

**DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL**  
**COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

**SAFETY PLAN**

**2017-2018**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL AND PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH OFFER A NEW BEGINNING FOR STUDENTS OF THE CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE PROVIDE AN EDUCATION IN A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL LEAD TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, AND EMPOWER STUDENTS TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE, CARING, AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.**

EVERY STUDENT AT DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL AND PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL WILL

- REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL
- BE RESPECTED
- RECEIVE A QUALITY EDUCATION
- KNOW WE CARE

### Student Learning Outcomes (S.L.O.)

#1: Students will be able to read, write, communicate, think critically, and utilize math skills at an acceptable level upon graduation from high school.

#2: Students will have developed the skills and information necessary to learn effectively by themselves and to solve practical problems through individual and group applications.

#3: Students will understand the relationship between research, technology, and society, and will demonstrate clear research methods and technology to achieve their educational and vocational goals.



# ***EMERGENCY SITUATIONS***

**If ever an employee or student is in a situation where he/she is not breathing, or breathing is impaired, and/or there is uncontrolled breathing, or is unconscious, a teacher/staff member/substitute should respond by:**

- 1. Calling #88**
  - 2. Contacting site administration (ext. 4281 or 4543)**
  - 3. Begin administering CPR/First Aid only if trained and certified to do so**
- For all other conditions, please:
- 1. Call the school nurse or ext. 4553. If no answer call ext. 4555.**
  - 2. Contact site administration (ext. 4281 or 4553)**
  - 3. Begin administering First Aid, if needed, and only if you are trained and certified to do so.**

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## **Desert Oasis High School/Phoenix Rising High School /Adult Ed**

**PHONE LIST** In conspicuous box on front of Phone List **EMERGENCY ONLY CALL:** if you cannot connect with anyone at Desert Oasis, call Adult Ed at ext. 4545 (760) 336-4545 or 366-4545

(760) 336-4546 Adult Education – (Separate phone at Reception Area, also rings at Adult Ed Secretary)

(760) 336-4555 Front reception or,

(760) 336-4553 Juanita Alaniz

**EMERGENCY CALL: ext. 4545 if no answer call ext. 4553**

## **Training**

Appropriate personnel have been trained in the importance of the Reception Area not being left unattended.

## Introduction-School Profile

**Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School** are located in the city of El Centro, which has a population of approximately 42,000. These two high schools are four high schools in the Central Union High School District, which was established in 1908. In 1993, Desert Oasis High School (at its present location) was constructed. It quickly established its unique and separate identity as an “Alternative High School.” This alternative education school serves a transient student population that fluctuates between 150 to 200 high risk students, grades nine through twelve.

Desert Oasis and Phoenix Rising Comprehensive School Safety Plan describes programs and strategies that are in place, thus allowing the students, staff, and administration to provide a safe and secure learning environment.

### **School Crime Status and Reporting**

An analysis of the number of suspensions and expulsions from 2008 to the year 2014 reveals that the numbers have fluctuated. These figures were reported with the California Department of Education Safe & Healthy Kids Program Office. These figures include both long-term (more than 90 days enrollment) and short term students (less than 90 days enrollment). The suspension rates are much lower for long-term students. There was an influx of highly transitory students in 2014, as well as students transitioning from Court Community School, which may have contributed to the marked increase of suspensions.

#### **School:**

School Year	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>98</b>
Physical Injury to another	0	7	1	1
Fire				
Arms/knives/explosives	0	0	0	0
Possession use/sale of controlled substance, Alcohol, Intoxicants	2	5	4	3
Possession/Drug Paraphernalia	3	2	1	0
Possession/use of tobacco products	1	0	6	1
Harassment Threats Intimidation	2	2	0	1
Expulsions (Total # of students)	0	0	0	0

### **School Demographics**

Desert Oasis High School is a small school that serves up to 200 students at any given time. The reported ethnic breakdown in 2015-2016 was 95% Hispanic or Latino, 1% Black or African American, 2% White, and 2% reporting two or more races. 90 students are English Learners (53% of the total student population). Phoenix Rising High School serves up to 40 students at any given time. The reported ethnic breakdown in 2015-2016 was 96% Hispanic or Latino, 1% Black or African American, 1% White, and 2% reporting two or more races. 24 students are English Learners.

### **Curriculum and Educational Activities**

All Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School students complete the same academic requirements set forth for the entire Central Union High School District: eight (8) semesters of English, four (4) semesters of Math, four (4) semesters of Science, four (4) semesters of Physical Education, two (2) semesters of Fine Arts/Foreign Language, one (1) semester of Practical Arts, and (2) semesters of Academic Electives. Students also have the opportunity to participate in Lunch time clubs and enrichment activities, such as tutoring and supplemental educational services.

### **School's Social Environment**

Leadership at Desert Oasis High school and Phoenix Rising High School is a shared-management process. All stakeholders assume a proactive role in all phases of the school operation. The current management team is committed to developing “our school” towards excellence in the areas of academic and social behavior.

The Administration sets the tone for the students, staff and community. An open-door policy allows all stake-holders to voice their ideas and concerns related to curriculum, discipline and safety, thus promoting a safe, positive learning environment.

### **Disaster Procedures, Routine and Emergency**

A contingency plan for emergencies is available to each staff member via the School Crisis Response, and Emergency Procedures Handbook. The plan is reviewed at the beginning of each school year. This plan also contains available district and outside agency resources, emergency disaster procedures and information on Standardized Emergency Management Systems.

### **Classroom Organization and Structure**

All students at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School are assigned to courses that will help them meet the CUHSD graduation requirements: 220 credits in required courses, and 2.00 overall grade point average. Student assessment results are also utilized for course opportunity placement purposes. The assessment tools vary from the CAASPP and CELDT. Teachers have developed Common Assessments for courses taught as each pupil must demonstrate competency in the subject taught before a passing grade is issued by the teacher. Teachers provide a safe, orderly learning environment,

which enhances the learning experience.

### **School 's Cultural Environment**

The administration and staff work well as a unit. Members cooperate with each other and support all effort to show sensitivity and concern for all students.

All Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School students are expected to behave in a manner that promotes safety and order. Pupils are encouraged to seek the right solutions when confronted with problems on campus. This includes help from their instructors, visits to the counselor, and visits to the principal. Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School staff is proactive when dealing with students' concerns.

Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School students are recognized for their efforts in maintaining positive academic results.

### **School Location and Physical Environment**

Desert Oasis High School/Phoenix Rising High School are located in the city of El Centro. The areas surrounding the school tend to have a high poverty level and higher crime rate than other areas of the city. The immediate area around the school includes low income housing (apartments and single-family dwellings).

### **Description of School Grounds-**

Desert Oasis High school consists of (17) buildings, housed on a corner lot, that is adjacent to the District Office. Included on the campus are a small athletic field, and a basketball court. The main gate, which is at the front of the school, is the only entrance and exit allowed during school hours. The Principal's office sits adjacent to this main entrance, thus, it is very visible. Phoenix Rising High School consists of (2) classrooms and is located in the back part of Desert Oasis adjacent to the District office. The main entrance in thru Desert Oasis High School.

Staff members monitor "passing periods" daily. This decreases discipline issues, crime, tardiness, and other safety issues. The restrooms are checked during passing periods to prevent vandalism or smoking in the building. Graffiti is not a major problem at Desert Oasis/ Phoenix Rising, but when it appears it is immediately removed.

### **Maintenance of School Buildings/Classrooms**

The school's physical facility is well maintained and almost always looks neat and clean. District maintenance personnel periodically examine the facility and help to eliminate any obstacle that may be a safety issue. Additionally, health and fire officials inspect the site periodically, thus contributing to the school's safety.

The classrooms and site are monitored daily (through walk-throughs) by the administration, security, and classroom teachers. The students also take pride in the appearance of their school.

### **Internal Security Procedures**

Desert Oasis High School/ Phoenix Rising High School have established procedures in the following areas: California Safe School Assessment reporting procedures, suspension and expulsion procedures, and a summary inventory system.

Desert Oasis High School crime statistics reflect a total of zero (0) non-student firearm incidents and zero (0) total persistently dangerous expulsions reported for the 2015-2016 school year. Phoenix Rising High School crime statistics reflect a total of zero (0) non-student firearm incidents and zero (0) total persistently dangerous expulsions reported for the 2015-2016 school year.

Keeping reportable crimes at a minimum requires constant vigilance. The following strategies will be utilized in achieving our goal of school supervision, preventative activities, and maintaining a safe, secure campus.

Desert Oasis High School/Phoenix Rising High School maintains a copy of the District's sexual harassment policy in the Principal's office. A copy is included in registration packets that go to parents upon registration each year. The District's Sexual Harassment Policy contains dissemination plans, applicable definitions, reporting requirements, investigation procedures, enforcement regulations and information related to suspension/expulsion for sexual harassment of or by pupils.

To ensure the safety of students and staff, all visitors are required to report to the main office when school is in session. District employees are required to wear appropriate badges while on campus conducting business. Students are also required to wear visible ID cards at all times when on campus.

Discipline procedures focus on finding the cause of problems and working with all concerned to reach the proper, lawful solutions. The school's discipline plan begins at the classroom level. Teachers use a visible classroom management plan to communicate classroom/site rules, and promote positive student conduct, thus reducing inappropriate behavior. Appropriate consequences will be administered based on the seriousness of the student's misconduct. A discipline matrix stating the consequences of cumulative behavior is to be given to each student at the beginning of each year.

Student conduct standards and consequences for Desert Oasis High School/Phoenix Rising High School, are specifically described in this Comprehensive Schools Safety Plan, including: A guide for school discipline rules and procedures, District Disciplinary Guidelines, and a school-wide dress code.

Students may be suspended, transferred to another school, or recommended for expulsion for certain acts. For specific (heinous) student violations, a mandatory expulsion recommendation shall be submitted by the administration to proper District personnel.

Desert Oasis High School/Phoenix Rising High School Administration and staff contribute to a positive school climate, promote positive student behavior and help reduce inappropriate behavior. All staff members use available district and other appropriate records to inform teachers of each pupil identified under E.C. 49079.

Law enforcement is contacted and consulted to help maintain and promote a safe and orderly school environment. Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School staff comply with all legal mandates, regulations and reporting requirements for all instances of child abuse.

Additional internal security procedures affecting the integrity of the school facility include a fire alarm system in all buildings and operational phones in all classrooms. The administration and security staff use two-way radios/phones to communicate with each other. Community involvement is encouraged to help increase school safety.

### **Inventory System**

Most school-site equipment has a metal ID tag or a bar code sticker adhered to its surface. These items are inventoried periodically and there is an established accountability system. Office and classroom supplies are secured in locked cabinets, whenever possible.

## **ACTION PLAN**

### **“Physical Environment”**

### **“SAFE AND ORDERLY ENVIRONMENT”**

#### **ACTION PLAN**

***GOAL: School buildings and classrooms will be well maintained and attractive, free of physical hazards and graffiti.***

A. Areas of pride and desired change: The Safe School Planning Committee recognizes and commends the staff and administration for the following conditions and programs at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School which have positively affected the physical and/or psychological well-being as it relates to the physical setting and conditions in which education takes place:

- Maintain the school visitor identification system.
- Maintain photo ID policy for students, staff and outreach programs.
- The reduction in places where students can loiter.
- The partnership established and maintained with the El Centro Police Department.
- The implementation of signs on the gates surrounding the school campus stating “All Visitors Report to the Main Office”.
- The implementation of signs around the school campus stating “No Loitering”.
- The continued enforcement of a Closed Campus policy.
- Continue locking all gates surrounding the school campus.
- Update list of classification and filing system for gangs and graffiti.
- Provide training for Student Services staff. (Security guards, truancy officer, Student Alternative Placement supervisor, attendance and discipline clerks)

*Objective: By the end of the school day, all graffiti will be removed.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. All graffiti must be reported to the Administration Office.
  - b. All graffiti must be photographed and classified.
  - c. All graffiti will be immediately reported to the school secretary / Maintenance for removal.
  
2. Resources needed:
  - a. Staff members continue to report graffiti to Administration Office.
  - b. Cameras for video surveillance.
  - c. In-service Training for classified Staff.
  
3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal or designee.
  - b. Maintenance personnel responsible for graffiti removal.

# **ACTION PLAN**

## **“School Climate”**

### **“PEOPLE AND PLACES”**

#### **ACTION PLAN**

**GOAL: Academic and behavioral expectations and consequences will be clear, positive, fair, known to, and understood by students and staff.**

A. Areas of pride and desired change: The Safe School Planning Committee recognizes and commends the staff and administration for the following conditions and programs at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School which have positively affected the physical and/or psychological well-being of everyone on campus as it relates to the general atmosphere or spirit of the school:

- Revise and enforce the Salzman “Tools For Schools” Behavioral Guidelines, Matrix and Dress Code.
- The continuous use of the District School Resource Officers.

*Objective: By August 2017, Central Union High School District Behavioral Guidelines, Behavioral Matrix, and Dress Code will be updated to reflect changes in California Education Codes.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Review all related materials concerning revisions in California Education Code.
  - b. Update Salzman “Tools For Schools” Behavioral Guidelines and Dress code.
2. Resources needed:

Continuous communication with teachers on Tools For Schools Procedures
3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal or designee.
4. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. By June 2017, all related materials concerning revisions in California Education Code will be gathered.
  - b. By June 2017, a committee will be formed to review the District’s current Policies and make Education Code alignment recommendations.



- c. By June 2017 Salzman “Tools For Schools” Behavioral Guidelines and Dress Code will be updated or any other program implemented.

*Objective: On a daily basis all staff will demonstrate positive classroom management techniques.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Administrative staff members will design, schedule and present In-service Behavioral Guidelines, classroom management and teacher rights and responsibilities to new teachers.
  - b. In-service training will also be planned as necessary.
  - c. Teachers will maintain the discipline plan for their classrooms.
  - d. During passing periods teachers will be highly encouraged to stand outside of their doors supervising students.
2. Resources needed:
  - a. Budgetary resources to cover the cost of printed material.
3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Site leadership team
4. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. By the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, new teachers will receive training on the updated Salzman “Tools For Schools” Behavioral Guidelines, managing discipline problems and their rights and responsibilities regarding suspensions.
  - b. By Back to School Night all teachers will have turned in a copy of Their Classroom Discipline Plan and a copy of their syllabus.

*Objective: By August 2017 all students will receive a copy of the Central Union High School District Behavior Guidelines and Dress Code policy.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. A copy of the Salzman “Tools For Schools” Behavioral Guidelines will be included in the Registration packet or the program implemented.
  - b. Review the Salzman Behavioral Guidelines with Students or the
  - c. Behavior Program implemented.
  - d. Students and parents will receive and acknowledge / sign necessary paperwork.
2. Resources needed:
  - a. Budgetary resources to cover the cost of the copies of the Salzman “Tools For Schools” Guidelines or any program implemented.

3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal or designee.
  
4. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. By August 1, 2017 the updated copy of the Salzman “Tools For Schools” or the plan implemented Behavioral Guidelines will be included in the Registration packets.

***GOAL: Any identified gang associates or gang members on the Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School campus will be carefully monitored in an effort to provide interventions deemed necessary.***

A. Areas of pride and desired change: The Safe School Planning Committee recognizes and commends the staff and administration for the following conditions and programs at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School which have positively affected the physical and/or psychological well-being of everyone on campus as it relates to the personal characteristics of students and staff:

- The Counseling Conflict Resolution Services which strive to provide counseling for students.
- The establishment and use of Gang Identification as a means to recognize gang members or potential gang members / crews.
- The rich ethnic and cultural diversity among the student populations, which allows for exposure to and awareness / appreciation of other cultures by all concerned.
- In service provided to staff on identifying gang members / crews.

*Objective: Any student(s) identified as “at risk students” will participate in an At Risk Support Group Program as deemed necessary and will be provided by the Principal or designee and School Resource Officer.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Principal and SRO will have the opportunity to participate in a school event / or hear a motivational speaker for “at risk students”.
  - b. Eligible “at risk students” will be identified by parents and staff.
  - c. Community speakers will make presentations to students who are considered to be “at risk”.

- d. Academic / Counseling sessions for Transitional students / Valley Academy School.
- e. IVROP Career workshops for “at risk students”.
- f. Personal counseling sessions are available for all students on campus if necessary, by the Academic counselor, COSA counselor, and School psychologist.

2. Resources needed:
  - a. Staff members to facilitate events would include the COSA Counselor, School Truancy Officer, School Resource Officer and Academic counselor.
  - b. Budgetary resources to cover training.
3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal and School Resource Officer.
4. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. Policy established during the 2017-2018 academic year will be revised by November 2017.
  - b. Program guidelines will be revised by November 2017.
  - c. Program will continue to be implemented throughout the 2017-2018 year.

*Objective: Parental Education Support Services will be available to provide information on youth gang involvement, parenting skills and parent-support strategies.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Principal and the School Resource Officer will identify parents whose youth are already involved in or moving in the direction of being involved in gangs / crews.
  - b. Principal and the School Resource Officer will counsel and refer to appropriate related agencies.
2. Resources needed:
  - a. Principal and School Resource Officer.
3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal or designee.
  - c. Central Union High School District Resource Officer (El Centro Police Officer).

4. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. Gang profile tool updated prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year.
  - b. Continue to implement and monitor throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

*Objective: By the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, increase the awareness of every staff person at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School to signs and symptoms of gang / tagging crew involvement, general awareness of the street gang / tagging crew culture, and specific methods for dealing with gang / tagging crew related behavior.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Principal or designee and the School Resource Officer will investigate gang prevention strategies and bring findings to the Safe School Committee by November 2017.
  - b. Minimum of one staff training for gang / crew prevention.
2. Resources needed:
  - a. Developed In-Service content and format.
  - b. Qualified Presenters.
  - c. Allocated time to schedule all staff members.
3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal or designee
  - c. School Resource Officer
4. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. First In-Service will be held during the 2017-2018 school year.
  - b. Updates throughout the year as needed.

*GOAL: Attendance expectations and consequences will be clear, positive, fair, known to and understood by students, staff and parents.*

- A. Areas of pride and desired change: The Safe School Planning Committee recognizes and commends the staff and administration for the following conditions and programs at Desert Oasis High School Phoenix Rising High School which have positively affected the physical and/or psychological well-being of all persons on campus as it relates to the general atmosphere or spirit of the school:

- The continued enforcement and revision of the District Attendance Policy.

- Continue attending DAIT meetings at the District Office.
- Continue with parent conferences / home visits for Parents of students that are classified as truant.
- Continued implementation of the Truancy Abatement Program (TAP).
- The continued implementation of the Live Attendance Database / Aeries Attendance.
- The cooperative efforts of the El Centro Police Department and
- Maintain the Community Liaison Officer.
- Personnel to enforce City Ordinance No. 18-48.1(A) that will assist with the Truancy Abatement Program: (It shall be unlawful for any minor, the age of seventeen, to loiter, idle, wander, or be in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alley, parks, playgrounds, or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, or the premises of any establishment, vacant lots or any unsupervised place between the hours of 7:30 am and 2:30 pm on any day when school is in session for that minor.)

*Objective: The truancy rate will decrease by the end of the 2017-2018 school year.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Admit Slips will continue to be required of students.
  - b. Truancy Abatement Program
  - c. Enforcement of City Ordinance 18-48.1(A)
  
2. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal or designee
  - b. School Resource Officer
  - c. Attendance Clerks
  - d. District Community Liaison
  - e. Counselor
  
3. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. Truancy Abatement Program-efforts to include individual conferences for Parents of students that receive a truancy letter.
  - b. Continue to require admit slips.
  - c. Continued enforcement of City Ordinance 18.48-1(A).

*GOAL: All students and staff will become familiar with the Central Union High School District Harassment Policy as it is written in the Student Registration Packet. Students and Staff will become familiar with the different forms of harassment and the consequences.*

- A. Areas of commitment: The Safe School Planning Committee recognizes and commends the staff and administration for the following conditions and programs at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School which have positively affected the physical and/or psychological well-being of all persons on campus as it relates to the general atmosphere or spirit of the school:
- The subject of Harassment as part of the Health Education Curriculum.
  - The establishment of Conflict Resolution Sessions.
  - The establishment of Behavior Intervention Plans for cases of harassment.
  - The yearly visitations of the School Psychologist, School Resource Officer and Assistant Principal to all classes.
  - The yearly visitations of the School Resource Officer by teacher request, on an as needed basis to discuss Harassment.
  - The immediate removal of Graffiti that is in the nature of Harassment.
  - School and Community Resources to give presentations to “at risk” students.
  - “No Contact” agreements for students.
  - “Attendance / Behavior” agreements for students.

*Objective: Decrease the incidents of bullying, hazing and all forms of harassment.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Continued student, parent and staff education of Harassment.
  - b. Continue providing one on one and/or group Conflict Resolution Sessions/Behavior Intervention Plans for any reported cases of harassment.
  - c. Maintain signs stating District Policy as it relates to Harassment.
  - d. Continue to include the Harassment policy in the Registration Packets.
2. Resources needed:
  - a. None.

3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Principal or designee.
  - b. All staff members.
4. Timeline for Implementation:
  - a. Continuously enforce Harassment Policy.

***Goal: Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School will establish a sense of commitment from students, parents, staff and the community. All stake holders and community support agencies will have an opportunity to participate actively in school matters.***

A. Areas of commitment: The Safe School Planning Committee recognizes and commends the staff and administration for the following conditions and programs at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School which have positively affected the physical and/or psychological well-being of all persons on campus as it relates to the organizational and interpersonal processes that occur in and around the school:

- The partnership established and maintained with the El Centro Police Department which offers a “Ride Along” Program to staff and parents as requested.
- The continued placement of a uniformed El Centro Police Officer on District Campuses. (School Resource Officer)
- The availability of Imperial County services on Central’s campus.(Behavioral Health AHLP Program, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Transition Partnership Program, I.V.R.O.P, Parent CARE classes.
- The services provided by the Family Resource Center (School Psychologist / Nurse), Speech Therapist, Eligibility Worker / Social Worker (Provided by the Department of Social Services), Public Health Department, Food Bank, Sure Helpline Support Groups.
- Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix High School Counselor / COSA Counselor.
- Services for Foster Youth and homeless students (Provided by Counseling)

*Objective: Maintain the relationship with Imperial County Agencies, such as but not limited to Behavioral Health, Social Services and Probation. Consultation services are offered on a needed basis.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. Continue to provide open communication and office space for Imperial County Agencies.

2. Resources needed and Persons Responsible for Implementation:
  - a. All positions are funded by Imperial County Agencies.
3. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. Continuously maintain relationships with various Imperial County Agencies.

*Objective: The principal or designee will have displayed strong leadership and direction in maintaining a positive environment at Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School throughout the 2017-2018 school year.*

1. Related activities:
  - a. The principal or designee will regularly visit classrooms, walk the campus and be visible during lunch and at transportation loading points.
  - b. The principal or designee will respond personally to concerns of students, parents and staff
  - c. The district wide School Psychologist, the School Resource Officer, school counselors and the Principal will facilitate conflict resolution sessions.
  - d. Appropriate visitor information signs will be posted at all gates.
  - e. Parent communication on attendance by automated dialer/ attendance clerks, truancy letters, parent portal, home visits, SST meetings.
2. Resources needed:
  - a. Budgetary resources to cover stipends and training for peer counseling-advising/conflict resolution team's advisor.
  - b. Budgetary resources to cover costs of signs.
3. Person(s) responsible for implementation:
  - a. Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising Administrative staff.
  - b. Desert Oasis and Phoenix Rising High School District maintenance personnel.
4. Timeline for implementation:
  - a. Prior to the beginning of each school year, the administration will construct a schedule of classroom visitations and school supervision.
  - b. Prior to the beginning of the school year, policies will be established to deal with the concerns of students, staff and parents.
  - c. By August 2017, visitor information signs shall be posted at all gates.



# **SAFETY STRATEGY SAMPLES**

## **Introduction**

Safe Schools are orderly and purposeful places where students and staff are free to learn and teach without the threat of physical and psychological harm. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL promotes educational and psychological healthy environments for all students. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL recognizes there are comprehensive, broad factors directly related to a safe school environment such as the school facility, school programs, staff, parents and the community. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL further recognizes that safe school practices make major contributions to academic and school improvement efforts.

Although keeping students safe requires a community-wide effort, schools are an important piece of the undertaking to keep students safe. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL efforts are illustrated below which broaden the safety planning and incorporate an extensive range of strategies and programs in the school safety plan are illustrated below.

***SCHOOL SAFETY STRATEGY #1: Positive pupil interpersonal relations are fostered by teaching social-personal skills, encouraging pupils to feel comfortable assisting others to get help when needed and teaching pupils alternative, socially appropriate replacement responses to violence, including, but not limited to problem solving and anger control skills. When appropriate, staff members shall make referrals to community agencies, counseling and mental health resources. The referrals will assist parents/students with issues, prevention and intervention. The school uses a variety of methods to communicate to pupils, parents, and the greater community that all students are valued and respected.***

## **Preventing and Intervening: Pupil Aggressive Behavior**

Creating a safe school requires having in place many preventive measures for student's mental and emotional problems. Schools can reduce the risk of violence by teaching students appropriate strategies for dealing with emotions, expressing anger in appropriate ways and resolving conflicts.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL uses a comprehensive approach to school violence prevention. Pupils are identified by using measures shown to be highly effective in identifying students with antisocial and aggressive behaviors. These measures include: (a) number of disciplinary referrals to office, (b) observed aggressive behavior, and (c) teacher observation (d) attendance and (e) academic performance.

**Mental Health Programs** Assigned to DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and

PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL is a school psychologist, **(1 counselor)** and a Migrant Program Coordinator. District programs contributing to mental health goals include an Imperial County Department of Behavior Substance Abuse Counselor and the CUHSD Family Resource Center. Referrals are made for Parenting, Group Counseling, Crisis Intervention and Conflict Resolution Sessions. A nurse is available to assist our students when needed. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL shall identify students in need and bring forth the student and the family to the school's Student Success Team. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL shall implement an Incident Crisis Response Plan for "suicide" in cases where a student exhibits specific characteristics. In incidences of possible suicide, school/district psychologist or police crisis response units shall be contacted.

**Professional Development** The Central Union High School District provides professional development for teachers, parents, and community members. Instructional Coaches and a Supervisor of Instruction provide training to Central Union High District Certificated Staff. Amongst the goals of such programs are to help others establish and nurture a healthy sense of self confidence and self-control, to develop personal and social responsibility and to enhance academic success.

**Student Recognition Programs** DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL offers several recognition and award programs such as **Student of the Month, Excellent Attendance Awards, and Citizenship Award.**

**SCHOOL SAFETY STRATEGY #2:** *Procedures, programs and strategies used to help eliminate problems of bias or unfair treatment of pupils by staff and by peers because of ethnic group, gender, race, national origin, social class, religion, disability, sexual orientation, physical appearance, color, ancestry, parental status, or other relevant characteristics. The school provides a way for each pupil to safely report and, be protected after reporting, troubling behaviors that the pupil thinks may lead to dangerous situations, such as potential school violence.*

**Non-discrimination and Fair Treatment of Pupils** A major source of conflict in many schools is the perceived or real problem of bias and unfair treatment of students because of ethnicity, gender, race, social class, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, physical appearance, or some other factor. Effective schools convey the attitude that all students can achieve academically and behave appropriately, while at the same time appreciating individual differences. Effective schools communicate to students and the community that all students are valued and respected.

In order to maximize the successful education of all students and help them become productive citizens and lifelong learners in a diverse society, all individuals

including students, parents, staff and community members shall:

- Be treated with dignity, respect and fairness;
- Encourage and maintain high expectations;
- Model an appreciation for socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, gender and religious diversity; and
- Contribute to an environment of mutual respect, caring and cooperation.

Students, parents, staff and community members shall join together to share a sense of belonging and take pride in our schools, facilities and programs through participation and cooperation in support of the education of all students.

A copy of the District attendance, academic and disciplinary policy is provided to each parent/student annually or upon enrollment. A copy of the District Attorney's letter informing parents on current truancy and attendance enforcement of education codes is provided to parents upon enrollment. These forms include information pertaining to student rights to physical safety, to the protection of personal property, respect from adults, and to be free of discrimination on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or the perception of one or more of such characteristics. The District's policies on non-discrimination and sexual harassment support these protections and serve to promote the fair treatment of all children.

**Discipline Policy and Code** DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL are committed to becoming a safe school by developing school-wide rules that are clear, broad-based, and fair. School safety can be enhanced by the development of a school-wide disciplinary policy that includes a code of conduct, specific rules and consequences that can accommodate student differences on a case-by-case basis when necessary. Discipline consequences should be appropriate with the offense, should be written, applied in a nondiscriminatory manner, and accommodate cultural diversity. Direct teaching and social problem solving and social decision-making is now a standard feature of effective drug and violence prevention programs. (Discipline Plan attached at the back of the Safety Plan)

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL use both classroom and school-wide discipline codes that clearly communicate the behavioral expectations and consequences for pupils. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL have developed plans to promote positive behaviors in the Ramada, hallways, and assembly areas. (all areas of Desert and Phoenix / outside of classrooms)

**SCHOOL SAFETY STRATEGY #3: DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL administrators, teachers, families,**

*pupils, support staff, and community members recognize and make appropriate use of the early warning signs related to violence, substance abuse, and other at-risk concerns.*

**Crisis Intervention and Disaster Planning** The DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL staff shall increase school safety by evaluating and addressing serious behavioral and academic concerns. Weapons (on campus and in the community), bomb threats, explosives, fights, natural disasters, accidents, and suicides require immediate, planned action, and long-term, post-crisis intervention. Planning for such contingencies reduces chaos and trauma.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL benefits from the District's Earthquake Disaster Crisis Response Plan (EDCR). The EDCR Plan includes information on how to respond to a crisis. Risk factors, response and contingency plans, quick response designs, parent contacts, debriefing, suicide/threat response, violence/aggression response and training/drills to become aware of warning signs are among the areas addressed. A Threat Assessment Team evaluated the campus security, disaster plans and crisis intervention procedures. A thorough walk through of the school campus was also completed by the team.

### **Teacher Notice of Disciplinary History**

Student Services shall provide to the teachers of DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL information on each pupil who has: (1) during the previous three school years, engaged in any suspendable or expellable act (except E.C. 48900 (h)) or (b) committed a crime reported to the District by a family member, local law enforcement, Probation Department or Social Services. This information is used to develop awareness, assigning appropriate discipline consequences, helps in allocating resources, and is a factor in determining which services are provided to the pupil or recommended to the parent/guardian.

### **Gang / Crew Affiliation**

Gang affiliation and gang activity will not be tolerated at DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL. The staff at DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL shall work closely with the local law enforcement/Gang Unit regarding all issues and matters that are gang related. Information from the school and the community shall be communicated to the student's parents, if the pupil begins to make gang affiliations. Appropriate prevention and intervention strategies and programs shall be offered to the families.

### **Gangs / Crew and Graffiti**

Local city efforts have resulted in a school resource officer program. DESERT

OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL uses its links with the City of El Centro to enhance its effort to curb gang / crew influence.

**Alternative Programs** Research has shown that effective alternative programs can have long-term positive results by reducing expulsions and court referrals. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL has access to the district's independent Study Program, Phoenix Rising, and the Student Attendance Review Board (S.A.R.B.) for placement in one of the programs offered through the Imperial County Department of Education (Valley Academy). These alternative programs, when matched to a pupil's needs, can produce positive outcomes.

### **Drug and Violence Prevention Programs**

The goals of the district's Drug Alcohol and Tobacco Education Program and other related community programs / group counseling, include providing all freshman pupils with a comprehensive drug and violence prevention program. The El Centro Police Department Canine Unit is an available resource that is utilized on the CUHS campus.

### **Truancy Abatement Efforts**

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL recognizes the importance of punctuality and regular attendance. The staff of DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL shall accurately record the attendance record for all students. Parents of students with poor attendance will be contacted by phone calls, home visits, student conferences and letters sent home. Students are referred to the Student Success Team. Students with poor attendance due to medical issues will be referred to the school nurse / admin / counselor. Should attendance problems continue official action is to be taken, which could result in a referral to the School Attendance Review Board / District Attorney Office / Enforcement of City Ordinance No. 18-48.1(A).

**SCHOOL SAFETY STRATEGY #4:** *Plan(s) and method(s) are available to identify isolated and troubled students, help foster positive relationships between school staff and students, and promote meaningful parental and community involvement.*

### **Parent/Guardian Involvement**

Staff members in effective and safe schools make persistent efforts to involve parents/guardians by informing them about discipline policies, procedures, and rules, and about their student's behavior; involving them in making decisions concerning school-wide disciplinary policies and procedures; and encouraging them to participate in prevention programs, intervention programs and crisis planning.

## DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL:

- Effectively uses the School Site Council
- Notifies parents about, and encourages participation in various school activities for parent involvement
- Has established a school visitation procedure
- Provides a newsletter to parents
- Uses the School Accountability Report Card as a procedure to communicate to parents
- Provides several opportunities for Teacher-Parent Conferences
- Communication with teachers through email
- Access to Parent Portal
- Back to School Night / Open House
- Phone Dialer Communication

### **Parent Training: Promoting the Use of Community Resources**

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL advocates for the provision of community resources to help maximize the development of positive behavior and the suppression of anti-social behavior. Such training promises to maximize the parent's contribution to academic excellence and noteworthy social-development.

### **Problem Solving Teams**

School communities can enhance their effectiveness by identifying factors that result in violence and other problem behaviors. On-site collaborative problem-solving teams are viewed as essential to successful prevention and intervention with aggressive behavior. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL utilizes a Student Success Team to help address issues of problem behavior. These problem-solving efforts bring together school staff, parents, and when appropriate, involved community-based agencies and the student. The goal is to help identify, clarify, analyze and resolve issues concerning student, educational and family concerns. The Student Success Team is flexible enough to address individual problems and school-wide matters. After various attempts have been made for parents to attend SST meetings, the team will facilitate a conference call and / or home visit if needed.

### **Community Linkages**

When working with parents and students with specific issues, the staff at

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL provides information to the families regarding available community resources. The staff of the Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School shall work closely with recognized local city, county and state agencies.

**SCHOOL SAFETY STRATEGY #5: Specific employees (e.g., the campus supervisor) use unique strategies to promote school safety.**

**Campus Supervisor and Administrative Positions**

Schools can enhance physical safety by monitoring the surrounding school grounds-including landscaping, parking lots. Students can also be a good source of information. Peers often are the most likely group to know in advance about potential school violence.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL employs a Principal and a Counselor whose jobs are designed to help increase school safety, prevent prohibited offenses, and promote positive student relationships. The Principal, Counselor, and Security staff have developed procedures to monitor the school campus, the surrounding areas, and have designated the safe entrance and exit routes to school. Furthermore, recognizing that pupils are often the first to know of dangerous plans or actions, the Principal, Counselor and Security staff at DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL have an open door policy, making themselves available for a student to safely report troubling behaviors that may lead to dangerous situations. When it comes to school safety, students are taught not to keep silent. Effective relationships between the Principal, Counselor and Security staff and pupils help initiate appropriate investigations, help staff learn of suspects in school offenses, and help collect important knowledge about community conflicts that may have an impact on school safety.

**Campus Disturbances and Crimes**

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL recognizes that campus disturbances and crimes may be committed by visitors and outsiders to the campus. Several steps have been taken to protect the school, staff, and pupils from safety threats by individuals visiting the campus area. In addition, disputes often occur because of parental custody issues. The staff of DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL will maintain in the student's records, custody documentation provided by families and will request assistance from local law enforcement, restraining orders and the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance as needed.

### **Visitors and Disruptions to Educational Process**

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL are aware of the laws, policies and procedures, which govern the conduct of visitors to the school campus. DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL uses continuing efforts to minimize the number of campus entrance and exit points used daily. Access to school grounds is limited and supervised on a regular basis by individuals, such as the campus supervisor; staff familiar with the student body and surveillance cameras. Campus traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, flows through areas that can be easily and naturally supervised. The campus has perimeter fencing.

To ensure the safety of students and staff and avoid potential disruptions, all visitors to the campus, except pupils of the school and staff members, must register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL has established a visible means of identification for visitors while on school premises (i.e. tag). Furthermore, the Principal, designee or campus supervisor may direct an individual to leave school grounds if he/she has a reasonable basis for concluding that the person is committing an act that is likely to interfere with the peaceful conduct of school activities or that the person has entered the campus with the purpose of committing such an act.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL has developed a notice for disruptive individuals and, when appropriate, exercises the authority to remove a visitor or outsider from the campus. Law Enforcement/School Resource Officer and campus security is immediately contacted for individuals engaging in threatening conduct, including disturbing the peace.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL notice and removal system establishes sufficient documentation for civil law remedies as needed. For continuing disruptive behavior by a visitor or outsider, DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL shall contact the district office to determine whether to file for a temporary restraining order and injunction.

**SCHOOL SAFETY STRATEGY #6: AT DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL, effective**



**procedures will be followed to maintain a safe physical school site.**

### **Enhancing Physical Safety Practices**

Schools can enhance physical safety by adjusting traffic flow patterns to limit potential for conflicts or altercations. Schools can enhance physical safety by having adults visibly present throughout the school building.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL has identified the following:

- DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL operates a closed campus, where students must have permission to leave the campus during school hours.
- DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL has set a priority to keep buildings clean and maintained.
- DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL keeps a complete list of staff members who have keys to building(s).
- DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL does not allow graffiti to remain on walls. The procedure involves following the three “R’s” after discovery of graffiti—read, record (i.e. photograph or videotape) and remove. All bathroom graffiti is removed daily upon discovery.
- DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL has established two-way communication between the front office and each classroom.
- DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL offers school-or-community-based activities for students during lunch and afterschool.

**SCHOOL SAFETY STRATEGY #7: *It is the firm belief of DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL staff that character education is an underlying aim in the educational process of our students. It is our belief that as professionals we also nurture, model and foster a sound character development through which students will be caring, responsible and socially conscious active participants in our community.***

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL staff supports the following concepts, which allow for the development of sound moral character:

1. Rules and Procedures  
DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL staff provides clear expectations for student academic and

behavioral expectations to the student and the parent by posting class rules and sharing them with parents through a class syllabus that is sent home / and reviewed during Back To School Night. A copy of school rules is also provided at registration.

2. Cooperative Learning

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL staff members implement strategic cooperative learning activities that foster student leadership and allow for initiative while enforcing individual responsibility to the group at large. It is our goal that by facilitating cooperative learning activities students will gain the skills to succeed in the work force of today's world.

3. Teaching for Thinking

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL staff continuously strives to provide educational opportunities through which students engage in higher cognitive level thinking. Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School staff integrates into the Academics the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO'S.)

4. Quality Literature

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL staff continuously seeks to incorporate literary works through which positive character values are explored and discussed.

5. Service Learning

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL provides opportunities for community service hours.

# ***School Safety Compliance***

## ***SUICIDE PREVENTION / INTERVENTION STRATEGIES***

Central Union High School District

Board Policy No. 5141.52

Students

The Governing Board recognizes that suicide prevention is a district priority. Schools have a responsibility to protect students by facilitating prevention / intervention strategies to all students and staff. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification, reporting and prevention of incidents in accordance with the law.

1. Embedded in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Health class / a unit on mental health – suicide prevention is part of the curriculum.
2. Yellow Ribbon / Suicide Prevention coordinator is a guest speaker to students on suicide prevention.
3. Community resource speakers come in to classes to speak with students on suicide prevention.

(cf. 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention)

BP 4131 Personnel

Staff Development

The Board of Trustees believes that, in order to maximize student learning and achievement, certificated staff members must be continuously learning and improving their skills. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a program of ongoing professional development which includes opportunities for teachers and certificated teaching assistants to enhance their instructional and classroom management skills and become informed about changes in pedagogy and subject matter.

(cf. 6111 – School Calendar)

The districts staff development program may include, but is not limited to:

- 10 Topics related to student health, safety and welfare

(cf. 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention)

Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School will access

community based resources to assist in training and awareness of how to respond effectively to students with suicidal behaviors or threats and how to respond to the aftermath of a suicidal attempt. The following community resources may be used to educate and train staff and students.

1. Imperial County Behavioral Health Agency
2. Imperial County Office of Education / Student Well Being
3. Imperial County Sure Helpline

## BP 6164.2 Instruction

### Guidance / Counseling Services

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a comprehensive counseling program can help promote academic achievement and serve the diverse needs of all district students. Counseling staff shall be available to meet with students to discuss academic, social, or personal difficulties, as well as other issues that may impact student learning. The following counseling staff is available on the Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School campus.

Academic / Personal Counselors  
COSA Counselor  
School Psychologist

### Crisis Counseling

The Board recognizes the need for a prompt and effective response when students are confronted with a traumatic incident. School counselors shall assist in the development of the comprehensive school safety plan, emergency and disaster preparedness plan and other prevention and intervention practices designed to assist students before and after a crisis.

(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall identify crisis counseling resources to train district staff in appropriate response techniques and / or to directly help students cope with such crises if they occur. Desert Oasis High School and Phoenix Rising High School may use the following techniques to assist a student in crisis:

1. Early identification and intervention plans shall be developed to help identify those students who may be at risk for violence so that early identification by staff / reporting to appropriate staff / support may be provided before they engage in violent or disruptive behavior. (Report to

- Administration, Counselors, School Resource Officer, School Psychologist)
2. Check for indicators of emotional distress and / or physical signs of self-injury / verbal communication of suicidal thoughts / plan.
  3. Ensure student safety and refer to School Resource Officer / School Psychologist to access / evaluate the emotional / mental state.
  4. Make a determination if the student is a danger to himself or others.
  5. Make appropriate phone calls to outside agencies / Imperial County Behavioral Health / and parent.

#### Follow Up – Interventions

If the student returns to the school campus the following support / interventions will be made available:

1. Immediate Parent Conference with counselor, school psychologist and or school administration.
2. Student Success Team Meeting

(cf. 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention)

Provide counseling staff with training on suicide through community resources. Educate counseling staff on the warning signs and making referrals for a potentially suicidal student.

#### BP 5149 Students

##### At Risk Students

The Board of Trustees recognizes that personal, social, health and economic conditions of children and families sometimes place students at greater risk of school failure. The Board believes, however that each student can succeed in meeting district academic standards with an appropriate educational program and support services.

(cf. 6011 – Academic Standards)

(cf. 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to address the needs of district students at risk. District assessments and ongoing classroom evaluations shall be used to identify students performing below grade level or at risk of failing to meet district standards. The primary emphasis shall be on prevention and early intervention. The Superintendent or designee also shall ensure that school staff is prepared to implement intervention strategies as needed or to make

appropriate referrals.

(cf. 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention)

49604 Suicide prevention training for school counselors

## ***SUSPECTED SUICIDE REPORTING PROCEDURES***

Initiate the report

The report is initiated by a telephone call / personal contact report to the appropriate agency for evaluation.

Law enforcement (ECPD) (760) 352-2113  
CUHSD School Psychologist

If the student is found "at risk" they would be transported to Imperial County Behavioral Health Crisis Center: 202 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, El Centro CA

The parent is contacted regarding the student being evaluated.

At Imperial County Behavioral Health / Crisis the student is evaluated by a Professional Health Provider and they will determine if further psychiatric treatment is needed / or be released to guardian / parent after evaluation,

On return to Desert Oasis/ Phoenix Rising High School campus, a follow up conference will be established between the parent, student and counselor / or administration to discuss support services in place for the student as they continue their education at Desert Oasis/ Phoenix Rising High School.

Imperial County Behavioral Health Services  
202 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, El Centro CA 92243  
(442) 265-1526

## ***BULLYING PROCEDURES***

Central Union HSD / BP 5131.2 Students

The Board of Trustees recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide safe school environments that protect students from physical and emotional harm. District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student.

No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, retaliate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel.

(cf. [5131](#) - Conduct)

(cf. [5136](#) - Gangs)

(cf. [5145.3](#) - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. [5145.7](#) - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. [5145.9](#) - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Cyberbullying includes the creation or transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

(cf. [5145.2](#) - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

Strategies for addressing bullying in district schools shall be developed with involvement of key stakeholders, including students, parents/guardians, and staff, and may be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan, the local control and accountability plan, and other applicable district and school plans.

(cf. [0420](#) - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. [0450](#) - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)



(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. [6020](#) - Parent Involvement)

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may collaborate with law enforcement, courts, social services, mental health services, other agencies, and community organizations in the development and implementation of joint strategies to promote safety in schools and the community and to provide services for alleged victims and perpetrators of bullying.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

### Bullying Prevention

To the extent possible, district schools shall focus on the prevention of bullying by establishing clear rules for student conduct and implementing strategies to promote a positive, collaborative school climate. Students shall be informed, through student handbooks and other appropriate means, of district and school rules related to bullying, mechanisms available for reporting incidents or threats, and the consequences for engaging in bullying.

(cf. [5137](#) - Positive School Climate)

As appropriate, the district shall provide students with instruction, in the classroom or other educational settings, that promotes effective communication and conflict resolution skills, social skills, character/values education, respect for cultural and individual differences, self-esteem development, assertiveness skills, and appropriate online behavior.

(cf. [6142.8](#) - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. [6142.94](#) - History-Social Science Instruction)

(cf. [6163.4](#) - Student Use of Technology)

Staff shall receive related professional development, including information about early warning signs of harassing/intimidating behaviors and effective response.

(cf. [4131](#) - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Based on an assessment of bullying incidents at school, the Superintendent or designee may increase supervision and security in areas where bullying most often occurs, such as classrooms, athletic fields, hallways, restrooms, and cafeterias.

#### Intervention

Students are encouraged to notify school staff when they are being bullied or suspect that another student is being victimized. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop means for students to report threats or incidents confidentially and anonymously.

School staff who witness an act of bullying shall immediately intervene to stop the incident when it is safe to do so. (Education Code [234.1](#))

When appropriate based on the severity or pervasiveness of the bullying, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of victims and perpetrators and may contact law enforcement.

The Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may refer a victim, witness, perpetrator, or other student affected by an act of bullying to a school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, child welfare attendance personnel, school nurse, or other school support service personnel for case management, counseling, and/or participation in a restorative justice program as appropriate. (Education Code [48900.9](#))

(cf. [6164.2](#) - Guidance/Counseling Services)

#### Reporting and Filing of Complaints

Any student, parent/guardian, or other individual who believes that a student has been subjected to bullying or who has witnessed bullying may report the incident to a teacher, the principal, a compliance officer, or any other available school employee. In addition, any school employee who observes an incident of bullying involving a student shall report his/her observation to the principal or a district compliance officer, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

Whenever a report of bullying is received, the principal shall notify the district compliance officer identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. [1312.3](#) - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

When the circumstances involve cyberbullying, individuals with information about the activity shall be encouraged to save and print any electronic or digital messages that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated. When a

student uses a social networking site or service to bully or harass another student, the Superintendent or designee may file a request with the networking site or service to suspend the privileges of the student and to have the material removed.

When a credible report of bullying is submitted, the principal or a district compliance officer shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with AR 1312.3. The student who is the alleged victim of the bullying shall be given an opportunity to describe the incident, identify witnesses who may have relevant information, and provide other evidence of bullying.

#### Investigation and Resolution of Complaints

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3.

The Board of Trustees hereby directs the principal or designee to investigate complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying prohibited by the Board Policy, and also to investigate circumstances where it is reasonably suspected that a pupil or pupils engaged in misconduct prohibited by this policy. Incidents shall be investigated and resolved as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) school days from receiving a complaint. If a complainant is not satisfied with the school's resolution of the complaint, he or she may submit an appeal to the Superintendent within five (5) school days, and such appeal shall be reviewed, and a decision on the appeal issued, within five (5) days from the receipt.

#### Responding to Incidents and Consequences

Consequences shall be commensurate with the results of the investigation. Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code [48900](#), may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.

(cf. [5138](#) - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. [5144](#) - Discipline)

(cf. [5144.1](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. [5144.2](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

(cf. [6159.4](#) - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

Depending on the severity of the incident, school staff shall take appropriate steps to insure campus safety. This may include any or all of the following: implement an immediate safety plan; isolate and supervise involved student(s); provide staff support for involved students as necessary; report incident to law enforcement, if appropriate; notify the parents/guardians of both the offender and the victim and develop supervision plan with parents.

Any employee who permits or engages in bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

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

(cf. [4119.21/4219.21/4319.21](#) - Professional Standards)

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

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ON[the]LINE, digital citizenship resources: <http://www.onthelineca.org>

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Policy CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# ***CHILD ABUSE REPORTING AND PROCEDURES***

Central Union High School District

Board Policy No. 5141.41

Students

Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

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

(cf. 5141.41 - Child Abuse Prevention)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

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

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

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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

Parents/guardians may contact the Superintendent or designee to obtain procedures for filing a complaint against a district employee or other person whom they suspect has engaged in abuse of a child at a school site.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

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**Policy CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# ***SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE REPORTING PROCEDURES***

## I. Initiating the Report

- A. The report is initiated by a telephone report to the appropriate agency.
- B. If the suspected child abuse has taken place within the family, call the Child Protective Services Office (760) 337-7750.
- C. If the suspected child abuse has taken place outside the family, call the local police department at: (760) 352-2113
- D. Content of call.
  - 1) Name, address and age of child involved.
  - 2) Clear description of suspected abuse.

## II. Written Report

- A. The telephone call is to be followed by completion of the Suspected Child Abuse Report (form 11166.P.C.). These forms are available in the Principal's office at the high school or you may call School Resource Officer Coronel at the Student Services Office at (760) 336-4325.
- B. The written report is to be addressed to the person to whom the telephone report was made.
- C. The written report must follow the phone call within 36 hours.
  - 1. Suspected child abuse within the family, Child Protective Services, 2995 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 101, El Centro, California 92243
  - 2. Suspected child abuse outside the family should be mailed to the agency to which the report was called -

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El Centro, Ca. 92243

The reporting party should keep the yellow copy of the Suspected Child Abuse Report form (SS8572) or verification of completion of the reporting obligation.

Caution:

1. The reporting responsibility has not been discharged until both the telephone call and written reports are complete.
2. School personnel are not to engage in any investigation of suspected cases. The child protective services office will do the investigation.
3. The reporting responsibility is an individual one which is NOT discharged by report to supervisors or administrators.

# ***SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION POLICIES***

Central Union High School District

Board Policy No. 5144.1

Students

## ***Suspension and Expulsion***

The Governing Board has established policies and standards of behavior in order to promote learning and protect the safety and well being of students. When these policies and standards are violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from regular classroom instruction.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Suspended or expelled students shall be excluded from all school-related extracurricular activities during the period of suspension or expulsion.

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Co curricular Activities)

Except in cases where suspension for a first offense is warranted in accordance with law, suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5)

Expulsion is an action taken by the Board for severe or prolonged breaches of discipline by a student. Except for single acts of a grave nature, expulsion is usually used only when there is a history of misconduct, when other forms of discipline, including suspension, have failed to bring about proper conduct, or when the student's presence causes a continuing danger to him/herself or others. (Education Code 48915)

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be specified in administrative regulation.

Each principal shall annually inform all students and parents/guardians of the school's discipline rules and procedures and of the availability of all district policies and regulations dealing with student discipline, suspension and expulsion. (Education Code 35291, 35291.5)

The Governing Board shall focus on fostering a safe educational environment. The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and parent/guardians about the district's discipline policy and the consequences, which may result from student offenses.

### Student Due Process

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices and appeals as specified in regulation and law. (Education Codes 48911, 48915 and 48915.5)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from other Districts)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process - Individuals with Disabilities)

### On-Campus Student Alternative Placement Program

The Board recognizes that students who are suspended from school frequently have no supervision or guidance during the school hours when they are off campus and may fall behind in the course work. The Board believes that in many cases, it would be better to manage the student's behavior by keeping the student at school and providing him/her with supervision that is separated from the regular classroom.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a supervised student alternative placement program, which meets the requirements of law for suspended students who pose no imminent danger or threat at school and for whom an expulsion action has not been initiated.

The Superintendent or designee shall examine alternatives to off-campus suspension and may establish a student alternative placement program which involves progressive discipline during the school day on campus; use of conferences between staff, parents/guardians and students; detention; student study teams or other assessment-related teams; and/or referral to school support services staff. The use of such alternatives does not preclude off-campus suspensions.

### Required Parental Attendance

The Board believes that parental involvement plays an important role in the resolution of classroom behavior problems. The Board expects that teachers will communicate with parents/guardians when behavior problems arise. The Board recognizes that current law enables parents/ guardians to be absent from work

without endangering their employment status in order to attend a portion of their child's school day at a teacher's request. Besides furthering improved classroom behavior, such attendance should promote positive parent-child interactions.

Whenever a student is removed from a class because he/she committed an obscene act, engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied valid staff authority, the teacher of the class from which the student was removed may provide that the student's parent/guardian attend a portion of a school day in that class. After completing the classroom visit and before leaving school premises, the parent/guardian also shall meet with the principal or designee. (Education Code 48900.1)

The Board encourages teachers, before requiring parental attendance, to make reasonable efforts to have the parent/guardian visit the class voluntarily. The teacher also may inform the parent/guardian about available resources and parent education opportunities. Teachers should reserve the option of required parental attendance for cases in which they have determined that it is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the student and the parent/guardian and to improve classroom behavior.

The teacher shall apply this policy uniformly to all students within the classroom. This policy shall apply only to a parent/guardian who lives with the student (Education Code 48900.1)

Parental attendance may be requested on the day the student returns to class or within one week thereafter. The principal or designee shall contact any parents/guardians who do not respond to the request to attend school. The Board recognizes that parental compliance with this policy may be delayed, modified or prevented for reasons such as serious illness/injury/disability, absence from town, or inability to get release time from work.

District regulations and school site rules for student discipline shall include procedures for implementing parental attendance requirements.

#### Decision not to Enforce Expulsion Order

On a case-by-case basis, the Board pursuant to the requirements of the law may suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of this policy before it is implemented and at the beginning of each subsequent school year. (Education Codes 48900.1, 35291, 48980)

District regulations and school-site rules for student discipline shall include procedures for implementing parental attendance requirements.

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*233 Hate violence reductions*  
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Policy CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## ***SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION / DUE PROCESS***

Central Union High School District  
Administrative Regulation 5144.1 and 5144.2  
Adopted 2/13/2005  
Students

### ***DEFINITIONS***

Suspension from school means removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. However, suspension does not mean any of the following: (Education Code 48925)

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level.
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students.
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code 48910. Removal from a particular class shall not occur more than once every five school days.

Expulsion means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control, or the general supervision, of school personnel. (Education Code 48925)

Day means a calendar day unless otherwise specifically provided. (Education Code 48925)

School day means a day upon which the schools of the district are in session or weekdays during the summer recess. (Education Code 48925)

Student includes a student's parent/guardian or legal counsel. (Education Code 48925)

Principal's designee means one or more administrators or, if there is not a second administrator at one school site, a certificated person specifically designated by the principal, in writing, to assist with disciplinary procedures. Only one such person may be designated at any time as the principal's primary designee and only one such person may be designated as secondary designee for the school year. The names of such persons shall be on file in the principal's office. (Education Code 48911)



## **NOTICE OF REGULATIONS**

At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each school shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all school rules related to discipline, suspension and expulsion. Transfer students and their parents/guardians shall be notified at the time of enrollment. (Education Code 35291.5, 48900.1, 48980)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Notification shall include information about the ongoing availability of individual school rules and all district policies and regulations pertaining to student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

## **GROUNDINGS FOR SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION**

A student may be subject to suspension or expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person or willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense. (Education Code 48900(a))

A student who aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury on another person, as defined in Penal Code 31, may be suspended, but not expelled. However a student may be suspended or expelled pursuant to Education Code 48900(a) once he/she has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aide or abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great or serious bodily injury. (Education Code 48900(s))

2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence. (Education Code 48900(b))

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

3. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of, any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind. (Education Code 48900(c))

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

4. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance or material and represented same as controlled substance, alcohol beverage or intoxicant. (Education Code 48900(d))

5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion. (Education Code 48900(e))

6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property. (Education Code 48900(f))

7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property. (Education Code 48900(g))

8. Possessed or used tobacco or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets and betel. This restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing his/her own prescription products (Education Code 48900(h))

9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity (Education Code 48900(i))

10. Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11014.5. (Education Code 48900(j))

11. Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (Education Code 48900(k))

12. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property. (Education Code 48900(l))

13. Possessed an imitation firearm, i.e., a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm. (Education Code 48900(m))

14. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4. (Education Code 48900(n))

15. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness. (Education Code 48900(o))

16. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. (Education Code 48900 (p)).

17. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing as defined in Education Code 48900(q), Education Code 48900 (q)).

18. Engaged in an act of bullying including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined in subdivisions (f) and (g) of Section 32261, directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel.

19. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property. (Education Code 48900.7)

Pursuant to Education Code 48900.7, the making of a terrorist threat includes any written or oral statement by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person or property damage in excess of \$1,000.00, with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out.

A student in grades 4 through 12 is also subject to suspension or recommendation for expulsion when it is determined that he/she:

19. Committed sexual harassment as defined in Education Code 212.5. (Education Code 48900.2)

Pursuant to Education Code 48900.2 the conduct constitutes harassment when considered from the perspective of a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive as to have a negative impact upon the victim's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment.

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

20. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence as defined in Education Code 233 (e). (Education Code 48900.3)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

Education Code 233 defines "hate violence" as any act punishable under Penal Code 422.6, 422.7 or 422.75. Such acts include injuring or intimidating another person, interfering with the exercise of a person's civil rights, or damaging a

person's property because of the person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation.

21. Intentionally harassed, threatened or intimidated a student or group of students to the extent of having the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder, and invading student rights by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. (Education Code 48900.4)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

A student may be suspended or expelled for any of the acts listed above if the act is related to school activity or school attendance occurring at any district school under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent or principal or within any other school district, including but not limited to the following circumstances: (Education Code 48900)

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

The Superintendent or principal may use his/her discretion to provide alternative to suspension or expulsion for a student subject to discipline under this administrative regulation, including, but not limited to, counseling and an anger management program. (*Education Code 48900(v)*)

Alternatives to suspension or expulsion will be used with students who are truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from assigned school activities.

(cf. 5113 - Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 5113.1 - Truancy)

### **REMOVAL FROM CLASS BY A TEACHER/PARENTAL ATTENDANCE**

A teacher may suspend any student from his/her class for the remainder of the day and the following day for any act listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above. (*Education Code 48910*)

A teacher also may refer a student to the site administration for consideration of suspension from school. (*Education Code 48910*)

When removing a student from his/her class, the teacher shall immediately report this action to site administration and send the student to administration for appropriate action. The student shall be appropriately supervised during the class periods from which he/she has been removed.

As soon as possible, the teacher shall ask the student's parent/guardian to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the removal. A counselor or psychologist should attend the conference if it is practicable, and a school administrator may attend if either the parent/guardian or teacher so requests.

A student removed from class shall not be returned to class during the period of removal without the approval of the teacher of the class and the site administration. (Education Code 48910)

A student removed from class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of removal. However, if a student is assigned to more than one class per day, he/she may be placed in any other regular classes except those held at the same time as the class from which the student was removed. (Education Code 48910)

The teacher of any class from which a student is removed may require the student to complete any assignments and tests missed during the removal. (Education Code 48913)

Pursuant to Board policy, a teacher may provide that the parent/guardian of a student whom the teacher has removed attend a portion of a school day in his/her child's classroom. When a teacher makes this request, the site administration shall send the parent/guardian a written notice that the parent/guardian's attendance is requested pursuant to law. (Education Code 48900.1)

This notice shall also:

1. Inform the parent/guardian when his/her presence is expected and by what means he/she may arrange an alternate date.
2. Describe the legal protections afforded to the parent/guardian as an employee under Labor Code 230.7.
3. State that if the parent/guardian does not have a means of transportation to school, he/she may ride the school bus with the student.
4. Ask the parent/guardian to meet with the principal after the visit and before leaving school, as required by Education Code 48900.1.

## ***SUSPENSION BY SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPAL OR PRINCIPAL'S DESIGNEE***

The Superintendent, principal or principal's designee may suspend a student from a school for not more than five consecutive school days unless the suspension is extended pending expulsion. (Education Code 48911)

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately suspend any student found at school or at a school activity to be: (Education Code 48915)

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, or selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence.
2. Brandishing a knife, as defined in Education Code 48915(g), at another person.
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058.
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery as defined in item #14 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion".
5. Possession of an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921.

Suspension also may be imposed upon a first offense if the Superintendent, principal or designee determines the student violated items #1-5 listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above or if the student's presence causes a danger to persons or property or threatens to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48900.5)

A student may be suspended from school for not more than 20 school days in any school year, unless for purposes of adjustment a student enrolls in or is transferred to another regular school, an opportunity school, or continuation school or class, in which case suspension shall not exceed 30 days in any school year. However, this restriction on the number of days of suspension does not apply when the suspension is extended pending an expulsion. (Education Code 48903, 48912)

The Superintendent or designee may count suspensions that occur while a student is enrolled in another school district toward the maximum number of days for which a student may be suspended in any school year. (Education Code 48903)

Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

1. Informal Conference: Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the principal, designee or the Superintendent with the student and whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor or school employee who referred the student to the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and the evidence against him/her; the student shall be given the opportunity to present his/her version and evidence in support of his/her defense. (Education Code 48911(b))

This conference may be omitted if the principal, designee or the Superintendent determines that an emergency situation exists. An "emergency situation" involves a clear and present danger to the lives, safety or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student's right to return to school for the purpose of a conference. The conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives his/her right to it or is physically unable to attend for any reason. In such case, the conference will be held as soon as the student is physically able to return to school. (Education Code 48911(c))

2. Administrative Actions: All requests for student suspension are to be processed by the principal or designee of the school in which the student is enrolled at the time of the misbehavior. A school employee shall report the suspension, including the name of the student and the cause for the suspension, to the Superintendent or designee.

3. Notice to Parents/Guardians: At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension. (Education Code 48911)

This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. (Education Code 48900.8).

In addition, the notice may also state the date and time when the student may return to school. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may add that state law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay.

4. Parent/Guardian Conference: Whenever a student is suspended, school officials may meet with the parent/guardian to discuss the causes and duration of the suspension, the school policy involved, and any other pertinent matters. (Education Code 48914)

While the parent/guardian is required to respond without delay to a request for a conference about a student's behavior, no penalties may be imposed on the

student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such conference. The student may not be denied readmission solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend. (Education Code 48911)

5. Extension of Suspension: If the Board is considering the expulsion of a suspended student from any school or the suspension of a student for the balance of the semester from continuation school, the Superintendent or designee may, in writing, extend the suspension until such time as the Board has made a decision. (Education Code 48911(g))

Any extension of the original period of suspension shall be preceded by notice of such extension with an offer to hold a conference concerning the extension, giving the student an opportunity to be heard. This conference may be held in conjunction with a meeting requested by the student or parent/guardian to challenge the original suspension. Extension of the suspension may be made only if the Superintendent or designee determines, following a meeting in which the student and the student's parent/guardian were invited to participate, that the student's presence at the school or at an alternative school would endanger persons or property or threaten to disrupt the instructional process. (Education Code 48911)

### ***SUSPENSION BY THE BOARD***

The Board may suspend a student for any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above and within the limits specified in "Suspension by Superintendent, Principal or Principal's Designee" above. (Education Code 48912)

The Board may suspend a student enrolled in a continuation school or class for a period not longer than the remainder of the semester if any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" occurred. The suspension shall meet the requirements of Education Code 48915. (Education Code 48912.5)

When the Board is considering a suspension, disciplinary action, or any other action (except expulsion) against any student, it shall hold closed sessions if a public hearing would lead to disclosure of information violating a student's right privacy under Education Code 49073-49079.

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The Board shall provide the student and his/her parent/guardian with written notice of the closed session by or certified mail. Upon receiving this notice, the student or parent/guardian may request a public meeting, and this request shall be granted if made in writing within 48 hours after receipt of the Board's notice. However, any discussion that conflicts with any other student's right to privacy still shall be held in closed session. (Education Codes 35146, 48912)



## ***ON – CAMPUS STUDENT ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT PROGRAM***

Students for whom an expulsion action has not been initiated and who pose no imminent danger or threat to the school may be assigned to a separate, supervised suspension classroom for the entire period of suspension. The following conditions shall apply: (Education Code 48911.1)

1. The supervised alternative placement classroom shall be staffed in accordance with law.
2. The student shall have access to appropriate counseling services.
3. The supervised alternative placement classroom shall promote completion of schoolwork and tests missed by the student during the suspension.
4. Each student shall be responsible for contacting his/her teacher(s) to receive assignments to be completed in the supervised alternative placement classroom. The teacher shall provide all assignments and tests that the student will miss while suspended. If no such work is assigned, the person supervising the alternative placement classroom shall assign schoolwork.

At the time a student is assigned to a supervised alternative placement classroom, the principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian in person or by telephone. When the assignment is for longer than one class period, this notification shall be made in writing. (Education Code 48911.1)

## ***AUTHORITY TO EXPEL***

Only the Board may expel a student. The Board shall expel, as required by law, any student found to have committed certain offenses listed below under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion."

The Board also may order a student expelled for any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" upon recommendation by the principal, Superintendent, hearing officer or administrative panel, based on finding either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915 (b) and (e))

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct.
2. That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others.

### ***MANDATORY RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION***

Unless the principal, Superintendent or designee finds that expulsion is inappropriate due to particular circumstances, the principal, Superintendent or designee shall recommend a student's expulsion for any of the following acts: (Education Code 48915 (a))

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.
2. Possession of any knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g), explosive or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student.
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as listed in the Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, except for the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis.
4. Robbery or extortion.
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee.

### ***MANDATORY RECOMMENDATION AND MANDATORY EXPULSION***

Note: The Attorney General has determined, in 80 Ops.Cal. Atty. Gen. 347 (1997), that a district may not adopt a zero tolerance policy mandating expulsion of a student for a first offense of possession of a controlled substance or alcohol.

The principal, Superintendent or designee shall recommend that the Board expel any student found at school or at a school activity to be: (Education Code 48915(c))

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, or selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence.
2. Brandishing a knife as defined in Education Code 48915(g) at another person.
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery as defined in item #14 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above.

5. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921.

Upon finding that the student committed any of the above acts, the Board shall expel the student. (Education Code 48915)

The initial recommendation for consideration of expulsion is that of the school principal or the Superintendent. Designees may not make this type of recommendation.

The recommendation for consideration of expulsion shall be submitted to the Director, Office of Student Services, who will review the material and recommend:

1. Reassignment to appropriate regular education program.
2. Refer student to Alternative Program; i.e., Community School, Independent Study, Continuation School, or other district programs.
3. Refer the matter to the Discipline Review Panel for further consideration.

When a case is referred to the Discipline Review Panel, the panel shall question school personnel who have information on the incident and the behavior record of the student charged and weighs the evidence presented.

The panel shall, in the case of an expulsion consideration, weigh information presented to determine:

- a. Is the evidence sufficient to support consideration by the expulsion panel?
- b. Has the district, through the schools involved, considered or utilized alternatives to expulsion when possible?
- c. Have due process procedures been adhered to?

The recommendation shall be either to proceed with the expulsion or to utilize an existing practical alternative in lieu of expulsion.

If the district (school) has not adhered to due process requirements, the student shall be returned to school immediately.

If the Discipline Review Panel meets to consider a matter other than an expulsion, it shall provide its best judgment as to an effective alternative program or plan of action.

The recommendation of the Discipline Review Panel shall be forwarded to the Director, Office of Student Services, who shall then review the facts, concur, veto or modify the recommendation.

4. That an expulsion panel be convened.

At the time a recommendation for expulsion is submitted, a hearing shall be scheduled by the Superintendent or designee to determine whether the suspension shall be extended. If the decision is to extend the suspension, the period of time shall be until the Board has rendered a decision or until the expulsion process is otherwise terminated.

The extension of suspension shall be based upon determination by the Superintendent or designee that the presence of the student at the school or in an alternative school placement would cause a danger to persons or property or a threat of disrupting the instructional process. This extension shall be imposed only after the student and the parent/guardian have been given the opportunity to be present at a hearing conducted by the Superintendent or designee. At this time, the student and parent/guardian shall be given the opportunity to be heard and present any information that might bear upon the decision.

Materials, which support the decision of the person recommending the expulsion, shall be prepared and submitted to the Office of Student Services. The departments of Attendance, Guidance, Special Education and/or Health may be requested to assist in the preparation of this material.

### ***STUDENT'S RIGHT TO EXPULSION HEARING***

The student is entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within 30 school days after the principal or Superintendent or designee determines that one of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" has occurred. (Education Code 48918 (a))

The student is entitled to one postponement of an expulsion hearing for a period of not more than 30 calendar days. The request for postponement shall be in writing. Any subsequent postponement may be granted at the Board's discretion. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical during the school year to comply with these time requirements for conducting an expulsion hearing, the Superintendent or designee may, for good cause, extend the time period by an additional five school days. Reasons for the extension shall be included as a part of the record when the expulsion hearing is held. (Education Code 48918(a))

If the Board finds it impractical to comply with the time requirements of the expulsion hearing due to summer recess of Board meetings of more than two weeks, the days during the recess shall not be counted as school days. The days not counted during the recess may not exceed 20 school days as defined in Education Code 48925. Unless the student requests in writing that the expulsion hearing be postponed, the hearing shall be held no later than 20 calendar days prior to the first day of the next school year. (Education Code 48918(a))

Once the hearing starts, all matters shall be pursued with reasonable diligence and concluded without unnecessary delay. (Education Code 48918(a))

### ***WAIVER OF HEARING (DEFAULT PROCEEDINGS)***

If the parent/guardian agrees that their son/daughter behaved essentially in the manner stated in the principals letter recommending expulsion and that such behavior constitutes a violation of the California Education Code, Section 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7 and/or 48915 a suspendable/expellable offense, the parent/guardian may request to waive the Administrative Hearing Panel.

When the parent/guardian agrees to waive the Administrative Hearing Panel, they also waive all notification and timelines related to the expulsion hearing process, along with their rights to appeal the determination of the Board.

The signed affidavit and findings of fact will be submitted to the Board for their approval. The Board has the discretionary power to accept, reject, or modify all recommendations.

### ***RIGHTS OF COMPLAINING WITNESS***

An expulsion hearing involving allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery may be postponed for one school day in order to accommodate the special physical, mental or emotional needs of a student who is the complaining witness. (Education Code 48918.5)

Whenever the Superintendent or designee recommends an expulsion hearing that addresses allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery, he/she shall give the complaining witness a copy of the district's suspension and expulsion policy and regulation and shall advise the witness of his/her right to all the following: (Education Code 48918.5)

1. Receive five days' notice of his/her scheduled testimony at the hearing.
2. Have up to two adult support persons of his/her choosing present in the hearing at the time he/she testifies.

3. Have a closed hearing during the time he/she testifies.

Whenever any allegation of sexual assault or sexual battery is made, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately advise complaining witnesses and accused students to refrain from personal or telephone contact with each other during the time when an expulsion process is pending. (Education Code 48918.5)

#### Written Notice of the Expulsion Hearing (Education Code 48918(b))

Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least 10 calendar days before the date of the hearing. The notice shall include: (Education Code 48900.8, 48918 (b))

1. The date and place of the hearing.
2. A statement of the specific facts, charges and offense upon which the proposed expulsion is based.
3. A copy of district disciplinary rules, which relate to the alleged violation.
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1, to provide information about the student's status in the district to any other district in which the student seeks enrollment. This obligation applies when a student is expelled for acts other than those described in Education Code 48915 (a) or (c).

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from other Districts)

5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person and/or be represented by legal counsel or by a non-attorney advisor.

Legal counsel means an attorney or lawyer who is admitted to the practice of law in California and is an active member of the State Bar of California.

Non-attorney advisor means an individual who is not an attorney or lawyer, but who is familiar with the facts of the case, and has been selected by the student or student's parent/guardian to provide assistance at the hearing.

6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing.
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing.

8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf, including witnesses.

### ***CONDUCT OF EXPULSION HEARING***

1. Closed Session: Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code 54953 and Education Code 35145, the Board shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public unless the student requests in writing at least five days prior to the hearing that the hearing be a public meeting. If such request is made, the meeting shall be public, unless another student's privacy rights would be violated.

Whether the expulsion hearing is held in closed or public session, the Board may meet in closed session to determine if the student should be expelled. If the Board admits any other person to the closed session, the parent/guardian, the student, and the counsel of the student, shall also be allowed to attend the closed session. (Education Code 48918(c))

If a hearing that involves a charge of sexual assault or sexual battery is to be conducted in public, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in closed session when testifying in public would threaten serious psychological harm to the witness and when there are no alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm, including but not limited to videotaped deposition or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing room by closed-circuit television. (Education Code 48918(c))

2. Record of Hearing: A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate written and complete transcription of the proceedings can be made. (Education Code 48918(g))

3. Subpoenas: Before commencing a student expulsion hearing, the Board may issue subpoenas, at the request of either the student or the Superintendent or designee, for the personal appearance at the hearing of any person who actually witnessed the action that gave rise to the recommendation for expulsion. After the hearing has commenced, the Board or the hearing officer or administrative panel may issue such subpoenas at the request of the student or the County Superintendent of Schools or designee. All subpoenas shall be issued in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure 1985-1985.2 and enforced in accordance with Government Code 11455.20. (Education Code 48918(i))

Any objection raised by the student or the Board may consider the Superintendent or designee to the issuance of subpoenas in closed session, or in open session if so requested by the student, before the meeting. The Board's decision in response to such an objection shall be final and binding. (Education Code 48918(i))

If the Board determines, or if the hearing officer or administrative panel finds and submits to the Board, that a witness would be subject to unreasonable risk of harm by testifying at the hearing, a subpoena shall not be issued to compel the personal attendance of that witness at the hearing. However, that witness may be compelled to testify by means of a sworn declaration as described in item #4 below. (Education Code 48918(i))

4. Presentation of Evidence: While technical rules of evidence do not apply to expulsion hearings, evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The decision of the Board to expel must be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts listed in "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above.

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. While no evidence shall be based solely on hearsay, sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses whose disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm. (Education Code 48918 (f) and (h))

In cases where a search of a student's person or property has occurred, evidence describing the reasonableness of the search shall be included in the hearing record.

5. Testimony by Complaining Witnesses: The following procedures shall be observed when hearings involve allegations of sexual assault or sexual battery by a student: (Education Code 48918)

a. Any complaining witness shall be given five days' notice before being called to testify.

b. Any complaining witness shall be entitled to have up to two adult support persons, including but not limited to a parent/guardian or legal counsel, present during his/her testimony.

c. Before a complaining witness testifies, support persons shall be admonished that the hearing is confidential.

d. The person presiding over the hearing may remove a support person whom he/she finds is disrupting the hearing.

e. If one or both support persons are also witnesses, the hearing shall be conducted according to Penal Code 868.5.

f. Evidence of specific instances of prior sexual conduct of a complaining witness shall be presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard unless the person



conducting the hearing determines that extraordinary circumstances require the evidence to be heard. Before such a determination is made, the complaining witness shall be given notice and an opportunity to oppose the introduction of this evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of this evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent/guardian, legal counsel or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of a complaining witness shall not be admissible for any purpose.

g. In order to facilitate a free and accurate statement of the experiences of the complaining witness and to prevent discouragement of complaints, the district shall provide a nonthreatening environment.

(1) The district shall provide a room separate from the hearing room for the use of the complaining witness before and during breaks in testimony.

(2) At the discretion of the person conducting the hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed reasonable periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he/she may leave the hearing room.

(3) The person conducting the hearing may:

(a) Arrange the seating within the hearing room so as to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness.

(b) Limit the time for taking the testimony of a complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours.

(c) Permit one of the support persons to accompany the complaining witness to the witness stand.

6. Decision Within 10 Days: The Board's decision on whether to expel a student shall be made within 10 school days after the conclusion of the hearing, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a))

7. Decision Within 40 Days: If the Board does not meet on a weekly basis, its decision on whether to expel a student shall be made within 40 school days after the student is removed from his/her school of attendance, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a))

### ***ALTERNATIVE EXPULSION HEARING: HEARING OFFICER OR ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL***

Instead of conducting an expulsion hearing itself, the Board may contract with the county hearing officer or with the Office of Administrative Hearings of the State of California for a hearing officer. Alternatively, the Board may appoint an impartial administrative panel composed of three or more certificated personnel, none of whom shall be members of the Board or on the staff of the school in which the student is enrolled. (Education Code 48918(d))

A hearing conducted by the hearing officer or administrative panel shall conform to the same procedures as apply to a hearing conducted by the Board as specified in "Conduct of Expulsion Hearing."

The hearing officer or administrative panel shall, within three school days after the hearing, determine whether to recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If expulsion is not recommended, the student shall be immediately reinstated. (See "Reinstatement.") The Superintendent or designee shall place the student in a classroom instructional program, any other instructional program, a rehabilitation program, or any combination of these programs after consulting with district staff, including the student's teachers, and with the student's parent/guardian. (Education Code 48918(e))

If expulsion is recommended, findings of fact in support of the recommendation shall be prepared and submitted to the Board. All findings of fact and recommendations shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The Board may accept the recommendation based either upon a review of the findings of fact and recommendations submitted or upon the results of any supplementary hearing the Board may order. (Education Code 48918(f))

In accordance with Board policy, the hearing officer or administrative panel may recommend that the Board suspend the enforcement of the expulsion for a period of one year. (See "Decision Not to Enforce Expulsion Order" below.)

The Board shall make its decision about the student's expulsion within 40 school days after the date of the student's removal from school unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed. (Education Code 48918(a))

### ***THE DISCIPLINE REVIEW PANEL-EXPULSION PANEL***

The Discipline Review Panel will consist of secondary educators when a review is being made of a secondary student.

1. The Discipline Review Panel shall hear the following types of disciplinary cases:

- a. Requests for expulsion from site principals or the Superintendent.
- b. School site administrative requests for assistance (non-expulsion situations).

2. Each discipline review panel shall consist of three certificated persons plus a chairperson and shall consist of elementary educators when a review is being made of an elementary student and of secondary educators when a review is being made of a secondary student. A panelist may not serve on any panel involving a student who is currently attending the school in which he/she is assigned. A representative from Student Services shall be a nonvoting member of each panel.

A chairperson and assistant chairperson, to serve when the chairperson is unable to serve, shall be appointed by the Superintendent or designee and shall serve at his/her pleasure. Neither shall be a member of the Student Services staff.

A pool of panelists shall be established which shall be composed of personnel who have served or are currently serving as members of administrative expulsion panels. The committee chairman shall select members to serve on individual panels.

The meetings of the discipline review panel are open to school district personnel only.

The duties of the Discipline Review Panel are as follows:

1. The chairperson shall call a meeting of the panel as soon as possible, but no later than 10 school days after the receipt of notice of a pending case.
2. A recommendation must be forwarded to the Director, Office of Student Services, within three days of the review hearing.
3. In the event a member of the committee cannot be present at a meeting, the Director, Office of Student Services, will appoint an alternate from the pool to attend.

### ***FINAL ACTION BY THE BOARD***

Whether the expulsion hearing is conducted in closed or public session by the Board, a hearing officer, or an administrative panel, the final action to expel shall be taken by the Board at a public meeting. (Education Code 48918(j))

(cf. 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports)

If the Board conducts the hearing and reaches a decision not to expel, this decision shall be final and the student shall be reinstated immediately.

Upon ordering an expulsion, the Board shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to a school within the district. For a student expelled for an act listed under "Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion" above, this date shall be one year from the date the expulsion occurred, except that the Board may set an earlier date on a case-by-case basis. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred. (Education Code 48916)

At the time of the expulsion order, the Board shall recommend a plan for the student's rehabilitation, which may include: (Education Code 48916)

1. Periodic review as well as assessment of the student at the time of review for readmission.
2. Recommendations for improved academic performance, tutoring, special education assessments, job training, counseling, employment, community service and other rehabilitative programs.

With parental consent, students who have been expelled for reasons relating to controlled substances or alcohol may be required to enroll in a county-sponsored drug rehabilitation program before returning to school. (Education Code 48916.5)

#### Written Notice to Expel

The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of the decision to expel the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall include the following:

1. The specific offense committed by the student for any of the causes for suspension or expulsion listed in Education Code 48900 (a)-(q), Education Code 48900.2-48900.4, 48900.8, Education Code 48915 (c) and (Education Code 48900.8).
2. The fact that a description of readmission procedures will be made available to the student and his/her parent/guardian. (Education Code 48916)
3. Notice of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Governing Board. (Education Code 48918)
4. Notice of the alternative educational placements to be provided to the student during the time of expulsion. (Education Code 48918)

5. Notice of the student or parent/guardian's obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student's status with the expelling district, pursuant to Education Code 48915.1 (Education Code 48918).

### ***DECISION NOT TO ENFORCE EXPULSION ORDER***

In accordance with Board policy, when deciding whether to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion, the Board shall take into account the following criteria:

1. The student's pattern of behavior.
2. The seriousness of the misconduct.
3. The student's attitude toward the misconduct and his/her willingness to follow a rehabilitation program.

The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion shall be governed by the following: (Education Code 48917)

1. The Board may, as a condition of the suspension of enforcement, assign the student to a school, class or program appropriate for the student's rehabilitation. This rehabilitation program may provide for the involvement of the student's parent/guardian in the student's education. However, a parent/guardian's refusal to participate in the rehabilitation program shall not be considered in the Board's determination as to whether the student has satisfactorily completed the rehabilitation program.
2. During the period when enforcement of the expulsion order is suspended, the student shall be on probationary status.
3. The suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order may be revoked by the Board if the student commits any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" above or violates any of the district's rules and regulations governing student conduct.
4. When the suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order is revoked, a student may be expelled under the terms of the original expulsion order.
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment, the Board shall reinstate the student in a district school. Upon reinstatement, the Board may order the expunging of any or all records of the expulsion proceedings.

6. Suspension of the enforcement of an expulsion order shall not affect the time period and requirements for the filing of an appeal of the expulsion order with County Board of Education.

7. The Superintendent or designee shall send written notice of any decision to suspend the enforcement of an expulsion order during a period of probation to the student or parent/guardian. The notice shall also inform the parent/guardian of the right to appeal the expulsion to the County Board of Education. (Education Code 48918 (j))

### ***RIGHT TO APPEAL***

The student or parent/guardian is entitled to file an appeal of the Board's decision to the County Board of Education. The appeal must be filed within 30 days of the Board's decision to expel, even if the expulsion action is suspended and the student is placed on probation. (Education Code 48919)

### ***POST-EXPULSION PLACEMENTS***

The Board shall refer expelled students to a program of study that is: (Education Code 48915, 48915.01)

1. Appropriately prepared to accommodate students who exhibit discipline problems.
2. Not provided at a comprehensive middle, junior or senior high school or at any elementary school, unless the program is offered at a community day school established at such a site.
3. Not housed at the school site attended by the student at the time of suspension.

(cf. 6185 - Community Day School)

When the placement described above is not available, and when the County Superintendent of Schools so certifies, students expelled for acts described in items #6 through #13 and #17 through #19 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" may be instead referred to a program of study that is provided at another comprehensive middle, junior, or senior high school, or at an elementary school. (Education Code 48915)

The program for a student expelled from any of grades K-6 shall not be combined or merged with programs offered to students in any of grades 7-12. (Education Code 48916.1)

## ***READMISSION AFTER EXPULSION***

Readmission procedures shall be as follows:

1. On the date set by the Board when it ordered the expulsion, the district shall consider readmission of the student. (Education Code 48916)
2. The Superintendent or designee shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the Superintendent or designee shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall transmit to the Board his/her recommendation regarding readmission. The Board shall consider this recommendation in closed session if information would be disclosed in violation of Education Code 49073-49079. If a written request for open session is received from the parent/guardian or adult student, it shall be honored.
4. If the readmission is granted, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the Board's decision regarding readmission.
5. The Board may deny readmission only if it finds that the student has not satisfied the conditions of the rehabilitation plan or that the student continues to pose a danger to campus safety or to other district students or employees. (Education Code 48916)
6. If the Board denies the readmission of a student, the Board shall determine either to continue the student's placement in the alternative educational program initially selected or to place the student in another program that serves expelled students, including placement in a county community school. (Education Code 48916)
7. The Board shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reasons for denying readmittance into the regular program. This notice shall indicate the Board's determination of the educational program, which the Board has chosen. The student shall enroll in that program unless the parent/guardian chooses to enroll the student in another school district. (Education Code 48916)

## ***MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS***

The Board shall maintain a record of each expulsion, including the specific cause of the expulsion. The expulsion record shall be maintained in the student's

mandatory interim record and sent to any school in which the student subsequently enrolls, within five days of a written request by the admitting school. (Education Code 48900.8, 48918(k))

The Superintendent or designee shall, within five working days, honor any other district's request for information about an expulsion from this district. (Education Code 48915.1)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

### ***NOTIFICATIONS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES***

Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts of assault which may have violated Penal Code 245. (Education Code 48902)

The principal or designee also shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts, which may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or of a controlled substance, or possession of weapons or firearms in violation of Penal Code 626.9 and 626.10. (Education Code 48902)

Within one school day after a student's suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities, by telephone or other appropriate means, of any student acts which may violate Education Code 48900(c) or (d), relating to the possession, use, offering or sale of controlled substances, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind. (Education Code 48902)

### ***OUTCOME DATA***

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the following data and report such data annually to the California Department of Education, using forms supplied by the California Department of Education: (Education Code 48900.8, 48916.1)

1. The number of students recommended for expulsion.
2. The grounds for each recommended expulsion.
3. Whether the student was subsequently expelled.
4. Whether the expulsion order was suspended.



5. The type of referral made after the expulsion.

6. The disposition of the student after the end of the expulsion period.

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## ***PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING TEACHERS ABOUT DANGEROUS PUPILS***

When students are administratively transferred from one school to another for disciplinary reasons, teachers (to whom the student is assigned) at the new school are notified by the school administration and provided with written information about reasons for the student's transfer and a copy of the student's behavior contract. Copies of the written notice are maintained in the school office.

When the district receives information from the juvenile court system that a student has been convicted of the serious or violent crime requiring teacher notification, the principal and the teachers are provided with written notice from the campus Student Services Department. Copies of this notice are maintained in the school office and the campus Student Services' Office.

Education Code 49079

Central Union High School District

Current Proposed A.R. Policy 4158

## *Weapons and Dangerous Instruments*

BP 5131.7 Students

The Board of Trustees desires students and staff to be free from the danger presented by firearms and other weapons.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

### Possession of Weapons

The Board prohibits any person other than authorized law enforcement or security personnel from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or dangerous instruments of any kind in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

Upon express written permission of the principal or designee, a student may possess a firearm on school grounds when necessary for a school-sponsored activity or class as part of the educational program. A student's parent/guardian shall give written permission for such possession. However, a student granted permission to possess a firearm may be suspended and/or expelled if he/she uses the weapon inappropriately.

The principal and/or a staff member with knowledge of firearm safety shall inspect the weapon to ensure that necessary safety precautions have been taken, including inspection to ensure that no live ammunition is present. The firearm shall be stored in a locked vehicle and in an appropriate, locked container before and after the educational activity.

Students possessing without permission or threatening others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. [5144.1](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. [5144.2](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Disabilities))

Under the power granted to the Board to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm from any person on school grounds.

(cf. [0450](#) - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. [4158/4258/4358](#) - Employee Security)

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a weapon without permission or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon. (20 USC [7151](#); Education Code [48902](#); Penal Code [245](#), [626.9](#), [626.10](#))

#### Possession of Pepper Spray

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

#### Reporting of Dangerous Objects

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

(cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

[35291](#) Governing board to prescribe rules for discipline of the schools

[48900](#) Grounds for suspension/expulsion

[48902](#) Notification of law enforcement authorities

[48915](#) Required recommendation for expulsions

[48916](#) Readmission

[49330-49335](#) Injurious objects

##### PENAL CODE

[245](#) Assault with deadly weapon

[417.2](#) Imitation firearms

[417.4](#) Imitation firearm; drawing or exhibiting

[626.9](#) Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995

[626.10](#) Dirks, daggers, knives, razor or stun gun; bringing or possessing in school or on school grounds; exception

[653k](#) Soliciting a minor to commit certain felonies

[12001](#) Control of deadly weapons

[12020-12036](#) Unlawful carrying and possession of concealed weapons

[12220](#) Unauthorized possession of a machinegun

[12401](#) Tear gas

[12402](#) Tear gas weapon

[12403.7](#) Weapons approved for self defense

[12403.8](#) Minors 16 or over; tear gas and tear gas weapons

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[6301-7941](#) No Child Left Behind Act; especially:

[7151](#) Gun-Free Schools Act

Management Resources:

CDE COMMUNICATIONS

0401.01 Protecting Student Identification in Reporting Injurious Objects

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

911: A Manual for Schools and the Media During a Campus Crisis, 2001

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1999

WEB SITES

California Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center:

<http://www.safestate.org>

California Department of Education, Safe Schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss>

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

National Alliance for Safe Schools: <http://www.safeschools.org>

National School Safety Center: <http://www.nssc1.org>

U.S. Department of Education, Safe Schools:  
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/gtss.html>

Policy CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

adopted: November 8, 2005 El Centro, California

### ***Weapons and Dangerous Instruments***

Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms: pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles, "zip guns," "stun guns," tasers, and any other device capable of propelling a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion
2. Knives: any dirks, daggers or other weapons with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, weapons with a blade longer than 3-1/2 inches, folding knives with a blade that locks into place, and razors with an unguarded blade (Education Code [48915](#))
3. Explosive and/or incendiary devices: pipe bombs, time bombs, cap guns, containers of inflammable fluids, and other hazardous devices
4. Any instrument that expels a metallic projectile, such as a BB or a pellet, through the force of air pressure, carbon dioxide pressure or spring action, or any spot marker gun (Penal Code [626.10](#))
5. Any other dangerous device, instrument or weapon, especially those defined in Penal Code [12020](#), including a blackjack, slingshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sandbag, metal knuckles, or any metal plate with three or more radiating points with one or more sharp edges designed for use as a weapon
6. Any imitation firearm, defined as a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm (Education Code [48900](#))

If an employee knows that a student possesses any of the above devices, he/she shall use his/her own judgment as to the dangerousness of the situation and, based upon this analysis, shall do one of the following:

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

(cf. [4158/4258/4358](#) - Employee Security)

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

The principal shall report any possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument, including imitation firearm, to the student's parents/guardians by telephone or in person, and shall follow this notification with a letter.

Regulation: CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

approved: November 8, 2005 El Centro, California

# ***SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY***

Central Union High School District

Board Policy Administration Regulation- AR 4119.1 1 (a-c)

AR 4119.11 (a) 4219.11 4319.11

Personnel

## ***SEXUAL HARASSMENT***

The district prohibits sexual harassment in the work place and shall act promptly, visibly and vigorously in demonstrating strong disapproval of sexual harassment in the work place. The Superintendent or designee shall develop appropriate procedures to ensure that employees have a work place free of sexual harassment and to provide a mechanism for resolution of complaints of sexual harassment.

Legal Reference:

## ***EDUCATION CODE***

200 et al. Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

212.5 Sexual harassment, defined

230 Particular practices prohibited, including sexual harassment

TITLE VII, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT as amended by Title IX, Equal Employment Opportunity Act

Meritor Savings Bank, FSB v. Vinson et al.

86 Daily Journal D.A.R. 2130

Regulation Central Union High School District

Approved: 05/2005, El Centro, California

In accordance with Board policy prohibiting sexual harassment in the work place, the purpose of this regulation is to provide a procedure to handle complaints of sexual harassment.



## ***SEXUAL HARASSMENT DEFINED***

Pursuant to Education Code 212.5, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to the conduct is made either an explicit or implicit condition of employment, status, or promotion.
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the harassed employee.
3. The harassment substantially interferes with an employee's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
4. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct is the basis for any decision affecting benefits, services, honors, programs, or other available activities.

Unlawful sexual harassment under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) also includes unwelcome sexual advances of an employer toward an employee of the same sex and harassment on the basis of pregnancy disability. [Gov. Code 12940 (h) (3) (c)]

## ***EXAMPLES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT***

By way of example, sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to:

1. Making unsolicited written, verbal or physical contact with sexual overtones.
2. Visual conduct: leering or suggestive eye contact, making sexual gestures, posting or circulating sexually suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons, or posters.
3. Verbal conduct: making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, and jokes bragging about sexual exploits, using terms with double meanings (one of which is sexual).
4. Verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes, or invitations.
5. Physical conduct: touching, assault, impeding or blocking movements, touching oneself or another.

6. Continuing to express sexual interest after being informed that the interest is unwelcome. (Reciprocal attraction is not considered sexual harassment.)
7. Making reprisals, threats of reprisal, or implied threats of reprisal following a negative response. For example, implying or actually withholding support for an appointment, promotion or change of assignment; suggesting a poor performance report will be prepared; or suggesting probation will be failed.
8. Engaging in implicit or explicit coercive sexual behavior which is used to control, influence or affect the career, salary and/or work environment or another employee.
9. Offering favors or employment benefits, such as promotions, favorable performance evaluations, favorable assignments, favorable duties or shifts, recommendations or re-classifications, in exchange for sexual favors.

### **COMPLAINT PROCESS**

1. Employees may report incidents of sexual harassment to any supervisor, manager, or administrator at the school site or in the department where they are working. If there is no supervisor, manager, or administrator to whom the employee is comfortable reporting the incident, the report may be made to the next higher level in the chain of command.
2. Any supervisor, manager, or administrator who has received a report, verbally or in writing, from any employee regarding sexual harassment of that employee or another employee by a student or adult in the work place must forward that report to the Cabinet level administrator within twenty-four (24) hours, or within a reasonable extension of time thereafter for good cause.
3. All complaints of sexual harassment will be investigated and promptly resolved.
4. Upon receipt of an allegation of sexual harassment, the supervisor, manager, or administrator will designate an investigator who will initiate an investigation into the complaint within 48 hours.
5. The school district will designate management employees at each work site who are trained to investigate sexual harassment complaints.
6. After completion of the investigation, the manager will render his/her findings and a recommended disposition of the complaint. In determining whether the alleged conduct constitutes sexual harassment, the manager will look at the record as a whole and the totality of the circumstances, including the nature of the alleged sexual harassment and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

7. If the complainant is not satisfied by the report of the manager and the recommended disposition, he/she may submit the matter to the appropriate Cabinet officer. The complainant shall make an appeal in writing stating the reasons why the complainant is dissatisfied with the report and recommended disposition. This written appeal shall be on a form prescribed by the district and shall be signed by the complainant.

8. The Cabinet officer shall review the basis for complainant's appeal and the report and recommended disposition compiled by the manager. The Cabinet officer may make a decision based on the record presented or, if he/she determines it is necessary, collect any additional information deemed necessary. The decision of the Cabinet officer may be appealed to the Superintendent or designee and then to the Board using the same appeal process and form.

### ***ENFORCEMENT***

Each work site supervisor, manager, and administrator has full responsibility for maintaining a work environment free of sexual harassment. Work site managers shall take appropriate actions to reinforce the district's sexual harassment policy. These actions will include:

1. Maintaining an available supply of the policy and the district's brochures and materials regarding this policy.
2. Prompt removal of vulgar or sexually offensive graffiti or other displays.
3. Providing annual staff in-services within the first four weeks of each work year.
4. Taking appropriate disciplinary action as needed.
5. All supervisors, managers, and administrators shall instruct employees on the procedure for reporting sexual harassment on an as needed basis.
6. Employees determined to have violated district prohibition against sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Verbal and written warnings.
  - b. Written reprimands.
  - c. Suspension with or without pay.
  - d. Transfer to another work location.
  - e. Demotion and termination.

7. A violation of policy or regulations shall constitute just and reasonable cause for discipline and shall be deemed to be a violation of and refusal to obey the school laws of California and reasonable regulations prescribed for the government of the district by the Board under Education Code 44932.

### ***CONFIDENTIALITY***

District employees involved in processing sexual harassment complaints shall endeavor in good faith to protect the privacy of all parties involved in a complaint of sexual harassment. Files pertaining to sexual harassment complaints shall not be made available to the general public.

### ***RECORDS***

Copies of all reports of sexual harassment shall be forwarded to the chief personnel officer who is responsible for maintaining overall district records of incidents. Such records and reports shall not be made available to the general public.

### ***EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH***

As a means of preventing sexual harassment, the Superintendent shall ensure that all employees are notified of the adoption of policies and procedures to prevent sexual harassment. Each manager of a work site shall have a plan on file for providing staff in-service and procedures relative to sexual harassment education and the policies, regulations, and procedures.

### ***REPORTING TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES***

Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Employees who have been sexually harassed may have the right to file complaints with Federal regulatory agencies. Time limits for filing complaints with Federal regulatory agencies vary. The employee should check directly with this agency for specific instructions for filing a complaint:

State of California Department of Fair Employment and Housing

1350 Front SD Suite 3005

San Diego, California

800 884 1684

Employees or job applicants who believe that they have been sexually harassed may, within one year of the harassment, file a complaint of discrimination with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. The Department serves as a neutral fact-finder and attempts to help the parties voluntarily resolve disputes. If the Department finds evidence of sexual harassment and settlement efforts fail, the Department may file a formal accusation against the employer and the harasser. The accusation will lead to either a public hearing before the Fair Employment and Housing Commission or a lawsuit filed on the complainant's behalf by the Department. If the Commission finds that harassment occurred, it can order remedies, including up to \$50,000 in fines or damages for emotional distress from each employer or harasser charged. In addition, the Commission may order hiring or reinstatement, back pay, promotion, and changes in the policies or practices of the involved employer. A court may order unlimited damages. For more information, employees should contact Carol Moreno at the Central Union High School District Office.

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Retaliation Prohibited

The district prohibits retaliatory behavior against any complainant or any participant in the complaint process. The initiation of a complaint of sexual harassment will not negatively reflect on the employee who initiates the complaint, nor will it affect the employee's job assignment, status, rights, privileges, or benefits.

Board Policy 1312 CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

In accordance with board policy and the Education Code 35183. 35183.5, 48907, 49066, and Code of Regulations Title 5, 302 both students and staff of the school campus have the constitutional right to be safe and secure in their schools. Students will come to school having paid proper attention to their personal cleanliness and neatness of dress.

The Central Union High School District strongly believes in and supports the philosophy that all students have the right to a safe and secure school structure, learning climate and academic environment that is second to none. In pursuit of this mission, we incorporate policies and regulations that define standards for student behavior based on widely accepted morals and values that help define appropriate dress grooming, and behavior. These guidelines will foster the development of good citizenship and promote a well balanced, highly skilled, and prepared graduate for the world of work or the pursuit of a career.

The guidelines below define appropriate “student attire and personal grooming” for the purpose of fostering good dress and grooming habits in students, enhance classroom decorum, discourage disruption of classroom and school atmosphere by eliminating potential disturbances so as not to interfere with the educational process. All students are expected to attend school in clean, neat, and appropriate student attire and shall observe and practice proper dress and grooming guidelines and habits. In addition, their personal behavior shall be appropriate for school (no inappropriate displays of affection on campus):

### ***POLICY***

A student may not attend classes in a manner which:

1. Creates a safety hazard
2. Distracts from learning
3. Disrupts any school activity.
4. The Administration reserves the right to determine:
  - a. Clothing or accessories that the Administration feels presents a threat to the student’s well being or safety
  - b. Clothing, hairstyles, or accessories which are distracting or disruptive to the learning environment

### ***GUIDELINES***

The following are NOT permitted on campus:

1. Dresses and shorts which are shorter than mid-thigh
2. Spaghetti straps (smaller than 2’)

3. Tank tops (white, ribbed undershirts)
4. Clothing or accessories which are sexually provocative
5. Clothing or accessories which identify a student with non-school clubs, profanity, obscenity, reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs (excessive color) or prison culture name insignia
6. Attire with writing that degrades individuals or groups
7. Body piercing that creates a safety hazard; moderate sized earrings are acceptable
8. Shoes must be worn at all times.
9. No underwear or undergarment may be seen at any time
10. Tops must completely cover the midriff area at all times
11. Pants/shorts must be properly worn around the waist
12. No torn pants or jeans
13. Bandanas, hairnets, headbands, shower caps and other kinds of head apparel are not allowed.
14. Sunglasses or caps/visors or hats may be worn outside to protect from the sun with the following restrictions: 1.) must be worn appropriately and be forward facing, 2.) must be worn outdoors only.
15. No "see through" blouses, shirts or dresses, must have a shirt, camisole or slip underneath for modesty. No fishnet tops, muscle shirts, oversized tank tops, halter tops, off the shoulder or low cut tops.
16. Shirts may not be excessively large or long. They must not fall beyond the fingertips.
17. Dresses, skirts and shorts must reach the fingertips with arms at sides.
18. No crude, vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive language on clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, gym bags, water bottles, etc.)
19. Gym shorts may not be worn in classes other than Physical Education.

## **OFFENSES**

Dress code guidelines will be honored at school events including school dances. Modesty and good taste are expected at school and all school events.

### **Offenses & Consequences**

1st offense: The student will be given a warning; parent will be contacted by the school before he/she is admitted to class; personal responsibility is expected.

2nd offense: Parent contacted by school, appropriate clothing brought in by parent and the student will receive 1 hour of Student Alternative Placement.

3rd offense: Student is assigned 2 hours of Student Alternative Placement, Parent is contacted, appropriate clothing brought in by parent.

4<sup>th</sup> offense: Student is assigned 4 hours of Student Alternative Placement-, Parent is contacted, appropriate clothing brought in by parent.

(Note: Continued failure to comply with dress code may result in increased disciplinary actions.)

### ***RESPONSIBILITIES***

Parents have the responsibility for seeing that students are dressed properly for school. School personnel have the responsibility for maintaining and enforcing an appropriate dress code conducive to learning.

\*These guidelines are designed to help reduce potential problems on campus and provide a positive learning environment.



# **BLOOD BORNE PATHOGEN INCIDENT REPORTING FORM AND EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN**

## **CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Students**

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES BP 5141.22**

The Governing Board recognizes its dual responsibility to protect the health of students from risks posed by infectious diseases and to uphold the right of students to a free and appropriate education.

For purposes of this policy, infectious diseases shall include all those listed by the State Department of Health Services and the County Health Department.

*(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)*

*(cf. 4119.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Blood borne Pathogens)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Disease Prevention)*

The admission of a student with an infectious disease other than the serious illnesses addressed below shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee according to law. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student's parent/guardian and, as required, with the student's physician and/or the County Health Department, in accordance with law and consistent with confidentiality provisions.

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*

*(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

*(cf. 6183 - Home/Hospital Instruction)*

## **STUDENTS WITH BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN INFECTIONS**

The Board recognizes that hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and (human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and/or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) infection is not casually transmitted, the sole presence of blood borne pathogens is not sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school. Students with blood borne pathogen infections are entitled to the rights and services accorded to other students. They may attend their regular school and classroom barring special circumstances.

The Board encourages parents/guardians to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that any such child will have access to appropriate district programs and services, and so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality rights are strictly observed

in accordance with law. No district employee shall release medical information, including knowledge of a blood borne pathogen infection, without written consent from the parent/guardian or adult student. Such information shall be shared only with those persons specifically named in the written permission.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*  
*(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)*

The district requires all staff to routinely observe universal precautions to prevent exposure to blood borne pathogens and prevent the spread of all infectious disease.

*(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Blood borne Pathogens)*  
*(cf. 4119.43, 4219.43, 4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*  
*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Disease Prevention)*

The Board desires to be supportive of students infected with blood borne pathogens and to help their families cope with difficulties they may face. The Board believes that schools can play an important role in educating the school community about the nature of blood borne pathogens and alleviating fears about their transmission.

*(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)*  
*(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)*  
*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

### **Legal Reference:**

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

*48210-48216 Persons excluded*  
*49073-79 Privacy of pupil records*  
*49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of students*  
*49405 Smallpox control*  
*49406 Examination for tuberculosis*  
*49408 Information of use in emergencies*  
*49602 Confidentiality of information disclosed by a parent or pupil 12 years or older to a school counselor*

*51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety.*

#### **CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION**

*Article 1, section 1 - Right to Privacy*

#### **CIVIL CODE**

*56-56.37 Confidentiality of medical information*  
*1798-1798.76 Information Practices Act*

## HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120230 Exclusion for communicable diseases  
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases  
120875-120895 AIDS information  
129075-121022 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health  
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

## CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 Blood borne pathogen standards

## CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500-2511 Communicable disease reporting requirements

## UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act  
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

## UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

164.500-164.534 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

## COURT DECISIONS

*Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District*, 662 F. Supp. 376

## **Management Resources:**

CSBA Publications

*Saving Lives: AIDS Issues for California Schools* 1994, rev 2006

*Avian Influenza, Governance and Policy Services Fact Sheet*, April 2006

## WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Health Services: <http://www.cdhs.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

NSBA, School Health Programs: <http://www.nsba.org/schoolhealth/>

Policy Central Union High School District

Adopted: November 8, 2005 El Centro California

# **BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS – SAFETY PRACTICES**

## **PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS**

### **1. General**

- 1.1. While recognizing that both students and employees diagnosed with an infectious blood borne disease are entitled to a confidential relationship between themselves, the medical community and/or other agencies, the Board of School Trustees encourages these individuals to meet with the School Principal and/or Superintendent of Schools to discuss their disease and immediate and future needs.
- 1.2. Assessment

### **Students:**

2.1. The Superintendent (or designee) will be informed, by the school principal as soon as is known, of any student infected with an infectious blood borne disease.

2.2. A Risk Assessment will be conducted using a team approach including the personal physician, public health personnel, the parent or guardian, and school district personnel as appropriate and will make recommendations about the type of educational and care setting based on the following:

- a. Behavior, neurological development and physical condition of the child;
- b. Type of interaction expected with others.
- c. What the potential is for exposure
- d. Areas for potential for exposure
- e. How exposure may happen
- f. Who needs to know?
- g. What will happen if there is a risk of exposure?

2.3. The team will consider the risk to others in the workplace, whether or not the individual is healthy enough to continue to attend school, and what precautions should be taken to ensure the safety and health of others.

a. The identity of infected students will remain confidential and restricted to those who need to know or are required to be informed.

2.4. Decisions on attendance at school are dependent on the circumstances of each individual case. Regular evaluation of the appropriateness of attendance will be conducted.

2.5. The Board will be notified immediately when the team considers the health condition of a student to be a danger to the immediate health and welfare of a

school, its students or employees of the Board.

a. Upon being notified of the team's concern, the Board will refer the matter to the Medical Health Officer in accordance with the procedures outlined in the School Act.

### ***Employees***

2.6. The Superintendent will be informed, by district staff as soon as is known, of any employee infected with an infectious blood borne disease.

2.7. Employees with an infectious blood borne disease, who are able to carry out the essential duties of their jobs in a satisfactory manner without posing a health or safety risk to themselves or others, will be entitled to continue their work.

2.8. Decisions regarding potential health or safety hazards will be made on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the employee, the personal physician and district personnel as appropriate.

2.9. The identity of infected employees will remain confidential and restricted to those who need to know or are required to be informed.

2.10. The Board will be notified immediately if the Superintendent considers the health condition of an employee to be a danger to the immediate health and welfare of a school, its students or other employees of the Board.

a. Upon being notified of the Superintendent's concern, the Board will refer the matter to the Medical Health Officer in accordance with the procedures outlined in the School Act.

### ***3. Hygienic Safety Practices***

3.1. All employees will follow "Universal Infection Control Precautions" by assuming that blood and other body fluids from all individuals are potentially infectious. These precautions include:

a. Routinely using gloves when anticipating contact with blood

b. Immediately washing hands and other skin surfaces after removal of gloves and/or contact with blood

3.2. Schools will be provided with appropriate protective equipment including disposable waterproof gloves (natural rubber latex, neoprene, nitrile, or vinyl), tongs or pliers and proper sharps containers.

3.3. Schools' medical room mattresses will be either vinyl-coated beds or cloth mattress with a protective vinyl (plastic) covering so that they can be cleaned as needed with a bleach solution.

3.4. Blankets can be cleaned as needed by forwarding them, in a clearly labeled plastic bag, to the Assistant Supervisor Operations at the Facilities Office.

#### **4. Universal Precautions**

4.1. Universal Precautions to prevent transmission of blood-borne disease will be followed. *Universal Precautions* is the term for infection control measures endorsed by the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety for workers who might come into contact with blood and other body fluids. In summary they include:

- a. Wash hands for 30 seconds after contact with blood and other body fluids contaminated with blood.
- b. Wear disposable latex gloves when you encounter blood, body fluids, or when cleaning cuts, scrapes or wounds. Wash your hands as soon as you remove your gloves. Dispose gloves in a plastic bag.
- c. Use disposable absorbent material like paper towels to stop bleeding.
- d. Discard bloodstained material in a sealed plastic bag and deposit in the garbage. Label as containing blood-tainted material.
- e. Cover cuts or scratches with a bandage until healed.
- f. Immediately protect staff and students from coming in contact with blood-soiled surfaces. The area must be disinfected with a fresh solution of one part bleach and nine-parts water (10% bleach solution).  
Mops or brushes used for cleaning should be soaked in a bleach solution for 20 minutes.

(Note: The custodial department will provide each school with the product for dissolving in water to provide the bleach solution.)

#### **5. Identification of Risks of Occupational Exposure**

5.1. In accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (section 6.35), the district's Health & Safety Coordinator will develop and maintain a list of

positions and/or tasks and procedures where there is a potential for occupational exposure to a blood borne pathogen.

5.2. Employees who have, or may have, occupational exposure to the hepatitis B virus, will upon request, receive a hepatitis B vaccination (section 6.39, OH&S Regs).

5.3. Employees who may have been exposed to a blood borne pathogen in an exposure incident will be advised to immediately seek medical attention



# ***PROCEDURES TO ENSURE A SAFE AND ORDERLY ENVIRONMENT***

## ***RULES AND PROCEDURES ON SCHOOL DISCIPLINE***

### ***PHILOSOPHY OF DISCIPLINE***

- Behavior expectations and the consequences for not meeting expectations must be clearly communicated to all students and their parents (in writing as well as verbally).
- The severity of consequences for violating behavior expectations increases with each incident of inappropriate behavior.
- The consequences for violating behavior expectations should be severe enough to discourage students from making poor behavior decisions.
- Expectations and consequences should permit students an opportunity to eliminate inappropriate behavior.

Additionally, the school staff recognizes that the high school years are a transition time from adolescence to young adulthood. As a part of this transition, the student is given greater opportunities to be responsible and demonstrate independence and good judgment. The structure of our behavior expectations (in the classroom as well as school wide) is meant to encourage students to be responsible. The first step in many instances of inappropriate behavior (those considered to be "minor") is a simple warning ("Your behavior is unacceptable. Please stop such behavior"). It is only when a student ignores such warnings and continues to choose to act irresponsibly (like a child rather than an emerging adult) that we involve parents and implement consequences.

### ***ELEMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE PROGRAM***

1. The program is focused upon making the entire campus, especially the classroom, a safe, supportive and orderly learning environment for students and staff.
2. Classroom authority is retained by the classroom teacher. (Administration's role is to support, not to replace.)
3. Rules and procedures are clearly understood by staff and students.
4. All staff members will acknowledge and take appropriate action on any minor or major infraction of the school rules.
5. Rules and procedures comply with State Law and District policies.
6. The program recognizes the responsibilities and the rights of students and staff.

7. Program is structured to keep students in class and engaged in the educational process.
8. Rules are enforced:
  - a. By all staff members at all times.
  - b. Strictly, but not rigidly (beware of "automatics").
  - c. In substantial part by adult modeling.
  - d. Using techniques that promote the growth of positive self-esteem.
  - e. As close to the source as is possible. By keeping parents informed.
9. The discipline program is understood, endorsed, and supported by staff, parents, and students.

## ***PRINCIPAL'S STATEMENT TO EDMS STAFF***

### ***EXPECTATIONS IN DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING DISCIPLINE***

#### ***As Principal of our school, I will expect:***

Each teacher to have a defined system of classroom management. A written description of this system, including representative examples of the progressive interventions you intend to employ, will be approved and filed by me. Whenever possible and appropriate, teachers are encouraged to use standards and systems that are consistent with other school/department members.

#### ***You can expect***

Each administrator to assist and support you in every reasonable way in developing, implementing, and refining that system as needed.

I will expect that when you refer a student for discipline:

1. The student has been made fully aware of classroom and school rules and knows what rules he/she has violated.
2. Teachers that have students with any continuing behavior problems schedule a parent/teacher/counselor conference with the student and parents when appropriate.
3. That information will be provided on the referral regarding previous actions you have taken regarding this specific issue.
4. You have exhausted the interventions at your disposal (i.e., you have done everything you can do) and you have followed the guidelines established by the administration and staff on what constitutes an appropriate behavior referral.
5. The behavior was so serious or so blatant as to make immediate removal from the classroom necessary.
6. The written referral will be explicit in stating the offense(s).
7. You will send the student out of class with a referral only if his/her continued presence in the class would disrupt or prevent teaching and/or learning.
8. If necessary, the referral will be delivered to the office at a time convenient to the staff member so that the issue may be handled most efficiently, causing a minimum of lost class time.

***You can expect:***

1. The administrator will support your position in every reasonable way.
2. A response time on your referral of one, or at most, two days.
3. The availability of an administrator to discuss unresolved referrals after school on any given day.
4. That the administrator will exercise independent judgment regarding disposition of referrals.

***I will expect***

1. That each teacher will go to the doorway of his/her classroom after each class period as often as possible and assume control of student behavior in the corridor.
2. That each staff member will hold students accountable for their behavior on the school grounds at all times.

***You can expect:***

1. Administrator support, investigation, and follow-through as indicated.
2. A response to referrals from incidents outside the classroom to be the same as to those within.

***Mr. Fernando O'Campo***  
***Principal***

## ***WHAT TO DO WHEN PROBLEMS APPEAR***

Both behavioral and academic problems are present in some of our students. The following guidelines are for teachers who ask for assistance in dealing with these problems:

1. Talk to the administrator assigned to the specific area needing assistance.
2. Call parents at first sign of concern. Inform the parents of your observations, ask for their ideas, assistance, and support in serving the student. Keep a log of your calls.
3. If possible, talk privately to the student about your concerns.
4. Behavior concerns—look through students' CUM file. Any official suspensions will be in file, also look for teacher comments on report cards. Look for patterns of behavior. We use a Student Alternative Placement Program whenever possible, as it is preferable to having students at home unattended. Serious infractions (fighting, threats, etc.) do result in official suspension. Unresponsive students can be moved to other schools or expelled.
5. Referrals—please remember if you write a student referral, you are required to call the parents. You are writing the referral and can answer the parents' questions firsthand. Administrators will also call parents, but we can only give secondhand information on the incident.
6. Academic Concerns—again, look through student CUM. This will contain test scores, report cards, and a student history. You may want to ask the Student Services Administrator to schedule a Student Success Team (SST) meeting. This will involve a conference with the student, parents, an administrator, teachers, the student's counselor and perhaps the school psychologist.
7. Please refer to the DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL School Faculty Handbook, as it provides guidelines for academic and disciplinary matters.

Central Union High School District

**DESERT OASIS AND PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL**

**COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS SAFETY PLAN:**

**School Site Council Evaluation and Public Hearing Certification**

**2017 - 2018**

California law requires the Comprehensive School Safety Plan of each school to be annually evaluated and amended, as needed, to ensure the plan is being properly implemented (Education Code 35294.2[e]). An updated file of all safety-related plans and materials is maintained by DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL and is readily available for inspection by the public.

California law also requires notice for public input prior to the adoption of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Notice for public comment was provided on January 31, 2017 at DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL. Notice was provided by the Central Union High School Black Board Connect voice message sent home to parents.

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL and PHOENIX RISING HIGH SCHOOL "School Site Council" has evaluated our Comprehensive School Safety Plan for 2017-2018 school year. The 2018-2018 Safety Plan will be reviewed by March 2018.

**Signatures of CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL'S Site Council Members**

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