

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

The California Education Code requires that each parent be notified of the following code sections, which have been excerpted for your convenience. Further explanation of any section may be obtained from school administrators. Please read the complete sections.

Section 221.5: Requires notification to parents about sex equity related to career counseling and course selection opportunities. Also informs parents of right to participate in counseling sessions and decisions.

Section 231.5: Requires each district to have a written policy regarding sexual harassment. Requires this policy to be part of any student orientation for new students, to be included with mandated parental notifications, to be posted, and to be distributed to all employees.

Section 32255, et al: Any pupil with a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming animals shall notify his teacher of this objection. Upon notification the pupil shall have the right to permissive alternative programs and tests.

Section 35256, 35294.6, 35294.8: Copy of the School Accountability Report Card, including the status of its school safety plan, will be provided upon request in the school offices. Each school site council or school safety planning committee will notice in writing required people of the required public meeting.

Section 35291: School discipline rules and procedures are available in the office at each school site. Continuing students receive annual copies and transfer students receive a copy of the rules at the time of enrollment into the school.

Section 35294.8(c): District annually notifies CDE if any school has not complied with EC35294.1.

Section 39831.5: Prior to departure on a school activity trip, all pupils riding on a school bus or school pupil activity bus shall receive safety instruction.

Section 46010.1: School authorities may excuse pupils in grades 7 through 12 from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian.

Section 46014: Permissive absence for religious exercises or instruction may be granted for Board of Education approved exercises or instruction conducted.

Section 48204(f): Provides that school districts may admit an elementary pupil to its schools whose parent(s) or guardian is employed within the boundaries of the district. This statutory attendance option is not currently offered by the school district.

Section 48205: A pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is: (1) due to illness; (2) due to quarantine; (3) for medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic services; (4) to attend the funeral services of an immediate family member. The absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California; (5) for jury duty; (6) due to illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent; (7) for justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, or attendance at an employment conference, when the pupil's absence had been designated in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.

A pupil absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefor. As the teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonable equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed four hours per semester.

Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state apportionment payments.

"Immediate family," as used in this section, has the same meaning as that set forth in Section 45194, except that references therein to "employee" shall be deemed to be references to "pupil."

Section 48206.3: Home and hospital instruction is available for pupils with temporary disabilities that are not covered by special education. Assistant Principals should be notified by the parent.

Section 48207: Hospitalized students with temporary disabilities are defined as residents of the school district in which the hospital is located.

Section 48208: The parent of a student with a temporary disability is responsible for notifying the school district in which the student is a resident pursuant to Section 48207 of the student's presence in the qualifying hospital.

Section 48900: As per Board Policy, parents of a suspended student may be required to attend a portion of the school-day in the student's classroom. This may be required no more than four times per school year. Parent employer sanctions are prohibited.

Section 48980(c): The district's schedule of minimum days and pupil free days is listed on the district-wide calendar available in the school site offices.

Section 48980(e): Beginning with 2005-2006 school year, all students are required to pass the high school exit exam (CAHSEE) to earn a high school diploma. The district's schedule of exams and requirements are available in the high school office.

Section 48980(g): The district's policy regarding sexual harassment is available in the school site offices.

Section 48980(h): The district's policy regarding access by pupils to Internet and on-line sites is available in the school site offices.

Section 48980(i): All current statutory and local attendance options available are detailed in Notice of Rights and Responsibilities of Minor Pupils.

Section 48980(l): State funds are available to cover costs of advanced placement examination fees by contacting the coordinator of counseling at Beverly Hills High School.

Section 48980.3: Annual notification to staff and parents of all pesticide products is available in the school offices, registration packets and opening of school mailings.

Section 49063: Parents have the right to review all records related to their child, according to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Students' Rights Policy 5020, which guards these rights is available from the principal or district office. Parents have the right to prior consent for disclosure of personally identifiable information, the right to request a change in the students records (which does not apply to grades), and the right to a district hearing. A complaint may be filed with U.S. Department of Education if parents believe their rights have been violated and if they are not satisfied with the district hearing.

Section 49073: Directory information may be released about any pupil or former pupil according to local policy if notice is given annually of the categories of information the school plans to release and of the recipients. No directory information shall be released regarding any pupil when a parent has notified the school district that such information shall not be released.

Section 49403: The school district may administer immunizing agents to prevent or control communicable diseases to pupils whose parents have consented in writing to such immunization. Effective 8/1/97, kindergarten students must be immunized against Hepatitis B and must have two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR).

Section 49423: Students who must take prescribed medication at school and who desire assistance of school personnel must submit a written statement from the physician detailing the amount, method, time schedule and other information on how district personnel should assist in carrying out the physician's direction.

Section 49451: Parents may file a written statement annually with the school principal stating that they will not consent to routine physical examinations of their child, and the child will be exempt from such examinations. Students with recognized contagious or infectious diseases, however, may be excluded from school attendance.

Section 49455: Upon entering elementary school and at least every third year, each student's vision shall be examined by the school nurse or other authorized person unless parents have filed a written statement exempting their child from such examination.

Section 49472: The Board of Education may provide or make available medical or hospital services for injuries to students while involved in school programs or activities, No student shall be compelled to accept such services without his/her consent or consent of a parent or guardian.

Section 49480: The parent or legal guardian of any public school pupil on a continuing medication regimen for a continuing condition shall inform the school nurse or other designated certified school employee of the type of medication, current dosage and the name of the supervising physician. With the consent of the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, the school nurse may communicate with the physician and may counsel school personnel on the possible effects of the drug on the child's physical, intellectual and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of omission, overdose or side effects.

Section 49510: Requires districts to inform parents of needy children of provisions for nutritionally adequate, free, or reduced priced meals. (Duffy-Moscone Family Nutrition Education and Services Act of 1970.)

Section 51240: Whatever religious training conflicts with any part of health, family life or sex education classes, students shall be excused from that part of the instruction upon written parental request.

Section 51550: Parents must be notified in writing prior to any instruction or class or portion of a class in which human reproductive organs and their functions or processes are described, illustrated or discussed. Such materials may be reviewed prior to instruction. Parents have the right to exempt their child from such instruction.

Section 58501: "Notice of Alternative Schools. California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Section 58500 of the education Code defines alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school which is operated in a manner designed to: (a) maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility and joy; (b) recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of his desire to learn; (c) maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his own time to follow his own interests. These interests may be conceived by him totally and independently or may result in whole or in part from a presentation by his teachers of choices of learning projects; (d) maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous, permanent process, (e) maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including but not limited to the community in which the school is located. In the event any parent, pupil or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, the county superintendent of schools, the administrative office of this district, and the principal's office in each attendance unit have copies of the law available for your information. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs in each district."

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 4622: Any individual, public agency or organization may file a written complaint with the Assistant Superintendent/Educational Services of Beverly Hills Unified School District regarding an alleged violation of any Federal or State law or regulation. The complaint will be investigated within 60 days. Appeal of the investigator's report may be made to the California Department of Education within 15 days.

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Section 763.93: Complete, updated management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings is available in school offices.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Federal law requires a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment be offered to qualified handicapped students. If no public school program is available, the district may make placement in an approved nonpublic school. Inquires should be directed to the Director of Pupil Personnel Services for Beverly Hills Unified School District.

Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964 & Title IX, Educational Amendment Act of 1972; Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504: Beverly Hills Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability or lack of English skills. (T5CCR4610©) (EC 200) (Penal Code 422.6) The District is committed to equal opportunities in employment, employee relations and educational programs. Reasonable accommodations for handicapped students are available. A formal complaint may be initiated at the school or by directly contacting the District Title IX Coordinator, who is the Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources, for the uniform complaint form.

WIC, Section 18976.5: Parents have the right to refuse to allow their children to participate in a child abuse primary prevention program.

FERPA, 5CCR, Section 431 (e): Parents and "eligible" students have rights regarding access to student records. Complete notice is available in school offices.