code 44664)

1. At least every other year

2. At least every five years if all of the following conditions are met:
   a. The employee has been employed by the district at least 10 years.
   b. The employee meets the qualifications of a highly qualified teacher as defined in 20 USC 7801 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, if 20 USC 6319 requires that his/her position be filled by a highly qualified teacher.
   c. The employee's previous evaluation rated him/her as meeting or exceeding standards.
   d. The evaluator and the employee agree to this schedule. Either the evaluator or the employee may withdraw consent at any time.

(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)

3. Annually, if the permanent employee has received an unsatisfactory evaluation until he/she receives a satisfactory evaluation or is separated from the district

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
EVALUATION/SUPERVISION (continued)

Evaluation Criteria

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the performance of certificated instructional staff as it reasonably relates to the following criteria: (Education Code 44662)

1. Students' progress toward meeting district standards of expected achievement for their grade level in each area of study and, if applicable, towards the state-adopted content standards as measured by state-adopted criterion-referenced assessments

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

2. The instructional techniques and strategies used by the employee

3. The employee's adherence to curricular objectives

4. The establishment and maintenance of a suitable learning environment within the scope of the employee's responsibilities

The evaluation of certificated employee performance shall not include the use of publishers' norms established by standardized tests. (Education Code 44662)

Noninstructional certificated employees shall be evaluated on their performance in fulfilling their defined job responsibilities. (Education Code 44662)

Evaluation Results

Certificated instructional employees shall receive a written copy of their evaluation no later than 30 days before the last scheduled school day of the school year in which the evaluation takes place. Before the last scheduled school day of the school year, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

Noninstructional certificated staff members employed on a 12-month basis shall receive a copy of their evaluation no later than June 30 of the year in which the evaluation takes place. Before July 30, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

Instructional and noninstructional certificated employees shall have the right to respond in writing to their evaluation. This response shall become a permanent attachment to the employee's personnel file. (Education Code 44663)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
EVALUATION/SUPERVISION (continued)

Evaluations shall include recommendations, if necessary, as to areas in need of improvement in the employee's performance. If an employee is not performing satisfactorily according to teaching standards approved by the Governing Board pursuant to Education Code 44662, the Superintendent or designee shall so notify the employee in writing and shall describe the unsatisfactory performance. The Superintendent or designee shall confer with the employee, make specific recommendations as to areas needing improvement, and endeavor to provide assistance to the employee in his/her performance. (Education Code 44664)

Any certificated employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating in the area of teaching methods or instruction shall participate in the district's peer assistance and review program. (Education Code 44662, 44664)

(cf. 4139 - Peer Assistance and Review)

The Superintendent or designee may require any certificated employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating in the area of teaching methods or instruction to participate in a program designed to improve appropriate areas of performance and to further student achievement and the district's instructional objectives. (Education Code 44664)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4138 - Mentor Teachers)
Certificated Personnel

PROBATIONARY STATUS

Probationary Status

Probationary employees shall receive training, assistance and evaluations consistent with their needs as new teachers. Such training and assistance may consist of inservice training and/or meetings with the employee's evaluator to discuss areas of strength and areas requiring improvement. Inservice training may be provided during school hours as part of a comprehensive staff development program.

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

44466 Status of university interns
44850.1 No tenure in administrative or supervisory position
44885.5 Status of district interns
44908 Complete year for probationary employees
44911-44913 Service not computed in eligibility for permanent status
44915 Classification of probationary employees
44917-44921 Status of substitute or temporary employees
44929.20 Continuing contracts (not to exceed four years - ADA under 250)
44929.21 Districts of 250 ADA or more
44929.23 Districts with less than 250 ADA
44929.28 Employment by another district
44930-44938 Resignations, dismissals and leaves of absence, especially:
44948.2 Election to use provisions of Section 44948.3
44948.3 Dismissal of probationary employees
Certificated Personnel

PROBATIONARY STATUS

Interns

A person employed as a district or university intern shall be classified as a probationary employee. Following completion of the internship, if he/she is reelected by the district to serve in a position requiring certification qualifications for the next succeeding school year, he/she shall continue to be classified as a probationary employee during that year. (Education Code 44466, 44885.5)

(cf. 4112.21 - Interns)
Burnt Ranch School District
Administrative Regulation

Certificated Personnel

PRERETIREMENT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

On a case-by-case basis, the Superintendent or designee may allow a certificated employee who is a member of the defined benefit program of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) to reduce his/her workload from full time to part time when doing so does not disrupt the educational program and is in the best interests of the district.

Any such certificated employee who reduces his/her workload to part time may maintain the retirement and health and welfare benefits that he/she would have received if employed on a full-time basis under the following conditions: (Education Code 22713, 44922)

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

1. The option to reduce the employee's workload shall be exercised at the request of the employee and the agreement to reduce the workload shall be in effect at the beginning of the school year.

2. Prior to the reduction in workload, the employee shall have a minimum of 10 years of credited service, of which the immediately preceding five years were full-time employment.

3. The employee shall not have had a break in service during the five years immediately preceding the reduction in workload. Sabbaticals, other approved leaves of absence, and unpaid absences for personal reasons from full-time employment shall not constitute a break in service. However, the period of time during which an employee is retired shall constitute a break in service and an employee who reinstates from retirement shall be required to be employed to perform creditable service on a full-time basis for at least five school years preceding the workload reduction.

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)

4. The employee shall have reached the age of 55 years prior to the workload reduction.

5. The employee shall not hold a position with a salary above that of a school principal.

6. The reduced workload shall be equal to at least one-half of the time the district requires for full-time employment, in accordance with Education Code 22138.5, pursuant to the employee's contract of employment during his/her last year of full-time employment.

7. The employee shall be paid compensation that is the pro rata share of the creditable compensation he/she would have earned had he/she not reduced his/her workload.
PRERETIREMENT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT (continued)

8. The agreement may be revoked only by mutual consent of the employee and the Superintendent or designee.

However, an employee who has entered into a formalized agreement with the district to have his/her contribution into the defined benefit program picked up by the district may not terminate the agreement to reduce his/her workload except by one of the following:

a. Terminating his/her service

b. Retiring from service under the defined benefit program

c. Continuing to perform creditable service under a new reduced workload arrangement for at least one-half of the time the district requires for full-time employment in accordance with Education Code 22138.5

d. Returning to full-time employment

9. The period of the reduced workload shall not exceed 10 years.

Prior to the reduction of an employee's workload, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the employee's eligibility in conjunction with the administrative staff of STRS and/or the Public Employees' Retirement System. (Education Code 22713)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the necessary records to separately identify each employee who participates in the reduced workload program. (Education Code 22713)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
22119.5 Creditable service, definition
22138.5 Full-time, definition
22713 Part-time employment; reduction of workload from full-time; credit
22903 Payment of contributions by employer for tax deferred purposes
44922 Regulations; reduction to part-time employment

GOVERNMENT CODE
21110-21120 Reduced workload, partial service retirement under PERS
53201 Health and welfare benefits: election by officers and employees

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
California Public Employees' Retirement System: http://www.calpers.ca.gov
California State Teachers' Retirement System: http://www.calstrs.com

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AR 4317.14
Postretirement Employment

When necessary, the district may, subject to specific legal requirements, hire a qualified retired certificated individual who possesses the knowledge and experience needed to perform specialized work or service for the district, as an employee, the employee of a third party, or an independent contractor/consultant. (cf. 3600 - Consultants)
(cf. 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4112 - Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

Any retired certificated individual who is a member of the defined benefit program of the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) and who is hired by the district to perform any service pursuant to Education Code 22119.5 or 26113 shall be paid at a rate commensurate with that of other district employees performing comparable duties. However, such a retired individual shall not make contributions to the retirement fund or accrue service credits based on compensation earned from that service. (Education Code 24214)

No retired certificated individual who is a member of STRS shall be hired by the district for at least six calendar months after his/her retirement from service unless he/she has attained the normal retirement age. Such hiring shall only be made with Governing Board approval in a public meeting, as reflected in a resolution that shall include information about the nature of the appointment and the following findings: (Education Code 24214.5)

1. The appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before 180 days have passed.

2. The retired individual is eligible for this exemption because he/she did not receive additional service credit pursuant to Education Code 22714 or 22715 or a financial inducement to retire.

3. The retired individual's termination of employment with the district is not the basis for the need to acquire the services of the retired individual.
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

Whenever the district retains the services of a retired individual as a district employee, employee of a third party, or an independent contractor, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 22461, 24214)

1. Advise the retired individual of the postretirement compensation limitation set forth in Education Code 24214 or 24214.5 or any other applicable law
2. Maintain accurate records of the retired individual's compensation and report it monthly to STRS and the individual, regardless of the method of payment or the fund from which the payments are made.

When employing a retired individual who is eligible for any exemption from the postretirement compensation limitation, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to STRS all required documentation to substantiate eligibility for the exemption. (Education Code 24214, 24214.5)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
22119.5 Creditable service, definition
22461 Notice of earnings limitation
22714 Encouragement of retirement
22715 Additional service credit
22716 Unpaid services
24116 Service at California State University
24214 Creditable service by retiree
24214.5 Postretirement compensation limit; members below normal retirement age
24215 Service at California State University
26113 Creditable service, definition
35046 Consultancy contracts
41320.1 Appointment of trustee
42120-42129 Budget completion
44830 Employment of certificated employees
44830.3 Employment of district interns
44929 Service credit under STRS; additional two years
44929.1 2+2 service and year credit option under STRS
52055.57-52055.60 Local Educational Agency Intervention program

WEB SITES
California State Teachers' Retirement System: http://www.calstrs.com

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RESIGNATION

Any district employee who desires to resign his/her position shall submit, in writing, a letter of resignation which indicates the date which the employee intends as his/her last day at work. The Governing Board encourages employees to provide advance notice that is appropriate for the position they hold.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to accept an employee's written resignation and to set its effective date. Once the Superintendent or designee has accepted and set an effective date for this resignation, the resignation may not thereafter be withdrawn by the employee.

The effective date of the resignation shall be a date not later than the close of the school year during which the resignation is received. However, an employee and the Board may agree that a resignation will be accepted at a mutually agreed upon date not later than two years beyond the close of the school year during which the resignation is received by the Board. (Education Code 44930, 45201)

(cf. 4117.7 - Employment Status Reports)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35161 Board delegation of any powers or duties
44242.5 Reports of change in employment status, alleged misconduct
44420 Failure to fulfill contract as ground for suspension of diplomas and certificates
44433 Unauthorized departure from service as unprofessional conduct
44930 Acceptance and date of resignation
45201 Power to accept resignation
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
80303 Reports of change in employment status
80304 Notice of sexual misconduct
COURT DECISIONS

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Certificated Personnel

PERSONNEL REDUCTION

The Governing Board may reduce the number of probationary and permanent certificated employees when, in the opinion of the Board, one or more of the following conditions makes such reduction necessary:

1. Average daily attendance (ADA) of the school during the first six months of the school year has declined below the level for the same period in either of the previous two school years. (Education Code 44955)

2. A particular kind of service is to be reduced or discontinued not later than the beginning of the following school year. (Education Code 44955)

3. Attendance in the district will decline in the following year as a result of the termination of an interdistrict tuition agreement. (Education Code 44955)

4. An amendment of state law requires modification of the curriculum. (Education Code 44955)

5. The state Budget Act reveals that the district's total revenue limit per ADA for the fiscal year of that Budget Act has not increased by at least two percent. (Education Code 44955.5)

Seniority

Except as otherwise provided by law, a permanent employee who is certificated and competent to render a service shall not be terminated or given a reduction in hours and wages while a probationary employee, or other employee with less seniority, is retained to render the service. (Education Code 44955)

Prior to determining the seniority of employees, the Superintendent or designee shall require certificated employees to provide verification, in writing, of their employment date and credentials, as well as any documentation supporting an employment or credential(s) different from that shown in the district's records.

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a master seniority list on the basis of district records and evidence presented. (Education Code 44846)

When two or more employees first rendered paid service on the same date, the Board shall adopt a resolution specifying the criteria based on the needs of the district and students for the order of termination among those employees. Upon the request of any employee whose order of termination is so determined, the Board shall furnish, in writing, no later than five days prior to the commencement of the administrative hearing on the layoff, a statement of the specific criteria used in determining the order of termination and the application of the criteria in ranking the employee relative to the other employees in the group. (Education Code 44955)
PERSONNEL REDUCTION (continued)

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)
(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

The district may deviate from terminating certificated employees in order of seniority for either of the following reasons: (Education Code 44955, 44956)

1. To fill a demonstrated specific need for personnel to teach a specific course or courses of study, or to provide services authorized by a services credential with a specialization in either student personnel services or health for a school nurse, when the certificated employee has the necessary special training and experience which others with more seniority do not possess

2. To maintain or achieve compliance with constitutional requirements related to equal protection of the law

Notice and Hearing Rights

When it becomes necessary, as the result of a reduction or discontinuation of services, to reduce the number of permanent and/or probationary employees, the district shall give notice to the affected employees stating the reasons for the action and the employees' right to a hearing, no later than March 15. The district shall adhere to the notice, hearing, and layoff procedures in Education Code 44949 and 44955.

When an employee has requested a hearing before an administrative law judge regarding the reduction or discontinuation of services, the Board shall make a final decision regarding the sufficiency of the cause and disposition of the layoff upon receipt of the administrative law judge's proposed decision. None of the findings, recommendations, or determinations of the administrative law judge shall be binding on the Board. (Education Code 44949)

The Board may conduct its own hearing, adopt the judge's proposed decision, refer the case back to the judge for additional evidence, or reject or modify the proposed decision and make its own determination based upon its review of the record.

Upon adoption of the Board's decision, the Superintendent or designee shall give final notice, in the manner specified, to the affected employees before May 15. (Education Code 44955)

Special Procedure Based Upon Late Adoption of the State Budget

When the Board, during the time period between five days after enactment of the Budget Act and August 15, determines that the total revenue limit per ADA has not increased by at least two percent and that the district therefore needs to reduce the number of certificated staff pursuant to Education Code 44955.5, the Board shall adopt a schedule of notice and hearings and the district shall otherwise proceed pursuant to Education Code 44949 and 44955. (Education Code 44955.5)
PERSONNEL REDUCTION (continued)

Reappointment

If the number of employees is increased or the discontinued service reestablished, permanent certificated employees under 65 years of age shall have the right to reappointment, in order of seniority for 39 months, after being terminated. Probationary certificated employees under 65 years of age shall have the same right for 24 months after being terminated, subject to the prior reappointment rights of permanent employees. (Education Code 44956, 44957)

Before reappointing any certificated employee to teach a subject which he/she has not previously taught and for which he/she does not have a teaching credential or which is not within the employee's major area of postsecondary study, the Board shall require the employee to pass a subject matter competency test in the appropriate subject. (Education Code 44955, 44956)

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4112.24 - Teacher Qualifications Under the No Child Left Behind Act)
(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

Reappointed certificated employees shall not be subject to any requirements that were not imposed on employees who continued in service. Their period of absence shall be treated as a leave of absence and not considered a break in the continuity of their service. (Education Code 44956, 44957)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
44830 Employment of certificated persons
44949 Dismissal of probationary employees
44955 Reduction in number of permanent employees
44955.3 Termination of certificated employees
44956-44959.5 Rights of employees

GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation

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Management Resources:
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Probationary Employees

Certificated probationary employees may be dismissed only for causes specified in Education Code 44932 et seq. (Education Code 44948)

During the school year, dismissal procedures shall be those set forth in Education Code 44932 et seq.

At the end of the school year, dismissal procedures shall be those set forth in Education Code 44948.5. The employee shall receive written notice on or before March 15 and may request a hearing, as provided by Education Code 44948.5, to determine if there is cause for not reemploying him/her. If the Governing Board does not give written notice on or before March 15, the employee shall be rehired for the following year. (Education Code 44948.5)

(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE
44660-44665 Evaluation and assessment of performance
44842 Automatic declining of employment
44918 Substitute or temporary employee; reemployment rights
44929.21 Districts with 250 ADA or more; notice of reelection decision
44929.23 Districts with daily attendance less than 250
44932-44947 Suspension and/or dismissal of permanent employees
44948 Dismissal or suspension of probationary employees during school year
44948.2 Election to use provisions of Education Code 44948.3
44948.3 Dismissal of probationary employees (over 250 ADA)
44948.5 Dismissal of probationary employees (under 250 ADA)
44949 Cause, notice and right to hearing for dismissal of probationary employee
44953 Dismissal of substitute employees
44955 Reduction in number of permanent employees

GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation (re duty of district to meet and negotiate regarding causes and procedures for discipline less than dismissal)
TERMINATION AGREEMENTS

If a termination settlement agreement has been made with an employee, the Superintendent or designee shall inform prospective employers, upon request for an employment reference, that an agreement exists and that he/she may only provide information as provided for in the agreement.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4112.61/4212.61/4312.61 - Employment References)

Cash settlements made upon the termination of a contract shall never exceed an amount equal to the employee's monthly salary multiplied by the number of months, up to 18, in the unexpired term of the contract. This amount is a maximum ceiling, not to be construed as a target amount for settlement agreements. (Government Code 53260)

Settlement agreements shall not include noncash items other than health benefits, which the district may offer to continue for the unexpired term up to 18 months or until the employee finds other employment, whichever comes first. (Government Code 53261)

Copies of settlement agreements with a superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant superintendent, associate superintendent or other similar chief administrative officer or chief executive officer shall be made available to the public upon request. (Government Code 53262)

(cf. 2121 - Superintendent's Contract)
(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

Legal Reference:
CIVIL CODE
47 Privileged communication
GOVERNMENT CODE
53260-53264 Employment contracts
LABOR CODE
1198.5 Inspection of personnel files by employees
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
80303 Reports of dismissal, resignation and other terminations for cause
80332 Professional honesty in letters of employment recommendation
COURT DECISIONS

Regulation approved: September 21, 2009

BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Certificated Personnel

SUSPENSION/DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Governing Board expects all employees to exhibit professional and appropriate conduct and serve as positive role models both at school and in the community. An employee may be suspended or disciplined for unprofessional or inappropriate conduct in accordance with law, the district's collective bargaining agreement, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)
(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

The Superintendent or designee may take disciplinary action as he/she deems appropriate in light of the particular facts and circumstances involved and based on the severity of the misconduct. Disciplinary actions may include, but not be limited to, verbal warnings, written warnings, reassignment, suspension, freezing or reduction of wages, compulsory leave, or dismissal.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that, consistent with law, disciplinary actions are taken in a consistent, nondiscriminatory manner and are appropriately documented.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4032 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4119.1/4219.3/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the Commission on Teacher Credentialing when the status of a credentialed employee has been changed as a result of alleged misconduct.

(cf. 4117.7 - Employment Status Reports)

Legal Reference: (see next page)
SUSPENSION/DISCIPLINARY ACTION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
44008 Effect of termination of probation
44009 Conviction of specified crimes
44010 Sex offense - definitions
44011 Controlled substance offense - definitions
44242.5 Reports and review of alleged misconduct
44425 Conviction of a sex or narcotic offense
44660-44665 Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees
44830.1 Criminal record summary certificated employees
44930-44988 Resignations, dismissal, and leave of absence, especially;
44940 Sex offenses and narcotic offenses; compulsory leave of absence
44940.5 Compulsory leave of absence
45035 Drawing of warrants for teachers
48907 Exercise of free speech, expression
48950 Speech and other communication
51530 Advocacy or teaching of communism
GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
11054 Schedule I, substances included
11055 Schedule II, substances included
11056 Schedule III, substances included
11337-11361 Marijuana
11363 Peyote
11364 Opium
11370.1 Possession of controlled substances with a firearm
PENAL CODE
187 Murder
291 School employees arrest for sex offense
667.5 Prior prison terms, enhancement of prison terms
1192.7 Plea bargaining limitation
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
80303 Reports of change in employment status
80304 Notice of sexual misconduct
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS
California's Laws and Rules Pertaining to the Discipline of Professional Certificated Personnel, 2007
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Certificated Personnel

SUSPENSION/DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Suspension Without Pay

When a permanent certificated employee's unprofessional conduct is not considered serious enough to warrant dismissal, he/she may be suspended without pay on grounds of unprofessional conduct, following procedures designated in Education Code 44932-44938.

A probationary certificated employee may be suspended without pay for a specified period during the school year as an alternative to dismissal following procedures designated in Education Code 44948.3.

Prior to any disciplinary action on charges leading to suspension without pay on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, the Superintendent or designee shall give the employee written notice. This written notice shall: (Education Code 44938)

1. Indicate the nature of the employee's unprofessional conduct
2. Cite specific instances of unprofessional behavior
3. Give the employee a 45-day opportunity to correct the misconduct and overcome the ground(s) for the charge(s)
4. Include the evaluation made pursuant to Education Code 44660-44665, if applicable

(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)

Mandatory Leave of Absence

Upon being informed that a certificated employee has been charged with a "mandatory leave of absence offense," the Superintendent or designee shall immediately place the employee on a leave of absence. A mandatory leave of absence offense includes: (Education Code 44830.1, 44940)

1. Any sex offense as defined in Education Code 44010
2. Any offense involving the unlawful sale, use, or exchange to minors of controlled substances as listed in Health and Safety Code 11054, 11055, and 11056, with the exception of marijuana, mescaline, peyote, or tetrahydrocannabinols

(cf. 4117.7 - Employee Status Reports)
SUSPENSION/DISCIPLINARY ACTION (continued)

Upon receipt of notification from the Department of Justice by telephone that a current temporary, substitute, or probationary employee serving before March 15 of the his/her second probationary year has been convicted of a violent or serious felony, that employee shall be immediately placed on leave without pay. Upon receipt of written electronic notification of the conviction from the Department of Justice, such employee shall be automatically terminated and without regard to any other termination procedure. (Education Code 44830.1)

(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

An employee's compulsory leave may extend for not more than 10 days after the entry of judgment in the proceedings. However, the Governing Board may extend a certificated employee's compulsory leave by giving notice, within 10 days after the entry of judgment in the proceedings, that the employee will be dismissed within 30 days from the date of service of the notice unless he/she demands a hearing. (Education Code 44940, 44940.5)

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

Employee compensation during the period of compulsory leave shall be made in accordance with Education Code 44940.5.

Optional Leave of Absence

The Board may require an immediate compulsory leave of absence when a certificated employee is charged with an "optional leave of absence offense" as specified in law. Such employees shall be subject to the same requirements specified in Education Code 44940.5 regarding extension of the leave, furnishing of a bond, and payment of salaries for employees charged with mandatory leave of absence offenses. (Education Code 44940, 44940.5)

Protection of a Student's Free Speech or Press Rights

An employee shall not be suspended, disciplined, reassigned, transferred, dismissed, or otherwise retaliated against solely for acting to protect a student, or for refusing to infringe on a student's protected conduct, when that student is exercising his/her free speech or press rights pursuant to Education Code 48907 or 48950. (Education Code 48907, 48950)

(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)
(cf. 5145.2 - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
All Personnel

CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS

The Governing Board believes that the personal life of an employee is not an appropriate concern of the district, except as it may directly relate to the employee's performance of his/her duties.

An employee's religious or political activities, or lack thereof, shall not be grounds for any discrimination or disciplinary action by the district, provided that these activities do not violate law, Board policy, or administrative regulation.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)

A teacher shall have the right to refuse to submit to any evaluation or survey conducted by the district concerning personal values, attitudes, and beliefs; sexual orientation; political affiliations or opinions; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom the teacher has a family relationship; or religious affiliations or beliefs. (Education Code 49091.24)

Employees do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy with regards to district property under an employee's control including, but not limited to, desks, classrooms, offices, file cabinets, computers, or phones. As necessary to protect the health, welfare, or safety of students and staff, school officials may search such items in order to uncover evidence that the employee is violating the law, Board policy, administrative regulation, or other rules of the district or school.

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)
(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

Whistleblower Protection

An employee shall have the right to disclose to a Board member, a school administrator, a member of the County Board of Education, County Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent of Public Instruction any improper governmental activity by the district or a district employee that violates state or federal law, is economically wasteful, or involves gross misconduct, incompetency, or inefficiency. When the employee has reasonable cause to believe that the information discloses a violation of state or federal statute or a violation or noncompliance with a state or federal rule or regulation, he/she has the right to disclose such information to a government or law enforcement agency or to refuse to participate in any such activity. (Education Code 44112, 44113; Labor Code 1102.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall prominently display in lettering larger than size 14 point type a list of employees' rights and responsibilities under the whistleblower laws, including the telephone number of the whistleblower hotline maintained by the office of the California Attorney General. (Labor Code 1102.8)
CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS (continued)

No employee shall use or attempt to use his/her official authority or influence to intimidate, threaten, coerce, or command another employee for the purpose of interfering with that employee's right to disclose improper governmental activity. (Education Code 44113)

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

An employee who has disclosed improper governmental activity and believes that he/she has subsequently been subjected to acts or attempted acts of reprisal shall file a written complaint in accordance with the district's complaint procedures. After filing a complaint with the district, he/she may also file a copy of the complaint with local law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 44114.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4144/4244/4344 - Complaints)

Protection Against Liability

No employee shall be liable for harm caused by his/her act or omission when acting within the scope of employment or district responsibilities. For the protection against liability to apply, the act or omission must be in conformity with federal, state, and local laws and must be in furtherance of an effort to control, discipline, expel, or suspend a student, or to maintain order or control in the classroom or school. (20 USC 6736)

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)
(cf. 9260 - Legal Protection)

The protection against liability shall not apply when: (20 USC 6736)

1. The employee acted with willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, recklessness, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the harmed person's right to safety.

2. The employee caused harm by operating a motor vehicle or other vehicle requiring license or insurance.

3. The employee was not properly licensed, if required, by state law for such activities.

4. The employee was found by a court to have violated a federal or state civil rights law.
CIVIL AND LEGAL RIGHTS (continued)

5. The employee was under the influence of alcohol or any drug at the time of the misconduct.

6. The misconduct constituted a crime of violence pursuant to 18 USC 16 or an act of terrorism for which the employee has been convicted in a court.

7. The misconduct involved a sexual offense for which the employee has been convicted in a court.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
7050-7058 Political activities of school officers and employees
44040 Discrimination based on employee's appearance before certain boards or committees
44110-44114 Reporting by school employees of improper governmental activity
49091.24 Teacher rights to refuse evaluation/survey of personal life

CIVIL CODE
51 Unruh Civil Rights Act

GOVERNMENT CODE
815.3 Intentional torts
820-823 Tort Claims Act
825.6 Indemnification of public entity
3540.1 Public employment definitions
3543.5 Interference with employee's rights prohibited
12940-12951 Discrimination prohibited; unlawful practices

LABOR CODE
1102.5-1106 Whistleblower protections

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18
16 Crime of violence defined

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6731-6738 Teacher liability protection

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended
2000h-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
California Attorney General: http://caag.state.ca.us

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
All Personnel

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment of district employees and job applicants. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees or other persons who complain, testify or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to staff

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints
4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (5 CCR 4964)

Any district employee or job applicant who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee, a job applicant or a student, shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor or the Superintendent.

A supervisor or other district administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment against a district employee, job applicant, or student is in violation of this policy and is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
SEXUAL HARASSMENT (continued)

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

GOVERNMENT CODE
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:
12940 Prohibited discrimination
12950.1 Sexual harassment training

LABOR CODE
1101 Political activities of employees
1102.1 Discrimination: sexual orientation

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
7287.8 Retaliation
7288.0 Sexual harassment training and education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in secondary and public education programs receiving state financial assistance

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000h-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
106.9 Dissemination of policy

COURT DECISIONS
Department of Health Services v. Superior Court of California, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 1026

Management Resources:

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL
Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January, 1999

WEB SITES
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Definitions

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

1. Submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual’s employment.

2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by the individual is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting him/her.

3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual’s work or has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. The conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent, pervasive, or objectively offensive so as to create a hostile or abusive working environment or to limit the individual’s ability to participate in or benefit from an education program or activity.

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

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

1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual’s body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions, or the spreading of sexual rumors.

2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, or gestures; sexually explicit emails; displaying sexually suggestive objects.

3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body; touching an individual’s body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over, or impeding normal movements.

_Prohibited sexual harassment_ may also include any act of retaliation against an individual who reports a violation of the district’s sexual harassment policy or who participates in the investigation of a sexual harassment complaint.
SEXUAL HARASSMENT (continued)

Training

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All newly hired or promoted supervisory employees shall receive training within six months of their assumption of the supervisory position. (Government Code 12950.1)

The district's training and education program for supervisory employees shall include information and practical guidance regarding the federal and state laws on the prohibition against and the prevention and correction of sexual harassment, and the remedies available to the victims of sexual harassment in employment. The training shall also include all of the content specified in 2 CCR 7288.0 and practical examples aimed at instructing supervisors in the prevention of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 7288.0)

Notifications

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

1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted

2. Be provided to each faculty member, all members of the administrative staff, and all members of the support staff at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year or whenever a new employee is hired

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

3. Appear in any school publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct

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

1. The illegality of sexual harassment

2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
SEXUAL HARASSMENT (continued)

3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples

4. The district's complaint process available to the employee

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC

7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 7287.8 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

In addition, the district shall post, in a prominent and accessible location, DFEH's poster on discrimination in employment and the illegality of sexual harassment. (Government Code 12950)
Burnt Ranch School District
Board Policy
Professional Standards

Personnel

The Governing Board expects district employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, exhibit professional behavior, follow district policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employee conduct should enhance the integrity of the district, advance the goals of the district's educational programs, and contribute to a positive school climate.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)
(cf. 5131 - Conduct)
(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

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

(cf. 2111 - Superintendent Governance Standards)
(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)

Each employee should make a commitment to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill his/her responsibilities and should focus on his/her contribution to the learning and achievement of district students.

(cf. 4112.2 - Certification)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Inappropriate employee conduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, threats of violence, or possession of a firearm or other weapon

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

2. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students,
parents/guardians, staff, or community members, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

3. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child

4. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student

5. Possessing or viewing any pornography on school grounds, or possessing or viewing child pornography or other imagery portraying children in a sexualized manner at any time

6. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members

7. Willfully disrupting district or school operations by loud or unreasonable noise or other action

8. Using tobacco, alcohol, or an illegal or unauthorized substance, or possessing or distributing any controlled substance, while in the workplace or at a school-sponsored activity

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace)
(cf. 4112.41/4212.41/4312.41 - Employee Drug Testing)
(cf. 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

9. Dishonesty with students, parents/guardians, staff, or members of the public, including, but not limited to, falsification of information in employment records or other school records

10. Divulging confidential information about students, district employees, or district operations to persons not authorized to receive the information

(cf. 3580 - District Records)
(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
11. Using district equipment or other district resources for the employee's own commercial purposes or for political activities

(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)

12. Using district equipment or communications devices for personal purposes while on duty, except in an emergency, during scheduled work breaks, or for personal necessity

Employees shall be notified that computer files and all electronic communications, including, but not limited to, email and voice mail, are not private. To ensure proper use, the Superintendent or designee may monitor employee usage of district technological resources at any time without the employee's consent.

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

13. Causing damage to or engaging in theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district

14. Wearing inappropriate attire

(cf. 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 - Dress and Grooming)

An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of or suspects child abuse or neglect shall file a report pursuant to the district's child abuse reporting procedures as detailed in AR 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

Any reports of employee misconduct shall be promptly investigated. Any employee who is found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct in violation of law or Board policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and, in the case of a certificated employee, may be subject to a report to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement as appropriate.

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
(cf. 4117.7 - Employment Status Reports)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

An employee who has knowledge of but fails to report inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.

The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
44242.5 Reports and review of alleged misconduct
PENAL CODE
11164-11174.4 Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
80303 Reports of dismissal, resignation and other terminations for alleged misconduct
80331-80338 Rules of conduct for professional educators

Management Resources:
COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS
California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 2009
COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS PUBLICATIONS
NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS
Code of Ethics of the Education Profession, 1975
WESTED PUBLICATIONS
Moving Leadership Standards into Everyday Work: Descriptions of Practice, 2003
WESTED AND ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS PUBLICATIONS
California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders, 2001
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
Association of California School Administrators: http://www.acsa.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
California Federation of Teachers: http://www.cft.org
California School Employees Association: http://www.csea.com
California Teachers Association: http://www.cta.org
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov
Council of Chief State School Officers: http://www.ccsso.org
WestEd: http://www.WestEd.org
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CODE OF ETHICS OF THE EDUCATION PROFESSION

Preamble

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

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

Principle I. Commitment to the Student

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

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

1. Shall not unreasonably restrain the student from independent action in the pursuit of learning

2. Shall not unreasonably deny the student access to varying points of view

3. Shall not deliberately suppress or distort subject matter relevant to the student's progress

4. Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful
to learning or to health and safety

5. Shall not intentionally expose the student to embarrassment or disparagement

6. Shall not on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, family, social, or cultural background, or sexual orientation, unfairly:
   a. Exclude any student from participation in any program
   b. Deny benefits to any student
   c. Grant any advantage to any student

7. Shall not use professional relationships with students for private advantage

8. Shall not disclose information in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law

Principle II. Commitment to the Profession

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

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

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

1. Shall not in any application for a professional position deliberately make a false statement or fail to disclose a material fact related to competency and qualifications

2. Shall not misrepresent his/her professional qualifications

3. Shall not assist any entry into the profession of a person known to be unqualified in respect to character, education, or other relevant attribute

4. Shall not knowingly make a false statement concerning the qualifications of a candidate for a professional position
5. Shall not assist a noneducator in the unauthorized practice of teaching

6. Shall not disclose information about colleagues obtained in the course of professional service unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law

7. Shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about a colleague

8. Shall not accept any gratuity, gift, or favor that might impair or appear to influence professional decisions or action

Source: National Education Association, 1975

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All Personnel

DRESS AND GROOMING

The Governing Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming by district employees contribute to a productive learning environment and model positive behavior. During school hours and at school activities, employees shall maintain professional standards of dress and grooming that demonstrate their high regard for education, present an image consistent with their job responsibilities and assignment, and not endanger the health or safety of employees or students. All employees shall be held to the same standards unless their assignment provides for modified dress as approved by their supervisor.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
35160 Authority of governing boards
35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.2 Scope of representation
12949 Dress standards, consistency with gender identity
COURT DECISIONS
San Mateo City School District v. PERB (1983) 33 Cal. 3d 850
Domingo v. Ranides Parish School Board (5th Cir. 1982) 675 F. 2d 100
East Hartford Education Assn. v. Board of Education (2d Cir. 1977) 562 F. 2d 856
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS
Inglewood Unified School District (1985) 10 PERC P17, 000

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

Policy
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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
The Governing Board recognizes the importance of keeping confidential information confidential. Staff shall maintain the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of their employment. Confidential/privileged information shall be released only to the extent authorized by law.

**Disclosure of Closed Session Information**

An employee shall not disclose confidential information acquired by being present during a closed session to a person not entitled to receive such information, unless the Board authorizes disclosure of that information. (Government Code 54963)

Confidential information means a communication made in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the Board to meet lawfully in closed session. (Government Code 54963)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

An employee who willfully discloses confidential information acquired during a closed session may be subject to disciplinary action if he/she has received training or notice as to the requirements of this policy. (Government Code 54963)

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

The Superintendent or designee may provide all employees who attend closed sessions a copy of this policy. New employees who may attend closed sessions shall also receive a copy of this policy.

The district shall not take disciplinary action against any employee for disclosing confidential information acquired in a closed session, nor shall the disclosure be considered a violation of the law or Board policy, when the employee is: (Government Code 54963)

1. Making a confidential inquiry or complaint to a district attorney or grand jury concerning a perceived violation of law, including disclosing facts necessary to establish the illegality or potential illegality of a Board action that has been the subject of deliberation during a closed session

(cf. 4119.1/4219.1/4319.1 - Civil and Legal Rights)

2. Expressing an opinion concerning the propriety or legality of Board action in closed session, including disclosure of the nature and extent of the illegal or potentially illegal action
UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL/ PRIVILEGED INFORMATION (continued)

3. Disclosing information that is not confidential

Other Disclosures

An employee who willfully releases confidential/privileged information about the district, students or staff shall be subject to disciplinary action.

No employee shall disclose confidential information acquired in the course of his/her official duties. Confidential information includes information that is not a public record subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, information that by law may not be disclosed, or information that may have a material financial effect on the employee.

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Any action by an employee which inadvertently or carelessly results in release of confidential/privileged information shall be recorded, and the record shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. Depending on the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may deny the employee further access to any privileged information and shall take any steps necessary to prevent any further unauthorized release of such information.

Legal Reference: (see next page)
UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL/ PRIVILEGED INFORMATION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
35146 Closed sessions
35160 Authority of governing boards
44031 Personnel file contents and inspection
44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employees
44933 Other grounds for dismissal
45113 Rules and regulations for classified service
49060-49079 Pupil records

GOVERNMENT CODE
1098 Public officials and employees: confidential information
6250-6270 Inspection of public records
54950-54963 Brown Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES

The Governing Board respects the right of school employees to engage in political discussions and activities on their own time and at their own expense. On such occasions, employees shall make it clear that they are acting as individuals and not as representatives of the district.

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

Like other community members, employees may use school facilities for meetings under the Civic Center Act.

(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

Employees shall refrain from prohibited activities identified in law and administrative regulations. Employees who engage in these activities shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal penalties.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
7050-7057 Political activities of school officers and employees
38130-38139 Civic Center Act
51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises
GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.1 Rights of employee organizations
COURT DECISIONS
Downs v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (9th Cir. 2000) 228 F.3d 1003
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
84 Ops Cal. Atty Gen. 106 (2001)
84 Ops Cal. Atty Gen. 52 (2001)
77 Ops Cal. Atty Gen. 56 (1994)
PERB RULINGS
California Federation of Teachers, Local 1931 v. San Diego Community College District (2001) PERB Order #1467 (26 PERC 33014)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
Office of the Attorney General, Dept. of Justice: http://caag.state.ca.us/
Public Employment Relations Board: http://www.perb.ca.gov

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES

District employees shall not:

1. Use district funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Governing Board (Education Code 7054)

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)

2. During working hours and on district property, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, civil service or other working conditions (Education Code 7056)

3. During working hours and on district property, solicit or receive any political funds or contributions to promote the passage or defeat of other types of ballot measures

4. Use district time to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate

5. Use district equipment for the preparation or reproduction of political campaign materials, even if the district is reimbursed

(cf. 3512 - Equipment)

6. Post or distribute political campaign materials on district property

7. Disseminate political campaign materials through the district's mail service, e-mail or staff mailboxes

(cf. 4040 - Employee Use of Technology)

8. Use students to write, address or distribute political campaign materials

9. Present viewpoints on particular candidates or ballot measures in the classroom without giving equal time to the presentation of opposing views

(cf. 6144 - Controversial Issues)
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES (continued)

10. Wear buttons or articles of clothing that express political opinions on ballot measures or candidates during instructional time.

However, teachers shall not be prohibited from wearing political buttons during noninstructional time, such as Back-to-School Night.

Nothing in Board policy or administrative regulation shall be construed to prevent employees from soliciting or receiving funds or contributions for political purposes during nonworking time, including before and after school, the lunch period or other scheduled work intermittency during the school day. (Education Code 7056)

Employee Organizations

Employee organizations may use district mailboxes and other means to communicate with employees, subject to reasonable regulation. Employee organizations may have access at reasonable times to areas in which employees work; may use institutional bulletin boards, mailboxes, and other means of communication and may use district facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings. (Government Code 3543.1)

However, employee organizations shall not use district funds, services, supplies or equipment, such as the district mail system, to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including any candidate for election to the Board. (Education Code 7054)

(cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)

Access to district communication channels shall be limited in cases where such access would be disruptive to district operations.

In the event of a concerted action or work stoppage, political activities by employee organizations and individual employees shall be restricted to peaceful informational picketing and other activities allowed by law.

(cf. 4141.6/4241.6 - Concerted Action/Work Stoppage)

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
Burnt Ranch School District
Board Policy
Employees With Infectious Disease

BP 4119.41 4219.41,4319.41

Personnel

The Governing Board desires to promote the health of district students and staff in order to reduce absenteeism and enhance employee and student performance. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases at district schools.

(cf. 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
(cf. 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)
(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)
(cf. 5113.1 - Chronic Absence and Truancy)

An infectious disease is one that is caused by a microorganism and is potentially transmittable to another individual, whether through airborne transmission, bloodborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. A communicable infectious disease, such as influenza or chicken pox, is contagious and can be readily transmitted by infectious bacteria or viral organisms.

In accordance with law, job applicants shall be required to provide evidence that they are free of tuberculosis or any other communicable infectious disease prior to beginning employment.

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

To prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases, the Superintendent or designee may provide infection prevention supplies and information to employees, including information about recommended vaccinations. Employees also shall observe universal precautions to avoid contact with potentially infectious blood or other bodily fluids.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
Plans for addressing a communicable infectious disease outbreak, including, but not limited to, plans for addressing employee shortages during such an outbreak, shall be included in the district's emergency preparedness plan.

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable infectious disease. In addition, a school nurse or other health care provider who knows of or is in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or conditions listed in 17 CCR 2500 shall make a report to the local health officer. If no health care provider is in attendance, any individual having knowledge of a person who is suspected to be suffering from one of the specified diseases or conditions may make a report to the local health officer. (17 CCR 2500, 2508)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

Nondiscrimination/Reasonable Accommodation

The district shall not discriminate against any employee or job applicant who has an infectious disease that meets the federal or state definition of a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, California Fair Employment and Housing Act, or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act. (Government Code 12900-12996; 29 USC 794; 42 USC 12101-12213)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

Upon request, any qualified person with a disability shall be provided reasonable accommodation to perform the essential duties of his/her position in accordance with the criteria and processes described in AR 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation.

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
44839  Medical certificate; periodic medical examination
44839.5  Requirements for employment of retiree
49406  Examination for tuberculosis (employees)
CIVIL CODE
GOVERNMENT CODE
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
120975-121020 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
7293.5-7294.2 Discrimination based on disability

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
5502-5504 Medical certification

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
2500 Reportable diseases and conditions
2508 Reporting of communicable diseases; duty of schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu), Fact Sheet, April 2009
Pandemic Influenza, Fact Sheet, September 2007
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS
California HIV/AIDS Laws, 2009, January 2010
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS
Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, October 2002
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov
California School Nurses Organization: http://www.csno.org
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: http://www.hhs.gov

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EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

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

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

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

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

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

Legal Reference:
LABOR CODE
142.3 Authority of Cal/OSHA to adopt standards
144.7 Requirement to amend standards
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
3204 Access to employee exposure and medical records
5193 California bloodborne pathogens standards
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29
1910.1030 OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards

Management Resources:
CDE ADVISORIES
1016.89 Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of Infectious Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected Persons in School Settings
WEB SITES
OSHA: http://www.osha.gov
Cal/OSHA: http://www.dir.ca.gov/occupational_safety.html
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

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BURNT RANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Burnt Ranch, California
EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exposure Control Plan

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

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

   The district's exposure determination shall be made without regard to the use of personal protective equipment and shall include a list of:
   a. All job classifications in which all employees have occupational exposure
   b. Job classifications in which some employees have occupational exposure
EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS (continued)

c. All tasks and procedures, or groups of closely related tasks and procedures, in which occupational exposure occurs and which are performed by employees listed in item #b above

2. The schedule and method of implementing:

a. Methods of compliance required by 8 CCR 5193(d), such as universal precautions, general and specific engineering and work practice controls, and personal protective equipment

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

b. Hepatitis B vaccination

c. Bloodborne pathogen post-exposure evaluation and follow-up

d. Communication of hazards to employees, including labels, signs, information and training

e. Recordkeeping

3. The district's procedure for evaluating circumstances surrounding exposure incidents

4. An effective procedure for gathering information about each exposure incident involving a sharp, as required for the log of sharps injuries

5. An effective procedure for periodically determining the frequency of use of the types and brands of sharps involved in exposure incidents documented in the sharps injury log

6. An effective procedure for identifying currently available engineering controls and selecting such controls as appropriate for the procedures performed by employees in their work areas or departments

7. An effective procedure for documenting instances when a licensed healthcare professional directly involved in a patient's care determines, in the reasonable exercise of clinical judgment, that the use of an engineering control would jeopardize an individual's safety or the success of a medical, dental or nursing procedure involving the individual
EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS (continued)

8. An effective procedure for obtaining the active involvement of employees in reviewing and updating the exposure control plan with respect to the procedures performed by employees in their respective work areas or departments.

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

1. Reflect new or modified tasks and procedures affecting occupational exposure.

2. To the extent that sharps are used in the district, reflect progress in implementing the use of needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection.

3. Include new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure.

4. Review and evaluate the exposure incidents which occurred since the previous update.

5. Review and respond to information indicating that the exposure control plan is deficient in any area.

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

Preventive Measures

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

Hepatitis B Vaccination

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

Employees who decline to accept the vaccination shall sign the hepatitis B declination statement. (8 CCR 5193(f))
EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS (continued)

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

Information and Training

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

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

Reporting Incidents

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

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

Sharps Injury Log

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

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

1. Date and time of the exposure incident
2. Type and brand of sharp involved in the exposure incident
3. A description of the exposure incident, including:
EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN FOR BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS (continued)

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

Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up

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

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

5. Provide for counseling and evaluation of reported illnesses

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

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

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

Records

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

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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

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

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

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

5. Each analysis using medical or exposure records shall be maintained for at least 30 years.
Hepatitis B Vaccine Declination

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

Signature

Employee Name (Please print)

Date
All Personnel

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

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

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

(cf. 4155/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

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

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

Legal Reference:
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
117600-118360 Handling and disposal of regulated waste
120875 Providing information to school districts on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions and Hepatitis B
120880 Information to employees of school district
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
5193 California bloodborne pathogens standard
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 29
1910.1030 OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards

Management Resources:
CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES
1016.89 Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of Infectious Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected Persons in School Settings
WEB SITES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

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All Personnel

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Definitions

Universal precautions are an approach to infection control. All human blood and certain human body fluids, including but not limited to semen, vaginal secretions and any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, are treated as if known to be infectious for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and other bloodborne pathogens. (8 CCR 5193(b))

Personal protective equipment includes specialized clothing or equipment worn or used for protection against a hazard. General work clothes such as uniforms, pants, shirts or blouses not intended to function as protection against a hazard are not considered to be personal protective equipment. (8 CCR 5193(b))

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

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

Employee Information

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute to employees information provided by the California Department of Education regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B. This information shall include, but not be limited to, any appropriate methods employees may use to prevent exposure to AIDS and hepatitis B, including information concerning the availability of a vaccine to prevent contraction of hepatitis B, and that the cost of this vaccination may be covered by the health plan benefits of the employees. Information shall be distributed at least annually, or more frequently if there is new information supplied by the California Department of Education. (Health and Safety Code 120875, 120880)

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

Infection Control Practices

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the worksite is effectively maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall implement an appropriate written schedule for cleaning and decontamination of the worksite. (8 CCR 5193(d))
UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS (continued)

Where occupational exposure remains after the institution of engineering and work practice controls, the Superintendent or designee shall provide appropriate personal protective equipment at no cost to the employee. Such equipment may include gloves, gowns, masks, eye protection, and other devices that do not permit blood or other potentially infectious materials to pass through or reach the employee's clothes, skin, eyes, mouth or other mucous membranes under normal conditions of use. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain, repair, make accessible and require employees to use and properly handle protective equipment. (8 CCR 5193(d))

The Superintendent or designee shall provide handwashing facilities which are readily accessible to employees. When provision of handwashing facilities is not feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall provide an appropriate antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes. (8 CCR 5193(d))

For the prevention of infectious disease, employees shall routinely: (8 CCR 5193(d))

1. Perform all procedures involving blood or other potentially infectious materials in such a manner as to minimize splashing, spraying, spattering, and generating droplets of these substances.

2. Use personal protective equipment as appropriate.
   a. Appropriate clothing, including but not limited to, gowns, aprons, lab coats, clinic jackets or similar outer garments, shall be worn in occupational exposure situations.

   If a garment becomes penetrated by blood or other potentially infectious materials, the employee shall remove the garment immediately or as soon as feasible. All personal protective equipment shall be removed prior to leaving the work area. When removed, it shall be placed in an appropriately designated area or container for storage, washing, decontamination or disposal.

   b. Gloves shall be worn when it can be reasonably anticipated that the employee may have hand contact with blood, other potentially infectious materials, mucous membranes and nonintact skin, and when handling or touching contaminated items or surfaces.
UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS (continued)

Disposable gloves shall be replaced as soon as practical when contaminated, or as soon as feasible if they are torn, punctured, or when their ability to function as a barrier is compromised. They shall not be washed or decontaminated for reuse. Utility gloves may be decontaminated for reuse if the integrity of the gloves is not compromised, but must be discarded if they are cracked, peeling, torn, punctured, or exhibit other signs of deterioration or when their ability to function as a barrier is compromised.

c. Masks in combination with eye protection devices or face shields shall be worn whenever splashes, spray, spatter, or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated.

3. Wash hands and other skin surfaces thoroughly with soap and running water:
   a. Immediately or as soon as feasible following contact of hands or any other skin or mucous membranes with blood or other potentially infectious materials
   b. Immediately after removing gloves or other personal protective equipment

When handwashing facilities are not available, the employee shall use antiseptic hand cleanser in conjunction with clean cloth or paper towels, or antiseptic towelettes. In such instances, hands shall be washed with soap and running water as soon as feasible.

4. Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, or handling contact lenses in work areas with a reasonable likelihood of occupational exposure.

5. Clean and decontaminate all equipment and environmental and work surfaces after contact with blood or other potentially infectious material, no later than the end of the shift or more frequently as required by state regulations.

6. Rather than using the hands directly, use mechanical means such as a brush and dust pan, tongs or forceps to clean up broken glassware which may be contaminated.

7. Use effective patient-handling techniques and other methods designed to minimize the risk of a sharps injury in all procedures involving the use of sharps in patient care.

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)
UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS (continued)

a. Needleless systems shall be used to administer medication or fluids, withdraw body fluids after initial venous or arterial access is established, and conduct any other procedure involving the potential for an exposure incident for which a needleless system is available as an alternative to the use of needle devices. If needleless systems are not used, needles or non-needle sharps with engineered sharps injury protection shall be used.

b. Contaminated needles or other sharps shall not be broken, bent, recapped, removed from devices, or stored or processed in a manner that requires employees to reach by hand into the containers where these sharps have been placed.

c. Disposable sharps shall not be reused.

8. Handle, store, treat and dispose of regulated waste in accordance with Health and Safety Code 117600-118360 and other applicable state and federal regulations.

a. Immediately or as soon as possible after use, contaminated sharps shall be placed in containers meeting the requirements of 8 CCR 5193(d)(3)(D). Containers shall be easily accessible, maintained upright throughout use where feasible, and replaced as necessary to avoid overfilling.

b. Specimens of blood or other potentially infectious material shall be placed in a container which prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport or shipping.

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)