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Introduction

This handbook has been prepared for you in our continuing efforts to strengthen communication between home and school. Information on parent rights and responsibilities with regards to services and programs offered by Sylvan Union School District are included. Education Code section § 48982 requires acknowledgement of being informed which is performed by physically or electronically signing the parent acknowledgement page as an acknowledgement that you have received the notice and have been informed of your rights, but the signature does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has been either given or withheld. Please be sure to sign the *Acknowledgment of Receipt of Information* form located at the back of the handbook and return it to your child's teacher.

California Education Code section § 48980 requires that, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the governing board of each school district must notify parents/guardians of their rights or responsibilities under certain provisions of the Education Code.

California and United States law requires certain other notices in the event that specific circumstances should arise, affecting your child's education and attendance at school. If any such circumstances should arise, the District will provide notice as required by law.

Parent rights and responsibilities are paraphrased for your convenience. If you have specific questions concerning any of the code sections, please contact your school principal. Some board policies are also paraphrased. Policies are available for viewing at <http://www.sylvan.k12.ca.us>.

If you have questions concerning any of the district or school policies or procedures, please contact your school principal. It is our goal to provide a safe and effective educational program for all of our students. Thank you for your help in achieving this goal.

PARENT NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

State law requires that parents or guardians be notified of their rights and responsibilities in certain matters pertaining to their children's education.

1. **Absence for Religious Exercises and Instruction:** Pupils may be excused, with written permission from a parent or guardian, in order to participate in religious exercises or receive moral and religious instruction away from school property. Every pupil so excused must attend at least the minimum school day. No pupil shall be excused from school for such purpose on more than four days per school month. (Ed. Code, § 46014)
2. **Comprehensive Sexual Health Education and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education:** A parent or guardian has the right to excuse their child from comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and assessments related to that education. A parent or guardian who wishes to exercise this right must state their request in writing. (Ed. Code, § 51938) A parent or guardian may inspect the written and audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education. Parents have a right to request that the District provide them with a copy of the California Healthy Youth Act. (Ed. Code, § 51930 et. seq.)

Parents or guardians shall be notified in writing if the District plans to administer an anonymous, voluntary and confidential test, questionnaire, or survey containing age-appropriate questions about the pupils' attitudes concerning or practices related to sex in grades 7 to 12 and given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire, or survey. A parent or guardian has the right to excuse their child from the test, questionnaire, or survey by stating their request in writing. (Ed. Code, § 51938)

Every child's parent will be notified prior to the commencement of any comprehensive sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education instruction whether the instruction will be taught by District personnel or by outside consultants. If outside consultants or guest speakers are used, the notice shall include the date of the instruction, and the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker will be identified. Parents have a right to request that the District provide them with a copy of Education Code sections 51933, 51934, and 51938. (Ed. Code, § 51938) If arrangements for instruction by outside consultants or guest speakers are made after the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians no less than 14 days before instruction is given. (Ed. Code, § 51938)

3. **Excuse from Instruction in Health:** Upon written request of a parent or guardian, a pupil may be excused from any part of instruction in health which conflicts with the parent(s)' or guardian(s) religious training or beliefs (including personal moral convictions). (Ed. Code, § 51240)
4. **Students on Medication:** Parents are to notify the school nurse or other designated certificated school employee if their child is on a continuing medication regimen. This notification shall include the name of the medication being taken, the dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With parental consent, the school nurse may confer with the physician regarding possible effects of the drug, including symptoms of adverse side effects, omission or overdose and counsel with school personnel as deemed appropriate. (Ed. Code, § 49480)
5. **Administration of Medication:** Medication prescribed by a physician or ordered by a physician assistant for a child may be administered during the school day by the school nurse or other designated school personnel, or self-administered by the child if the medication is prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication, -but only if the parent consents in writing and provides detailed written instructions from a physician, or a physician assistant as specified by law. In order for a child to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine, or prescription inhaled asthma medication, the physician or physician assistant must also provide a written statement detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and confirming that the pupil is able to self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication. Parents must also provide a release for the school nurse or

designated school personnel to consult with the pupil's health care provider regarding questions that may arise with regard to the medication, and releasing the District and its personnel from civil liability if the self-administering pupil suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering auto-injectable epinephrine or prescription inhaled asthma medication. The written statements specified in this section shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes. Forms for administering medication may be obtained from the school secretary or health clerk. (Ed. Code, §§ 49423, 49423.1, 49423.5, 49480)

6. **Immunizations:** The District shall exclude from school any pupil who has not been immunized properly, unless the pupil is exempted from the immunization requirement pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with section 120325) of part 2 of division 105 of the Health and Safety Code. The immunization exemption based on personal beliefs has been eliminated. (Health & Saf. Code, § 120325) A student who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit on file at the District, stating beliefs opposed to immunization, is permitted to enroll in that institution until the student enrolls in the next grade span. Grade span means: 1) birth to preschool; 2) kindergarten and grades 1 through 6, inclusive, including transitional kindergarten; and 3) grades 7 through 12, inclusive. On or after July 1, 2016, the District shall exclude from school for the first time or deny admittance or deny advancement to any student to the 7th grade unless the student has been immunized for his or her age as required by law. (Health & Saf. Code, § 120335) A student may still be exempted from the immunization requirement based on medical condition or circumstances. A licensed physician or surgeon must transmit a completed medical exemption certification form from the California Department of Public Health directly to the local educational agency and the California Immunization Registry. The standardized medical exemption form shall be the only documentation of a medical exemption that shall be accepted by the District. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120370, 120372)

A parent or guardian may consent in writing for a physician, surgeon, or health care practitioner acting under the direction of a supervising physician and surgeon to administer an immunizing agent to a pupil at school. The health care practitioner may administer immunizations for the prevention and control of diseases that present a current or potential outbreak as declared by a federal, state, or local public health officer. (Ed. Code, §§ 48216, 48980(a), 49403; Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120325, 120335)

7. **Physical Exams and Testing:** The District is required to conduct certain physical examinations and vision and hearing testing of students, unless the parent has a current written objection on file. However, the child may be sent home if he or she is believed to be suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, and shall not be permitted to return until the school authorities are satisfied that any contagious or infectious disease does not exist. (Ed. Code, §§ 49451, 49452, 49452.5, 49455; Health & Saf. Code, § 124085) The District may provide for scoliosis screening of every female student in grade 7 and every male student in grade 8. (Ed. Code, § 49452.5)
8. **Confidential Medical Services:** For students in grades 7 through 12, the District may release a student for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without obtaining the consent of the student's parent or guardian. (Ed. Code, § 46010.1)
9. **Medical Coverage for Injuries:** Medical and hospital services for pupils injured at school or school-sponsored events, or while being transported, may be insured at parent's expense. No pupil shall be compelled to accept such services without his or her consent or, if the pupil is a minor, without the consent of a parent or guardian. (Ed. Code, § 49472)
10. **Medical and Hospital Services Not Provided:** The District does not provide medical and hospital services for students injured while participating in athletic activities. However, all members of school athletic teams must have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. (Ed. Code, §§ 32221.5, 49471)
11. **Mental Health Services:** The District shall notify pupils and parents or guardians no less than twice each school year of the steps to initiate access to available pupil mental health services on campus and/or in the community.

(Ed. Code, § 49428) The mental health services available are listed elsewhere in this document. It includes information on how a parent or student may initiate services.

12. **Services for Students with Exceptional Needs or a Disability:** State and federal law require that a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment be offered to qualified pupils with disabilities ages 3 through 21 years. Students classified as individuals with exceptional needs for whom a special education placement is unavailable or inappropriate may receive services in a private nonsectarian school. Please contact the local director of special education for specific information. (Ed. Code, § 56040 et seq.) In addition, services are available for students who have a disability which interferes with their equal access to educational opportunities. (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 34 C.F.R. § 104.32) The District official listed below is responsible for handling requests for services under Section 504 and may be reached at the following address and telephone:

Director of Special Education
(209) 574-5000

13. **No Academic Penalty for Excused Absence:** No pupil may have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences which are excused for the reasons specified below when missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. (Ed. Code, §§ 48205, 48980(i))

A pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- a. Due to the pupil's illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
- b. Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- c. For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic services rendered.
- d. For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of the pupil's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.
- e. For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- f. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child for which the school shall not require a doctor's note.
- g. For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of the pupil's religion, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization, when the pupil's absence is requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
- h. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to section 12302 of the Elections Code.
- i. For the purpose of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in section 49701 of the Education Code, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
- j. For the purpose of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
- k. For the purpose of participating in a cultural ceremony or event.
- l. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator based on the facts of the pupil's circumstances, which are deemed to constitute a valid excuse, including, but not limited to, working for a period of not more than five consecutive days in the entertainment or allied industries if the pupil holds a work permit, or participating with a not-for-profit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school pupil audience for a maximum of up to five days per school year provided the pupil's parent or guardian provides

a written note to the school authorities explaining the reason for the pupil's absence. (Ed. Code, §§ 48260, 48205, 48225.5)

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

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

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

"Immediate family," as used in this section refers to the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any relative living in the household of the pupil. (Ed. Code, § 48205)

14. **Equal Opportunity:** Equal opportunities for both sexes in all educational programs and activities run by the District is a commitment made by the District to all students. (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972) Inquiries on all matters, including complaints, regarding the implementation of Title IX in the District may be referred to the District official listed below at the following address and telephone:

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
605 Sylvan Avenue
(209) 574-5000

15. **Complaints (Special Education):** Parents may file a complaint concerning violations of federal or state law or regulations governing special education related services. Parents may submit a description of the manner in which the parent believes special education programs do not comply with state or federal law or regulations to

California Department of Education
Special Education Division
(916) 319-0800

16. **Release of Student Information:** The District does not release information or records concerning a child to noneducational organizations or individuals without parent consent except by court order, receipt of a lawfully issued subpoena, or when otherwise allowed by law. The following categories of directory information may be made available to various persons, agencies or institutions unless the parent or guardian notifies the District in writing not to release such information:

Name, address, telephone, date of birth, email address, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, diplomas and awards received, and most recent previous educational institution attended. (Ed. Code, §§ 49060 et seq., 49073; 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.7) In accordance with state and federal law, the District may also make available photographs, videos, and class rosters.

Directory information will not be released regarding a pupil identified as a homeless child or youth unless a parent, or pupil accorded parental rights, has provided written consent that directory information may be released. (Ed. Code, § 49073(c); 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2))

17. **Information Obtained from Social Media:** A school district that considers a program to gather or maintain in its records any information obtained through social media of any enrolled student shall notify students and their parents or guardians about the proposed program and provide an opportunity for public comment at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the Governing Board of the school district. The notification shall include, but is not limited to, an explanation of the process by which a student or a student's parent or guardian may access the student's records to examine the information gathered or maintained, and an explanation of the process by which a student or student's parent or guardian may request the removal of information or make corrections to information gathered or maintained. (Ed. Code, § 49073.6)
18. **Inspection of Student Records:** State law requires that the District notify parents of the following rights which pertain to student records. (Ed. Code, §§ 49063, 49069.7; 34 C.F.R. § 99.7)
 - a. A parent or guardian has the right to inspect and review student records relating directly to his or her child during school hours or obtain a copy of such records within five (5) business days of his/her request.
 - b. Any parent who wishes to review the types of student records and information contained therein may do so by contacting the principal at his/her child's school. The principal of each school is ultimately responsible for maintenance of student records.
 - c. A parent with legal custody has a right to challenge information contained in his/her child's records. Any determination to expunge a student's record is made after a review of said record(s) by site administrators and certificated staff. Following an inspection and review of student records, the parent may challenge the content of the student's record. The right to challenge becomes the sole right of the student when the student becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

A parent may file a written request with the Superintendent of the District to remove any information recorded in the written records concerning the child which is alleged to be

- i. Inaccurate.
- ii. An unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference.
- iii. A conclusion or inference outside of the observer's area of competence.
- iv. Not based on the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted.
- v. Misleading.
- vi. In violation of the privacy or other rights of the pupil.

Within thirty (30) days, the Superintendent or designee shall meet with the parent/guardian and the certificated employee who recorded the information, if any, and if the person is still employed with the District, and sustain or deny the allegations. If the allegations are sustained, the Superintendent shall order the correction, removal or destruction of the information. If the Superintendent denies the allegations, the parent may appeal the decision to the Governing Board within thirty (30) days. The Board shall determine whether or not to sustain or deny the allegations. If the Board sustains the allegations, it shall order the Superintendent to immediately correct, remove or destroy the information from the written records of the student. (Ed. Code, § 49070)

If the final decision of the Board is unfavorable to the parents, or if the parent accepts an unfavorable decision by the District Superintendent, the parent shall have the right to submit a written statement of objections to the information. This statement shall become a part of the student's school record until such time as the information objected to is removed.

Both the Superintendent and the Board have the option of appointing a hearing panel in accordance with Education Code sections 49070-49071 to assist in the decision making. The decision as to whether a hearing panel is to be used shall be made at the discretion of the Superintendent or the Board and not of the challenging party.

- d. A Student Records Log is maintained for each student. The Student Records Log lists persons, agencies or organizations requesting and/or receiving information from the records and the legitimate interests thereof to the extent required by law. Student Records Logs are located at each school and are open to inspection by parents or guardians. (Ed. Code, § 49064)
 - e. School officials and employees having a legitimate educational interest, as well as persons identified in Education Code sections 49076 and 49076.5 and in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, may access student records without first obtaining parental consent. "School officials and employees" are persons employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and District-employed law enforcement personnel), a Board member, a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special service (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist), or a parent, student, foster family agency, short-term residential treatment staff, or caregiver whose access to student records is legally authorized. A "legitimate educational interest" is one held by a school official or employee whose duties and responsibilities create a reasonable need for access. (Ed. Code, §§ 49063(d), 49076, 49076.5; 20 U.S.C. § 1232g)
 - f. Parents and guardians have the right to authorize the release of student records to themselves. Only parents and guardians with legal custody can authorize the release of student records to others.
 - g. Parents and guardians will be charged ten (10) cents per page for the reproduction of student records.
 - h. Parents have a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education for alleged violations of parent rights related to student records. (20 U.S.C. § 1232g(g))
 - i. Parents may obtain a copy of the District's complete student records policy by contacting the Superintendent.
19. **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act:** Parents have certain rights regarding student information and records which are guaranteed under federal law. A handout notifying parents of these rights is attached.
20. **Student Discipline:** District and school rules pertaining to student discipline are available to parents or guardians of district students in the school office. (Ed. Code, § 35291) Students may be subject to discipline for off-campus misconduct if the misconduct is related to school activity or attendance and causes or is reasonably likely to cause a substantial disruption to school activity. For example, a student using technology such as a home computer, cellular phone, or other electronic device may be disciplined for bullying, engaging in unlawful harassment, or making threats against students, staff, or district property even if such misconduct occurred off-campus and during non-school hours. (Ed. Code, § 48900(r))
21. **Dissection of Animals:** If a student has a moral objection to dissecting (or otherwise harming or destroying) animals, or any part of an animal, the pupil must notify the teacher regarding such objection, and the objection must be substantiated with a note from the pupil's parent or guardian. If the pupil chooses to refrain from participating in such a project or test, and if the teacher believes that an adequate alternative education project or test is possible, then the teacher may work with the pupil to develop and agree upon an alternate education project or test for the purpose of providing the pupil an alternate avenue for obtaining the knowledge, information or experience required by the course of study. No student shall be discriminated against based upon his or her decision to exercise his or her rights under this section. (Ed. Code, §§ 32255-32255.6)
22. **Temporary Disability:** A temporary disability which makes it impossible or inadvisable for a student to attend class may entitle the student to receive individualized instruction. It is the responsibility of the pupil's parent or guardian to notify the school district in which the pupil is deemed to reside of the pupil's need for individualized instruction.

Home Instruction: The district in which the student resides is to provide individual instruction if the student is receiving the instruction in his or her home. Individual instruction in a pupil's home pursuant to Education Code section 48206.3 shall commence no later than five working days after a school district has determined that the pupil shall receive this instruction.

Hospital or Health Facility Instruction: The school district in which the hospital or other residential health facility, excluding a state hospital, is located must provide individual instruction to a student with a temporary disability. Within five working days of receipt of the notification, the district must determine whether the pupil will be able to receive individual instruction, and, if so, when the individual instruction will begin. Individual instruction will commence no later than five working days after a positive determination has been rendered. A student with a temporary disability who is in a hospital or other residential health facility, other than a state hospital, which is located outside the student's school district of residence shall be deemed to comply with the residency requirements of the school district in which the hospital is located. A school district may continue to enroll a pupil with a temporary disability who is receiving individual instruction in a hospital or residential health facility to facilitate the timely reentry of the pupil in his or her prior school after the hospitalization has ended, or in order to provide a partial week of instruction. On days in which the student is not receiving individual instruction in a hospital or other residential health facility, he or she may attend school in his or her district of residence if well enough to do so. A pupil receiving individual instruction who is well enough to return to a school shall be allowed to return to the school, including a charter school, that he or she attended immediately before receiving individual instruction, if returning during the same school year. (Ed. Code, §§ 48206.3, 48207, 48207.3, 48207.5, 48208, 48980(b))

Pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and recovery therefrom shall be treated in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disabling condition. (Ed. Code, § 221.51)

23. **Student Residency**: A student may be enrolled in the District if (1) the student's parent, legal guardian or other person having control and charge of the student resides in the District (Ed. Code, § 48200); (2) the District has approved interdistrict attendance (Ed. Code, § 46600); (3) the student is placed in a regularly established children's institution, licensed foster home, or family home; (4) the student is a foster child who remains in his or her school of origin pursuant to Education Code section 48853.5(f) and (g); (5) the student is emancipated and lives within the District; (6) the student lives in the home of an adult who has submitted a caregiver affidavit; (7) the student resides in a state hospital within the District; or (8) the student's parent or legal guardian resides outside of the boundaries of the school district but is employed and lives with the student at the place of his/her employment within the school district boundaries for a minimum of three days during the school week. (Ed. Code, § 48204) The law allows, but does not require, a district to accept a student for enrollment where at least one parent or legal guardian of the student is physically employed within the district's boundaries for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week. (Ed. Code, § 48204) A student also complies with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district if he or she is a student whose parent is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation within the state while on active duty pursuant to an official military order. However, the parent must provide proof of residence in the school district within ten (10) days after the published arrival date provided on official documentation. (Ed. Code, § 48204.3) A student also complies with the residency requirement if the student's parent/guardians were residents of the state but departed California against their will if the student provides official documentation evidencing the departure of her/his parent/guardians against their will; that the student moved outside of California as a result of her/his parent/guardians departing California against their will; and that the student lived and was enrolled in school in California immediately before moving outside of California. (Ed. Code, § 48204.4)

24. **Attendance Options:** Students who attend schools other than those assigned by the District are referred to as “transfer students” throughout this notification. There is one process for choosing a school within the District in which the parent lives (intradistrict transfer), and three separate processes for selecting schools in other districts (interdistrict transfer). (Ed. Code, § 48980(h))

Attached is a copy of the District’s Policy on Interdistrict and Intradistrict Transfers. Parents interested in interdistrict or intradistrict transfers should contact the Director of Student Services. Parents interested in interdistrict or intradistrict transfers should download the form from www.sylvan.k12.ca.us and turn it in to the District office located at 605 Sylvan Avenue. The general requirements and limitations of each process are described as follows:

- a. Choosing a School Within the District in Which Parent Lives: Education Code section 35160.5(b) requires the school board of each district to establish a policy that allows parents to choose the schools their children will attend, regardless of where the parent lives in the district. The law limits choice within a school district as follows:
1. Students who live in the attendance area of a school must be given priority to attend that school over students who do not live in the school’s attendance area.
 2. In cases in which there are more requests to attend a school than there are openings, the selection process must be “random and unbiased,” which generally means students must be selected through a lottery process rather than on a first-come, first-served basis. A district cannot use a student’s academic or athletic performance as a reason to accept or reject a transfer. However, a district may consider special circumstances that might be harmful or dangerous to a particular pupil in the current attendance area of the pupil, including physical threats of bodily harm or threats to the emotional stability of the pupil documented by a state or local agency, licensed or registered professional, or court order.
 3. Each district must decide the number of openings at each school which can be filled by transfer students. Each district also has the authority to keep appropriate racial and ethnic balances among its schools, meaning that a district can deny a transfer request if it would upset this balance or would leave the district out of compliance with a court-ordered or voluntary desegregation program.
 4. A district is not required to provide transportation assistance to a student who transfers to another school in the district under these provisions.
 5. If a transfer is denied, a parent does not have an automatic right to appeal the decision. A district may, however, voluntarily decide to put in place a process for parents to appeal a decision.
 6. Victims of Bullying: A school district of residence must approve an intradistrict transfer request for a victim of an act of bullying unless the requested school is at maximum capacity, in which case the district must accept an intradistrict transfer request for a different school within the district. A school district of residence may not prohibit the interdistrict transfer of a victim of an act of bullying if there is no available school for an intradistrict transfer and if the school district of proposed enrollment approves the transfer application. (Ed. Code, § 46600)
 7. A school district of proposed enrollment shall ensure that pupils admitted under this law are selected through an unbiased process that prohibits an inquiry into or evaluation or consideration of whether a pupil should be enrolled based on academic or athletic performance, physical condition, English proficiency, family income, or any of the individual characteristics set forth in

Education Code section 220, including, but not limited to, race or ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, and immigration status.

- b. Choosing a School Outside the District in Which Parent Lives: Parents have two different options for choosing a school outside the district in which they live. The two options are:
- i. Interdistrict Transfers (Ed. Code, §§ 46600–46610): The law allows two or more districts to enter into an agreement for the transfer of one or more students for a period of up to five years. New agreements may be entered into for additional periods of up to five years each. The agreement must specify the terms and conditions under which transfers are permitted. The law on interdistrict transfers also provides for the following:
- a. Once a pupil is enrolled in a school pursuant to an interdistrict transfer agreement, the pupil must be allowed to continue to attend the school in which he or she is enrolled without reapplying, unless revocation of the interdistrict transfer is a term and condition of the agreement between the districts; however, a district must not rescind existing transfer permits for pupils entering grade 11 or 12 in the subsequent school year.
- b. Upon request, a pupil determined to be the victim of an act of bullying by a pupil of the district of residence must be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing interdistrict attendance agreement or additional consideration for the creation of an interdistrict attendance agreement. (Ed. Code, §§ 46600(b), 48900(r))
- c. If either district denies a transfer request, a parent may appeal that decision to the county board of education. There are specified timelines in the law for filing an appeal and for the county board of education to make a decision.
- d. A school district of residence shall not prohibit the transfer of a student who is a homeless child or youth, a current or former migratory child, a foster youth, the victim of an act of bullying, or a child of an active military duty parent to a school district of proposed enrollment if the school district of proposed enrollment approves the transfer application.
- e. If a pupil is a victim of an act of bullying and his or her school district of residence has only one school offering his or her grade level, such that there is no option for an intradistrict transfer, the pupil may apply for an interdistrict transfer, and the school district of residence shall not prohibit the transfer if the school district of proposed enrollment approves the application for transfer. (Ed. Code, § 46600)
- f. A school district that elects to accept an interdistrict transfer pursuant to this subdivision shall accept all pupils who apply to transfer under this subdivision until the school district is at maximum capacity and shall ensure that pupils admitted under this subdivision are selected through an unbiased process that prohibits an inquiry into or evaluation or consideration of whether or not a pupil should be enrolled based on his or her academic, performance, athletic performance, physical condition, proficiency in English, family income, actual or perceived characteristics, such as disability (mental and physical), gender (includes gender identity, gender expression, and gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth), actual or potential parental, family, or marital status, pregnancy (including childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom), nationality (includes citizenship, country of origin and national origin), immigration status, race or ethnicity (includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification and ethnic background), religion (includes all aspects of religious belief, observance and practice, including agnosticism and atheism), sexual orientation (heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality), or

association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. (Ed. Code, § 46600)

- g. Upon request of the parent on behalf of a pupil eligible for transfer pursuant to this subdivision, a school district of enrollment will provide transportation assistance to a pupil who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals. (Ed. Code, § 46600)
- h. A school district of enrollment may provide transportation assistance to any pupil admitted under this subdivision. (Ed. Code, § 46600(d))
- ii. "Allen Bill" Transfers (Ed. Code, § 48204(b)): The law allows, but does not require, each school district to adopt a policy whereby the student may be considered a resident of the school district in which his/her parents (or legal guardian(s)) physically work for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week if that is different from the school district in which the student resides. This code section does not require that a school district accept a student requesting a transfer on this basis, but a student may not be rejected on the basis of race/ethnicity, sex, parental income, academic achievement, or any other "arbitrary" consideration. Other provisions of Education Code section 48204(b) include:
 - a. Either the district in which the parent (or legal guardian) lives or the district in which the parent (or legal guardian) physically works may prohibit the student's transfer if it is determined that there would be a negative impact on the district's desegregation plan.
 - b. The district in which the parent (or legal guardian) physically works may reject a transfer if it determines that the cost of educating the student would be more than the amount of state funds the district would receive for educating the student.
 - c. There are set limits (based on total enrollment) on the net numbers of students that may transfer out of a district under this law, unless the district approves a greater number of transfers.
 - d. There is no required appeal process for a transfer that is denied. However, the district that declines to admit a student is encouraged to provide in writing to the parent the specific reasons for denying the transfer.
- c. Districts of Choice (Ed. Code, §§ 48300-48317): The law allows, but does not require, each school district to become a "district of choice"—that is, a district that accepts transfer students from outside the district under the terms of the referenced Education Code sections. The school board of a district that decides to become a "district of choice" must determine the number of students it is willing to accept in this category each year and make sure that the students are selected through an "unbiased process," which prohibits district inquiries, evaluations, or consideration of enrollment based upon actual or perceived academic or athletic performance, physical condition, proficiency in English, any other personal characteristic as specified in Education Code section 200, and family income (except for purposes of determining attendance priority for students eligible for free or reduced-price meals). If the number of transfer applications exceeds the number of students the school board elects to accept, transfer approval must be determined by a random public drawing held at a regular board meeting. Other provisions of the "district of choice" option include:
 1. A school district of residence may deny a transfer if it will negatively affect the racial and ethnic balance of the district, or a court-ordered or voluntary desegregation plan. The district a student

would be leaving may also limit the total number of students transferring out of the district each year to a specified percentage of its total enrollment, depending on the size of the district.

2. A school district of residence shall not prohibit the transfer of a student who is a child of an active military duty parent or adopt policies to block or discourage students from applying for transfer to a school district of choice.
3. No student who currently attends a school or lives within the attendance area of a school can be forced out of that school to make room for a student transferring under these provisions.
4. A school district of choice must give priority for attendance in the following order: 1) to siblings of students already attending school in the district; 2) to students eligible for free or reduced-price meals; and 3) to children of military personnel.
5. A school district of choice must post application information on its Internet Website, including any applicable form, transfer timeline, and explanation of the selection process.
6. A parent may request transportation assistance within the boundaries of the "district of choice." The district is required to provide transportation only to the extent it already does so.

d. Transferring a Student Convicted of a Felony/Misdemeanor: Education Code section 48929 authorizes the governing board of a school district to transfer a student enrolled in the district who has been convicted of a violent felony as defined in Penal Code section 667.5 or misdemeanor listed in Penal Code section 29805 to another school within the district when the student and victim of the crime are enrolled in the same school. The governing board has adopted a policy (BP 5116.2) regarding such transfers at a regular meeting pursuant to Education Code section 48929. The policy requires: 1) notice to be provided to the student and student's parent or guardian of the right to request to meet with the principal or designee of the school or District; and 2) that the school first attempt to resolve the conflict before transfer by using restorative justice, counseling, or other services. The policy also includes information regarding whether the transfer decision is subject to periodic review and the procedure used to conduct the review, and the process the board will use to consider and approve or disapprove the recommendation of the school principal or other school or school district designee to transfer the student.

25. **Sexual Harassment Policy**: Each student will receive a written copy of the district policy on sexual harassment. The purpose of this policy is to provide notification of the **prohibition** against sexual harassment as a form of sexual discrimination and to provide notification of available remedies. A copy of the District's policy on sexual harassment can be found on the District website (BP 5145.7) and at the end of this document. (Ed. Code, §§ 231.5, 48980 (f))

26. **Notice of Alternative Schools**: California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Section 58500 of the Education Code defines alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school which is operated in a manner designed to:

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

In the event any parent, pupil, or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, the county superintendent of schools, the administrative office of this district, and the principal's office in each attendance unit have copies of the law available for parent information. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs in each district. (Ed. Code, § 58501)

27. **Nutrition Program:** Commencing in SY 2022–23, *Education Code (EC)* 49501.5 requires public school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools serving students in grades TK–12 to provide two meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day to students requesting a meal, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs:

Sylvan Union School District participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. The National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs are in place at all Sylvan Union School District school sites. *Education Code (EC)* 49513

Children who are on CalWORKs or live in a household that qualifies for food stamps, automatically qualify for free meals at school. Application forms must be completed each school year. You will receive further information as well as application forms during the first week of school or you may pick up application forms at your school office at any time.

Meal Supplementation:

Eligible students attending any Sylvan Union School District school site will be provided two meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility. *Education Code (EC)* 49501.5

28. **Uniform Complaint Procedures:**

Complaints Alleging Discrimination, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying:

State and federal law prohibit discrimination in education programs and activities. The District is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4620.)

Under state law, all pupils have the right to attend classes on school campuses that are safe, secure, and peaceful. (Ed. Code, § 32261) State law requires school districts to afford all pupils equal rights and opportunities in education, regardless of their actual or perceived characteristics, such as disability (mental and physical), gender (includes gender identity, gender expression, and gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth), actual or potential parental, family, or marital status, pregnancy (including childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom), nationality (includes citizenship, country of origin and national origin), immigration status, race or ethnicity (includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification and ethnic background), religion (includes all aspects of religious belief, observance and practice, including agnosticism and atheism), sexual orientation (heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality), or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. (Ed. Code, §§ 210-214, 220 et seq., 234 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4900 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.; 29 U.S.C. § 794; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.; 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.; 34 C.F.R. § 106.9) The District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and retaliation in all acts related to school activity or attendance. In addition to being the subject of a complaint, a pupil engaging in an act of bullying as defined by Education Code section 48900(r) may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion.

The District's Uniform Complaint Procedures may be used in cases where individuals or a group have suffered discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4610, 4630, 4650; Ed. Code, §§ 234 et seq., 48900(r))

- j. Any individual, public agency or organization has the right to file a written complaint alleging that he/she has personally suffered unlawful discrimination or that an individual or specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4610, 4630(b)(1))
- k. Copies of the District's complaint procedures are available free of charge. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4622)
- l. Complaints must usually be filed with the superintendent/designee of the District.
- m. Discrimination complaints must be filed within six (6) months of the date the alleged discrimination occurred, or within six (6) months of the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination. Within that six (6) month period, the complainant may file a written request with the district superintendent or designee for an extension of up to ninety (90) days following the six (6) month time period. Extensions will not be automatically granted, but may be granted for good cause. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4630(b))

Complaints Other Than Discrimination, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying:

The District has a written complaint procedure which may be used in cases where any individual, public agency or organization alleges violations of state or federal law, other than those relating to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

- n. Written complaints may be made regarding:
 - i. Adult Education
 - ii. After School Education and Safety
 - iii. Agricultural Career Technical and/or Vocational Education
 - iv. American Indian Education Centers and American Indian Early Childhood Education
 - v. Bilingual Education
 - vi. California Peer Assistance and Review Programs for Teachers
 - vii. Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs
 - viii. Migrant Child Education Programs
 - ix. Every Student Succeeds Act (formerly No Child Left Behind)
 - x. Career Technical and Technical Education and Technical Training Programs
 - xi. Child Care and Development
 - xii. Child Nutrition
 - xiii. Compensatory Education
 - xiv. Consolidated Categorical Aid
 - xv. Economic Impact Aid
 - xvi. Special Education
 - xvii. "Williams Complaints"
 - xviii. Pupil Fees
 - xix. Instructional Minutes for Physical Education
 - xx. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
 - xxi. Pregnant and Parenting Pupils, including parental leave
 - xxii. Student Parent Lactation Accommodations
 - xxiii. Course Assignments already Completed or without Educational Content
 - xxiv. Physical Education Instructional Minutes
 - xxv. Foster Youth, Homeless Youth, former Juvenile Court School Student Services, Migrant Youth, and Pupils of Military Families
 - xxvi. Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
 - xxvii. Continued Education Options for Former Juvenile Court School Students
 - xxviii. School Safety Plans
 - xxix. School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA)

- xxx. Tobacco-Use Prevention Education
- xxxi. Schoolsite Councils
- xxxii. State Preschool
- xxxiii. State Preschool Health and Safety Issues in Local Education Agencies Exempt From Licensing
- xxxiv. Any other district-implemented state categorical program that is not funded through the local control funding formula pursuant to Education Code section 64000
- xxxv. Any other educational programs the Superintendent deems appropriate

(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4610(b), 4622, 4630; Ed. Code, §§ 222, 4845.7, 8200-8498, 8500-8538, 32289, 33315, 33380-33384, 35186, 41500-41513, 46015, 47606.5, 47607.3, 48853.5, 49013, 49069.5, 49490-49590, 49701, 51210, 51223, 51225.1, 51225.2, 51226-51226.1, 51228.1, 51228.2, 51228.3, 52060-52075, 52160-52178, 52300-52490, 52334.7, 52500-52616.24, 52800-52870, 54000-54029, 54400-54425, 54440-54445, 54460-54529, 56000-56867, 59000-59300, 64001; 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400, 4600, 6601, 6801, 7101, 7201, 7301 et. seq.; Health & Saf. Code, §§ 1596.792, 1596.7925, 104420)

Any individual, public agency or organization has the right to file a written complaint alleging that the District has violated a federal or state law or regulation governing any program listed above. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4630(b)(1))

Copies of the District's complaint procedures are available free of charge. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4622)

Complaints must usually be filed with the superintendent or designee of the District under the timelines established by District policy. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4630(b))

Within 60 days from the date of receipt of the complaint, the District's responsible officer or his/her designee shall conduct and complete an investigation of the complaint in accordance with local procedures adopted pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 4621 and prepare a written decision. The time period may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

- o. Williams Complaints: Complaints, including anonymous complaints, may be made and addressed on a shortened timeline for the following areas: (Ed. Code, §§ 8235.5, 35186)
 - i. Insufficient textbooks and instructional materials;
 - ii. Emergency or urgent school facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of pupils;
 - iii. Noncompliance with the requirement of Education Code section 35292.6 to stock, at all times, at least half of the restrooms in the school with feminine hygiene products and to not charge students for the use of such products;
 - iv. Teacher vacancy or misassignment; or
 - v. Noncompliance of a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) with health and safety standards specified in Health and Safety Code section 1596.7925 and related state regulations.

A complaint of noncompliance with Education Code section 35186 may be filed with the school principal or designee under the Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complainant not satisfied with the resolution of a Williams Complaint has the right to bring the complaint to the district governing board at a regularly scheduled hearing. In the case of a complaint regarding emergency or urgent school facilities conditions, a complainant has the right of appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- p. Pupil Fees Complaints: A pupil enrolled in the District shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity that constitutes an integral fundamental part of the district's educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities. (Ed. Code, § 49010 et seq.)

A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following: a fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, as a security deposit to obtain materials or equipment, or a purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials or equipment for an educational activity.

A complaint of noncompliance with Education Code section 49010 et seq. may be filed with the school principal under the Uniform Complaint Procedures. A complaint shall be filed not later than one calendar year from the date the alleged violation occurred. A complaint may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance. A complainant not satisfied with the decision of the school may appeal the decision to the California Department of Education.

- q. Foster, homeless, former juvenile court pupils and pupils in military families: the District will post a standardized notice of the educational rights of pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, former juvenile court pupils now enrolled in a school district, and pupils in military families as specified in Education Code sections 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2. This notice shall include complaint process information, as applicable.

Responsible Official: The District official responsible for processing complaints is listed below at the following address:

Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

605 Sylvan Avenue, Modesto, CA 95350

Complaints Made Directly to the State Superintendent:

Complaints may be filed directly with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the following cases:

- r. Complaints alleging that the District failed to comply with the complaint procedures described herein, including failure or refusal to cooperate with the investigation.
- s. Complaints regarding Child Development and Child Nutrition programs not administered by the District.
- t. Complaints requesting anonymity, but only where the complainant also provides clear and convincing evidence that the complainant would be in danger of retaliation if filing a complaint at the District level.
- u. Complaints alleging that the District failed or refused to implement a final decision regarding a complaint originally filed with the District.
- v. Complaints alleging that the District took no action within sixty (60) days regarding a complaint originally filed with the District.
- w. Complaints alleging immediate and irreparable harm as a result of applying a district-wide policy in conflict with state or federal law and that complaining at the local level would be futile.
- x. Complaints relating to Special Education, but only if:
 - i. The District unlawfully refuses to provide a free appropriate public education to handicapped students;
 - ii. The District refuses to comply with due process procedures or fails to implement due process hearing order;
 - iii. Children may be in immediate physical danger, or their health, safety or welfare is threatened;
 - iv. A handicapped pupil is not receiving the services specified in his/her Individual Educational Program (IEP); or
 - v. The complaint involves a violation of federal law.
 - y. The District refuses to respond to the State Superintendent's request for information regarding a complaint originally filed with the District. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4630, 4650)

Appeals:

- Except for Williams Complaints, a complainant may appeal the District's decision to the California Department of Education. (Ed. Code, § 262.3(a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4622, 4632)
- Appeals must be filed within fifteen (15) days of receiving the District decision.
- Appeals must be in writing.
- Appeals must specify the reason(s) for appealing the District decision, including whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied.
 - Appeals must include a copy of the original complaint and a copy of the District decision.
 - Pupil fee complaints appealed to the California Department of Education will receive a written appeal decision within 60 days of the department's receipt of the appeal.
 - If the school/District finds merit in a complaint, or the California Department of Education finds merit in an appeal, the school/District will provide a remedy to all affected pupils, parents, and guardians. For pupil fee complaints, this includes reasonable efforts by the school to ensure full reimbursement to all affected pupils, parents, and guardians, subject to procedures established through regulations adopted by the state board.
- If a complaint is denied, in full or in part, by the Department of Education, the complainant may request reconsideration by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4665)
 - Reconsideration must be requested within thirty-five (35) days of receiving the Department of Education report.
 - The original decision denying the complaint will remain in effect and enforceable unless and until the State Superintendent of Public Instruction modifies that decision.

Civil Law Remedies:

In addition to the above-described complaint procedure, or upon completion of that procedure, complainants may have civil law remedies under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws. These civil law remedies can include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders. These civil law remedies are granted by a court of law and may be used, in part, to prevent the District from acting in an unlawful manner. Delay in pursuing civil law remedies before a court of law may result in loss of rights to those remedies. Any questions regarding civil law remedies should be directed to an attorney. (Ed. Code, § 262.3(b); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4622)

- 29) **Pupil-Free Staff Development Day and Minimum Day Schedule:** A copy of the District's pupil-free staff development day and minimum day schedules is attached for reference. A pupil's parent or guardian will be notified during the school year of any additional minimum days and pupil-free staff development days no later than one month before the actual date. (Ed. Code, § 48980(c))
- 30) **Review of Curriculum:** A prospectus of curriculum, including titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by each public school, is available at the school site for review upon request. Copies are available upon request for a reasonable fee not to exceed the actual copying cost. (Ed. Code, 49091.14)
- 31) **Transitional Kindergarten:**
The district's TK program shall admit children as follows: (Education Code 48000):
1. For the 2021-22 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 through December 2
 2. For the 2022-23 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and February 2

3. For the 2023-24 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and April 2
4. For the 2024-25 school year, children whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and June 2
5. For the 2025-26 school year, and in each school year thereafter, children who turn four by September 1

A child's eligibility for TK enrollment shall not impact family eligibility for a preschool or childcare program. (Education Code 48000).

- 32) **Pupil Find System; Policies and Procedures:** Any parent suspecting that a child has exceptional needs may request an assessment for eligibility for special education services through the Director of Student Services and/or Special Education, or his/her designee. Policy and procedures shall include written notification to all parents of their rights pursuant to Education Code section 56300 et seq. (Ed. Code, § 56301; 34 C.F.R. § 104.32(b))
- 33) **School Accountability Report:** Parents/guardians may request a hard copy of the School Accountability Report Card which is issued annually for each school of the District. (Ed. Code, § 35256)
- 34) **Asbestos Management Plan:** The current management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings is available at the District Office. (40 C.F.R. § 763.93)
- 35) **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):** The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) took full effect in 2018 to replace the No Child Left Behind Act in modifying the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). If updates are provided by the California Department of Education, the following notice may change and new information may be added.
 - Information Regarding Professional Qualifications of Teachers, Paraprofessionals, and Aides: Upon request, parents have a right to information regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, and aides. This includes whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he/she teachers, whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status because of special circumstances, the major or field of discipline for any degrees or certifications held by the teacher, and whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to the parents' child and, if so, their qualifications. In addition, parents have a right to notice when the parent's child has been taught for four or more weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. (ESEA § 1111(h)(6) (as amended by ESSA))
 - Information Regarding Individual Student Reports on Statewide Assessments: Upon request, parents have a right to information on the level of achievement of their student on every State academic assessment administered to the student. (ESEA § 1111(h)(6) (as amended by ESSA))
 - **School Identified for School Improvement:** A local educational agency shall promptly provide notice to a parent or parents of each student enrolled in an elementary school or a secondary school identified for school improvement (school that fails for two consecutive years to make adequate yearly progress as defined in the State's plan) for corrective action or for restructuring. The notice will be in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The notice will include an explanation of what the identification means; how the school compares in terms of academic achievement to other elementary schools or secondary schools served by the local educational agency and the State educational agency; the reasons for the identification; an explanation of what the school identified for school improvement is doing to address the problem of low achievement; an explanation of what the local educational agency or State educational agency is doing to help the school address the achievement problem; an explanation of how parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement; and an explanation of the parents' option to

transfer their child to another public school (with transportation provided by the agency when required or to obtain supplemental educational services for the child). (ESEA § 1116(b)(6) (as amended by ESSA))

- Limited English Proficient Students: ESSA requires notice be given to parents of limited English proficient students regarding limited English proficiency programs, not later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year (or, for students identified later in the school year, within two weeks). Notice includes: the reasons for the identification of the student as limited English proficient; the need for placement in a language instruction educational program; the student's level of English proficiency and how such level was assessed; the status of the student's academic achievement; the methods of instruction used in the available programs (including content, instructional goals, and the use of English and native language); the exit requirements for the program; how the program meets the objectives of the student's IEP, if applicable; and, parent options for removing a student from a program, declining initial enrollment and/or choosing another program. (ESEA § 1112(g)(1)(A) (as amended by ESSA)) In addition, the notice shall include the following: (1) whether the student is a long-term English learner or at risk of becoming a long-term English learner; (2) the manner in which the program will meet the needs of long-term English learners or those at risk of becoming long-term English learners; and (3) the manner in which the program will help long-term English learners or those at risk of becoming long-term English learners develop English proficiency and meet age-appropriate academic standards. (Ed. Code, §§ 313.2, 440; 20 U.S.C. § 6312)

The information provided above is available upon request from each student's school or the district office. Additional notices that may be required shall be sent separately. (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.)

36. **Language Acquisition Program:** If the District implements a language acquisition program pursuant to Education Code section 310, it will: 1) comply with the kindergarten and grades 1-3, inclusive, class size requirements specified in Education Code section 42238.02; and (2) provide the parent or legal guardian of a minor pupil annually, or upon the pupil's enrollment, with information on the types of language programs available to pupils enrolled in the District, including, but not limited to, a description of each program, the process to be followed in making a program selection, identification of any language to be taught in addition to English when the program includes instruction in another language, and the process to request establishment of a language acquisition program. (Ed. Code, § 310; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 11309, 11310)
37. **Children in Homeless/Foster Care Situations, Former Juvenile Court School Students, Migrant Students, and Newcomers:** Each local district shall designate a staff person as a liaison for homeless children who shall ensure the dissemination of public notice of the educational rights of students in homeless situations. (Ed. Code, § 48852.5; 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)) The District's liaison is the Director of Student Services and can be contacted at (209) 574-5000.

A homeless child will be allowed to continue his/her education in their school of origin through the duration of homelessness at the point of any change or any subsequent change in residence once a child becomes a homeless child. If the child's status changes before the end of the academic year so that he/she is not homeless, the District will allow a child in high school to continue his/her education in the school of origin through graduation. For a child in grades K through 8, the District will allow the formerly homeless child to continue his/her education in the school of origin until the end of the academic school year. A homeless child transitioning between school grade levels will be allowed to continue in the school district of origin in the same attendance area. If a homeless child is transitioning to a middle or high school where the school designated for matriculation is in another school district, the homeless child must be allowed to continue to the school designated for matriculation in that school district. The new school will be required to enroll the child immediately regardless of any outstanding fees, fines, textbooks or other items or moneys due to the school last attended or if the child is unable to produce clothing or records normally required for enrollment, including academic records, medical records, proof of immunization history, and proof of residency, other documentation, or school uniforms. (Ed. Code, § 48852.7)

The District has designated the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services as the educational liaison for foster children and can be contacted at (209) 574-5000. The educational liaison will disseminate a standardized notice to foster children that has been developed by the State Department of Education and includes complaint process information. (Ed. Code, § 48853.5)

A foster child shall be allowed to continue his/her education in the school of origin under specified circumstances. If it is determined that it is in the best interests of the foster child to transfer to a school other than the school of origin, the foster child shall immediately be enrolled in the new school, regardless of any outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or moneys owed to the school last attended or if the child is unable to produce clothing or records normally required for enrollment, including academic records, medical records, immunization history, proof of residency, other documentation, or school uniforms. The last school attended must provide all records to the new school within two business days of receiving the request. (Ed. Code, §§ 48853, 48853.5)

Upon receiving a transfer request or notification of a student in foster care, the District shall, within two business days, transfer the student out of school and deliver the educational information and records to the next educational placement. Grades and credits will be calculated as of the day the student left school and no lowering of grades will occur as a result of the student's absence due to the decision to change placement or for a verified court appearance or related court activity. (Ed. Code, § 49069.5)

The District shall exempt from local graduation requirements a student who is in foster care, a homeless child or youth, a child of a military family, a former juvenile court school student, a migratory child, or a pupil participating in a newcomer program for recently arrived immigrant pupils and who transfers between schools under certain circumstances. (Ed. Code, §§ 51225.1, 51225.2)

The District shall accept coursework done by a student who is in foster care, a homeless child or youth, a child of a military family, a former juvenile court school student, a migratory child, or a pupil in a newcomer program while attending another school. The District will not require those students to retake courses or partial courses they have satisfactorily completed elsewhere. (Ed. Code, § 51225.2)

A complaint of noncompliance alleging violations of these sections, except for Education Code section 48852.7, may be filed under the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

38. **Continued Education Options For Juvenile Court School Students:** A juvenile court school student, or the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student, may voluntarily defer or decline issuance of their diploma until after the student is released from the juvenile detention facility, thereby allowing the student to take additional coursework at a local education agency. The county office of education will notify the student, the person holding to right to make educational decisions for the student, and the student's social worker or probation officer of all of the following:
- (a) The student's right to a diploma;
 - (b) How taking coursework and meeting other educational requirements will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a post-secondary educational institution;
 - (c) Information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges; and
 - (d) The option to defer or decline the diploma and take additional coursework. (Ed. Code, §§ 48645.3(a), 48645.7)
39. **Sex Equity In Career Planning:** Parents shall be notified in advance of career counseling and course selection commencing with course selection in Grade 7, to promote sex equity and allow parents to participate in counseling sessions and decisions. (Ed. Code, § 221.5(d))

40. **Pesticide Products:** All schools are required to provide parents or guardians with annual written notice of expected pesticide use at schools. The attached list provides the name of each pesticide product, the active ingredient(s) and the Internet address for further information. Parents or guardians may request prior notice of individual pesticide applications at the school. If a parent wishes to be notified every time a pesticide is going to be applied, he or she must complete the attached form and return it to his or her child's school. A copy of the integrated pest management plan for the school site or District may be provided on the school website or viewed at the school office. (Ed. Code, §§ 48980.3, 17611.5, 17612)

41. **Pregnant and Parenting Pupils:** Pregnant and parenting pupils are entitled to accommodations that provide them with the opportunity to succeed academically while protecting their health and the health of their children. "Pregnant or parenting pupil" means a pupil who gives or expects to give birth or a parenting pupil who has not given birth and who identifies as the parent of the infant.

A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to eight weeks of parental leave. This leave may be taken before the birth of the pupil's infant if there is a medical necessity and/or after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction. A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to additional leave if deemed medically necessary by the student's physician. (Ed. Code, § 46015)

The person holding the student's educational rights (i.e. the pupil if over 18 or the parent if under 18) may notify the school of the student's intent to exercise this right. Leave may still be taken even if notice was not provided.

During the leave, the student's absences shall be deemed excused and the student shall not be required to complete academic work or other school requirements.

A pregnant or parenting pupil may return to the school and the course of study in which he or she was enrolled before taking parental leave. Upon return to school after taking parental leave, a pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to opportunities to make up work missed during his or her leave, including, but not limited to, makeup work plans and re enrollment in courses.

A pregnant or parenting pupil may remain enrolled for a fifth year of instruction in the school in which the pupil was previously enrolled when it is necessary in order for the pupil to be able to complete state and any local graduation requirements, unless the local educational agency makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete its graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the pupil's fourth year of high school.

A student who chooses not to return to the school in which he or she was enrolled before taking the leave is entitled to alternative education options offered by the local educational agency to include educational programs, activities, and courses equal to those he or she would have been in if participating in the regular education program.

A student will not incur any academic penalties as a result of using the accommodations in this section. (Ed. Code, § 46015)

A complaint of noncompliance may be filed under the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures in accordance with Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

42. **Student Parent Lactation Accommodations:** The District is required to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student on a school campus to address breastfeeding needs. (Ed. Code, § 222)

A student may not be penalized academically because of the reasonable accommodations provided during the school day. A student must also be given the opportunity to make up missed work.

A complaint of noncompliance may be filed under the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

43. **PE Instructional Minutes:** The adopted course of study for grades 1 through 6 and instruction in grades 1 through 8 in an elementary school includes physical education for not less than 200 minutes each ten school days, exclusive of recesses and the lunch period. (Ed. Code, §§ 51210, 51223) A complaint of noncompliance may be filed under the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.
44. **Pupil Fees:** A pupil enrolled in a public school will not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity. (Ed. Code, § 49011)
- (a) The following requirements apply to prohibited pupil fees:
 - (i) All supplies, materials, and equipment needed to participate in educational activities must be provided to pupils free of charge.
 - (ii) A fee waiver policy shall not make a pupil fee permissible.
 - (iii) The District and its schools shall not establish a two-tier educational system by requiring a minimal educational standard and also offering a second, higher educational standard that pupils may only obtain through payment of a fee or purchase of additional supplies that the school district or school does not provide.
 - (iv) The District and its schools shall not offer course credit or privileges related to educational activities in exchange for money or donations of goods or services from a pupil or a pupil's parents or guardians, and the District and its schools shall not remove course credit or privileges related to educational activities, or otherwise discriminate against a pupil, because the pupil or the pupil's parents or guardians did not or will not provide money or donations of goods or services to the District or school.
 - (b) Solicitation of voluntary donations of funds or property and voluntary participation in fundraising activities are not prohibited. The District and its schools are not prohibited from providing pupils prizes or other recognition for voluntarily participating in fundraising activities. (Ed. Code, § 49010 et seq.) A complaint of noncompliance may be filed under the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. (Ed. Code, § 49013)

Notification of Rights Under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- (2) The right to request amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write to the School principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise the parent or eligible student of the right to a

hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

The School will make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of a records request by officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

- (4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

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Your Child Has the Right to a Free Public Education

- All children in the United States have a Constitutional right to equal access to free public education, regardless of immigration status and regardless of the immigration status of the student's parents or guardians.
- In California:
 - All children have the right to a free public education.
 - All children ages 6 to 18 years must be enrolled in school.
 - All students and staff have the right to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools.
 - All students have a right to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.
 - All students have equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity offered by the school, and cannot be discriminated against based on their race, nationality, gender, religion, or immigration status, among other characteristics.

Information Required for School Enrollment

- When enrolling a child, schools must accept a variety of documents from the student's parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of the child's age or residency.
- You never have to provide information about citizenship/immigration status to have your child enrolled in school. Also, you never have to provide a Social Security number to have your child enrolled in school.

Confidentiality of Personal Information

- Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools get written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.
- Some schools collect and provide publicly basic student "directory information." If they do, then each year, your child's school district must provide parents/guardians with written notice of the school's directory information policy, and let you know of your option to refuse release of your child's information in the directory.

Family Safety Plans If You Are Detained or Deported

- You have the option to provide your child's school with emergency contact information, including the information of secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for your child in the event you are detained or deported.
- You have the option to complete a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person, which may enable a trusted adult the authority to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

Right to File a Complaint

- Your child has the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint to the school district if he or she is discriminated against, harassed, intimidated, or bullied on the basis of his or her actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status.

For more information on resources for responding to immigration enforcement activities at California schools, or to file a complaint, please contact:

Bureau of Children's Justice
 California Attorney General's Office
 P.O. Box 944255
 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550
 Phone: (800) 952-5225
 E-mail: BCJ@doj.ca.gov
<https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/complaint>

The Attorney General's publications can be downloaded at: <https://www.oag.ca.gov/bcj>

HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT OF 2000

Notice to all students, parents/guardians and employees of the Sylvan Union School District:

Education Code sections 17608 et seq. requires, among other things, that school districts notify parents and staff about the use of pesticides at school. The purpose is to reduce exposure to toxic pesticides through information and application of an

integrated pest management system at schools. Towards this end, and pursuant to the requirements of this legislation, please be advised of the following:

The Sylvan Union School District expects to use the following pesticides at its campuses during the upcoming year:
Pesticide Name E.P.A. Reg. Number Active Ingredient(s)

Product	Active Ingredient	EPA #
Ditrac	Diphacinone	12455-80
Mtomco Gopher Killer	Zinc Phosphide	12455-18-3240
Permethrin	Permethrin	70506-6-53883
Phantom		241-392
Termidor	Fipronil	432-1304
Taurus	Fipronil	53883-279
Alpine WSG	Dinotefuran	499-561
Cy Kick	Cyfluthrin	499-304
Mother Earth Granular	Boric Acid	499-515

Parents/guardians of the Sylvan Union School District can register with the District's designee, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, to receive notification of individual pesticide applications by calling (209) 574-5000. Persons who register for this notification shall be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the application, except in emergencies, and will be provided the name and active ingredient(s) of the pesticide as well as the intended date of application. If you wish to access information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation pursuant to California Food and Agricultural Code section 13184, you can do so by accessing the Department's web-site at www.cdpr.ca.gov. More information can be found on our website at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/150avg3l4uPh3UtPrbFYrWe6aY4wQCjEb/view>.

Model Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right for parents of minor students to:

- A. Consent before students are required to submit a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):
 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;

5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- B. Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
- C. Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:
1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the education curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

Sylvan Union School District has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Sylvan Union School District will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Sylvan Union School District will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or email, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities or surveys noted below and will provide an opportunity for the parent to opt his or her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Sylvan Union School District will make this notification to parents at the beginning of the school year if the District has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities or surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and be provided an opportunity to opt their child out of such activities and surveys. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. The following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

1. Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
2. Administration of any unprotected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the Department of Education.
3. Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY OFFICE

SPPO-21-04

A Parent Guide to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Other than statutory and regulatory requirements included in the document, the contents of this guidance do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public. This document is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) provides certain rights for parents regarding their children’s education records. FERPA gives these rights to custodial and noncustodial parents alike, unless there is a court order, legally binding document, or State law that specifically provides to the contrary. When a student reaches 18 years of age or attends an institution of postsecondary education at any age, he or she becomes an “eligible student,” and all rights under FERPA transfer from the parent to the student. Given the target audience for this document is parents, this guide is intended to discuss parents’ rights under FERPA. Under FERPA, the term “parent” means a parent of a student and includes a natural parent, a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or a guardian. A companion document discussing eligible students’ rights under FERPA is available on our website at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/ferpa-general-guidance-students>.

FERPA is a Federal law that is administered by the Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO) in the U.S. Department of Education (Department). FERPA protects “education records,” which are generally defined as records that are directly related to a student and maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. An “educational agency or institution,” herein after referred to as a “school,” generally means a school district, a public elementary or secondary school, or an institution of postsecondary education such as a college or university. There are also a few exceptions to the definition of education records, such as law enforcement unit records and sole possession records. More information is available at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/faq/what-records-are-exempted-ferpa>.

FERPA applies to schools that receive funding under any program administered by the Department. Private and faith-based schools at the elementary and secondary levels generally do not receive such funding and are, therefore, generally not subject to FERPA. In addition, the confidentiality of personally identifiable information (PII) in the education records of children with disabilities is further protected by Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1417(c) and 34 CFR §§ 300.610-300.626). These regulations contain confidentiality provisions that are similar to, but broader than, FERPA. The IDEA-FERPA crosswalk contains additional information comparing IDEA and FERPA and is available at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/ferpaidea-cross-walk>.

The rights provided by FERPA to a parent include, but are not limited to:

- **Access to Education Records**

Under FERPA, a school or State educational agency (SEA) must provide a parent with an opportunity to inspect and review their child's education records within a reasonable period of time, but not more than 45 calendar days following receipt of a request. A school or SEA is generally not required to provide *copies* of the education records unless circumstances effectively prevent the parent from exercising the right to inspect and review the education records. For example, if a parent who does not live within commuting distance of their child's school requests that the school provide access to his or her child's education records, the school would be required to make other arrangements for the parent to inspect and review the requested records, or to provide a copy of the requested records.

- **Amendment of Education Records**

Under FERPA, a parent has the right to seek amendment or correction of their child's education records that the parent believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the child's rights of privacy. However, while a school is not required to amend an education record in accordance with a parent's request, a school is required to consider the request for amendment, to inform the parent of its decision, and, if the request is denied, to advise the parent of his or her right to a hearing on the matter. If, as a result of the hearing, a school decides not to amend the education records, then the parent has the right to insert a statement in the record commenting on the contested information or stating why the parent disagrees with the decision, or both. That statement must remain with the contested part of the education record for as long as the record is maintained and be included whenever the contested part is disclosed.

While a parent has the right to seek to amend non-substantive factual errors in the student's education records, the right is not unlimited, and a school is not required by FERPA to afford a parent the right to seek to change substantive decisions made by school officials, such as substantive decisions made in the context of grades given to a student based on their performance, other evaluations of the student's performance, or disciplinary decisions. These substantive decisions also include evaluations of whether a student has a disability and is eligible for special education and related services, disagreements about the content of a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), or the student's educational placement under Part B of IDEA. While under FERPA a parent may seek amendment to correct a non-substantive factual error in an IEP, a parent should utilize the Part B of IDEA dispute resolution procedures (State complaints, mediation, or due process hearing procedures) to resolve disputes with a school regarding substantive matters. Each State has resources to help parents to participate effectively in their children's education and development. State contact information is available at <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/contacts/#state>.

- **Disclosure of Education Records**

Under FERPA, a school generally may not disclose PII from a student's education records to a third party unless the student's parent has provided prior written consent. However,

there are a number of exceptions to FERPA's general consent requirement, some of which are described below. Under these exceptions, schools are *permitted* to disclose PII from education records without consent, but they are not *required* to do so by FERPA.

School Official

FERPA allows "school officials," including teachers, within the school to obtain access to PII from education records without consent, provided that the school has determined the officials have a "legitimate educational interest" in the information. The school's annual notification of rights under FERPA must specify the criteria for determining who constitutes a "school official" and what the school considers to be a "legitimate educational interest." Typically, a school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Also, under the "school officials" exception to the consent requirement, FERPA permits a school to disclose education records to contractors (e.g., software/application vendors, lawyers), consultants (e.g., nutritional or information technology consultants), volunteers (e.g., home room parent volunteers, field trip chaperones, student volunteers), or other third parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the outside party:

1. Performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use employees;
2. Is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of education records;
3. Is subject to the requirements in FERPA that PII from education records may be used only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made, and which govern the redisclosure of PII from education records; and
4. Meets the criteria specified in the school's annual notification of FERPA rights for being a school official with a legitimate educational interest in the education records.

More information regarding the use of school volunteers and FERPA is available at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/training/school-volunteers-and-ferpa>.

Seeks or Intends to Enroll

Another exception to FERPA's general consent requirement permits a school to disclose PII from a student's education records, without consent, to another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled, as long as the purpose of the disclosure is related to the student's enrollment or transfer. A school that discloses education records under this exception must make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent of the disclosure, unless the disclosure is initiated by the parent, or the school's annual notification of rights under FERPA includes a notice that it forwards education records to other schools that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled, as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. A school that discloses education records under this exception also must provide the parent, upon request, a copy of the records that were

disclosed or, upon request, an opportunity for a hearing to amend the records that were disclosed. Under this exception, a school has the discretion to disclose academic, disciplinary, or any other PII from the student's education records to the new school. Further, a parent does not, under FERPA, have the right to prevent a school from disclosing such PII from the student's education records, or from communicating information about a student more generally, to the school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

Directory Information

FERPA also permits a school to disclose PII from a student's education records, without consent, when such information has been appropriately designated as "directory information" and the parent has not opted out of the disclosure of such designated information. The FERPA regulations define directory information as information in a student's education record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Directory information may include information such as the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, grade level, enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate, full-time or part-time), dates of attendance (i.e., the period of time during which the student attends or attended the school), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, and the most recent school attended. FERPA provides that a school may disclose, without consent, directory information if the school has given public notice to parents of the types of PII that it has designated as directory information and the process, including period of time, for parents to opt out of certain directory information disclosures. This notice is often included in the annual notification discussed below. For more information regarding directory information, visit <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/training/b-cs-student-directory-information>.

Dependent Student

FERPA provides ways in which a school may share education records on an eligible student with their parents. Schools may, but are not required to, disclose any and all education records to parents, without the consent of the eligible student, if the student is a "dependent student," as that term is defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code. Generally, if either parent has claimed the student as a dependent on the parent's most recent income tax return, a school may disclose the student's education records to either parent, without the eligible student's consent.

This exception to FERPA's general consent rule also permits institutions of postsecondary education to share information with parents of students who are enrolled in both a high school and a college or university (dually enrolled). In this situation, the parents retain the rights over the student's education records maintained by the high school, if the student is under the age of 18 years, and the student retains the rights over the education records maintained by the college or university.

Other Exceptions

Provided certain conditions are met that are not included in the summary below, other exceptions to FERPA's general consent requirement that would permit the disclosure of PII from education records include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To authorized representatives of, among others, State and local educational authorities, such as a State department of education, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs
- To a representative of a State or local child welfare agency or Tribal organization regarding a child in foster care
- To State and local officials or authorities pursuant to a State statute concerning the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve the student whose records are being disclosed
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school for specified purposes including improving instruction
- To comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena
- In connection with a health or safety emergency

Annual Notification of FERPA Rights

Under FERPA, a school must annually notify parents of their rights under FERPA. There are separate annual notifications and other rights under IDEA. The FERPA annual notification must include information regarding a parent's right to inspect and review his or her child's education records, the right to seek to amend the records, the right to consent to disclosure of PII from the records (except in certain circumstances), and the right to file a complaint with SPPO regarding an alleged failure by a school to comply with FERPA. The notification must also inform parents of the school's criteria for the terms "school official" and "legitimate educational interest" in certain instances. A school is not required to notify parents individually, but rather is required to provide the notice by any means that are reasonably likely to inform parents of their rights. These means could include publication in a school activities calendar, newsletter, student handbook, or on a school's website.

Complaints of Alleged Violations with FERPA

Parents who believe that their FERPA rights may have been violated may file a complaint with SPPO at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/file-a-complaint>. SPPO will review the complaint to ensure the complaint:

- Is filed, in writing, by a parent who maintains FERPA rights over the education records that are the subject of the complaint;
- Is submitted to SPPO within 180 days of the date of the alleged violation or of the date that the parent knew or reasonably should have known of the alleged violation; and
- Contains specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of FERPA has occurred.

SPPO will then make a case-by-case determination to determine the best mechanism for resolving the underlying situation. Sometimes the action will be a formal investigation; for other complaints, consistent with the statute and applicable regulations, we will take other appropriate actions, such as acting as an intermediary or providing resolution assistance. More information regarding our complaint process is available at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/file-a-complaint>.

Additional Information

For more information regarding FERPA and other student privacy issues, please visit our website at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov>.

If you have questions about FERPA that are not addressed here, you may also submit a question through our website at <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/contact> or write to SPPO for additional guidance at the following address:

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U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520

BP 5145.7 Student: Sexual Harassment

The Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sexual harassment targeted at any student by anyone. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who reports, files a complaint or testifies about, or otherwise supports a complainant in alleging sexual harassment.

The district strongly encourages any student who feels that they are being or have been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult, or who have experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus to immediately contact the district's Title IX Coordinator/Uniform Complaint Procedure Compliance Officer, their teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes any incident of sexual harassment shall notify the district's Title IX Coordinator/Uniform Complaint Procedure Compliance Officer and may notify the principal. Any principal who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the district Title IX Coordinator/Uniform Complaint Procedure Compliance Officer.

Once notified, the Title IX Coordinator/Uniform Complaint Procedure Compliance Officer shall ensure the report or allegation is addressed through the district's Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (AR 5145.71) or Uniform Complaint Procedures (AR 1312.3), as applicable.

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

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Reporting Procedures)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students and parents/guardians of the district's sexual harassment policy by disseminating it through parent/guardian notifications, publishing it on the district's website, and including it in student and staff handbooks. All district staff shall be trained regarding the policy.

Instruction/Information

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age-appropriate information related to sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same sex and could involve sexual violence.

A clear message that students do not have to endure any form of sexual harassment under any circumstance, including harassment because of sexual orientation.

Encouragement to report observed incidents of sexual harassment even when the alleged victim of the harassment has not complained.

A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sexual harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sexual harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved.

A clear message that, regardless of a complainant's noncompliance with the writing, timeline, or other formal filing requirements, every sexual harassment allegation that involves a student, whether as the victim of the harassment, reporting party, or respondent, shall be addressed consistent with district's Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (AR 5145.71) or Uniform Complaint Procedures (AR 1312.3), as applicable.

Information about the district's Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures (AR 5145.71) or Uniform Complaint Procedures (AR 1312.3) for addressing reports of sexual harassment, investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made.

Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable, including the right to file a civil or criminal complaint during the district's investigation of a sexual harassment complaint.

A clear message that, the district will implement supportive measures to ensure a safe school environment for students involved consistent with applicable district procedures. When such interim measures are taken, they shall not disadvantage the complainant or victim of the alleged harassment

Disciplinary Actions

Any student determined to have engaged in the sexual harassment or sexual violence of anyone at school or a school-related or school-sponsored activity shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with applicable law and District procedures. (Education Code 48900, 48900.2, 48915)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

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

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

Any employee determined to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence toward any student will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal, in accordance with applicable laws and policies, and/or collective bargaining agreements. Any employee determined to have failed to report sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4117.7 - Employment Status Report)

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

Record-Keeping

In accordance with law and district policies and regulations, the Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported allegations of sexual harassment or sexual violence to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in district schools.

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

Legal References:

CIVIL CODE

51.9 Sexual harassment – elements of cause of action

1714.1 Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion

48900.2 Additional grounds for suspension or expulsion; sexual harassment

48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct

48915 Grounds for expulsion

48980 Notice at beginning of term

48985 Notices, report, statements and records in primary language

GOVERNMENT CODE

12900 et seq. Fair Employment and Housing Act

12950.1 Sexual harassment training

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4694 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1092 Definition of sexual assault
1221 Application of laws
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 34

12291 Definition of dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1983 Civil action for deprivation of rights
2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy
106.1-106.82 Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs

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Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators, April 2015
Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence, April 2014
Sexual Harassment: It's Not Academic, September 2008
Revised Sexual Harassment Guidance: Harassment of Students by School Employees, Other Students, or Third Parties, January 2001

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
Family Policy Compliance Office: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco>
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>
U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov>

Policy SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
adopted: November 2, 2004 Modesto, California
revised: June 1, 2021

Board Policy 5117: Interdistrict Attendance

The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents/guardians of students who reside within the geographic boundaries of one district may, for a variety of reasons, desire to enroll their children in a school in another district.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

Interdistrict Attendance Permits

The Board may enter into an agreement with any other school district, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of students who are residents of the districts. (Education Code 46600)

The agreement shall specify the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. It also may contain standards agreed upon by both districts for reapplication and/or revocation of the student's permit. (Education Code 46600)

Interdistrict agreements are subject to an annual review by the Board with a three to five year history.

Upon receiving a permit for transfer into the district that has been approved by the student's district of residence, or upon receiving a written request from the parent/guardian of a district student who wishes to enroll in another district, the Superintendent or designee shall review the request and may approve or deny the permit subject to the terms and conditions of the interdistrict attendance agreement.

Transportation

Upon parent/guardian request, the district shall provide transportation assistance to a student receiving an interdistrict transfer who is eligible for free and reduced-price meals and is the child of an active duty military parent/guardian or a victim of bullying, as defined in Education Code 46600. (Education Code 46600)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

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State	Description
CA Constitution Article 1, Section 31	<u>Nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin</u>
Ed. Code 41020	Requirement for annual audit
Ed. Code 46600-46610	Interdistrict attendance agreements
Ed. Code 48204	Residency requirements for school attendance
Ed. Code 48300-48317	Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program

Ed. Code 48900	Grounds for suspension or expulsion
Ed. Code 48915	Expulsion; particular circumstances
Ed. Code 48915.1	Expelled individuals; enrollment in another district
Ed. Code 48918	Rules governing expulsion procedures
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 48985	Notices to parents in language other than English
Ed. Code 52317	Regional Occupational Center/Program, enrollment of students, interdistrict attendance
Ed. Code 8151	Apprentices, exemption from interdistrict attendance agreement

Management Resources	Description
Attorney General Opinion	84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 198 (2001)
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Court Decision	Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District, (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275
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Website	California Department of Education
Website	CSBA

Board Policy 51161.1: Intradistrict Open Enrollment

The Board of Trustees desires to provide enrollment options that meet the diverse needs and interests of district students and parents/guardians, while also maximizing the efficient use of district facilities and resources. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the selection and transfer of students among district schools in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 5116.2 - Involuntary Student Transfers)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

The parents/guardians of any student who resides within district boundaries may apply to enroll their child in any district school, regardless of the location of their residence within the district. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

The Board shall annually review this policy. (Education Code 35160.5, 48980)

Enrollment Priorities

No student currently residing within a school's attendance area shall be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)

The Superintendent or designee shall grant priority for the enrollment of a student in a district school outside of the student's attendance area, if the student:

1. Is enrolled in a district school designated by the California Department of Education (CDE) as "persistently dangerous" (20 USC 7912; 5 CCR 11992)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

2. Is a victim of a violent crime while on school grounds (20 USC 7912)

3. Is a victim of an act of bullying committed by another district student, as determined through an investigation following the parent/guardian's submission of a written complaint with the school, district, or local law enforcement agency pursuant to Education Code 234.1 (Education Code 46600)

If the district school requested by the student is at maximum capacity, the Superintendent or designee shall accept an intradistrict transfer request for another district school. (Education Code 46600)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

4. Is experiencing special circumstances that might be harmful or dangerous to the student in the current attendance area, including, but not limited to, threats of bodily harm or threats to the emotional stability of the student. Any such student may transfer to a district school that is at capacity and otherwise closed to transfers. To grant priority under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee must have received either: (Education Code 35160.5)

a. A written statement from a representative of an appropriate state or local agency, including, but not necessarily limited to, a law enforcement official or a social worker, or a properly licensed or registered professional, including, but not necessarily limited to, a psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical counselor.

b. A court order, including a temporary restraining order and injunction.

5. Is a sibling of another student already attending that school.

6. Has a parent/guardian whose primary place of Employment is that school.

Application and Selection Process

In order to ensure that priorities for enrollment in district schools are implemented in accordance with law and Board Policy, applications for intradistrict open enrollment shall be submitted between January and February of the school year preceding the school year for which the transfer is requested.

The Superintendent or designee shall calculate each school's capacity in a non-arbitrary manner using student enrollment and available space. (Education Code 35160.5)

Except for the enrollment priorities listed above, the Superintendent or designee shall use a random, unbiased selection process to determine which students shall be admitted whenever a district school receives admission requests that are in excess of the school's capacity. (Education Code 35160.5)

Enrollment decisions shall not be based on a student's academic or athletic performance. However, existing entrance criteria may be used for enrolling students in specialized schools or programs, provided that the criteria are uniformly applied to all applicants.

In addition, academic performance may be used to determine eligibility for, or placement in, programs for gifted and talented students. (Education Code 35160.5)

(cf. 6172 - Gifted and Talented Student Program)

Transportation

In general, the district shall not be obligated to provide transportation for students who attend school outside their attendance area.

However, upon parent/guardian request, the district shall provide transportation assistance to any student who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals and whose enrollment in a district school outside the student's attendance area is a result of being a victim of bullying. (Education Code 46600)

(cf. 3250 - Transportation Fees)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

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State	Description
5 CCR 11992-11994	Definition of persistently dangerous schools
Ed. Code 200	Equal rights and opportunities in state educational institutions
Ed. Code 35160.5	District policies; rules and regulations
Ed. Code 35291	Rules
Ed. Code 35351	Assignment of students to particular schools
Ed. Code 46600-46611	Interdistrict attendance agreements
Ed. Code 48200	Compulsory attendance
Ed. Code 48204	Residency requirements for school attendance
Ed. Code 48300-48316	Student attendance alternatives, school district of choice program
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Federal	Description
20 USC 6311	State plan
20 USC 6313	Eligibility of schools and school attendance areas; funding allocation
20 USC 7912	Transfers from persistently dangerous schools

Management Resources	Description
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California Department of Education Publication	Every Student Succeeds Act - Update #8, July 14, 2017

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Court Decision

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California Department of Education

Website

CSBA

Website

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SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022 - 2023 Calendar of Events

School	Back to School Night	Open House	Parent Conferences Grades TK-5	
Elementary				
C.F. Brown	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Crossroads	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Freedom	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Orchard	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Sanders	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Sherwood	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Standiford	Aug. 16	May 10	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Stockard Coffee	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Sylvan	Aug. 16	May 10	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Woodrow	Aug. 18	May 11	Nov. 7-10, 14 <small>*Nov. 11 Holiday</small>	March 7-9
Middle School			6th GRADE	
Dan Savage MS	Aug. 11	April 20	Sept. 19-23	Jan. 24-26
Somerset MS	Aug. 11	April 20	Sept. 19-23	Jan. 24-26
Ustach MS	Aug. 11	April 20	Sept. 19-23	Jan. 24-26

2022-2023 TRIMESTERS			
Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3	
Aug. 8 - Oct. 28	Oct. 31 - Feb 24	Feb 27 - May 26	
MINIMUM DAYS			
Elementary	Grade 6	Grades 7/8	
Aug. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 8	First Day of Instruction
Nov. 22	Nov. 22	Nov. 22	Day Prior to Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 16	Dec. 16	Dec. 16	Day Prior to Winter Break
May 26	May 26	May 26	Last Day of Instruction
Collaboration Wednesdays From 8/24 to 5/3	Collaboration Wednesdays From 8/24 to 5/3	Collaboration Wednesdays From 8/24 to 5/3	
Back to School Night	Back to School Night	Back to School Night	
Parent Conferences	Parent Conferences	Open House	
Open House	Open House		
8th GRADE PROMOTION			
Dan Savage Middle School	Date, Time, and Location TBD		
Somerset Middle School	Date, Time, and Location TBD		
Ustach Middle School	Date, Time, and Location TBD		

2022-2023 Academic Calendar Sylvan Union School District

First day of school for students: August 8th
 Winter Break: December 19th - January 6th
 Spring Break: March 20th - March 24th
 Last day of school for students: May 26th

	First/Last Day of School
H	Holiday - No School
X	No School

July 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 X	2 X
3 X	4 X	5 X	6 X	7 X	8 X	9 X
10 X	11 X	12 X	13 X	14 X	15 X	16 X
17 X	18 X	19 X	20 X	21 X	22 X	23 X
24 X	25 X	26 X	27 X	28 X	29 X	30 X
31 X						0

August 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 X	2 X	Non Student Days			6 X
7 X	8 <small>1st</small>	9	10	11	12	13 X
14 X	15	16	17	18	19	20 X
21 X	22	23	24	25	26	27 X
28 X	29	30	31			21

September 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3 X
4 X	5 H	6	7	8	9	10 X
11 X	12	13	14	15	16	17 X
18 X	19	20	21	22	23	24 X
25 X	26	27	28	29	30	21

October 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 X
2 X	3	4	5	6	7	8 X
9 X	10 X	11	12	13	14	15 X
16 X	17	18	19	20	21	22 X
23 X	24	25	26	27	28	29 X
30 X	31					20

November 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5 X
6 X	7	8	9	10	11 H	12 X
13 X	14	15	16	17	18	19 X
20 X	21	22	23 X	24 H	25 H	26 X
27 X	28	29	30			18

December 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3 X
4 X	5	6	7	8	9	10 X
11 X	12	13	14	15	16	17 X
18 X	19	20	Winter Break		23 H	24 X
25 X	26 H	27	Winter Break		30 H	31
						12

January 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 X	2 H	3	Winter Break			7 X
8 X	9	10	11	12	13	14 X
15 X	16 H	17	18	19	20	21 X
22 X	23	24	25	26	27	28 X
29 X	30	31				16

February 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4 X
5 X	6	7	8	9	10	11 X
12 X	13	14 H	15	16	17	18 X
19 X	20 H	21	22	23	24	25 X
26 X	27	28				18

March 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4 X
5 X	6	7	8	9	10	11 X
12 X	13	14	15	16	17	18 X
19 X	20	21	Spring Break			25 X
26 X	27	28	29	30	31	18

April 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 X
2 X	3	4	5	6	7 H	8 X
9 X	10	11	12	13	14	15 X
16 X	17	18	19	20	21	22 X
23 X	24	25	26	27	28	29 X
30 X						19

May 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6 X
7 X	8	9	10	11	12	13 X
14 X	15	16	17	18	19	20 X
21 X	22	23	24	25	26	27 <small>Last</small>
28 X	29 H	30 X	31 X			20

June 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3 X
4 X	5 X	6 X	7 X	8 X	9 X	10 X
11 X	12 X	13 X	14 X	15 X	16 X	17 X
18 X	19 X	20 X	21 X	22 X	23 X	24 X
25 X	26 X	27 X	28 X	29 X	30 X	0



REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER	
MEDICATION 1	MEDICATION 2
<p>Medication name: _____</p> <p>Reason for Medication: _____</p> <p>Dose: _____</p> <p>Method of Administration: _____</p> <p>Time of Administration: _____</p> <p>Start: <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date: _____</p> <p>Stop: <input type="checkbox"/> End of Year <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Episodic/emergency events only</p> <p>Restriction and/or important side effects: <input type="checkbox"/> None anticipated <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please describe: _____</p> <p>Special Storage Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerate <input type="checkbox"/> None</p>	<p>Medication name: _____</p> <p>Reason for Medication: _____</p> <p>Dose: _____</p> <p>Method of Administration: _____</p> <p>Time of Administration: _____</p> <p>Start: <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date: _____</p> <p>Stop: <input type="checkbox"/> End of Year <input type="checkbox"/> Other Date: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Episodic/emergency events only</p> <p>Restriction and/or important side effects: <input type="checkbox"/> None anticipated <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Please describe: _____</p> <p>Special Storage Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigerate <input type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p>**ONLY for Epi-Pen or Metered Dose Inhaler: <u><i>This student is both capable and responsible for self-administering auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication:</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Unsupervised <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised</p> <p>This student may carry medication (only if OK "unsupervised"):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please indicate any additional information: _____</p>	<p>**ONLY for Epi-Pen or Metered Dose Inhaler: <u><i>This student is both capable and responsible for self-administering auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication:</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Unsupervised <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised</p> <p>This student may carry medication (only if OK "unsupervised"):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please indicate any additional information: _____</p>

Health Care Provider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR MEDICATION TO BE ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

In authorizing designated school personnel to administer medication to my child in accordance with the physician's statement above, I agree to release the District, its officers, agents and employees for any loss, damage, injury or liability of any kid to any person caused or arising from acts, omissions or negligence of the District, its officers, agents and employees involved in the administration of medication to my child.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, request that medicine be administered by the school nurse or a member of the school staff if the school nurse is not available. I consent to allow disclosure of identifiable health information from the health care provider to the school nurse or other designated school personnel. I will notify the school if the medication has changed or is no longer needed. **Medication will be furnished in its pharmacy-labeled container and personally delivered to school personnel.** I understand that this medication will be destroyed if it is not claimed within one week following the termination of the physician's authorization or one week beyond the end of the school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Daytime Phone #: _____

ONLY for Epi-Pen or Metered Dose Inhaler:

I hereby consent for my child to self-administer the following medication during the regular school day or when attending school-related activities. *Please note: The school nurse may at his/her discretion determine that the student is not able to safely carry and self-administer an Epi-Pen or inhaler, and may at his/her discretion have the student's medication held in the health office for school personnel to administer.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Nurse Signature: _____ Date of Receipt: _____

SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF ANNUAL RIGHTS NOTIFICATION

Detach, sign, and return this page to your child's school indicating you have received the Parent Notice of Rights and Responsibilities. Also, where specified on this page, indicate whether you have a child on continuing medication and if you do not wish directory information to be released.

Student's Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Student is on a continuing medication program: (Please check one) YES ___ NO ___

If YES, you have my permission to contact student's physician:

Physician's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

If you do not wish directory information released, please sign where indicated below and return to the school office within the next 30 days. Note that this will prohibit the District from providing the student's name and other information to the news media, interested schools, parent-teacher associations, interested employers, and similar parties.

Do NOT release directory information regarding _____
(Pupil's Name)

Check if an exception may be made to include student information and photos in the yearbook.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of information regarding my rights, responsibilities, and protections.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____