PHILOSOPHY, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

The Governing Board is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)
(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

Annually, the Superintendent or designee shall review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities, including the use of facilities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)

Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in each announcement, bulletin, catalog, handbook, application form, or other materials distributed to these groups.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The district's nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parents/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or more of a school's students speak a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be
translated into that other language.

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

District programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any implementing standards and/or regulations.

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals At School)  
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)  
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, note takers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large print materials.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to the school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)  
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4  Prohibition of discrimination
48985  Notices to parents in language other than English
51007  Legislative intent: state policy
GOVERNMENT CODE
11000  Definitions
11135  Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
11138  Rules and regulations
12900-12996  Fair Employment and Housing Act
54953.2  Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act
PENAL CODE
422.55  Definition of hate crime
422.6  Interference with constitutional right or privilege
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4600-4687  Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965  Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482  Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act
1681-1688  Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX
2301-2415  Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act
6311  State plans
6312  Local education agency plans
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794  Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000e-7  Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
2000e-2000e-17  Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended
2000h-2000h-6  Title IX
12101-12213  Americans with Disabilities Act
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.101-35.190  Americans with Disabilities Act
36.303  Auxiliary aids and services
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
100.1-100.13  Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI
104.1-104.39  Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
106.1-106.61  Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:
106.9  Dissemination of policy

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Providing a Safe, Nondiscriminatory School Environment for Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students, Policy Brief, February 2014
Interim Guidance Regarding Transgender Students, Privacy, and Facilities, September 27, 2013
Safe Schools: Strategies for Governing Boards to Ensure Student Success, 2011
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS
Notice of Non-Discrimination, January 1999
Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January 1999
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, September 2010
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
California Safe Schools Coalition: http://www.casafeschools.org
Pacific ADA Center: http://www.adapacific.org
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Americans with Disabilities Act: http://www.ada.gov

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