



For Parents, Guardians,
Students and
Advisory Committees



SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOLS

Santa Rosa City Schools will send students into the world empowered to find purpose, think critically, embrace diversity, work together, and adapt to our changing planet, and live healthy and fulfilling lives.

2023-2024

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INFORMATION HANDBOOK

A message from Stephanie Manieri

President of the Santa Rosa Schools Board of Education



Welcome to the 2023-24 school year!

I am delighted to welcome you to the new academic year and introduce you to our comprehensive Information Handbook. As the President of the School Board, it is my honor to ensure that our students and families have access to the tools and resources necessary for the success of our learning community.

Our Information Handbook serves as a valuable guide, outlining the policies, procedures, and expectations that contribute to the smooth functioning of our school community. It is designed to provide you with a clear understanding of your rights and responsibilities, as well as the various support systems available throughout Santa Rosa City Schools.

Education is a powerful force that can shape and transform our lives. Our commitment as a school board is to create a nurturing and inclusive environment that fosters personal growth, academic excellence, and character development. We believe in empowering our students to become engaged learners, critical thinkers, and compassionate individuals who positively contribute to society.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the parents and guardians who continue to entrust us with the education of their children. Your support, partnership, and involvement play an integral role in creating a thriving learning community.

Our dedicated faculty, staff, and administration are here to support you every step of the way. Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your teachers, counselors, or any member of the school board. We are committed to ensuring your success and well-being.

On behalf of the school board, I wish you a remarkable and fulfilling academic year. May this journey be filled with knowledge, growth, and memorable experiences. We are excited to witness your achievements and contributions, and we look forward to celebrating your success.

With warm regards,
Stephanie Manieri
President
Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education

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2023-24 School Calendar

Elementary (TK-6th)

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
School Closed Summer Vacation	14 - Work Day Principal-Directed Non-Instructional 15 - Work Day Staff-Directed Non-Instructional 16 - School Opens First Day of School	4 - Labor Day Schools Closed 7 - Back-to-School Night Minimum Day	2-6 - Parent Conferences	1 - Professional Development Day Non-Instructional 3 - First Trimester Ends 10 - Veterans Day School Closed 23-24 - Thanksgiving Schools Closed	25-29 - Winter Recess Schools Closed
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1 - New Year's Day (after) Schools Closed 2-3 - Winter Recess Schools Closed 15 - Martin Luther King Day Schools Closed 26 - Professional Development Non-Student Day Schools Closed	12 - Lincoln's Birthday Schools Closed 19 - Presidents' Day Schools Closed 23 - 2nd Trimester Ends	18-22 - Spring Break Schools Closed	12 - Potential Emergency Closure Make-up 15 - Local Holiday Schools Closed	16 - Open House 17 - Potential Emergency Closure Make-up 27 - Memorial Day Schools Closed	6 - 3rd Trimester Ends Final Instruction Day 7 - Teacher Work Day Student Holiday

Secondary (7th-12th) Middle & High School

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
School Closed Summer Vacation	14 - Work Day Principal-Directed Non-Instructional 15 - Work Day Staff-Directed Non-Instructional 16 - School Opens First Day of School	4 - Labor Day Schools Closed 14 - Middle School Back-to-School Night Minimum Day 21 - High School Back-to-School Night Minim. Day	2-6 - Parent Conferences 20 - End of 1st Quarter	1 - Professional Development Day Non-Instructional 10 - Veterans Day School Closed 23-24 - Thanksgiving Schools Closed	19-21 - High School Minimum Day Final Exams 21 - End of 2nd Quarter 1st Semester 22 - Teacher Workday Student Holiday 25-29 - Winter Recess Schools Closed
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Aeries Portal Form

Form to sign and return: *This form is available for electronic signature on your Aeries portal.*

ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM

Section 48980 of the Education Code of California requires that notice be given at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term to the parent or guardian of the minor pupils in the school district regarding the rights of the parent or guardian under sections 35291, 46014, 46015, 48205, 48207, 48208, 49403, 49423, 49451, 49472, 51938, Chapter 2.3 (commencing with section 32255) of Part 19, and notice of the availability of the program prescribed by Article 9 (commencing with section 49510) of Chapter 9 and of the availability of individualized instruction under section 48206.3. Section 48982 requires that this Notice be signed and returned by the parent or guardian to the school. Signature and return of the attached form is acknowledgment by the parent or guardian that he or she has been informed of his or her rights but does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has either been given or withheld. Pursuant to parent request, the annual notification may be provided to the parent or guardian in electronic format by providing access to the notice electronically. If the notice is provided in electronic format, the parent or guardian must submit to the school a signed acknowledgment of receipt of this notice.

Students Enrolled in a SRCS School: Please list the name, student ID number, and school site for all students enrolled in Santa Rosa City Schools.

Student name _____ Student ID _____ School _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____ School _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____ School _____

Please review the following information carefully and write your initials by each required item, indicating that you have read and understand the information described.

1. _____ Parental Rights and Responsibilities: Please write your initials indicating that you have read and understand Santa Rosa City School District's policy regarding parental rights and responsibilities; which is located on page 1 in this document.

2. _____ Academic Honesty: Please initial indicating that you have read and understand Santa Rosa City School District's

3. _____ Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): Please write your initials indicating that you have read and understand the FERPA policy; which is located on page 9 in this document.

FERPA requires school districts to ensure that parents and guardians are informed of the school district's policy regarding the release of student information. If you do not wish directory information released please sign where indicated below and ensure receipt of this form by the school office by September 2, 2022. Note: 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.

(Please complete the next page of this document)

Form to sign and return: *This form is available for electronic signature on your Aeries portal.*

Only fill in student name(s) if you do not want your student's directory information released as outlined under Student Access in this Annual Notice.

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

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

4. _____ Military Recruiters and College/University Recruiters: Please initial indicating that you have read and understand the policy regarding the release of information to military recruiters and college/university recruiters; which is located in the Access to Student Records section in Santa Rosa City Schools' Annual Notice. Only fill in student name(s) if you do not want your student's records released to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning please list the name and ID # for each student below:

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

5. _____ Media Release: Please initialize indicating that you have read and understand the policy regarding news media; which is located under Access to Student Records in Santa Rosa City Schools' Annual Notice.

Only fill in name(s) if you do not want your student photographed, videotaped, or interviewed while at school please list the name and ID # for each student below:

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

Student name _____ Student ID _____

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

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

In an effort to increase communication, Santa Rosa City Schools may send newsletters & information of important events throughout the district via e-mail. Please enter your email below to receive these communications.

Email Address _____ **Confirm Email Address** _____

This annual notification is also available in an electronic format and can be provided to you upon request. If the notice is provided in an electronic format, the parent or guardian shall submit to the school this signed acknowledgement of receipt of the notice.

Acceptable Use Agreement And Release Of District From Liability (Students)

The Santa Rosa City Schools District authorizes students to use technology owned or otherwise provided by the district as necessary for instructional purposes. The use of district technology is a privilege permitted at the district's discretion and is subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. The district reserves the right to suspend access at any time, without notice, for any reason.

The district expects all students to use technology responsibly in order to avoid potential problems and liability. The district may place reasonable restrictions on the sites, material, and/or information that students may access through the system.

Each student who is authorized to use district technology and his/her parent/guardian shall sign this Acceptable Use Agreement as an indication that they have read and understand the agreement.

Definitions

District technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, the district's computer network including servers and wireless computer networking technology (wi-fi), the Internet, email, USB drives, wireless access points (routers), tablet computers, smartphones and smart devices, telephones, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants, pagers, MP3 players, wearable technology, any wireless communication device including emergency radios, and/or future technological innovations, whether accessed on or off site or through district-owned or personally owned equipment or devices.

Student Obligations and Responsibilities

Students are expected to use district technology safely, responsibly, and for educational purposes only. The student in whose name district technology is issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Students shall not share their assigned online services account information, passwords, or other information used for identification and authorization purposes, and shall use the system only under the account to which they have been assigned.

Students are prohibited from using district technology for improper purposes, including, but not limited to, use of district technology to:

1. Access, post, display, or otherwise use material that is discriminatory, libelous, defamatory, obscene, sexually explicit, or disruptive
2. Bully, harass, intimidate, or threaten other students, staff, or other individuals ("cyberbullying")
3. Disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information (such as name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other personal information) of another student, staff member, or other person with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, or ridicule that person
4. Infringe on copyright, license, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property rights

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5. Intentionally disrupt or harm district technology or other district operations (such as destroying district equipment, placing a virus on district computers, adding or removing a computer program without permission from a teacher or other district personnel, changing settings on shared computers)
6. Install unauthorized software
7. "Hack" into the system to manipulate data of the district or other users
8. Engage in or promote any practice that is unethical or violates any law or Board policy, administrative regulation, or district practice

Privacy

Since the use of district technology is intended for educational purposes, students shall not have any expectation of privacy in any use of district technology.

The district reserves the right to monitor and record all use of district technology, including, but not limited to, access to the Internet or social media, communications sent or received from district technology, or other uses. Such monitoring/recording may occur at any time without prior notice for any legal purposes including, but not limited to, record retention and distribution and/or investigation of improper, illegal, or prohibited activity. Students should be aware that, in most instances, their use of district technology (such as web searches and emails) cannot be erased or deleted.

All passwords created for or used on any district technology are the sole property of the district. The creation or use of a password by a student on district technology does not create a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Personally Owned Devices

If a student uses a personally owned device to access district technology, he/she shall abide by all applicable Board policies, administrative regulations, and this Acceptable Use Agreement. Any such use of a personally owned device may subject the contents of the device and any communications sent or received on the device to disclosure pursuant to a lawful subpoena or public records request.

Reporting

If a student becomes aware of any security problem (such as any compromise of the confidentiality of any login or account information) or misuse of district technology, he/she shall immediately report such information to the teacher or other district personnel.

Consequences for Violation

Violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may result in revocation of a student's access to district technology and/or discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion. In addition, violations of the law, Board policy, or this agreement may be reported to law enforcement agencies as appropriate.

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Student Acknowledgment

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by this Acceptable Use Agreement and other applicable laws and district policies and regulations governing the use of district technology. I understand that there is no expectation of privacy when using district technology. I further understand that any violation may result in loss of user privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

Student Name: (Print) _____ **Grade:** _____

School (Print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Acknowledgment

If the student is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must also read and sign the agreement.

As the parent/guardian of the above-named student, I have read, understand, and agree that my child shall comply with the terms of the Acceptable Use Agreement. By signing this Agreement, I give permission for my child to use district technology and/or to access the school's computer network and the Internet. I understand that, despite the district's best efforts, it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials. I agree to release from liability, indemnify, and hold harmless the school, district, and district personnel against all claims, damages, and costs that may result from my child's use of district technology or the failure of any technology protection measures used by the district. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision of my child's use of his/her access account if and when such access is not in the school setting.

Name: (Print) _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Consent for Medi-Cal Reimbursement

Form to sign and return

This form is available for electronic signature on your Aeries portal.

Please Consent To Share Information for Medi-Cal reimbursement

Santa Rosa City Schools, like many school districts in California, participates in a program that allows the district to be reimbursed with federal dollars for some health services provided at school to students who are eligible for Medi-Cal. The money generated in this program goes to our schools and is spent on services directly benefiting our students. In signing this and confirming your consent, you are indicating that we have your consent to seek reimbursement when applicable on behalf of your child if your child is eligible for Medi-Cal or becomes eligible. There is no cost or penalty to you if you consent to this, nor if you do not consent to it. Information that may be shared includes your child's name and date of birth; and health related evaluation/assessment, intervention, and referral information, for services received at school, all of which are shared securely.

- ☐ I consent to the release of my child's health-related school records for the purpose of Medi-Cal billing/reimbursement to the school district.
- ☐ I do not consent to the release of my child's health-related school records for the purpose of Medi-Cal billing/reimbursement to the school district.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Google Workspace for Education (GWE) Notice Acknowledgement

At Santa Rosa City Schools (SRCS), we use Google Workspace for Education (GWE), and we are seeking your permission to provide and manage a Google Workspace for Education account for your child. Google Workspace for Education is a set of education productivity tools from Google, including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Classroom, and more, used by tens of millions of students and teachers around the world. At Santa Rosa City Schools, students will use their Google Workspace for Education accounts to complete assignments, communicate with their teachers, sign into their Chromebooks, and learn 21st-century digital citizenship skills.

The GWE notice provides answers to common questions about what Google can and can't do with your child's personal information, including:

- What personal information does Google collect?
- How does Google use this information?
- Will Google disclose my child's personal information?
- Does Google use student personal information for users in K-12 schools to target advertising?
- Can my child share information with others using the Google Workspace for Education account?

Please read the GWE notice carefully as some conditions have changed from last school year. Please let us know of any questions, and then sign below to indicate that you've read the notice and give your consent. If you don't provide your consent, we will not create a Google Workspace for Education account for your child, or we will disable their account if they have one.

I understand that if I don't give permission to Santa Rosa City Schools to create/ maintain a Google Workspaces for Education account for my child, my child will NOT be able to engage in instructional activities Santa Rosa City Schools offers via Google Classroom, Docs, Calendar, Sites, etc. Please contact the school office to discuss alternatives for your child.

I give permission for Santa Rosa City Schools to create/maintain a Google Workspace for Education account for my child and for Google to collect, use, and disclose information about my child in accordance to the Google Workspace for Education Notice to parents and guardians.

Full name of student: (Print) _____

Name of parent/guardian: (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Electronic Delivery for Student Score Reports - State Testing

The State of California now delivers all Student Score Reports Electronically.

In an ongoing effort to provide families with timely information regarding state test scores, our Student Information System, Aeries, has the ability to deliver electronic State Student Score Reports to the Parent and Student Portals.

When a new report is available an email is sent from Aeries notifying you that there is a new test score available to be viewed in the Aeries Parent Portal

(<https://santarosacity.aeries.net/student/LoginParent.aspx>).

All reports are automatically sent electronically; however, you may indicate if you would prefer other delivery options:

Please indicate below your preference of delivery:

- Electronic Deliver Only
- Both Electronic and Mail Delivery

If you need assistance with setting up your Parent Portal account or how to access the Electronic Score Reports, please contact your student's school office.

I. Parental Rights and Responsibilities

(BP 5020 Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

Family Involvement

In a democracy, parents and guardians are encouraged and welcomed to become involved in the formal education of their children enrolled in public schools. This early and consistent parental involvement helps children to do well academically. When this involvement is combined with a partnership between home and school, the student, the school and the community benefit. Parents and guardians of enrolled students have the right to be included in the educational process and to have access to the system on behalf of their children. These rights are outlined in Chapter 864, Statutes of 1998, Education Code Section 51101 as follows:

The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians of district students have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their children. The Board believes that the education of the district's students is a shared responsibility. The Superintendent or designee shall work with all parents/guardians, to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians, school staff and students for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development and well-being of students at each school site, including the means by which the schools and parents/guardians can help students achieve academic and other standards of the school.

Classroom Observations

The Board of Education believes that it is important for parents/guardians and community members to take an active interest in the issues affecting district schools and students. Therefore, the Board encourages interested parents/guardians and community members to visit the schools and participate in the educational program. To ensure the safety of students and staff and minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours should be arranged with

the principal or designee. When a visit involves a conference with a teacher or the principal, an appointment should be scheduled during non-instructional time (Visitors/Outsiders)

Teacher Conferences

Parents have the right to request a conference with their child's teacher(s) or the principal. Parents should contact the school to schedule a date and time convenient to all participants.

Volunteerism

Parents have the right to volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and programs. Volunteering in the classroom

requires approval of the teacher. Parents should contact the school to determine other terms and conditions of this service.

Student Attendance

Parents have the right to be notified in a timely manner if their child is absent from school without permission.

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Student Testing Program

Parents have the right to be notified of their child's performance on standardized and statewide tests and the school's ranking on these tests.

School Selection

Parents have the right to request that their child be enrolled in any school in the district. The district is not compelled to grant the request.

Safe School Environment

Parents have the right and are entitled to the assurance of a safe and supportive learning environment for their child. *(More information in Safe Schools is explained in the Safe School and Discipline section of the handbook.)*

Curriculum Materials

Parents have the right to examine the curriculum materials of the class or classes in which their child is enrolled.

Student Academic Progress

Parents have the right to be informed of their child's academic progress in school and of the persons to contact if they wish more information or assistance with their child.

Student Records

Parents have the right to access their child's records and to ask questions about the contents. Parents have the right to a timely response from the school district about their questions.

Standards

Parents have the right to receive information regarding the academic standards their child is expected to meet.

School Rules

Parents have the right to receive written notification of school rules, attendance policies, dress codes and procedures for school visitations.

Psychological Testing

Parents have the right to receive information on all psychological testing recommended for their child.

Parent Councils / Committees

Parents have the right to participate as members of a parent advisory committee, school site council, or site-based management leader according to established rules and regulations for membership.

Academic Honesty:

(Administrative Regulations 5131.9): Teachers are expected to carefully monitor their classes with regard to preventing cheating, collusion, plagiarism, and the use of electronic devices during state and classroom assessments. Rules are to be established and uniformly enforced. The message given in every classroom will be that acts of cheating, collusion, plagiarism, and the use of electronic devices during assessments are not tolerated. When class rules are published, they should explicitly state the sanctions for cheating, collusion, plagiarism, and the use of electronic devices during an assessment. Teachers must always use their best professional judgment with regard to evidence of cheating, collusion, plagiarism and/or the use of electronic devices and the seriousness of an incident. Cheating not only deprives the person doing the cheating from a meaningful learning experience but is unfair to the student who has earned a grade fairly. Individual teachers may implement class rules and sanctions for cheating, collusion, plagiarism and/or the use of electronic devices that are consistent with Board policy. School administrators will support teachers in establishing a climate of honesty and fair play. Information will be sent to parents/guardians enlisting their support. School rules and school discipline plans will address cheating. Effort should be made to respect the rights of the student.

Non-Discrimination Compliance

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972; Americans with Disabilities Act; Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973; EC Education Code Section 51101(d) states:

"This section does not authorize a school to inform a parent or guardian, . . . or to permit participation by a parent or guardian in the education of a child, if it conflicts with a valid restraining order, protective order, or order for custody or visitation issued by a court of competent jurisdiction." § 200 et seq.) (Board Policy 0410)

The Santa Rosa City Schools District prohibits, at any district school or school activity, discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment, intimidation, and bullying, based on actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, medical information or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Sexual Harassment is defined as: *Unwelcome conduct on the basis of sex that is so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it denies a person access to the school's education program or activity.*

This shall apply when applicable, to interns, volunteers, and job applicants. You must immediately contact the school site principal and/or the district non-discrimination officer (Title IX coordinator) listed below:

**Non-Discrimination Officer
for Grades K-12:**

Dr. Roderick Castro

**Assistant Superintendent,
Educational Services**

Santa Rosa City Schools
211 Ridgway Avenue Santa
Rosa, CA 95401

(707) 890-3800 x 80305

rcaastro@srcs.k12.ca.us

**Non-Discrimination Officer
for Employees:**

Dr. Vicki Zands

**Assistant Superintendent
of Human Resources**

Santa Rosa City Schools
211 Ridgway Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

(707) 890-3800 x 80602

**Risk Management &
Safety Coordinator:**

Jon Jones

211 Ridgway Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

(707) 890-3800 x 80602

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1. As a matter of principle and as required by Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and any other category set forth by State or Federal laws, Santa Rosa City Schools shall be free from unlawful discrimination (such as discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying) based on the person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital, pregnancy, or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The Board shall promote programs which ensure that discriminatory practices are eliminated in all district programs and activities. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, District programs and activities, including career technical education. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career-technical education or any other District program (Board Policy 0410 and 5145.3). Complaints regarding these areas may be pursued under the District's Uniform Complaint procedure (BP1312.3).
2. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the

benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the Santa Rosa City School District as it conforms with Title IX, State Law and CIF regulations. The District recognizes that sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination. Sexual harassment is prohibited by Board Policy 1312.3, 4119.11 and 5145.7. Complaints with respect to sexual harassment may be filed pursuant to Board Policy 1312.3

3. Non-Discrimination Officer for Employees:
Dr. Vicki Zands
Assistant Superintendent of
Human Resources
Santa Rosa City Schools
211 Ridgway Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(707) 890-3800 x 80602
4. Non-Discrimination Officer for Students & Title IX coordinator:
Stacy Desideri
Executive Director, Wellness & Engagement
211 Ridgway Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(707) 890-3800 x 80413
sdesideri@srcs.k12.ca.us

Any other individual having further questions or concerns regarding the nondiscrimination policy of the Santa Rosa City Schools or the filing of discrimination complaints should contact:

Roderick Castro
Assistant Superintendent
Educational Services
211 Ridgway Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(707) 890-3800 x 80305
rcastro@srcs.k12.ca.us

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5. For assistance in filing a complaint regarding a district employee, please contact the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at **(707) 890-3800 x 80602**.
6. When requested, the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources will provide referrals to outside agencies such as EEOC or DFEH (as to employment) or OCR (as to students or employees).

Public Agencies for Legal Assistance

Complainants may seek help from agencies such as legal assistance agencies or local mediation centers, or the county office of education.

The following local public agencies are provided for special education disputes:

Sonoma County SELPA Office

5340 Skylane Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-8246
(707) 524-2750

Community Alliance for Special Education

1031 Franklin Street, Suite B-5
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 928-2273

Public agency other than special education:

Amie R. Carter, Ed.D.

Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools

5340 Skylane Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-8246
(707) 524-2603



Uniform Complaint Procedures (BP1312.3)

Complaints Subject to UCP

The district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) shall be used to investigate and resolve complaints regarding the following programs and activities:

1. Accommodations for pregnant and parenting students (Education Code 46015)
2. Adult education programs (Education Code 8500-8538, 52334.7, 52500-52617)
3. After School Education and Safety programs (Education Code 8482-8484.65)
4. Agricultural career technical education (Education Code 52460-52462)
5. Career technical and technical education and career technical and technical training programs (Education Code 52300-52462)
6. Child care and development programs (Education Code 8200-8488)
7. Compensatory education (Education Code 54400)
8. Consolidated categorical aid programs (Education Code 33315; 34 CFR 299.10-299.12)
9. Course periods without educational content, when students in grades 9-12 are assigned to such courses more than one week in any semester or in a course the student has previously satisfactorily completed, unless specified conditions are met (Education Code 51228.1-51228.3)
10. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in district programs and activities, including in those programs or activities funded directly by or that receive or benefit from any state financial assistance, based on a person's actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or based on the person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics (5 CCR 4610)
11. Educational and graduation requirements for students in foster care, homeless students, students from military families, and students formerly in a juvenile court school (Education Code 48645.7, 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, 51225.2)
12. Every Student Succeeds Act (Education Code 52059.5; 20 USC 6301 et seq.)
13. Local control and accountability plan (Education Code 52075)



Uniform Compliant Procedures continued

14. Migrant education (Education Code 54440-54445)
15. Physical education instructional minutes (Education Code 51210, 51222, 51223)
16. Student fees (Education Code 49010-49013)
17. Reasonable accommodations to a lactating student (Education Code 222)
18. Regional occupational centers and programs (Education Code 52300-52334.7)
19. School plans for student achievement as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 64001)
20. School safety plans (Education Code 32280-32289)
21. School site councils as required for the consolidated application for specified federal and/or state categorical funding (Education Code 65000)
22. State preschool programs (Education Code 8207-8225)
23. State preschool health and safety issues in license-exempt programs (Education Code 8212)
24. Any complaint alleging retaliation against a complainant or other participant in the complaint process or anyone who has acted to uncover or report a violation subject to this policy
25. Any other state or federal educational program the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee deems appropriate

If you have any questions, contact :

Human Resources Department

Administrative Assistant

(707) 890-3800 x80602

or the Santa Rosa City Schools Website under District, Your Rights, Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Santa Rosa City Schools will investigate any complaint alleging district violation of applicable state or federal law or regulations governing all programs and activities implemented by the district that are subject to the UCP: adult education programs, after school education and safety programs, migrant education, agricultural vocational education, American Indian education center, bilingual education, career technical and technical education child care and development programs, child



nutrition programs, compensatory education, consolidated categorical aid programs, early childhood education program assessments, California peer assistance and review programs for teachers, Every Student Succeeds Act, school safety plans, special education programs, state preschool, economic impact aid, regional occupational centers and programs, tobacco-use

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prevention education, course periods without educational content; Education of pupils in foster care and pupils who are homeless; Physical education instructional minutes; Reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil and any other district implemented program that is listed in Education Code 64000(a) (5 CCR 4610)

The Uniform Complaint Procedures shall be used also to investigate and resolve complaints alleging violations of federal or state laws or regulations governing specific educational programs, the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participating in educational activities, and unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the legal requirements pertaining to the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity. A pupil fee complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. The pupil fees or LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint.

Santa Rosa City Schools shall post a standardized notice of the educational rights of foster and homeless youth, as specified in Education Code Sections 48853, 48853.5, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2. The notice shall include complaint process information, as applicable.

The following compliance officer(s) shall receive and investigate complaints and shall ensure district compliance with law:

Jon Jones

Santa Rosa City Schools

Safety and Risk Management Coordinator
211 Ridgway Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(707) 890-3800 x 80410

A complaint concerning unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying may be filed only by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to it. The complaint shall be initiated no later than six months from the date when the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying occurred, or six months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. However, upon written request by the complainant, the Superintendent or designee may extend the filing period for up to 90 calendar days. (SCCR 4830)

The Board is required to adopt and annually update a local control and accountability plan (LCAP), in a manner that includes meaningful engagement of parents/guardians, students, and other stakeholders in the development and/or review of the LCAP.

The complaint review shall be completed within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to an extension of the timeline.

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A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying must be filed not later than six months from the date it occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision regarding specific programs to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision. Within 10 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall provide the complainant and/or his/her representative an opportunity to present the complaint and any evidence, or information leading to evidence, to support the allegations in the complaint. The compliance officer also shall collect all documents and interview all witnesses with information pertinent to the complaint.

Within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision. If the

complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, he/she may, within 15 calendar days, file a written appeal to the California Department of Education. (*Education Code 49013; 5 CCR 4632*)

The complainant shall file his/her appeal within 15 calendar days of receiving the district's decision regarding specific programs and the appeal shall specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the district's decision. (*5 CCR 4632*)

A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.

A copy of the Santa Rosa City Schools UCP policy and complaint procedures shall be available free of charge.

Complaints Concerning Schools or District Employees

(Bp1312.1 & Ar1312.1)

The Board of Education Accepts responsibility for providing a means by which the public can hold employees accountable for their actions. Every effort should be made to resolve a complaint at the earliest possible stage. If a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the district is unable or unwilling to resolve a complaint directly with the employee, they may submit an oral or written complaint to the employee's immediate supervisor or the principal within three months from the event giving rise to the complaint. To promote prompt and fair resolution of the complaint, the following procedures shall govern the resolution of complaints against district employees outlined in AR 1312.1:

A. When a complaint is received, the employee shall be notified within five days or in accordance with collective bargaining agreements.

B. Staff responsible for investigating complaints shall attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the parties involved within 30 days.

C. Both the complainant and the employee against whom the complaint was made may appeal a decision by the principal or immediate supervisor to the Superintendent or designee, who shall attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of the person involved within 30 days.

D. Parties should consider and accept the Superintendent or designee's decision as final. However, the complainant, the employee, or the Superintendent or designee may ask to address the Board regarding the complaint.

E. The Board may uphold the Superintendent or designee's decision without hearing the complaint.

Any parent, guardian, or other person who upbraids, insults, or abuses any teacher or other employee on school property or in the presence of students shall be prosecuted by the district under the provisions of law. Legal representation shall be provided to district employees who are named defendants in civil lawsuits arising out of or as a consequence of the employees performing their assigned duties.

The normal channel for complaints concerning school personnel shall be from complainant to employee to principal to Assistant Superintendent (designee) or Superintendent to Board.



Pupil Fees *(EC §49010 et seq.) (BP 3260 Fees/Charges)*

A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity. A pupil fee complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred. The pupil fees or LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint.



Megan's Law Notification *(PENAL CODE §290.4) (BP 3515.5 Sex Offender Notification)*

In order to protect students while they are traveling to and from school, or attending school or a school-related activity, the Board of Education believes it is important that the district respond appropriately when a law enforcement agency notifies the district about registered sex offenders who may reside or work within district boundaries. The Superintendent or designee shall establish an ongoing relationship with law enforcement officials to coordinate the receipt and dissemination of such information. To the extent authorized by law, the Superintendent or designee also shall establish procedures for notifying appropriate staff as necessary.

Internet Access - Student & Legal Resources Websites

(BP 6163.4 Student Use of Technology) [*Student Use of Technology*](#)

The Board of Education intends that technological resources provided by the district be used in a safe and responsible manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning. All students using these resources shall receive instruction in their proper and appropriate use. Before a student is authorized to use district technology, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement. In that agreement, the parent/guardian shall agree not to hold the district or any district staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures or user mistakes or negligence and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district and district staff for any damages or costs incurred.

Legal Resources Websites

For more information about laws pertaining to education the following websites are available as resources:

California Education Code (as well as other California Code Sections) – www.leginfo.ca.gov

California Code of Regulations (Office of Administrative Law) – www.oal.ca.gov

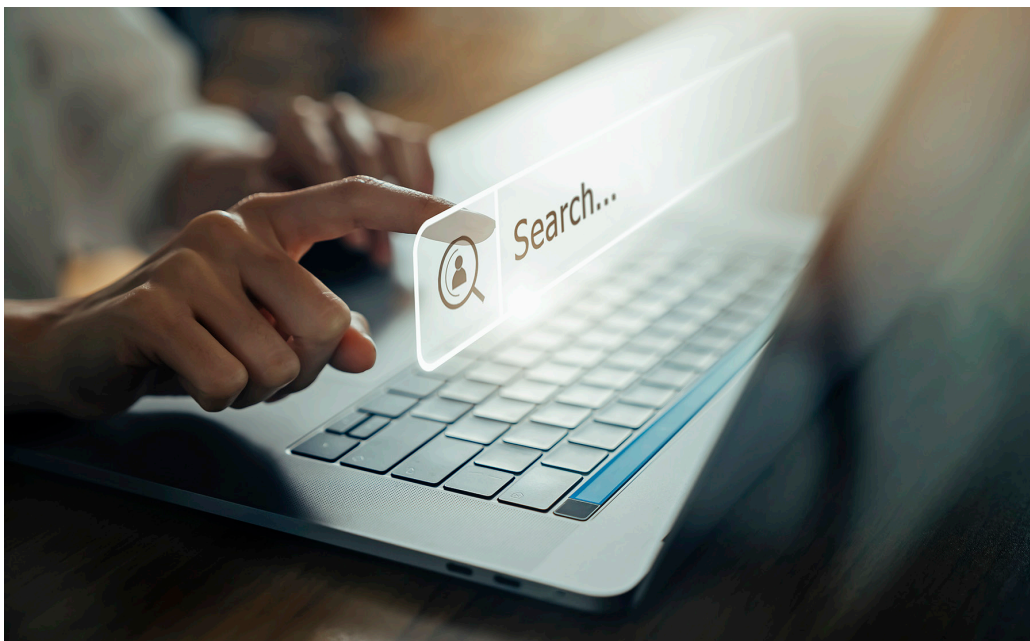
California State Assembly – www.assembly.ca.gov

California State Senate – www.senate.ca.gov

California State Bar Association – www.calbar.ca.gov

California Courts – www.courts.ca.gov

Find Law (for the public) – www.public.findlaw.com



Minimum and Pupil-Free Staff Development Days

(EC §48980(c))

The district is required to annually notify parents of its schedule(s) of minimum days and student-free staff development days at the beginning of the year or as early as possible, but no later than one month prior to the scheduled minimum or student free day. *Please see the school calendar in this handbook.*

Non-Mandatory Programs for Parental/Pupil Participation (EC §49091.18)

Schools may not require a student or student's family to submit to or participate in any assessment, analysis, evaluation, or monitoring of the quality or character of student home life, parental screening or testing, nonacademic home-based counseling program, parent training, or prescribed family educational service plan.

Sex Equity In Career Planning (EC §221.5(d))

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.

Investing in Future Education (EC §48980(d))

Parents may be notified of the importance of investing for future college or university education for their children and of considering appropriate investment options, including, but not limited to, United States savings bonds.

Instructional Materials

WILLIAMS COMPLAINT: A Williams Complaint allows a student, family, teacher, or any member of the public, to file grievances regarding:

- Insufficient textbooks and instructional materials
- Teacher vacancy or missed assignment
- Facility conditions

To learn more about filing a Williams Complaint:

Administrative Regulation - Williams Complaint Procedures. To file a complaint, use the Williams Complaint Form

School Accreditation (EC §35178.4)

Requires a school district to notify each parent or guardian of a pupil in a school that has either lost or has the potential to lose its accreditation status.

To learn more about filing a Williams complaint and/or the consequences of the school's loss of status, you can do so by writing or posting the information on the school district's or the school's Internet Website, or by any combination of these methods.

II. Access to Student Information

The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Federal and state laws concerning student records grant certain rights of privacy and right of access to students and to their parents. Full access to all personally identifiable written records maintained by the school district must be granted to:

(1) Parents of students 17 and younger; (2) Parents of students age 18 and older if the student is a dependent for tax purposes and the records are needed for a legitimate educational purpose; (3) Students age 18 and older, or students who are enrolled in an institution of postsecondary instruction (called “eligible students”); (4) Pupils age 14 and over who are identified as both homeless and an unaccompanied youth; (5) Individuals who have completed and signed a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit.

Parents, or an eligible student, may review individual records by making a request to the principal. Districts must respond to a pupil record request by providing access no later than five business days following the date of the request. The principal will see that explanation and interpretations are provided if requested. Information that is alleged to be inaccurate or inappropriate may be removed upon request. In addition, parents or eligible students may receive a copy of any information in the records at reasonable cost per page. District policies and procedures relating to: location of, and types of records; kinds of information retained; availability of certificated personnel to interpret records if requested; persons responsible for records; directory information; access by other persons; review and challenge of records are available through the principal at each school.

Pupil Records/Notice Of Privacy Rights Of Parents And Students (Ec §49063 Et Seq., §49069, §49073, 34 Cfr 99.30, 34 Cfr 99.34, And The Federal Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act)

Pupil Records/Notice of Privacy Rights of Parents and Students

When a student moves to a new district, records will be forwarded upon the request of the new school district within ten school days. At the time of transfer, the parent or eligible student may review, receive a copy (at a reasonable fee), and/or challenge the records.

If you believe the district is not in compliance with federal regulations regarding privacy, you may file a complaint with the United States Department of Education (20 USC §1232g).

You have the right to inspect all instructional materials which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any applicable program.

Release of Pupil Directory Information (EC §49073, 34 CFR 99.37)

The district also makes student directory information available in accordance with state and federal laws. This means that each student's name, birth date, address, telephone number, email address, major course of study, participation in officially recognized school activities, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous public or private school attendance may be released in accordance with board policy. In addition, height and weight of athletes may be made available. Appropriate directory information may be provided to any agency or person except private, profit-making organizations (other than employers, potential employers or the news media). Names and addresses of seniors or terminating students may be given to public or private schools and colleges.

Parents and eligible students will be notified prior to the destruction of any special education records. You have the right to inspect a survey or other instrument to be administered or distributed to your child that either collects personal information for marketing or sale or requests information about beliefs and practices and any instructional material to be used as part of your child's educational curriculum. Please contact your child's school if you wish to inspect such a survey or other instrument.

Upon written request from the parent of a student age 17 or younger, the district will withhold directory information about the student. If the student is 18 or older or enrolled in an institution of postsecondary instruction and makes a written request, the student's request to deny access to directory information will be honored. Requests must be submitted within 30 calendar days of the receipt of this notification. (See attached form.) Additionally, directory information related to homeless or unaccompanied youths will not be released without the express written consent for its release by the eligible pupil or guardian.

If you do not want Santa Rosa City Schools to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 8th, 2023.

Santa Rosa City Schools has designated the following information as directory information:

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| – Student's name | – Dates of attendance |
| – Address | – Grade level |
| – Telephone listing | – Participation in officially recognized activities and sports |
| – Electronic mail address | – Weight and height of members of athletic teams |
| – Photograph | – Honors and awards received |
| – Date and place of birth | – Previous school(s) attended |

Release of Info to Military Services Reps/Release of Telephone Numbers (EC §49073.5; 20 USC §7908)

Parents of secondary students may request in writing that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released to armed forces recruiters without prior written parental consent.

Release of Student Records/Compliance with Subpoena or Court Order (*EC §§49076 and 49077*)

Districts are required to make a reasonable effort to notify parents in advance of disclosing student information pursuant to a subpoena or court order.

Release of Student Records to School Officials and Employees of the District (*EC §§49076(a)(1) and 49064(d)*)

Districts may release educational records, without obtaining prior written parental consent, to any school official or employee, which would include accountants, consultants, contractors, or other service providers, who have a legitimate educational interest in the educational record.

News Media & College/University Recruiters

News media representatives from the news media often visit our campuses to take photographs or videotapes of students involved in various educational activities. Additionally, the district will take photographs of school activities to include in print and website publications, as well as digital or electronic promotional media forms. Parents or guardians have the right to withhold permission to have their student photographed, videotaped or interviewed while at school and to have those images distributed through print or electronic media sources.

Participation in State Assessments and Option to Request Exemption (*EC § 60615, 5 CCR § 852*)

Pupils in applicable grade levels will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) except as exempted by law. Each year, a parent may submit a written request to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for that school year. If the parent submits the exemption request after testing begins, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored; the results will be included in the pupil's records and reported to the parent. School district employees will not solicit or encourage any exemption request on behalf of a pupil or group of pupils.

High School Curriculum: Notification Regarding College Preparatory Courses (*EC § 51229*)

Districts are required to provide parents of each minor pupil enrolled in grades 9 to 12 written notice of college admission requirements and career technical education.

III. Attendance and Enrollment

Attendance Legal Obligations

School attendance is required by law. Every child ages 6 through 18 years of age must attend school every day and be on time for the start of school. You are responsible for your child’s school attendance. You must let the school know if your child is not in school and give a specific reason for the absence. Absences due to activities such as babysitting, accompanying parents on errands, and attending music or sporting events are unexcused.



Absence for Religious Purposes (EC §46014)

Districts may allow pupils with parent consent to be excused to participate in religious exercises/instruction.

Excused Absences/Average Daily Attendance (EC 48205)

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

(a) Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- 1) Due to his or her illness
- 2) Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- 3) For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- 4) For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of his or her immediate family, so long as the absence is no more than one day if the service is conducted in

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California, and no more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.

5) For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.

6) 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 note from a doctor.

7) For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, 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 and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.

8) For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.

9) 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, 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.

10) For the purpose of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.

11) Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.

(b) 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.

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

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

(e) "Immediate family," as used in this section, means the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the pupil.

Definition of a Chronic Truant

Effective January 1, 2011, EC Section 48263.6: Any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or to compulsory continuing education who is absent from school without a valid excuse for ten percent or more of the schooldays in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, is deemed a chronic truant, provided that the appropriate school district officer or employee has complied with EC sections 48260, 48260.5, 48261, 48262, 48263, and 48291.

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California Definition of Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism means a student who is absent for any reason on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year, when the total number of days the student is absent is divided by the total number of days the student is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays. (Education Code 60901; 5 CCR 15497.5) Truant means a student who is absent from school without a valid excuse three full days in one school year, or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. (Education Code 48260). Habitual truant means a student who has been reported as a truant three or more times within the same school year, provided the district has made a conscientious effort to hold at least one conference with the student and his/her parent/guardian. (Education Code 48262, 48264.5) Chronic truant means a student who has been absent from school without a valid excuse for 10 percent or more of the school days in one school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date, provided the district has met the requirements of Education Code 48260-48263 and 48291. (Education Code 48263.6)

Grade Reduction/Loss Of Academic Credit *(EC §48980(j))*

No student shall have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence pursuant to EC §48205 if missed assignments/tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time.

Absences for Confidential Medical Services *(EC §46010.1)*

Students in grades 7-12 and their parents, are notified that the law permits schools to excuse students for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without parental consent. District policy regarding excusing such absences is available for purposes of classifying a student as a truant, valid excuse includes, but is not limited to, the reasons for which a student shall be excused from school pursuant to Education Code 48205 and 48225.5. A valid excuse also may include other reasons that are within the discretion of school administrators and, based on the facts of the student's circumstances, are deemed to constitute a valid excuse. (Education Code 48260)



School Attendance Review Board (SARB)

In accordance with law and administrative regulation, habitual truants may be referred to a school attendance review board (SARB). The Board may submit a nomination to the County Superintendent of Schools for a person who will serve on the county SARB as a representative of school districts. (Education Code 48321) The Board shall appoint members of the district's SARB, who may include, but are not limited to, a parent/guardian as well as representatives of the district; county probation department; county welfare department; county office of education; law enforcement agencies; community-based youth service centers; school guidance personnel; child welfare and attendance personnel; school or county health care personnel; school, county, or community mental health personnel; the county district attorney's office; and the county public defender's office. (Education Code 48321). The district's SARB shall operate in accordance with Education Code 48320-48325 and procedures established by the Superintendent or designee.

The School Attendance Review Board meets with the student and the parent/guardian to discuss the truancy and impose consequences such as signing a contract for improved attendance, referral to outside agencies for assistance, transfer from one school to another, or referral to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

Head Lice

School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. If a student is found with active adult head lice or nits, he/she shall be allowed to stay in school until the end of the school day. The parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of the head lice:

1. The parents/guardians must treat the student immediately.
2. All family members must also be checked for head lice.
3. The student will be checked upon return to school the next day by the school nurse or designee and allowed to remain in school if no active head lice or nits are detected.
4. If it is determined that the student remains infected with head lice, the parents/guardians will be notified immediately to further discuss treatment.
5. As needed the parents/guardians may be provided with additional resources and/or a referral to the local health department, health care or other agencies.
6. If a student is found consistently infested with head lice, he/she may be referred to a multidisciplinary team, which may consist of the school nurse, representatives from the local health department, social services and other appropriate individuals to determine the best approach for identifying and resolving the problems contributing to the student's head lice infestations.
7. When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the principal or designee may at his/her discretion, notify parents/guardians of

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students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice.

8. Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice.
9. When it is determined that one or more students in a class or school are infested with head lice, the principle or designee may, at his/her discretion, notify parents/guardians of students in that class or school and provide them with information about the detection and treatment of head lice. (BP 5141.33)

Enrollment in School (Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten)

Minimum Age of Admission for Students in Transitional Kindergarten

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday between September 2nd and April 2nd for the applicable school year shall be offered a transitional kindergarten program in accordance with law and district policy. This includes any four year olds who are enrolled in a California state preschool program.

On a case-by-case basis, a child who has reached age five after the date listed above but before the end of the applicable school year, may be admitted to transitional kindergarten with the approval of the child's parent and subject to board approval in accordance with EC §48000.

Minimum Age of Admission for Students in Kindergarten

A child shall be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten at the beginning of the school year or at a later time in the same year, if the child has his or her fifth birthday, respectively, on or before September 1. Please bring proof of birth date, residence and immunization records to the school when registering your child. For more information contact your neighborhood school or the Office of Educational Services at 890-3800 ext. 80302.

Immunizations Requirements (Communicable Diseases) *(EC §48216 and 49403)*

The district is authorized to administer immunizing agents to pupils whose parents have consented in writing to the administration of such immunizing agent. The district is required to exclude pupils who have not been properly immunized pursuant to Health and Safety Codes 120325 and 120335. The district must notify parents that they have two weeks to supply evidence either that the pupil has been properly immunized or is exempted from the requirement. All students entering kindergarten, advancing from sixth to seventh grade in the district, or prior to his or her first admission to the district, will be required to comply with the immunization requirements of Health and Safety Code sections 130325 and 120335, unless the student provides the district with a valid exemption from a licensed physician. No new personal belief exemptions will be accepted. Students with personal-belief exemptions on file

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with the district as of January 1st, 2016, shall be allowed to continue enrollment until entering the next grade span in the district. Grade spans are defined as birth through pre-school, K-6, including transitional Kindergarten and 7-12.

Students qualified for an individualized education program may access special education and related services as required by his or her individualized education program.

For a complete list of required immunizations, please visit the Shots for School website.

Students Admitted at ages 4-6 years need these immunizations to attend school.

- Polio (OPV or IPV) - 4 doses (3 doses are okay if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis B - 3 doses
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) - 2 doses (Only doses given on or after 1st birthday meet the requirement)
- Varicella (Chickenpox) - 2 doses Parents
- must show their child's Immunization
- Record as proof of immunization.

These immunization requirements also apply to students entering transitional kindergarten.

Students Admitted at Ages 7-17 Years Need These Immunizations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td)- 5 doses (4 doses are okay if one was given on or after 4th birthday,

3 doses are okay if at least 1 dose of Tdap, DTaP or DTP was given on or after 7th birthday)

- Polio (OPV or IPV) - 4 doses (3 doses are okay if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) 2 doses (Only doses given on or after 1st birthday meet the requirement.)
- Varicella (chickenpox) – 2 doses
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) 1 dose prior to 7th grade admission or out-of-district transfer admission at 7th–12th grades (Dose must have been given on or after the 7th birthday)

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.

Recommended Vaccines

Meningococcal Meningitis is easily spread by kissing, sharing drinks, coughing, or sneezing. The shot can protect your child from several types of this life threatening infection.

Human Papillomavirus – (HPV) This 3-shot vaccine series is recommended for both girls and boys ages 9 – 26 to help protect them from some types of cancer.

Seasonal Flu – The flu is a serious illness. Even young and healthy children need protection against the flu!

Kindergarten/TK Oral Health Requirement

AB 1433 requires your child receive an assessment of his or her oral health as part of school readiness activities for kindergarten entry (or first grade if this is your child's first year in public school). An oral health assessment conducted the year prior to kindergarten, or by May of your child's kindergarten year satisfies this requirement. Check with your child's school for details, as each school notifies parents and distributes the required form: www.eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-231.pdf, which includes information about the law, consistent with school district policies.

Child Health and Disabilities Prevention Program

(H&SC §124085)

Physical examinations are required as a prerequisite for enrollment in the first grade.

Free health screening may be available through the local health department. Failure to comply with this requirement or sign an appropriate waiver may result in exclusion of your child from school for up to five days.

An annual physical examination is required of all secondary students who participate in interscholastic athletic programs. The coaches/ school staff will apprise parents of low-cost health screenings at the school if they are available. Complete physical exams by a personal physician are highly recommended.

Concussion Baseline Testing

Prior to each sports season students planning to participate in impact related sports (Boys and Girls Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, High Jump, Pole Vaulting, Diving) will receive concussion baseline testing by their school's Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer. Students must receive the concussion education presentation and be baseline tested before practice or tryouts begin.

See the Athletic packet for details.

Athletic Eligibility and Athletic Transfer Rules

1. No 7th grade student can enroll in school, get a schedule, come to school, or play sports without PROOF of current TDAP (whooping cough) vaccination.
2. If a middle school student changes middle schools, he/she still maintains athletic eligibility.
3. A student entering high school from the 8th grade, who meets California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and SRCSS transfer policies for academics and undue influence, is immediately eligible for athletics.
4. Athletic eligibility is established when the student first enters 9th grade. This is called Initial Residential Eligibility and specific details are listed in CIF Bylaw 206 and CIF Bylaw 510.
5. A student entering 9th grade must meet all academic and citizenship requirements of the CIF and is subject to local school/ board policies in order to participate in CIF high school athletics.
6. Eligibility (including those transferring from one high school to another) is governed by the rules of the CIF which allows a high school student to be immediately eligible if:

The change takes place during the first 15 days of the year, CIF Bylaw 201 (A) and The receiving school attests that the selection process for approving student enrollment was not based on athletic eligibility. Maintaining eligibility under this rule may only occur once in a student's high school career. *CIF Bylaw 206 (C) 10*

Athletically-Motivated Valid Change of Residence

If a student completes a valid change of residence as provided in Bylaw 206.C.(1-5), a student may not be eligible to participate at the varsity level if there is evidence the move was athletically motivated or the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons (See Bylaw 200; 510.B.-E.)

1. Transferring from one school to another school may affect a student's athletic eligibility under North Coast's Section (NCS) or CIF rules. Immediately contact the principal at the new school for a copy of the eligibility rules.
2. A student who transfers as a result of disciplinary action is subject to the conditions of Bylaw 210 and may be ineligible for one calendar year from enrollment in the new school. Go to www.cifncs.org for further information. Click on "Eligibility Bylaw Forms", and then click on "Parent Handbook I – Understanding the Transfer Eligibility Procedure"
3. CIF Bylaw 202.B prohibits providing false information in regard to any aspect of eligibility.
4. CIF Bylaw 510 (Undue Influence – Recruiting) prohibits any person or persons to secure, retain or influence what high school a student attends.

Violation of CIF Bylaws 202 (B) or CIF Bylaws 510 will result in severe penalties for both the student-athlete and the school. The student- athlete penalty could include ineligibility for up to 24 months. Please report unethical behavior immediately to your school principal to help protect your student-athlete eligibility.

For information regarding an athletically motivated valid change of address go to:

[Athletic transfers](#)

5. For additional information on transfers, please visit the Santa Rosa City Schools website using the following link. [Transfers](#)

Choosing Your Child's School

Information Regarding School Transfers

California Education Code and Santa Rosa City Schools' Board Policy provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to request that their child attend a school that is in an attendance area other than where they live. Please check the Santa Rosa City Schools website for information.

Elementary Schools

[Abraham Lincoln Elementary School](#)

[Albert F. Biella Elementary School](#)

[Brook Hill Elementary School](#)

[Helen Lehman Elementary School](#)

[Hidden Valley Elementary School](#)

[James Monroe Elementary School](#)

[Learning House Magnet School](#)

[Luther Burbank Elementary School](#)

[Proctor Terrace Elementary School](#)

[Steele Lane Elementary School](#)

Middle Schools

[Herbert Slater Middle School](#)

[Hilliard Comstock Middle School](#)

[Rincon Valley Middle School](#)

[Santa Rosa Middle School](#)

High Schools

[Elsie Allen High School](#)

[Maria Carrillo High School](#)

[Montgomery High School](#)

[Piner High School](#)

[Ridgway High School](#)

[Santa Rosa High School](#)

Charter Schools

[Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School](#)

[Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts](#)

[Santa Rosa French-American Charter School](#)

[Cesar Chavez Language Academy](#)

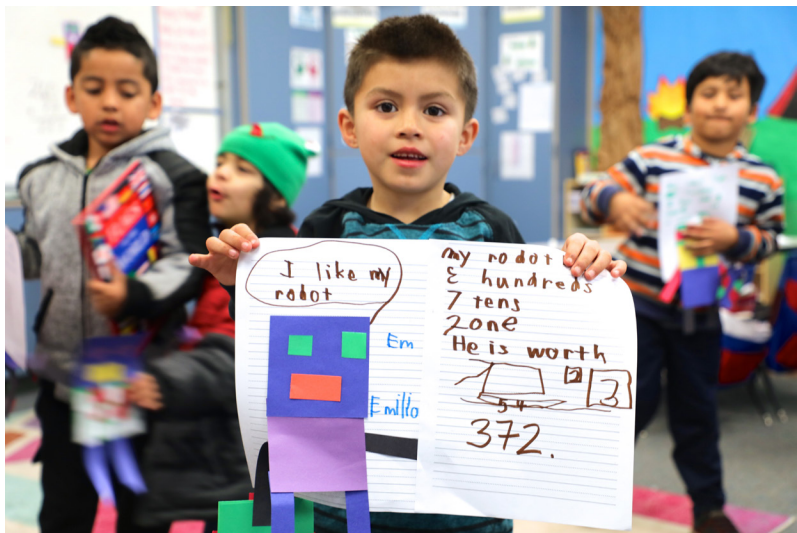
IV. Course of Study and Curriculum

Course of Study

The California Education Code requires that “the governing board of every school district prepare and keep on file for public inspection the courses of study prescribed for the schools under its jurisdiction.” The District provides its students with a rigorous standards-based curriculum appropriate for each grade level. A listing of California academic standards is available on the district’s website at www.srcschools.org

School Curriculum (EC 49091.14)

The curriculum, including titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by a public school, shall be compiled at least once annually in a prospectus. Each school site shall make its prospectus available for review upon request. When requested, the prospectus shall be reproduced and made available. School officials may charge for the prospectus an amount not to exceed the cost of duplication. The Board of Education annually reviews and approves the courses offered at its schools. The 2022-2023 College and Career Readiness Guide can be accessed through the district’s website at www.srcschools.org or it can be reviewed in the Office of Educational Services located at 211 Ridgway Avenue in Santa Rosa.



Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use Prevention Education (EC 51260 Summary)

Instruction shall be given in the elementary and secondary schools on drug education and the effects of the use of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, and dangerous drugs, as defined in Section 11032 of the Health and Safety Code, and other dangerous substances.

In grades 1 through 6, instruction on drug education should be conducted in conjunction with courses given on health or in any appropriate area of study pursuant to Section 51210.

In grades 7 through 12, instruction on drug education should be conducted in conjunction with courses given on health or in any appropriate area of study pursuant to Section 51220. Such instruction shall be sequential in nature and suited to meet the needs of students at their respective grade levels.

District Child Care Program

Students attending Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts, French-American Charter, Cesar Chavez Language Academy, Proctor Terrace, and Hidden Valley elementary schools are eligible for the District Child Care program. Students from other schools may transfer to a District Child Care program if space is available in the program, as well as in the school. The centers are closed for major holidays. At least two centers will remain open during the winter, spring and summer vacations. Students enrolled in or out of the Santa Rosa City Schools may attend during vacation weeks, if space permits. For more information about the program, including costs, please go to www.srscschools.org

Advanced Learner Program and Services (ALPS)

Santa Rosa City Schools' Advanced Learner Program and Services (ALPS) is based on our commitment to a school environment that fosters excellence and the achievement of one's potential.

Identification systems allow for schools to equitably engage in talent development and talent enhancement for every student.

We recognize that advanced learners, as well as all students, have special talents that must be nurtured, as well as unique needs that must be addressed through accommodations such as differentiation of content, instruction, and assessment, as well as through careful attention to their social-emotional development.

ALPS service delivery is through an inclusive approach with an emphasis on differentiated instruction and flexible grouping in the regular classroom. The goals of the ALPS Program are to meet the intellectual needs of all students so they can reach their highest potential, to increase the application of critical thinking skills and promote positive social emotional skills, and to increase annually the number of underrepresented students identified for services.

Using Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and best teaching practices and focusing on student strengths, we assist teachers in providing differentiated, rigorous, and accelerated experiences during the school day. We also assist teachers and families in identifying resources for serving the social-emotional needs and unique interests of students to encourage their passion for learning. For further information, contact Educational Services 707-890-3800 ext. 80317

Harmful or Destructive Use of Animals *(EC 32255 Summary)*

Students enrolled in agricultural education receive instruction on the care, management, and evaluation of domestic animals. Any pupil with a moral objection to dissecting, harming or destroying animals, or any part thereof, may notify his/her teacher in writing with substantiation of objection from parents or guardians. With teacher approval, the student may receive alternate education for obtaining the knowledge, information, or experience required by the course of study in question.

Home and Hospital Program

This program provides quality instruction by certificated teachers for students who are unable to attend school due to a temporary illness or injury and will need a home teacher for a minimum of two weeks. Students may qualify for services if they:

- Are currently enrolled in grades K-12 and live within the Santa Rosa City Schools' boundaries.
- Live outside the Santa Rosa City Schools' boundaries but are temporarily hospitalized within the district.

The purpose of home and hospital instruction is to help students maintain continuity of instruction during a period of temporary disability. Any student with a temporary disability that makes attendance in regular classes or another education program impossible or inadvisable must receive individual instruction provided by the student's school district. *Requests for Home & Hospital begin at the school site. Please make your requests there. Students with an IEP must work through their Case Manager.*

Students with a Temporary Disability

A student with a temporary disability pursuant to Education Code 48208 means a physical, mental, or emotional disability incurred while a pupil is enrolled in regular day classes or an alternative education program which makes school attendance impossible or inadvisable shall receive individual instruction in the student's home or in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals.

This instruction applies to students who incur a physical, mental or emotional disability after which they can reasonably be expected to return to regular day classes or an alternative education program without special intervention. It does not apply to students identified as individuals with exceptional needs pursuant to Education Code 56026. Procedures for placing students identified with exceptional needs are described under 5 CCR § 3051.4.

The primary outcome of Home and Hospital Instruction is to maintain a student at the student's former level of performance while recovering from the temporary disability so as not to jeopardize the student's future performance upon returning to a regular day class or alternative education program, however, some specialized and advanced courses may not be offered through Home and Hospital instruction. To request home and hospital services and the Medical Verification form for your doctor to complete, contact the School Site or visit www.srcschools.org and search for "Hospital".

The notice must include the date of instruction, the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker and information stating that the parent has the right to request a copy of the law pertaining to such instruction.

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Three forms need to be completed;

1. A medical verification form completed and signed by the student's Medical Doctor.
2. A Home and Hospital Application to be filled out by the parent/guardian prior to the Student study team meeting to determine placement.
3. A site administrator completes the Google Form requesting Home and Hospital Services and scans the Application and Medical verification to the District Office.

Secondary Independent Study Program

The District's Independent Study Program consists of individualized instruction where students meet once a week with a teacher, then complete assignments at home under parent/guardian supervision. Participation in the program is voluntary, by parent request and approval of the referring school administration. Students are referred to the program by the comprehensive school for circumstances that require independent study for one or two semesters. "Please note that courses in the Independent Study Program are approved for SRCS graduation requirements. Please note that the program is not A-G approved." For further information, contact the secondary independent study office at 707-890-3800 ext. 60156.

Instruction in Comprehensive Sexual Health Education/HIV and AIDS Prevention *(EC 51938 Summary)*

The district shall annually notify parents about instruction in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education and research on student health behaviors and risks planned for the school year. Written and audiovisual educational materials used in such education are available for inspection. If arrangement for the instruction is made after the beginning of the school year, parents will be notified no fewer than 14 days prior to the commencement of any such instruction if the district elects to provide the instruction by outside consultants in class or during an assembly.

Parents have the right to excuse his or her child from all or part of the comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education by submitting a written request to the district. Those students whose parents do not submit a written request to excuse them will receive such instruction. The law also authorizes the district, without prior parental consent, to use anonymous, voluntary and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student's health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age appropriate questions in grades 7 to 12 about the student's attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex. The district must notify parents in writing before any such test, questionnaire, or survey is administered and provide them with an opportunity to review the materials. Parents have the right to excuse his or her child from such participation by submitting a written request to the school district.

Physical Education Credit for Participation in Interscholastic School Sports

Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 who meet the eligibility requirements of this policy may earn up to ten physical education credits. If eligible, the student must complete and submit the required form within the specified date established by the district office at the end of each season of school sport for credit to be accepted. Participation in school athletic events and practices must be under the supervision of a school employed coach.

Please contact the high school or refer to "Board Policy 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation" for more details.

Health Education (EC 51240)

Whenever any part of the instruction in health, conflicts with the religious training and beliefs of the parent or guardian of any pupil, the pupil with written request of the parent or guardian shall be excused from the part of the training which conflicts with such religious training and beliefs. As used in this section, "religious training and beliefs" include personal moral convictions.



Field Trips

Field trips which are properly planned and implemented may supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment outside of schools. Recognized school or school club trips will be considered school-sponsored if students are under the direct supervision of a school employee. Private Trips that do not include all students in a grade level, class, group or club may not be considered school-sponsored (Board Policy 6153.2) No field trips may be made to locations, activities or programs where students will be treated unfairly based on disability, gender, sexual preference, race, or other characteristic which may identify them as part of a protected class. (*Education Code 220*)



Day Trips (Board Policy 6153)

Only district students may participate in school field trips. Students planning to participate in a field trip must obtain signed clearance from a majority of the teachers whose classes will be missed. A teacher may refuse permission if the student is having academic, attendance, or behavioral problems in class. In such cases the principal's decision will be final. Written approval of a student's parent/guardian is required for participation in any field trip and parents or guardians will receive complete written information about each field trip, prior to its occurrence. For trips which include in or near water, there will be no swimming or wading allowed unless it involves instructional or sanctioned competition. District teachers or other certificated personnel shall accompany students on all field trips. The student to adult ratio shall not exceed 13 students for each adult.

Extended Trips (Board Policy 6153.1)

Overnight trips must be planned at least 50 days in advance and be approved by the principal and the appropriate Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. The trip should have an overriding educational objective and be a direct outgrowth of the classroom curriculum.

No grade or extra credit will be given to a student for participation. The field trip or excursion is voluntary on the part of the student and is not required by the district. The ratio of students to adults must be no more than 9 to 1. Volunteers or chaperones must complete a fingerprint clearance. All participants of any out-of state or other overnight field trip must provide written proof of medical insurance. All students involved in the activity will be given an opportunity to fundraise sufficient money to completely subsidize the trip or be funded by a school organization.

V. English Learners

Santa Rosa City Schools recognizes that English Learners (ELs) have a demanding curricular load: They must become proficient in academic English and they must master all of the academic content required of all students in California. This means that ELs require additional services to ensure that they acquire English and have access to the full curriculum in a way that makes instruction comprehensible and meaningful.

Providing Language Assistance to EL Students

- EL students are entitled to appropriate language assistance services to become proficient in English and to participate equally in the standard instructional program within a reasonable period of time.
- EL support includes continuing to provide EL services to ELs at the highest levels of English proficiency until they have exited from EL services and programs through the reclassification process.

Providing Meaningful Access to All Curricular and Extracurricular Programs

- EL students must have access to their grade-level curricula so that they can meet promotion and graduation requirements.
- EL students are entitled to an equal opportunity to participate in all programs, including transitional kindergarten, gifted and talented, career and technical education, arts, and athletic programs; Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses; clubs; and honor societies.



Avoiding Unnecessary Segregation of EL

School districts may not segregate students on the basis of national origin or EL status. Although certain EL programs may be designed to require that EL students receive separate instruction for a limited portion of the day or period of time, school districts and states are expected to carry out their chosen program in the least segregated manner consistent with achieving the program's stated educational goals.

Evaluating EL Students for Special Education and Providing Dual Services

- EL students with disabilities must be provided both the language assistance and disability related services to which they are entitled under Federal law.
- EL students who may have a disability, like all other students who may have a disability and may require services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, must be located, identified and evaluated for special education and disability-related services in a timely manner.
- To avoid inappropriately identifying EL students as students with disabilities because of their limited English Proficiency, EL students must be evaluated in an appropriate language based on the student's needs and language skills.
- To ensure that an individualized plan for providing special education or disability-related services addresses the language related needs of an EL student with a disability, it is important that the team designing the plan include participants knowledgeable about that student's language needs. Providing Meaningful Access to All Curricular and Extracurricular Programs.



Meeting the Needs of Students Who Opt Out of EL Programs or Particular Services

All EL students are entitled to services. Parents may, however, choose to opt their children out of a school district's EL program or out of particular EL services within an EL program. School districts may not recommend that parents opt out for any reason. Parents are entitled to guidance in a language that they can understand about their child's rights, the range of EL services that their child could receive, and the benefits of such services. School districts should appropriately document that the parent made a voluntary, informed decision to opt their child out. A school district must still take steps to provide opted-out EL students with access to its educational programs, monitor their progress, and offer EL Services again if a student is struggling.

Language Acquisition Programs

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child pursuant to §310 of the Education Code. Schools in which the parents or legal guardians of 30 pupils or more per school or the parents or legal guardians of 20 pupils or more in any grade request a language acquisition program that is designed to provide language instruction shall be required to offer such a program to the extent possible, based upon the requirements of Section 305. (b) If a school district implements a language acquisition program pursuant to this section, it shall do both of the following:

- (1) Comply with the kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive, class size requirements specified in Section 42238.02.
- (2) Provide, as part of the annual parent notice required pursuant to Section 48980 or upon enrollment, the parent or legal guardian of a minor pupil with information on the types of language programs available to pupils enrolled in the school district, including, but not limited to, a description of each program. Requests should be addressed to the Director of Multilingual Services.

English Language (EL) Program Descriptions

The English Language Acceleration Program (ELAP) is the base program for all EL programs. Specialized programs include all the elements of ELAP with specific additions and changes. Every site and nearly every classroom in SRCS will serve ELs at some point during the year, all sites and teachers shall be equipped to provide the required base program for ELs, the English Language Acceleration Program (ELAP). The ELAP instructional program will benefit all students because of its focus on building disciplinary language and general academic language. The instructional programs for ELs are special versions of the ELAP base program that provide additional benefits and/or more targeted language instruction for certain groups of students.

Instructional Programs for English Learners

This section describes each of the instructional programs available to ELs in SRCS. The Programs are:

- Structured English Immersion (Including Newcomer Services)
- Dual Language Programs (DLP)

**When possible, support is given to both the students and the classroom teacher through a collaborative model of instruction where the EL Specialist pushes in and works collaboratively with the classroom teacher. In this model, both teachers have a separate but collaborative function.*

English Language Acceleration Program-ELAP

- Base program for all sites and classrooms serving ELs
- Strengthens grade-level instruction for ELs and ALL students
- Includes Integrated and Designated ELD
- All sites and staff shall have the skills and resources to effectively deliver an equitable and meaningful education

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Structured English Immersion

- Intensive support in language & content learning, cultural knowledge building, & social emotional learning
- Includes both universal supports and intensive Newcomer Program versions
- Students in U.S. 3 years or less

Dual Language (DL) Programs ELAP plus

- All students in program become fully biliterate
- Integrated and Designated Language
- Development in BOTH English and target language
- Special staffing and training
- Chosen by families of EL, EO, IFEP and RFEP students



Program Features of the Structured English Immersion Program (ELAP)

Students Served and Exit Criteria

1. The program serves ELs from Pre-Emerging to Bridging (ELPAC Levels 1-4). EOs, IFEPs, and RFEPs enrolled in an ELAP classroom will also receive the support provided by Integrated ELD the ELAP model.
2. Once ELs are reclassified and become RFEP, they are “exited” from Designated ELD but they continue to receive all other supports provided in ELAP, including robust Integrated ELD.

English Learner Components

1. For Designated ELD:

- Minimum 30 minutes per day as a protected time for Focused Language Study embedded in content. At least 60 minutes or two periods is recommended for newcomer ELs. See Designated English Language Development Course Descriptions for Secondary ELs for secondary Designated ELD course sequence.
- Teachers should use district-recommended supplemental materials to support Designated ELD when teachers or sites are at Stage II: Beginning Implementation or Stage III: Consistent Implementation for Designated and Integrated ELD.

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2. Both Integrated and Designated ELD will feature:

- Standards-based instruction with differentiation and language development strategies in all content areas including:
 - Use of Content-Language Objectives to articulate demands and expectations for both content and language mastery and use
 - The Three High-Impact Language Practices: Using Complex Text, Fortifying Complex Output and Fostering Interaction
 - SDAIE, GLAD and other strategies for making content instruction understandable, listed on the document Strategies Designated and Integrated ELD
 - Scaffolding calibrated by proficiency level to provide both high challenge and sufficient support — Partner and group work to foster content and language learning, social-emotional learning and cultural competence
 - Use of both core and supplemental curriculum
 - Primary language support for content and language learning.
 - Clear, predictable and supportive routines aligned with CCSS rigor and student engagement
- Monitoring of ELs to ensure progress towards reclassification
 - Proficient (RFEP) for four years
- Intensive monitoring of newcomers, LTELs, and ELs at –risk of becoming LTELs, including twice-yearly assessment and creation of action plans by the site based Language Acceleration Review Committee (LARC)
- For ELs with IEPs, clear articulation and consistent implementation of IEP language development goals.

Family Engagement activities, bilingual support staff, and strong community partnerships will support the educational experience of ELs.

Newcomers

“Newcomer” is an umbrella term that includes various categories of immigrants who are born outside of the United States. It’s important to note, however, that not all immigrants are ELs; some are fluent in English, while others speak little or no English. In this plan, we will refer to newly arrived immigrants (within 3 years) who are ELs as newcomers. The newcomer population has increased markedly in recent years in SRCS, including unaccompanied minors.

It’s important to keep in mind that the challenge of integrating into their new home is compounded for newcomers who attend school, since they shall learn not only how to navigate a new culture socially, but also how to function effectively in an education system and language that typically differs from their prior experience (Jacoby, 2014; Suarez-Orozco & Suarez-Orozco, 2009).

Newcomers and their families have four basic needs:

1. A welcoming environment
2. High-quality academic programs designed to meet the academic and language development needs of newcomer students
3. Social-emotional support and skills development to be successful in school and beyond
4. Encouragement and support to engage in the education process

By recognizing these needs and developing strategies to meet them, schools can help newcomers build the necessary foundation to thrive both socially and emotionally and to achieve academic success.

Emerging levels of language proficiency or gaps in a student’s education (particularly for SIFE students) need careful attention since newcomers have less time to achieve the goal of graduation and college and career readiness. Preparing students for graduation within a compressed timeline means that sites and teachers should also be vigilant for signals that a student’s learning trajectory is notably different than that of their newcomer peers. If this is the case, the site may consider whether further investigation or referral for testing for a learning disability is necessary.

Universal Newcomer Supports

All newcomers at SRCS sites shall receive baseline Universal Newcomer Supports, which consist of additions to the baseline ELAP instructional program. For example, Universal Newcomer Supports include a more robust intake process at the site and additional Designated ELD each day.

Features of Universal Newcomer Supports

Students Served and Exit Criteria

1. Universal Newcomer Supports serves students 2nd through 12th who have been in the U.S. three years or less with a Pre-Emerging to Emerging (CELDT 1/low 2) level of language development. Generally, KA, K and 1st grade and some 2nd grade students who are also newcomers will receive lighter Universal Newcomer Support, including more targeted instruction and differentiation within their regular classroom. As ELs with beginning levels of English proficiency, newcomer students are placed in the ELAP instructional program, but are

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fully informed of their option to request an appropriate Dual Language instructional program if they are Spanish or French dominant.

2. Generally, students will exit the extra period of Designated ELD after one year, but students will still receive the other Universal Newcomer Supports for at least two years as needed.

Universal Newcomer Program Components

In addition to the Program Components from the ELAP instructional program above, Universal Newcomer Supports should include:

1. A robust newcomer intake process at the site, including transcript analysis to identify prior schooling as well as proficiency levels in math, home language, and literacy, and the flagging of any newcomer who might have or need an IEP
2. Special attention to literacy development and early reading skills as needed
3. At least 2 periods daily of specialized Designated ELD plus Integrated ELD that teaches language and literacy while developing content and cultural knowledge as well as social emotional learning skills.
 - For elementary, a period is defined as a discrete block of at least 30 minutes.
 - For secondary, one of the periods should be a course from the ELD course sequence.
4. Independent computer-based learning is in addition to, not in lieu of, the minimum 2 periods of Designated and Integrated ELD mentioned.
5. When possible, leverage primary language:
 - To develop content knowledge and enhance oral and written comprehension of English
 - To provide content area instruction in the primary language when resources are available, especially at sites with appropriate Dual Language instructional programs.
6. Heterogeneous grouping that provides structured opportunities for newcomers to work collaboratively with more advanced ELs and EOs
7. Additional steps for access to the core (a-g graduation requirements at the secondary level) over and above the points listed in standards based instruction with differentiation and language development strategies in all content areas” in the ELAP Instructional Program Components including:

More targeted scaffolding and differentiation in all content areas” including small group work and the use of language partners.
8. Extend Learning Opportunities including summer school and after school programs that specifically target newcomers at the secondary level
9. Counseling and other services, both within and outside of the school, to support newcomer students who have experienced trauma or who are unaccompanied minors

10. Family engagement activities, bilingual support staff, and strong community partnerships to provide extra support

Dual Language Programs (DL)

These programs are designed to support EL, IFEP and EO students to develop language and academic content in two languages, with the goal of achieving full bilingualism and biliteracy. Two-Way programs provide instruction for at least 50% of the time in the target language (e.g. Spanish). SRCS is engaged in fully building out our Dual Language programs.

Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program

The goal of the Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program is full bilingualism and biliteracy, grade-level academic achievement, and positive cross-cultural competencies for ELs, EOs, and IFEP/bilingual students. This model is open to students of all language

backgrounds, however, students who enroll in a Dual Language program after first grade should demonstrate a minimum level of competency in the target language in order to ensure they are successful with this model of instruction. Ideally, classes are composed of a balance of EOs, ELLs and bilingual students. Content learning in both languages facilitates language learning among the students as they engage in a collaborative learning experience that values both languages equally. English by 4th grade. In secondary, English may increase to 70%.



Program Features of Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program

Students Served and Exit Criteria

1. ELs of any proficiency level, including newcomers and students with disabilities, as long as they have proficiency in the target language, currently Spanish or French. Note that for students with certain disabilities, such as language processing disabilities, special supports may be necessary in order for the Dual Language program to be successful.
2. After the end of first grade, students who enroll in a Dual Language program should demonstrate a minimum level of competency in the target language.
3. Since Dual Language is being built out to a full TK-12 education program, there is no "exit" apart from graduation. In the event that a family chooses to discontinue their child's participation in the Dual Language instructional program, parents shall be informed of the possible negative effects of changing language programs from one year to the next, and

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ELs should be monitored to ensure their academic success during their transition to the ELAP instructional program.

4. Each class has ELs and non-ELs (ideally 50 percent in each group, or a minimum of 33 percent).

Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program Component

In addition to the Program Components bullets from the ELAP instructional program above, the Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Model should include these features.

1. Clearly articulated TK-12 Dual Language Pathway
2. BOTH Integrated ELD and Integrated Spanish Language Development (SLD) or French Language Development (FLD)
3. Daily focused language study for all students in BOTH languages: ELLs in Designated ELD, EOs/IFEPs in Designated SLD /FLD
4. Purposeful and strategic separation of languages during the instructional day.

Each of the options listed for dual language two-way immersion components is designed to ensure that English Learners (EL) learn English quickly enough and fluently enough to participate in academic work through integrated and designated English Language Development (ELD).



Designated and Integrated ELD: A Framework for EL Instruction

At the heart of both the 2012 California ELD Standards and the 2014 CA ELA/ELD Framework is the research-supported idea that people learn language best when they can use it in meaningful ways to engage with content they are interested in. The concepts of Integrated and Designated ELD are used throughout the 2014 CA ELA/ELD Framework to support this goal of linking ELD with meaningful and engaging learning.

In order to deliver quality Designated and Integrated ELD to all SRCS ELs, schools with ELs shall provide a minimum 30 minutes a day of designated ELD that:

- Is targeted at EL proficiency levels with groupings of not more than two proficiency levels.
- Is aligned to the 2012 California ELD Standards.
- Focuses on communicative purposes, not on discrete grammar instruction.
- Addresses speaking, listening, reading and writing.
- Is embedded in or explicitly connected to grade-level content or topics.
- Emphasizes Focused Language Study (FLS) to help students understand how language works in meaningful contexts.
- Includes systematic development of academic vocabulary.
- Requires students to spend at least 50% of instructional time producing oral and written language.

Quality Designated and Integrated ELD At the secondary level

- Includes at least one period of Designated ELD per school day as long as the student is an EL, with two periods for newcomers.
- Is part of a comprehensive Designated ELD Course sequence.

Provide Integrated ELD across content areas that:

- Has clear articulation, instruction, and assessment of Content and Language Objectives.
- Provides students appropriate levels of language focused scaffolds in content area instruction.
- Intentionally develops students' academic language and literacies specific to each discipline (the language of math, science, history, etc.), a practice sometimes referred to as Discipline specific and Academic Language Expansion (DALE) Requires ample oral and written production of language.
- Intentionally incorporates the Three High-Impact Language Practices (Using Complex Text, Fortifying Complex Output, and Fostering Interaction) into content area instruction and core routines such as Reading and Writing Workshop.

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Effective provision of Designated and integrated ELD rests on the specific investments from key stakeholders below:

1. All teachers with ELs in their classrooms, TK-12:
 - Shall be skilled at providing Integrated ELD, including careful consideration of the language demands of a task (see Content- Language Objectives) and carefully planned language learning embedded in engaging content and activities.
 - Shall be skilled at providing content-embedded Designated ELD when they teach this period or course.
 - Need ongoing training in effective planning and delivery of Designated and Integrated ELD.
2. The District and School Sites shall:
 - Ensure effectively Integrated ELD is provided in all elementary and secondary classrooms.
 - Provide ongoing professional development that allows ALL teachers TK-12 to become experts in the delivery of effective Integrated ELD as well as Designated ELD where applicable.
 - Ensure all ELs receive at least 30 minutes per day of Designated ELD until they reclassify.
 - Ensure elementary schools as a whole and individual teachers reach Stage III: Consistent Implementation on the Descriptors for Stages of Designated and Integrated ELD Implementation.

Parents are informed of the initial ELPAC results and the instructional program that has been selected for their student in a Parent Notification Letter within 30 days of assessment. If the parent does not agree with the program placement or has questions regarding the assessment results, they may request a conference with the school administrator to discuss the information contained in the letter and/or to select a different instructional program.

Opting Out of EL Services

If the parent chooses to opt the student out of EL services, a Parental Request for Opting Out of EL Services Form shall be signed by the parent and school administrator yearly. However, it is important to note that any student whose parent opts the student out of the ELD program and related services still retains their English Learner status. SRCS is still obligated to take the affirmative steps and appropriate actions required by Civil Rights laws to provide the EL student meaningful access to the full educational program. This means that English Learners should have access to the full core curriculum with a focus on preparing all students for college or career readiness. SRCS shall then continuously monitor the opted-out student's academic progress on a regularly scheduled basis, no less than twice per year. A copy of the signed form opting the students out of multilingual services is to be filed in the Cumulative folder (CUM).

Reclassification Criteria

At least twice per year, in the fall and spring, the school site will:

Collect and review test results, the latest official ELPAC scores, other assessment data, student grades, and teachers' recommendations, for all EL students. On the basis of this review, the LARC will identify those students who are eligible for reclassification. The reclassification criteria include multiple measures:

- English language proficiency, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
Demonstration of basic skills measured in English
- Teacher recommendations based on English proficiency, not other factors unrelated to language (e.g. attendance, behavior, homework completion)
- Parent consent
- The school will notify parents and guardians of their rights and invite them to participate in the reclassification process meeting. Efforts should be made to schedule this meeting at a convenient time for the parent/guardian. If the parent or guardian is not able to attend this meeting, the staff members shall make every attempt to involve the parent/guardian in the Reclassification Process via parent letters, phone calls, and if possible, home visits.

The site may elect to take the following additional steps for involving parents or guardians in the Reclassification Process:

- Meet with parents/guardians of ELs who are close to meeting reclassification criteria to explain the process and steps needed to reach the goal.
- Invite parents/guardians and teachers to a meeting, school assembly, and/or celebration to acknowledge that their child/ student met all the criteria to be reclassified.

English Learners Additional Support & Resources

EL students will show growth toward fluency as described in the K-12 Master Plan for English Learners. EL students in grades K-6 may be promoted at the discretion of the classroom teacher and principal, as long as the students have demonstrated adequate progress toward mastering grade level standards. Students will be provided appropriate intervention programs and/or strategies that may include but are not limited to:

- Supplementary books and instructional materials
- Tutoring
- Title I services at designated sites
- Assistance from appropriate staff

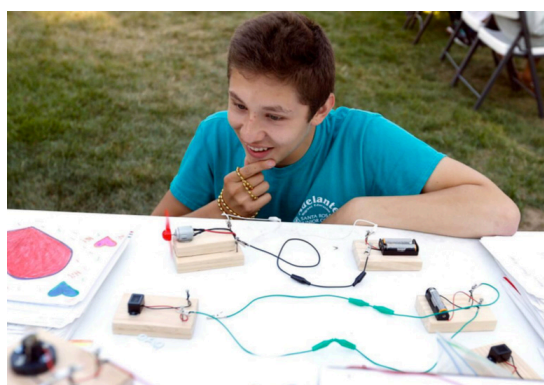
EL students should not be considered for retention due to lack of English proficiency.

VI. Graduation & Promotion

High School Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education believes that the completion of an organized and sequential course of study is the foundation that prepares students for post-secondary education and/or employment. In grades 9-12, 220 credits are required for graduation. Students who successfully complete a a year-long course will receive 10 credits (5 credits for each semester). In addition to the required core courses, students will complete other elective courses to reach the required 220 credits.

Details of the district's graduation requirements are found in Board Policy 6146.1 or information may be obtained from a high school counselor.



Core Curriculum Requirements

Completion of the following courses will total 155 (or 165 if specialized course is required) units of credit towards graduation. All students shall demonstrate proficiency in meeting state-adopted standards in the following courses:

- 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade English.
- Three courses in mathematics, including first-year Algebra or Equivalent.
- United States History and World History.
- Semester-long courses in American Government and Economics.
- One visual or performing arts course, or a career or vocational course requiring creative self-expression.
- Two world language courses.*
- Biology and earth/physical science course, at least one of which is a laboratory science course.
- Two-year long courses in Physical Education and/or Dance.
- One elective course.
- A high school may develop a required specialized course which a student must successfully pass in order to graduate.

**These core courses have qualified exemptions; please refer to Board Policy 6146.1 and accompanying Administrative Regulations for specific details on the exemption requirements.*

Specialized Programs

Specialized programs have been developed to meet specialized academic or career needs of groups of students at individual high schools. For further information regarding these programs, see the information below.

Career Technical Education [CTE Handbook](#)

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs consist of a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to post-secondary education and careers. SRCS offers a variety of CTE programs to ensure that students are meeting the workforce needs of local and regional employers, to support relevant and meaningful learning experiences for students, and to prepare students for college, career, and life.

For more information about the CTE programs offered throughout the district, please review the College and Career Readiness Curriculum Guide.

Independent Study

Students enrolled in the Independent Study Program are required to meet all graduation requirements of Board Policy 6146.1. Students in the program remain enrolled in their attendance area comprehensive high school which issues their diploma.

Special Education

Special education students in grades 9-12 who have an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP) must complete all course requirements for graduation in order to receive a diploma as identified in Policy 6146.1.

Special Education students and students with 504 plans will be assessed using the criteria and timelines in their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or their 504 Intervention Plan. Students who meet the academic performance level specified in their IEP or 504 Plan may be considered for promotion even if they didn't meet the performance criteria using the district assessments.

Counseling

Santa Rosa City Schools provides a comprehensive counseling program that includes academic, career and personal/social counseling. Parents/guardians have the right to be informed of the counselor's role and the confidential nature of the counseling relationship between the counselor and student. Every effort will be made to collaborate with parents/guardians to support student success and well-being.

Intervention Programs

It is in the interest of the student for schools to provide early identification and intervention of students who are performing below grade level and are at risk of retention. Identified students will be enrolled in academic support programs that may include but aren't limited to:

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Intervention Programs continued

- Intervention services
- In-class intervention curriculum and instruction
- Extended day tutorials
- Summer school

Parents/guardians will be notified in a timely manner when their student is not making adequate progress in the achievement of academic standards and is in need of one or more intervention strategies. Our intervention programs are designed to provide challenging opportunities to help students improve their skills.

Plan for College

We encourage all of our graduates to plan to attend college or a technical training program after graduation. Start early by helping your child envision themselves in college. Students and parents need to know the series of college preparatory classes to take in high school. Private colleges, universities and merit scholarships may require scores from the SAT and ACT to be submitted for admission and/or scholarship opportunities. The requirements vary, depending on the selected college or university.

Both the SAT and ACT tests are offered several times during the year at various school sites. However, students have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT, (preliminary SAT), in their sophomore or junior year and the SAT at least once in their junior year, so they have scores when applying for college in the first semester of their senior year.

For information about testing dates and deadlines contact the Counseling Center at your high school. You can find more information about the SAT at www.collegeboard.com, and about the ACT at www.actstudent.org. Santa Rosa Junior College provides opportunities for dual enrollment to provide current high school students an early start on their college experience as well as enrichment opportunities for students who can benefit from college level programs and instruction. Additionally after high school, students can earn Associate Degrees, complete the requirements to transfer to a four-year college or complete career certification in a wide variety of industries.

For information about Santa Rosa Junior College, consult the website at www.santarosa.edu or contact the Counseling Center at your high school. Families should also know that there are many scholarships, grants and loans available to offset the costs of college.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

Each high school provides support with accessing financial aid, which is key to college enrollment. Applications are due on March 2nd of every school year. Information on financing your college education is available in the College and Career Center at your high school or from the financial aid office at the college to which you are applying.

Promotion/Retention

The Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education expects students to progress through each grade level within one school year. To accomplish this, instruction should accommodate the variety of ways that students learn and include strategies for addressing academic deficiencies when needed. Instances of acceleration shall be handled on a case-by-case basis. For more information please see [Board Policy 5123](#).

Promotion is the advancement to the next grade level for a student who has met or exceeded the criteria for promotion. The criteria are grade level indicators of achievement in:

- Reading for grades K-3
- Language arts & mathematics for grades 4-8.
- Core and courses to meet graduation requirements

Retention means that a student is remaining in his/her current grade level for the next school year. A student is retained when he/she hasn't met the minimum grade-level criteria for promotion. Details about minimum grade-level criteria follow on the next page. Parents and guardians will be notified in a timely manner regarding their child's academic achievement and promotion or retention decisions.

Elementary (K-6)

If a student is failing to make normal progress, the parent/guardian must be notified as early as possible in the school year, but no later than the end of the second report period. Notification of possible retention will be provided in writing.

Elementary students who fail to meet the minimum standards for promotion will be retained unless the student's teacher determines in writing that retention isn't appropriate and recommends academic intervention. Exemptions include, but aren't limited to, when it's in the student's best interest because of maturity, mental ability, health, or other contributing factors. State law requires parent consent for kindergarten retention.

If the teacher recommends academic intervention, the student's performance and the decision to retain or promote will be reassessed at the end of the academic support program, usually at the end of the school year or summer school. The teacher's evaluation will be discussed with the parents/guardians before final determination is made.

Students identified as at risk of retention enter into a Remediation Agreement between the school, student, and parent or guardian. The Agreement defines the academic intervention supports and achievement necessary for promotion.

Middle School (7-8)

If a student isn't making appropriate progress toward promotion, parents/guardians will be notified as early in the school year as practical, but not later than the end of the first grading period. A variety of academic support programs will be offered. By the end of each semester, a student with an "F" in English or mathematics will enter into a Remediation Agreement between

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the school, student and parent/guardian. The Agreement will define what the student must do to be promoted to the next grade level. It may include, but isn't limited to: drop an elective to enroll in an academic support class; or enroll in a site-based, after-school or weekend class.

High School (9-12)

In order to graduate from any district high school, a student must earn 220 credits during grades 9 through 12. Parents/guardians will be notified no later than the end of each grading period if a student isn't making adequate progress toward graduation. A variety of academic support programs or classes will be offered, including summer school, based on the availability of funds.

All high school students are subject to the graduation requirements in Board Policy 6146.1.

[High School Graduation Requirements](#)

VII. Health and Wellness

Wellness Policy

The Board of Education recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity for district students. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and align district efforts to support student wellness through health education, physical education and activity, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, and a safe and healthy school environment. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for promoting staff wellness and for involving parents/guardians and the community in reinforcing students' understanding and appreciation of the importance of a healthy lifestyle. For more information please refer to Board Policy 5030 Student Wellness.

Pupil Nutrition/Notice of Free and Reduced Price Meals [\(EC §§48980\(b\), 49510, 49520 and 49558\)](#)

All students will be offered breakfast and lunch during the 2023-24 school year at no charge. Needy children may be eligible for benefits if they qualify based on Free or Reduced Price Meal Applications. Details, eligibility criteria, and applications to participate in a free or reduced price meal program if it is available are available at your child's school. Individual records pertaining to student participation in any free or reduced-price meal program may, under appropriate circumstances, be used by school district employees to identify students eligible for public school choice and services pursuant to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. When a household is selected for verification of eligibility for free and reduced meals, the District must notify the parent that their child(ren)'s eligibility is being verified.

Even if your child doesn't eat the school lunch, having your eligibility determined for a free or reduced-price lunch could provide additional resources for your school. If you think there is any chance that your child might be eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch, please fill out a meal application. Each family needs just one application, no matter how many children you have in the school district. Your application is confidential and will only be used by the school district. For more information, contact Child Nutrition Services at 707-890-3800 x80701.

Type 2 Diabetes Information [\(EC 49452.7 Summary\)](#)

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 49452.7, this type 2 diabetes information is for local educational agencies to provide to parents and guardians of incoming seventh-grade students beginning July 1, 2010.

The California Department of Education developed this type 2 diabetes information in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, American Diabetes Association, California School Nurses Organization, and Children's Hospital of Orange County. Also see available translations of this information.

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Description

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes in adults

- Until a few years ago, type 2 diabetes was rare in children, but it is becoming more common, especially for overweight teens
- According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in three American children born after 2000 will develop type 2 diabetes in his or her lifetime

Type 2 diabetes affects the way the body is able to use sugar (glucose) for energy

- The body turns the carbohydrates in food into glucose, the basic fuel for the body's cells
- The pancreas makes insulin, a hormone that moves glucose from the blood to the cells
- In type 2 diabetes, the body's cells resist the effects of insulin, and blood glucose levels rise
- Over time, glucose reaches dangerously high levels in the blood, which is called hyperglycemia
- Hyperglycemia can lead to health problems like heart disease, blindness, and kidney failure

Risk Factors Associated with Type 2 Diabetes

It is recommended that students displaying or possibly experiencing the risk factors and warning signs associated with type 2 diabetes be screened (tested) for the disease.

Risk Factors

Researchers do not completely understand why some people develop type 2 diabetes and others do not; however, the following risk factors are associated with an increased risk of type 2 diabetes in children:

- **Being overweight** The single greatest risk factor for type 2 diabetes in children is excess weight. In the U.S., almost one out of every five children is overweight. The chances are more than double that an overweight child will develop diabetes
- **Family history of diabetes** Many affected children and youth have at least one parent with diabetes or have a significant family history of the disease
- **Inactivity** Being inactive further reduces the body's ability to respond to insulin
- **Specific racial/ethnic groups** Native Americans, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, or Asian/Pacific Islanders are more prone than other ethnic groups to develop type 2 diabetes
- **Puberty** Young people in puberty are more likely to develop type 2 diabetes than younger children, probably because of normal rises in hormone levels that can cause insulin resistance during this stage of rapid growth and physical development

Warning Signs and Symptoms Associated with Type 2 Diabetes

Warning signs and symptoms of type 2 diabetes in children develop slowly, and initially, there may be no symptoms. However, not everyone with insulin resistance or type 2 diabetes develops these warning signs, and not everyone who has these symptoms necessarily has type 2 diabetes.

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- Increased hunger, even after eating
- Unexplained weight loss
- Increased thirst, dry mouth, and frequent urination
- Feeling very tired
- Blurred vision
- Slow healing of sores or cuts
- Dark velvety or ridged patches of skin, especially on the back of the neck or under the arms
- Irregular periods, no periods, and/or excess facial and body hair growth in girls
- High blood pressure or abnormal blood fats levels

Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Methods and Treatments

Healthy lifestyle choices can help prevent and treat type 2 diabetes. Even with a family history of diabetes, eating healthy foods in the correct amounts and exercising regularly can help children achieve or maintain a normal weight and normal blood glucose levels.

- Eat healthy foods Make wise food choices. Eat foods low in fat and calories
- Get more physical activity Increase physical activity to at least 60 minutes every day
- Take medication If diet and exercise are not enough to control the disease, it may be necessary to treat type 2 diabetes with medication.

The first step in treating type 2 diabetes is to visit a doctor. A doctor can determine if a child is overweight based on the child's age, weight, and height. A doctor can also request tests of a child's blood glucose to see if the child has diabetes or pre-diabetes (a condition which may lead to type 2 diabetes).

Types of Diabetes Screening Tests that are Available from your Doctor:

- Glycated hemoglobin (A1C) test. A blood test measures the average blood sugar level over two to three months. An A1C level of 6.5 percent or higher on two separate tests indicates diabetes
- Random (non-fasting) blood sugar test. A blood sample is taken at a random time. A random blood sugar level of 200 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) or higher suggests diabetes. This test must be confirmed with a fasting blood glucose test
- Fasting blood sugar test. A blood sample is taken after an overnight fast. A fasting blood sugar level less than 100 mg/dL is normal. A level of 100 to 125 mg/dL is considered pre-diabetes. A level of 126 mg/dL or higher on two separate tests indicates diabetes
- Oral glucose tolerance test. A test measuring the fasting blood sugar level after an overnight fast with periodic testing for the next several hours after drinking a sugary liquid. A reading of more than 200 mg/dL after two hours indicates diabetes

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Type 2 diabetes in children is a preventable/treatable disease and the guidance provided in this information sheet is intended to raise awareness about this disease. Contact your student's school nurse, school administrator, or health care provider if you have questions.

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KidsHealth
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Meal Application Process FAQ

What does a completed Meal Application Form mean to SRCS?

It means our schools qualify for much needed Grant Funding, which is directly related to the percentage of applications returned from qualifying students.

Why do I have to complete the same form every year?

Currently, Federal Law requires the district to re-certify all students for the School Meals Program each year. Even if you qualified last year for a free lunch, the district and your child's school will not receive grant funding for your child if you do not fill out a new application this year.

Are the last four digits of my Social Security number required on the application?

Yes! We are unable to process any application that is missing the last 4 digits of the primary wage earner or other adult household member.

Please check the "No SSN" box if no adult members of the household have a Social Security Number.

Do non-citizens/non-residents qualify for school meal programs?

Yes! Since the School Meals Program is an entitlement program, all children in the United States, regardless of their citizenship status, may receive a meal at no cost or at an affordable price. Information on the Meal Application Form is confidential and is not shared with ICE or any outside agency. If you do not have a social security number, simply write "none" in that space.

What if I don't want others to know my child receives free meals?

We are requesting applications from ALL students, qualifying or not, so returning the application won't identify your child as receiving a free lunch. The District does NOT single out or publicly identify children who qualify for School Meal Programs.

Should everyone fill out a Meal Application Form?

Yes!* In addition to the nutritional benefits of the Meal Program, the School District relies on the total percentage of free, reduced and paid applications collected to qualify for additional grant funding to be re-invested into our schools. Our schools need the funding!

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Do I have to complete the entire form if I know we do not qualify or if we aren't interested?

NO!* If you do not want to apply for the School Meals Program, you can still help SRCS by filling in your child's FIRST and LAST NAME, SCHOOL and check the box "We DO NOT want to apply for meal benefits".

Do I have to fill out an application if we already qualify for food stamps or other public assistance?

NO!* Every year SRCS receives a file from the Department of Human Services identifying those families qualified for food stamps or another public assistance program. All children identified in that file are categorically "Free."

Support SRCS Schools! Please complete and return a Meal Application Form every year! Our students need the support!

Communicable Disease Control and Immunization

[\(EC 49403\)](#)

Notwithstanding any other law, the governing board of a school district shall cooperate with the local health officer in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in school age children. For that purpose, the board may use any funds, property, and personnel of the district, and may permit a licensed physician and surgeon, or a health care practitioner listed in subdivision

Who is acting under the direction of a supervising physician and surgeon, to administer an immunizing agent to a pupil whose parent or guardian has consented in writing to the administration of the immunizing agent.

1. The following health care practitioners, acting under the direction of a supervising physician and surgeon, may administer an immunizing agent within the course of a school immunization program:

- (A) Physician assistant
- (B) Nurse practitioner
- (C) Registered nurse

(D) Licensed vocational nurse

(E) A nursing student who is acting under the supervision of a registered nurse, in accordance with applicable provisions of law.

2. A healthcare practitioner's authority to administer an immunizing agent pursuant to this subdivision is subject to the following conditions:

(A) The administration of an immunizing agent is upon the standing orders of a supervising physician and surgeon and in accordance with any written regulations that the State Department of Public Health may adopt.

(B) The school nurse is notified and he or she maintains control, as necessary, as supervisor of health in accordance with Sections 44871, 44877, 49422, and subdivision (a) of Section 49426.

(C) The health care practitioner may only administer immunizations for the prevention and control of any of the following:

(i) Annual seasonal influenza

(ii) Influenza pandemic episodes

(iii) Other diseases that represent a current or potential outbreak as declared by a federal, state, or local public health officer.

(D) As used in this section, “supervising physician and “surgeon” means the physician and surgeon of the local health department or school district that is directing the school immunization program.

3. While nothing in this section shall be construed to require the physical presence of the supervising physician and surgeon, the supervising physician and surgeon shall require a health practitioner under his or her direction to do both the following:

(A) Satisfactorily demonstrate competence in the administration of the immunizing agent, including knowledge of all indications and contraindications for the administration of the agent, and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to the agent that constitute a danger to the health of life or the person receiving the immunization.

(B) Possess the medications and equipment that are required, in the medical judgment of the supervising physician and surgeon, to treat any emergency conditions and reactions caused by the immunizing agents that constitute a danger to the health or life of the person receiving the immunization, and to demonstrate the ability to administer the medications and use the equipment as necessary.

4. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage school based immunization programs, when feasible, to use the California Immunization Registry to assist providers to track patient records, reduce missed opportunities, and to help fully immunize all children in California. *(Amended by Stats. 2010, Ch. 203, Sec. 1. Effective August 27, 2010.)*

Confidential Medical Services [\(EC 46010.1 Summary\)](#)

The governing board of each school district shall, each academic year, notify pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and the parents or guardians of all pupils enrolled in the district, that school authorities may excuse any pupil from the school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil’s parents or guardians.

Student Accident Insurance

The school district does not provide medical insurance for students. It does, however, make available low cost plans that families may wish to purchase. Information is available at every School.

Pregnant & Parenting Pupils [\(EC §§ 221.51, 222, 222.5, 46015\)](#)

Districts may not exclude nor deny any pupil from any educational program or activity on the basis of the pupil’s pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom, and shall treat these conditions in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disabling condition. A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to 8 weeks

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of parental leave, or additional leave if deemed medically necessary by the pupil's physician. During parental leave, absences shall be excused and the pupil shall not be required to complete academic work or other school requirements. After returning from parental leave, a pupil may resume the course of study in which he/she was previously enrolled, is entitled to make up work missed, and to take a fifth year of high school instruction if necessary to complete graduation requirements. A pupil may elect to attend an alternative education option instead of returning to the school in which he or she was enrolled prior to parental leave. Schools shall provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil on a school campus to express breast milk, breast-feed an infant child, or address other needs related to breast-feeding. A pupil shall not incur an academic penalty as a result of his or her use of these accommodations. For more information please refer to Board Policy 5146-Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students.

[Board Policy 5146=Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students](#)

Medical and Hospital Services for Pupils

[\(EC §§49471 and 49472\)](#)

The district is required to notify parents in writing if it does not provide or make available medical and hospital services for students injured while participating in athletic activities. The district is also authorized to provide medical or hospital services through non-profit membership corporations or insurance policies for student injuries arising out of school-related activities.

Medication Administration at School [\(EC 49422, 49423\)](#)

(All standard forms located in office/health office and on the SRCS website)

To assist you in keeping your child as safe and healthy as possible, the following state guidelines are provided: Any medications, including over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or cough drops and/or supplements, that need to be taken at school require the parent/guardian to contact their student's health care provider. The provider will complete and sign an SRCS medication administration form/or alternately a similar form before the medication is brought to school.

The following information is required:

Student name and birthdate

Parent signature, phone number

Name of the medication

Health condition for which it is prescribed

Time to be taken (i.e. 1:30pm) or the specific signs/symptoms indicating when to take for an as needed medication

Dosage in milligrams, milliliters

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Method of administration

Precautions-possible side effects

Physician's printed name, phone number and signature

All medication must be in the original pharmacy container, except for over-the-counter medication, which must be in a new sealed container. The medication from the pharmacy must also be clearly labeled by the physician or pharmacy with the following information:

Student's name

Physician's name

Name and dose of medication

Directions for use

Expiration Date of the medication

Most medications are kept in a locked cabinet in the health office. Students will be assisted to take medication by trained office staff, according to healthcare provider instructions. No student may self-carry a medication unless it is an emergency medication (i.e. albuterol, epinephrine, insulin). If a student needs to self-carry an emergency medication the healthcare provider must also provide a written statement that the student is allowed to self-carry (or check the box on SRCS' Medication Administration Form) and self-administer the emergency medication.

Parents/ guardians who request school staff members to administer medications, perform procedures or provide health-related accommodations at school must recognize that school health personnel will communicate with the student's prescribing health professional if the school requires clarification about that procedure, accommodation, or medication delivery. No other prescription or over-the-counter medications, vitamins, herbs, or alternative medications may be carried by students on their person, in a backpack or other container except as indicated above and with the express knowledge and permission of the school nurse.

If possible, in order to maximize classroom time, parents/guardians are asked to work with the healthcare provider to minimize/eliminate the need for medications to be given at school.

Parents/guardians agree to pick up all unused medications during, and/or at the close of the school year. Medication remaining after the last day of school will be discarded in the appropriate medical container. A new form is required each school year for each prescription.

Medication at Home

The parent/guardian of a student on a continuing medication regimen at home is requested to inform the school nurse or other designated school employee of the medication being taken, the

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current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. The information is gathered annually in the Aeries portal under Medication Home and/or on the student's emergency card. Please update information if new medications are started at any time during the school year.

Emergency Care Plans/Action Plans

These plans, for students with additional healthcare needs, need to be reviewed by the student's healthcare provider and signed and dated by the parent and healthcare provider each new school year. The following plans are available on the Santa Rosa City Schools Website and through your school's office/health office:

Asthma (Asthma Action Plan)

Seizure Disorder/Epilepsy (Epilepsy Foundation Seizure Action Plan)

Severe Allergy/Anaphylaxis (Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Care Plan)

Diabetes Medical Management Plan (Typically the health care provider uses their form)

Please provide the form to your student's healthcare provider for completion and signature. Parent/Guardian must also sign the form and return it to their school's health office.

For conditions not listed above that require specialized care or may need emergency treatment at school, a healthcare provider's letter or care plan is required. These letters/plans are needed before the start of each school year, by the district school nurse, to arrange for safe care. The nurse will work with you and your student's healthcare provider to design a care plan and to request additional staff as needed.

Health Related Legal Requirements for California Schools

Epinephrine-California law SB 1266 requires school districts to provide emergency epinephrine for students suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from anaphylaxis. Each site stocks epinephrine auto injectors for emergency use by trained staff or administrators.

AEDs-Education Code §35179.6. Requires school districts or charter schools that have interscholastic athletic programs to acquire at least one AED for each school within the school district or the charter school to be available on campus and maintained. Every school in our district has at least one AED available for cardiac emergencies during school hours

Naloxone/Narcan- Assembly Bill 19 proposed 12-2-2022, California Education Code 49413, California Civil Code § 1714.22

Proactively, due to the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic, each school site stocks at least two doses of naloxone, the generic drug known also sold as brand name Narcan, on campus. The drug can reverse the effects of an overdose and save lives.

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Existing law authorizes school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to provide emergency naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to school nurses or voluntarily trained personnel, and authorizes those nurses and voluntarily trained personnel to use naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose.

Physical Examination; Parent Refusal to Consent

[\(EC §49451\)](#)

A child may be exempt from physical examination whenever the parents file, annually, a written statement with the school principal stating that they will not consent to a routine physical exam of their child. Whenever there is good reason to believe the child is suffering from a recognized contagious disease, the child will be excluded from school attendance.

Scoliosis Screening (49452) [Scoliosis Screening](#)

Scoliosis California Education Code 49452 no longer requires school districts to provide mandatory scoliosis screenings. If you have any concerns reach out to your healthcare provider.

Specialized Physical Health Care Services [\(EC 49423.5\)](#)

1. Notwithstanding Section 49422, an individual with exceptional needs who requires specialized physical health care services, during the regular school day, may be assisted by any of the following individuals:
 - A) Qualified persons who possess an appropriate credential issued pursuant to Section 44267 or 44267.5, or hold a valid certificate of public health nursing issued by the Board of Registered Nursing.
 - B) Qualified designated school personnel trained in the administration of specialized physical health care if they perform those services under the supervision, as defined by Section 3051.12 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, of a credentialed school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician and surgeon and the services are determined by the credentialed school nurse or licensed physician and surgeon, in consultation with the physician treating the pupil, to be all of the following:
2. Routine for the pupil.
3. Pose little potential harm for the pupil.
4. Performed with predictable outcomes, as defined in the individualized education program of the pupil.
5. Do not require a nursing assessment, interpretation, or decision making by the designated school personnel.

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6. Specialized health care or other services that require medically related training shall be provided pursuant to the procedures prescribed by Section 49423.
7. Persons providing specialized physical health care services shall also demonstrate competence in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and shall be knowledgeable of the emergency medical resources available in the community in which the services are performed.
8. "Specialized physical health care services," as used in this section, includes catheterization, gastric tube feeding, suctioning, or other services that require medically related training.
9. Regulations necessary to implement this section shall be developed jointly by the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health Care Services, and adopted by the state board.
10. This section does not diminish or weaken any federal requirement for serving individuals with exceptional needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.), and its implementing regulations, and under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794) and its implementing regulations.
11. This section does not affect current state law or regulation regarding medication administration.
12. It is the intent of the Legislature that this section not cause individuals with exceptional needs to be placed at school sites other than those they would attend but for their needs for specialized physical health care services.

(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 179, Sec. 48. Effective January 1, 2009.)

Specialized Physical Health Services shall be provided in accordance with the sections described above and in the least restrictive setting that maintains student safety and health. In such cases where specialized physical health care is needed and in the view of the District are deemed unreasonable to provide at each individual site, such services may be served at designated sites.

For the 2023/24 school year, such designated sites are James Monroe Elementary School, Proctor Terrance Elementary School, Herbert Slater Middle School, and Montgomery High School. These placements shall maintain an LVN or equivalent position each day the school is in session. Students requiring such placement shall be served through section 504 accommodations or the IEP process. The student shall be placed at one of the sites listed above that allows for parent convenience and the capacity of the Specialized Health Care Services.

Vision Appraisal [\(EC 49455\)](#)

1. During the kindergarten year or upon first enrollment or entry in a California school district of a pupil at an elementary school, and in grades 2, 5, and 8, the pupil's vision shall be appraised by the school nurse or other authorized person under Section 49452.
A pupil whose first enrollment or entry occurs in grade 4 or 7 shall not be required to be appraised in the year immediately following the pupil's first enrollment or entry.

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2. The appraisal shall include tests for visual acuity, including near vision, and color vision; however, color vision shall be appraised once and only on male pupils, and the results of the appraisal shall be entered in the health record of the pupil. Color vision appraisal need not begin until the male pupil has reached the first grade.
3. The appraisal may be waived, if the pupil's parents so desire, by their presenting of a certificate from a physician and surgeon, a physician assistant practicing in compliance with Chapter 7.7 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, or an optometrist setting out the results of a determination of the pupil's vision, including visual acuity and color vision.
4. A pupil's vision may be appraised by using an eye chart or any other scientifically validated photo screening test. Photo screening tests shall be performed, under an agreement with, or the supervision of, an optometrist or ophthalmologist, by the school nurse or a trained individual who meets requirements established by the department.
5. Continual and regular observation of the pupil's eyes, appearance, behavior, visual performance, and perception that may indicate vision difficulties shall be done by the school nurse and the classroom teacher.
6. This appraisal is not required if a parent files a written objection based on a religious belief with the principal.
7. The department shall adopt guidelines to implement this section, including training requirements and a method of testing for near vision

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 925, Sec. 2.5. Effective January 1, 2015.)

Evaluation of Hearing [\(EC 49452 AND 49454\)](#)

The governing board of any school district shall, subject to Section 49451, provide for the testing of the sight and hearing of each pupil enrolled in the schools of the district. The test shall be adequate in nature and shall be given only by duly qualified supervisors of health employed by the district; or by certificated employees of the district or of the county superintendent of schools who possess the qualifications prescribed by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing; or by contract with an agency duly authorized to perform those services by the county superintendent of schools of the county in which the district is located, under guidelines established by the State Board of Education; or accredited schools or colleges of optometry, osteopathic medicine, or medicine. The records of the tests shall serve as evidence of the need of the pupils for the educational facilities provided to physically handicapped individuals. The equipment necessary to conduct the tests may be purchased or rented by governing boards of school districts. The state, any agency, or political subdivision thereof may sell or rent any such equipment owned by it to the governing board of any school district upon terms as may be mutually agreeable

(Amended by Stats. 1993, Ch. 226, Sec. 7. Effective January 1, 1994.)

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A person employed by a school district in a position requiring certification qualifications who holds a valid special credential authorizing the teaching of lip reading or the teaching of the deaf and hard of hearing or a standard teaching credential with specialized preparation in the area of the deaf and hard of hearing or in the area of the speech and hearing handicapped or who holds a certificate of registration to serve as a school audiometrist issued by the State Department of Health Services may, subject to Section 49451, test the hearing of pupils of the district through the use of an audiometer for the purpose of detecting pupils with impaired hearing.

(Amended by Stats. 1981, Ch. 714, Sec. 96.)

Dental Fluoride Treatment [*\(H&SC §104830 et seq.\)*](#)

Pupils may be provided the opportunity to receive the topical application of fluoride or other decay-inhibiting agent to each pupil's teeth if the parent, or eligible pupil submits a letter stating that the treatment is desired.

Dental Screening

"Dental decay... is the number one health problem for children in California" (Dental Health Foundation, 2006) and continues to be a "significant public health problem in California" (CDPH, 2021).

As part of a pilot program Santa Rosa City Schools (SRCS) Nurses, in conjunction with Santa Rosa Community Dental Clinic (SRCDC), may provide dental health screening. This screening may be conducted along with state-mandated vision and hearing screening in TK, K, 2nd, and 5th grades. Nurses also provide dental screening when a student complains of pain and/or dental concern. Both parents and SRCDC will be notified of any concerns. If a concern is found SRCDC will contact your family, and if needed will assist in scheduling a dental appointment. SRCS Nurse screening is a quick look for obvious dental concerns, there is no cost to you. However, it does not replace regular dental exams by a qualified dentist. If desired you may complete a form to opt your child out of physical exams.

Federal Medi-Cal Reimbursement

The District, in cooperation with the California Departments of Health Care Services and Education, participates in a program that allows the district to be reimbursed with federal Medi-Cal dollars for select health services provided to enrolled Medi-Cal students at school. The money received through this program is directly reinvested into expanding and improving health and social services for all students.

In accordance with state and federal rules and guidelines, we are notifying you that some information may be released from your student's records to our reimbursement recovery vendor, Paradigm Healthcare Services, LLC and to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for claiming purposes only (and your child's Medi-Cal benefits may be accessed). This information is only released if we have received your consent to do so. Your consent may have been provided to the district when you registered your student for school, as part of your back-to-school paperwork, or during the IEP/IFSP/504 Plan development and review process (if applicable).

All information that is shared is encrypted and transmitted securely to both our vendor and to DHCS. The education records that may be shared as a result of our participation in this program include:

- Student name, date of birth, and health-related evaluation, intervention, and referral information (for services received at school).
- Practitioners' notes related to these health services and select data from child's IEP/IFSP (if applicable)

You have the right to withdraw your consent to disclose your student's information at any time--feel free to visit your school to discuss this program. Please note that students will not be denied services they require to attend school, and parents will never be billed by the school district for services provided as a result of your consent, or nonconsent. Further, while Medi-Cal is reimbursing the district for select health services, your child's Medi-Cal benefits will not be impacted in any way. We participate in this program in an effort to obtain federal funding for the Medi-Cal reimbursable health services already being performed at school, and then use this funding to expand services that are available to all students.

Additional notes: Confidentiality & Privacy

The district's reimbursement recovery vendor is bound by a contract that contains specific provisions to keep student records confidential, ensuring information is not used or disclosed inappropriately; further, our vendor is HIPAA compliant. In addition, the district and DHCS are bound by agreements that include specific provisions about the use of the information shared in this program, and governing security protocols.

Third Party Liability

If your student is enrolled in Medi-Cal and is also covered by a third party insurer, DHCS may attempt to recover third party liability if they pay a school-based claim submitted by us. This occurs due to the assignment of third-party liability rights that was provided when your application to Medi-Cal was approved.



Pesticide and Herbicidal Spraying

The Healthy Schools Act of 2002 (AB 2260) requires all California school districts to notify parents and guardians of pesticides that may be used during the school year. Santa Rosa City Schools expects to use some of these pesticides at school sites in 2021-2022. Spraying will be done on weekends, holidays and non-school days.

INSECTICIDE	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	APPLICATION
Hot Shot Fogger	Tralethrin, Cypermethrin/Piperonyl butoxide	Insect control
Orange Guard/Natural Causes	Orange peel extract	Insect control
Hot Shot Roach Bait	Chlorpyrifos	Insect control
Sevin/Attractant	Carbaryl Naphthyl Methycarbamate/Heptylbutyrate	Insect control
Sweeney's Mole & Gopher	Zinc phosphide/fosfurodezinc	Mole & gopher control
Jet Force	Tetramethrin Sumithrin	Insect control
Amdro	Hydramethylnon	Insect control

The Santa Rosa City Parks and Recreation Department could possibly use the following pesticides at:

- Abraham Lincoln Elementary/Jacobs Park
- Helen Lehman Elementary/Jennings Park
- Hilliard Comstock Middle/Northwest Community Park

INSECTICIDE	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	APPLICATION
Round-up Pro	Glyphosate	Weed control
Surflan A.S.	Oryzalin	Weed control
Gallery	Isoxaben	Weed control
Devrinol 50-DF Ornamental	Napropamide	Weed control
Pendulum WDG	Pendimethalin	Weed control
Scythe	Pelargonic acids, Fatty acids	Weed control
Tri-Die/Wasp Freeze	Pyrethrins, Piperonyl Butoxide, Silica Dioxide	Weed control
Pyronyl Crop Spray	d-trans Allethrin Phenothrin	Weed control

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Pesticide and Herbicidal Spraying continued

More information about these pesticides and pesticide use reduction is available at the Department of Pesticide Regulation's web site at www.cpr.ca.gov. Click "School IPM Program." Santa Rosa City Schools is already complying with AB 2260 by posting provisions for on-site spraying. If you have any questions, please contact the Maintenance and Operations Department at 707-890-3800 ext. 80232.

Under the new law, parents and guardians also have the right to receive prior notification of pesticide applications at the school site. If you would like to be notified at least 72 hours before pesticides are applied at your child's school site, please fill out the notification form available at all school sites in the main office.

Asbestos (40 CFR 763.84, 40 CFR 763.93)

The district has a plan for eliminating health risks that are created by the presence of asbestos in school buildings. It may be reviewed at the district office. At least once each year, the district will notify parents of inspections, response actions, and post response action activities that are planned or in progress.



VIII. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Every Student Succeeds Act (20 USC AS6301 ET-SEQ.)

Under ESSA, parents have the following rights

Professional Qualifications of Teachers, Instructional Assistants and Aides

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 she/he teaches
- The teacher is teaching under an emergency credential or other provisional status because of special circumstances
- The teacher’s college major
- She/he has any advanced degrees and the subject(s) of those degrees
- And whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

The district shall also notify parents if their child has been assigned to or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

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Information Regarding Individual Student Reports on Statewide Assessments

Upon request, parents have a right to information regarding any State or local policy mandating academic assessments and the level of achievement of their student on every State and district wide academic assessment administered to the student.

Children in Homeless Situations ([42 USC §11431-11435](#))

Each local district shall appoint a McKinney Vento liaison for homeless children who shall ensure the dissemination of public notice of the educational rights of students in homeless situations.

For further information regarding homeless students please **contact the SRCS District Liaison for Homeless Students, Chanethasone Arnold, State & Federal Programs Administrator** at 707-890-3800 x 80416 or email carnold@srcs.k12.ca.us

Education of Homeless Students ([BP 6173](#))

The Governing Board desires to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free and appropriate public education provided to other students within the district. The district shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for them to meet the same challenging academic standards as other students.

This definition includes children and youth who:

- Live with a friend, relative or someone else because they lost their homes and cannot afford housing.
- Live in a motel or hotel because they lack adequate alternative accommodations; or live in emergency or transitional shelters, in domestic violence shelters or in another setting.

It is the intent of the federal legislation, as much as possible, to keep homeless students in the schools they attended when permanently housed or in which they were last enrolled, unless doing so is against the parents' or guardians' wishes. Homeless students:

- May stay in those schools the entire time they are homeless and until the end of any academic year in which they move into permanent housing, and
- Must be provided, to the extent feasible, at parent/ guardian request, with transportation to and from school, and to and from the students' temporary residences.

Parents/guardians of homeless students also may choose to enroll their children in any public school that students who live in the attendance area of the homeless family's temporary housing are eligible to attend. If the school district decides to send a homeless student to a school other than that school, the district must provide the parent/guardian with a written explanation of the decision and of the parent's/guardian's right of appeal.

During an appeal process, the homeless student will be allowed to attend the school of residence.

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Homeless students must be allowed to enroll in school and attend classes even if they do not have all of the required medical records and proof of residency. Personnel at the school of enrollment will work with the parents/guardians to obtain all required documents.

Please direct any questions related to the education of homeless students to individual school principals or to the District State and Federal Programs Office at 707-890-3800 ext. 80420.

Foster Youth

Migrant Education

The Migrant Education Program is federally funded and designed to help ensure that migratory children who move among the states are not penalized in any manner by disparities among states in curriculum, graduation requirements, or state academic content and student academic achievement standards. The Migrant Education Program includes:

- After-school tutoring - Tutoring in English Language Arts and math for elementary and secondary students.
- Migrant Ed summer school - This program extends learning through the summer and offers fun and engaging project-based learning options.
- Adelante - This is a summer program for 6th through 12th graders, run by Santa Rosa Junior College and the Butte County Office of Education Migrant Ed Department. The program provides credit recovery as a central component of cultural pride in being a migrant and Latino.
- Migrant parent meetings - These meetings are held monthly to give parents a voice in how state and federal funding may be spent. Presenters are based on parents' interests and needs. All Migrant Ed families are invited to participate.

Migrant Education Teacher on Special Assignment

Jessica Hernandez, jhernandez@srcs.k12.ca.us, 707-890-3800 x80429

Native American Indian Education

The Indian Education Program is designed to address the unique education and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, including preschool children, so that these students can achieve the same challenging state performance standards expected of all students. The federally funded program is the principal vehicle for addressing the particular needs of Indian children.

Indian Education Community Worker

Elizabeth Billy, ebilly@srcs.k12.ca.us, 707-890-3800 x80427.

Local Control and Accountability Plan ([EC §§52059.5-52077](#))

The district is required to adopt a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and to update the LCAP on or before July 1 of each subsequent year. The LCAP is required to identify annual goals, specific actions geared toward implementing those goals, and must

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measure progress for student subgroups across multiple performance indicators based on eight priorities set by the State. The priorities must be aligned to the district's spending plan. The LCAP must be approved before the annual district budget can be adopted. Once the budget and LCAP are adopted at the local level, the plan will be reviewed by the county superintendent to ensure alignment of projected spending toward goals and services. The following are the State priorities:

1. Providing all students access to fully credentialed teachers, instructional materials that align with state standards, and safe facilities;
2. Implementation of and student access to state academic content and performance standards;
3. Parent involvement and participation and family engagement;
4. Improving student achievement and outcomes along multiple measures;
5. Supporting student engagement;
6. Highlighting school climate and connectedness;
7. Ensuring all students have access to a broad course of study;
8. Measuring other important student outcomes related to required areas of study.
9. Coordinating instruction for expelled students
10. Coordinating services for foster children.

The School district is required to establish parent advisory committee as well as an English learner parent advisory committee (ELPAC) to provide advice to the Board of Education and the superintendent regarding the LCAP. In 2023 the superintendent established a superintendent advisory network (SAN). (ELPACs are required if enrollment in the school district includes at least 15% English learners and the district enrolls at least 50 pupils who are English learners.)

The district is also required to consult with its teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units, parents, its special education local plan area administrator(s), and students in developing the LCAP. As part of this consultation process, districts must present their proposed plans to the Superintendent Advisory Network and the District English Learner Parent Advisory Council. The advisory committees can review and comment on the proposed plan. Districts must respond in writing to the comments of the SAN and ELPAC. Districts are also required to notify members of the public that they may submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed in the LCAP.

Districts must hold at least two public hearings to discuss and adopt (or update) their LCAPs. The district must first hold at least one hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from the public regarding expenditures proposed in the plan, and then adopt (or officially update) the LCAP at a subsequent hearing.

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Districts are required to post prominently on the homepage of the school district's website the LCAP approved by the Board of Education and any updates or revisions to the LCAP as well as the School LCAP submitted by any charter school authorized by the district, and establishes policies for filing a complaint of noncompliance under EC §52075 using the Uniform Complaint Procedures. Information regarding the requirements for a Local Control and Accountability Plan and the complaint process shall be provided to pupils, parents, and employees on an annual basis.

Parent Engagement

The Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff and parents or guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in district and school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home. [Parent Engagement](#)

Title 1 Program [\(Title 1\)](#)

Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), provides financial assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) and schools, with high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families, in order to assist schools in ensuring that all children meet challenging academic standards.

Districts or schools accepting Title I funds are required to provide all children with fair, equitable and significant educational opportunities in order to obtain a high-quality education and to reach—at a minimum proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. Title I programs utilize highly qualified staff who implement instructional strategies based on scientifically based research and which are supported by organized and effective parental involvement.

The Title I schools are as follows: Elementary-Albert Biella, Brook Hill, Luther Burbank, Helen Lehman, Abraham Lincoln, James Monroe, Steele Lane. The Secondary Title I schools are: Hilliard Comstock Middle, Herbert Slater Middle, and Santa Rosa Middle, Elsie Allen High, Montgomery High, Piner High and Ridgway High School. Cesar Chavez Language Academy teaching elementary and middle school age children is the one charter school that is also a Title 1 School.

The Superintendent or designee shall put in place and maintain specific district strategies, practices and procedures listed below. (20 USC 6318)

District Strategies for Parents/Guardians to actively contribute by becoming a member of school and district committees that guide the development of school and district plans

1. LEA Plan

Involve parents/guardians of participating students in the joint development of the Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan pursuant to 20 USC 6312 and the process of school review and

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improvement pursuant to 20 USC 6316 (20 USC 6318) (cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

2. Participation in the District level committee

Establish a district-level committee including parent/guardian representatives from each school site to review and comment on the LEA plan in accordance with the review schedule established by the Board of Education

- a. Invite input on the LEA plan from other district committees and school site councils (cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils) (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
- b. Communicate with parents/guardians through the district newsletter, web site, or other methods regarding the LEA plan and the opportunity to provide input
- c. Provide copies of working drafts of the LEA plan to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
- d. Ensure that there is an opportunity at a public Board meeting for public comment on the LEA plan prior to the Board's approval of the plan or revisions to the plan
- e. Ensure that school-level activities on parent involvement addresses the role of school site councils and other parents/guardians as appropriate in the development and review of school plans.

3. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance (20 USC 6318)

District Strategies for Guidance, Training and Professional Development to schools and parents/guardians that promote strong parent involvement

1. Assign person(s) in the district office to serve as a liaison to the schools regarding Title I parent involvement issues
2. Provide training for the principal or designee of each participating school regarding Title I requirements for parent involvement, leadership strategies, and communication skills to assist him/her in facilitating the planning and implementation of parent involvement activities
3. Provide ongoing district-level workshops to assist school site staff and parents/guardians in planning and implementing improvement strategies, and seek input from parents or guardians in developing the workshops

District Strategies for parents/guardians to better understand educational curriculum, instructional materials and assessment

1. Assist parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the state's academic content standards and academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve

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the achievement of their children (cf. 6011 - Academic Standards) (cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment) (cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program) (cf. 6162.52 - High School Exit Examination)

2. Provide materials and training to help parents/guardians work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement
3. Educate teachers, student services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents/guardians, in the value and utility of parent/guardian contributions and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent/guardian programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and the schools (cf. 4131; cf. 4231; cf.4331- Staff Development)
4. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start and other reputable early childhood education centers
5. Ensure that information related to school and parent/ guardian programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians of participating students in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand
6. Provide other such reasonable support for parent involvement activities as parents or guardians may request
7. Inform parents/guardians and parent organizations of the existence and purpose of parent information and resource centers in the state that provide training, information, and support to parents/guardians of participating students.
8. Provide necessary literacy training, using Title I funds if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training
9. Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents/guardians to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions
10. Train parents/guardians to enhance the involvement of other parents/guardians
11. Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or, when parents/guardians are unable to attend such conferences, consider in-home conferences between parents/guardians and teachers or other educators who work directly with participating students.
12. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities
13. Make referrals to community agencies and organizations that offer literacy training, parent education programs, and/ or other services that help to improve the conditions of parents or guardians and families
14. Provide a master calendar of district activities and district meetings

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15. Provide information about opportunities for parent involvement through the district newsletter, web site, or other written or electronic means
16. Engage parent-teacher organizations to actively seek out and involve parents/guardians through regular communication updates and information sessions (cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
17. To the extent practicable, provide translation services at school sites and at meetings involving parents/guardians as needed
18. Provide training and information to members of district and school site councils and advisory committees to help them fulfill their functions
19. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of staff development activities related to parent involvement (cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision) (cf. 4215 - Evaluation/ Supervision) (cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

District Strategies to assist parent involvement in Early Education

Coordinate and integrate Title I parent involvement strategies with Head Start and other reputable early childhood education centers (cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

District Strategies to involve parents in the evaluation of parent/guardian practices

1. Conduct, with involvement of parents/guardians, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served by Title I (20 USC 6318)
2. Ensure that the evaluation includes the identification of barriers to greater participation in parent involvement activities, with particular attention to parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background (20 USC 6318)
3. Use the evaluation results to design strategies for more effective parent involvement and, if necessary, to recommend changes in the parent involvement policy (20 USC 6318)
4. Assess the district's progress in meeting annual objectives for the parent involvement program, notify parents/guardians of this review and assessment through regular school communications mechanisms, and provide a copy to parents/guardians upon their request. (Education Code 11503)
5. Use a variety of methods, such as focus groups, surveys, and workshops, to evaluate the satisfaction of parents/guardians and staff with the quality and frequency of district communications
6. Gather and monitor data regarding the number of parents/guardians participating in district activities and the types of activities in which they are engaged
7. Recommend to the Board measures to evaluate the impact of the district's parent involvement efforts on student achievement

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District strategies to Involve parents/guardians in the communication about activities of schools served by Title 1 (20 USC 6318)

1. Include information about school activities in district communications to parents/guardians
2. To the extent practicable, assist schools with translation services or other accommodations needed to encourage participation of parents or guardians with special needs.
3. Establish processes to encourage parent/guardian input regarding their expectations and concerns for their children
4. The district's Board policy and administrative regulation containing parent involvement strategies shall be incorporated into the LEA plan and distributed to parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. (20 USC 6318) (cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications) School-Level Policies for Title I Schools

District Strategies to Develop and Monitor the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA):

For each school receiving Title I funds, a school level plan on parent involvement shall be developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents/guardians of participating students. **Such plans shall describe the means by which the school will:**

1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited and encouraged to attend, in order to inform parents/guardians of their school's participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements and the right of parents/guardians to be involved.
2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, for which related transportation, child care, and/or home visits may be provided as such services relate to parent involvement
3. Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent involvement policy and, if applicable, the joint development of the plan for schoolwide programs pursuant to 20 USC 6314
4. Provide the parents/guardians of participating students all of the following:
 - a. Timely information about Title I programs
 - b. A description and explanation of the school's curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet (cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement) (cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
 - c. If requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education, and, as soon as practicably possible, responses to the suggestions of parents/guardians

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5. If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents/guardians of participating students, submit any parent/guardian comments when the school makes the plan available to the district

District Strategies to Involve Parents in Developing a School Compact

Jointly develop with the parents/guardians of participating students a school-parent compact that outlines how parents/guardians, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents/guardians will build a partnership to help students achieve state standards.

This compact shall address:

- a. The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating students to achieve the state's student academic achievement standards
- b. Ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television viewing; volunteering in the classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children's education and the positive use of extracurricular time.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities) (cf. 5113 -Absences and Excuses)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular/Co-curricular Activities)

(cf. 6154 Homework/Makeup Work)

Meaningful Communication in a language that can be understood

The importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an ongoing basis will be stressed and practiced through, at a minimum:

- (1) Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the student's achievement
- (2) Frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress
- (3) Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom, and observation of classroom activities.

To the extent practical, provide full opportunities for the participation of parents or guardians with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians with disabilities, and parents/guardians of migrant children, including providing information and school reports required under 20 USC 6311(h) in a format and language such parents/guardians can understand.

Access to and Monitoring of Parent Involvement Practices

Each school's parent involvement practices shall be made available to the local community and distributed to parents/ guardians of participating students in an understandable and

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uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6318)

Each school receiving Title I funds shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of its parent involvement policy. Such evaluation may be conducted during the process of reviewing the school's single plan for student achievement in accordance with Education Code 64001.

The principal or designee, jointly with parents/guardians of participating students, shall periodically update the school's practices to meet the changing needs of parents/guardians and the school. (20 USC 6318)

District Strategies for Non-Title I Schools

For each school that does not receive federal Title I funds, the Superintendent or designee shall, at a minimum:

1. Engage parents/guardians positively in their children's education by helping them develop skills to use at home that support their children's academic efforts at school and their children's development as responsible members of society (Education Code 11502, 11504)
 - a. Provide or make referrals to literacy training and/or parent education programs designed to improve the skills of parents/ guardians and enhance their ability to support their children's education
 - b. Provide information, in parent handbooks and through other appropriate means, regarding academic expectations and resources to assist with the subject matter
 - c. Provide parents/guardians with information about students' class assignments and homework assignments
2. Inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning, by providing them with techniques and strategies that they may use to improve their children's academic success and to assist their children in learning at home (Education Code 11502, 11504)
 - a. Provide parents/guardians with information regarding ways to create an effective study environment at home and to encourage good study habits
 - b. Encourage parents/guardians to monitor their children's school attendance, homework completion, and television viewing
 - c. Encourage parents/guardians to volunteer in their child's classroom and to participate in school advisory committees
3. Build consistent and effective communication between the home and school so that parents/guardians may know when and how to assist their children in support of classroom learning activities. (Education Code 11502, 11504)
 - a. Ensure that teachers provide frequent reports to parents/guardians on their children's progress and hold parent-teacher conferences at least once per year with parents/guardians of elementary school students

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- b. Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to observe classroom activities and to volunteer in their child's classroom
 - c. Provide information about parent involvement opportunities through district, school, and/or class newsletters, the district's website, and other written or electronic communications
 - d. To the extent practicable, provide notices and information to parents/guardians in a format and language they can understand
 - e. Develop mechanisms to encourage parent/guardian input on district and school issues
 - f. Identify barriers to parent/guardian participation in school activities, including parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background
 - g. Encourage greater parent/guardian participation by adjusting meeting schedules to accommodate parent/ guardian needs and, to the extent practicable, by providing translation or interpreter services, transportation, and/or child care.
4. Train teachers and administrators to communicate effectively with parents/guardians (Education Code 11502, 11504)
- a. Provide staff development to assist staff in strengthening two-way communications with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians who have limited English proficiency or limited literacy.
 - b. Invite input from parents/guardians regarding the content of staff development activities pertaining to home-school communications
5. Integrate parent involvement programs into school plans for academic accountability.
- a. Include parent involvement strategies in school reform or school improvement initiatives
 - b. Involve parents/guardians in school planning processes.
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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.

IX. Safe Schools and Discipline

Safe Schools and Discipline Safe Place to Learn Act (EC §234.1)

The district is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from bullying, as defined in EC §48900(r). Any student who engages in bullying of anyone in or not of from the district may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. The district's policies and process for filing a complaints should be publicized to pupils, parents, employees and agents of the governing board. The notice shall be in English and in the primary language of the recipient.

For a copy of the district's anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policies or to report incidences of bullying please contact the district office. These policies shall be posted in schools and offices.

For more information please refer to BP 5131.2 [Bullying](#), BP 0415 Equity, BP 5131 Conduct , Board Policy 5145.7 [Sexual Harassment \(students\) and Uniform Complaint Procedures](#)



Comprehensive School Safety Plan (EC §§32280 et seq.) (BP 0450 Comprehensive Safety Plan)

Each school is required to report on the status of its school safety plan, including a description of its key elements, in the annual school accountability report card (SARC). The planning committee is required to hold a public meeting to allow members of the public the opportunity to express an opinion about the school plan. The planning committee shall notify specified persons and entities in writing.

Notice of Compliance (EC §32289)

A complaint of noncompliance with the school safety planning requirements may be filed with the State Department of Education under the Uniform ComplaintProcedures (5 CCR 4600 et seq.). For more information please see the Uniform Complaint Procedures page on the [Notice of Compliance](#)

Academic Honesty

Teachers are expected to carefully monitor their classes with regard to preventing cheating, collusion, plagiarism, and the use of electronic devices during state and classroom assessments. Rules are to be established and uniformly enforced. The message given in every classroom will be that acts of cheating, collusion, plagiarism, and the use of electronic devices during assessments are not tolerated.

When class rules are published, they should explicitly state the sanctions for cheating, collusion, plagiarism, and the use of electronic devices during an assessment. For more information please refer to Administrative Regulations 5131.9.

The Santa Rosa City School District's Board Policy 5131.9:

Academic Honesty describes plagiarism as the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work by representing the work of another as one's own (including text found on the Internet) without the necessary and appropriate acknowledgment. Specifically, plagiarism is:

1. The act of incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's own work.
2. The act of representing another's intellectual or creative work, such as musical composition, computer program, photograph, painting, drawing, sculpture, research, or other intellectual property, as one's own.

Bullying/Cyberbullying

The Board of Education recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students from physical and emotional harm. District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student. No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, retaliate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel. For more information please refer to BP 5131.2 Bullying and Uniform Complaint Procedures

Students may submit a verbal or written complaint of conduct they consider to be bullying to a teacher or administrator and may also request that their name be kept in confidence. The Superintendent or designee may establish other processes for students to submit anonymous reports of bullying. Complaints of bullying or harassment shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with site-level grievance procedures specified in law and practice.

When a student is suspected of or reported to be using electronic or digital communications to engage in cyberbullying against other students or staff or to threaten district property, the investigation shall include documentation of the activity, identification of the source, and a determination of its impact.

Students are encouraged to save and print any messages sent to them that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated.

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Any student who engages in cyberbullying using district-owned equipment, on school premises, or off-campus in a manner that impacts a school activity or school attendance will be subject to discipline in accordance with district policies and regulations. If the student is using a social networking site or service that has terms of use that prohibit posting of harmful material, the Superintendent or designee may file a complaint with the Internet site or service to have the material removed.

For a copy of the district's anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policies or to report incidences of bullying please contact the district office. These policies shall be posted in schools and offices.

Child Abuse

The district's instructional program shall include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum. This curriculum shall explain students' right to live free of abuse, include instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, inform students of available support resources, and teach students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse. For more information please refer to BP 5141.4 [Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting](#).

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

The Board of Education desires to provide high-quality, data-driven educational programs to meet the learning and behavioral needs of each student and to help reduce disparities in achievement among subgroups of students.

This multi-tiered systems framework and approach composed of academic, behavioral, and social interventions and supports will strengthen SRCS schools to be safe, caring and effective learning environments for ALL members of the school community. Students who are not making academic progress pursuant to district measures of performance shall receive intensive instruction and intervention supports designed to meet their individual learning needs. For more information about MTSS please refer to BP 6120 [Multi Tiered System of Support](#). [Multi-tiered System of Support](#)

Conduct Policy (BP 5131 Summary)

The Board of Education believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, while at school activities, and while on district transportation. Santa Rosa City Schools has adopted Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Restorative Justice Practices as a model to support students, staff and families. This framework is used to support the social and behavioral needs of all students in our schools, through a continuum of intervention levels to address student needs

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and establishing disciplinary processes that effectively respond to and address behavior infractions. Conduct is considered appropriate when students are diligent in study, careful with school property, courteous, and respectful toward their teachers, other staff, students, and volunteers.

Prohibited student conduct that is related to school attendance or school activities includes, but is not limited to:

1. Conduct that endangers students, staff or others.
2. Conduct that disrupts the orderly classroom or school environment.
3. Harassment of students or staff, including bullying, intimidation, "cyberbullying," hazing or initiation activity, ridicule, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause bodily harm or emotional suffering.
4. Damage to or theft of property belonging to students, staff or the district.
5. Possession or use of laser pointers on school premises, unless used for a valid instructional or other school-related purpose, including employment.
6. Use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language.
7. Plagiarism or dishonesty in school work or on tests.
8. Inappropriate attire as defined by published school site dress codes.
9. Tardiness or unexcused absence from school.
10. Failure to remain on school premises in accordance with school rules.

Duty Concerning Conduct of Pupils (EC §44807)

Every teacher shall hold pupils accountable for their conduct on the way to and from school, and on the playground. The Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities. For further information please refer to BP5142 [Safety](#). [Duty Concerning Conduct of Pupils](#)

Duties of Pupils (5 CCR §300)

Pupils must conform to school regulations, obey all directions, be diligent in study, be respectful of teachers/ others in authority, and refrain from profane/vulgar language. The Board of Education believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, while at school activities, and while on district transportation. Please refer to BP 5131 Conduct for further information.

Hazing Prohibition (EC §48900(q)) [Hazing Prohibition](#)

Pupils and other persons in attendance are prohibited from engaging or attempting to engage in hazing. Please refer to BP 5131 [Conduct](#) for further information.

Dress Code/Gang Apparel

(EC §35183) (BP 5132 *Dress and Grooming*) [Dress Code/Gang Apparel](#)

The Board of Education believes that appropriate student dress contributes to a productive learning environment, and that students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process. At the beginning of each school year, students and parents/guardians shall be informed in writing about the school dress code. A student who violates the school dress code shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. When gangs constitute a danger to students, the Superintendent or designee may restrict student dress, as necessary, to comply with Board policy related to school safety and gang activity.

Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices will be used to build a sense of school community and resolve conflict by repairing harm and restoring positive relationships.

Through use of Restorative Practices, schools will focus both on prevention and intervention techniques to be used in the multi-tiered model.

Prevention techniques encompass a set of relational and problem-solving practices that affirm trusting relationships among all members of the school community. Restorative prevention techniques provide opportunities for social emotional learning and empathy development. Restorative Practices emphasize the value and importance of inclusive decision making practices where all voices are heard and valued. The Restorative Practice techniques apply practices such as a proactive relationship building circle to reaffirm relationships which build upon the unique cultures of all members of the community, and reinforce the common agreements and expectations across the school.

Behavior infractions are viewed through the lens of Restorative Practices philosophy. One that brings all parties affected by an incident together in an inclusive process to discover the root cause/s of challenging behavior and determines resulting impact/harms with intention to repair relationships and restore the community by following through with a strong plan of action to make things as right as possible. This approach views behavior infractions as an offense against individuals and the greater community, and places stronger emphasis on the harm/s caused and reparation of relationships/community above the need for assigning blame and dispensing punishment. Students may be invited to meet to resolve an issue between classes or during class with the permission of an administrator or teacher.

When appropriate, students may be referred for additional support services such as a school counselor.

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Restorative Principles:

The following principles reflect the values and concepts for implementing restorative practices in the school setting. Under each principle are some of its important implications.

- Acknowledges that relationships are central to building community.
- Ensures equity of voice among all members of the community. All voices are valued, everyone is heard.
- Establishes a culture of high expectations with high support, emphasizing doing things "WITH" not "TO" or "FOR".
- Builds systems that address misbehavior and harm in a way that strengthens relationships and focuses on the harm done rather than only rule-breaking.
- Engages in collaborative problem solving.
- Enhances accountability, responsibility and empowers change and growth for all members of the community.

(Modified from Amstutz, L., & Mullet, J., (2005), pg 29-32. The Little Book of Restorative Discipline, pg 26-28; San Francisco Unified School District

Discipline and Expected Student Behavior

Rules and regulations are established to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning. Students who fail to comply with these rules and regulations will be counseled, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, and/or arrested as the laws are applied. The Governing Board of any school district shall prescribe rules not inconsistent with law or with the rules prescribed by the State Board of Education for the government and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction (§35291).

Participation and attendance at extracurricular activities are considered a part of the educational program. Participants or spectators carry responsibilities as representatives of the schools/communities. All rules of student conduct apply to extracurricular activities as well.

Santa Rosa City Schools recognizes that school suspension (EC§48700) and expulsions contribute to poor academic achievement, lower graduation rates, and higher dropout rates. It is the intent of the Santa Rosa City Schools to minimize the use of out-of-school suspension and expulsions and its impact on student achievement by reducing the number of days that students are excluded from school due to disciplinary action. To accomplish this Santa Rosa City Schools will approach school discipline through a positive and restorative lens that strives to minimize unwanted and harmful behaviors through a disciplinary process of high accountability, meeting the needs of all parties involved, and taking actions to restore and sustain the school community environment to one that fosters social and academic success for all.

Drug Free Campus *(Alcohol and Other Drug Use Prevention Education)* *(Board Policy 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

Possession, use, or sale of narcotics, alcohol, or other controlled substances are prohibited and strictly enforced at all school activities. Records will be forwarded to local law enforcement, and district sanctions will result from violations. [Drug Free Campus](#)

Use of Contraband-Detection Dogs *(Board Policy 5145.12 Search and Seizure)*

In an effort to keep the schools free of drugs, the district may use specially trained non-aggressive dogs to sniff out and alert staff to the presence of substances prohibited by law or Board policy. The dogs may sniff the air around lockers, desks, or vehicles on district property or at district-sponsored events as long as they are not allowed to sniff within the close proximity of any students. [Use of Contraband-Detection Dogs Board Policy](#)

Fingerprint Program *(EC 32390 Summary)*

Districts are authorized to offer fingerprinting programs for children enrolled in kindergarten or newly enrolled in the district. If the district has adopted such a program, you will be notified of procedures, applicable fee and your right to decline your child's participation upon your child's initial enrollment.

Tobacco Free Schools *(HS §104420)* *(BP 3513.3 Tobacco and Cannabis-Free-Schools)*

Use of tobacco products at any time by students, staff, parents, or visitors, is strictly prohibited in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles. This prohibition applies to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Prohibited products include any product containing tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, clove cigarettes, and electronic cigarettes that can deliver nicotine and non-nicotine vaporized solutions. Exceptions may be made for the use or possession of prescription nicotine products. Any employee or student who violates the district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be asked to refrain from smoking and shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate.

Educational Equity Regardless of Immigration Status, Citizenship, or Religion *(EC §234.7) (BP 0415 Equity)*

Children have a right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or religious beliefs. When enrolling a child, schools must accept a variety of documents from the student's parent to demonstrate proof of child's age or residency. No information about citizenship/ immigration status or Social Security number is required to enroll in school. Parents have the option to provide a school with emergency contact information, including the

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information of secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for a minor student in the event the parent is detained or deported. Parents 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 a minor student (please contact your child's school site for more information). Students have the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint to the school district if they are discriminated against, harassed, intimidated, or bullied on the basis of actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status. The district will not release information to third parties for immigration-enforcement purposes, except as required by law or court order. The [California Attorney General's website provides "know your rights"](#) resources for immigrant students and family members online at [Educational Equity Immigrant Students and Families Rights](#). For more information regarding Uniform Complaint Procedures please see the Uniform Complaint page on the district website.

Personal Property Loss

The District does not carry insurance against loss or damage to personal property such as automobiles, bicycles, cameras, electronic devices including telephones, jewelry, clothing, musical instruments and sporting equipment. The District does take reasonable care to provide for the safekeeping of students' personal property, but thefts and damage do occur and it is appropriate to file claims under individual homeowners' or renters' policies in those instances. Because small electronic devices are frequently stolen, students are advised that school administration may not conduct investigations into their loss. The school accepts no responsibility in the theft of these personal electronic devices. Students bring them to school at their own risk.



Respect and Civility In Schools

There is a great deal of diversity in the families we serve, and we strive to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our schools. The Board of Education and district staff, recognizing that we are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual school district, believe it is part of our mission to provide a positive, harmonious environment in which respect for the diverse makeup of the school community is promoted. The school district will not tolerate behavior by students, staff or visitors which insults, degrades or stereotypes any race, gender, disability, physical characteristics, ethnic group, sexual preference, age, national origin or religion.

Statement or Response to Disciplinary Action

(EC 49072 Summary)

Whenever there is information included in any pupil record concerning any disciplinary action taken by school district personnel in connection with the pupil, the school district maintaining such record or records shall allow the pupil's parent/guardian to include in such pupil record a written statement or response concerning the disciplinary action.

Sexual Harassment Policy (EC §231.5; 5 CCR §4917)

Each district is required to have adopted a written policy on sexual harassment, and shall provide a copy of such policy, as it pertains to students, with the annual notification. Districts are also required to display such policies in a prominent location and include it in orientation for employees and students, and provide a copy of such policy to new and continuing students as part of any orientation program held on a quarterly, semester or summer session basis. For information on Santa Rosa City Schools Sexual Harassment Policy please see Your Rights page on the SRCS website. Also, please refer to Board Policy 5145.7 Sexual Harassment (students)

Informal Resolution

Employees, students, or other individuals who feel wronged because of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment are encouraged, but not required, to directly inform the person engaging in such conduct that it is offensive and to stop. An aggrieved individual is not required to complain first to his or her supervisor (in the case of an employee) or to his or her instructor (in the case of a student), if that supervisor, or instructor, is the individual who is harassing the employee or student.

The District's Non-Discrimination Officers is the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Michael Shepherd for employees. The District's Non-Discrimination Officer for Students and the Title IX Officer is the Director of Student and Family Engagement Stacy Desideri. These appointed officials serve as facilitators and sources of information, as well as to assist in resolving matters informally when requested to do so, or if anyone would like a referral to an outside agency, such as EEOC or DFEH (as to employment) or OCR (as to students or employees).

Title IX Officer & Non-Discrimination Officer for Employees:

Human Resources

Dr. Vicki Zands

Assistant Superintendent

(707) 890-3800 X 80602

Title IX Officer & Non-Discrimination

Officer for Students:

Wellness and Engagement

Stacy Desideri, Executive Director

(707) 890-3800 X 80413

sdesideri@srcs.k12.ca.us

Employees serving in supervisory or managerial positions who receive complaints or observe harassing conduct by or of employees, students, or others, shall immediately inform their administrator and the Director of Student & Family Engagement. While complaints should be in writing, any complaint received, whether in writing or not, shall be investigated.

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Complaints shall be filed with:

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211 Ridgway Avenue Santa Rosa, California 95401

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Complaints should be filed as soon as reasonably possible after the conduct in a question has arisen. All complaints shall be promptly and thoroughly investigated in a confidential manner. The investigation, including a written report, shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days.

All decisions made under this procedure may be appealed by the aggrieved person to the Superintendent and, thereafter, to the Board of Education. All decisions made under this procedure may be appealed by the aggrieved person to the Superintendent and, thereafter, to the Board of Education.

Santa Rosa City Schools Sexual Harassment policy is intended to supplement, and not replace, any applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Formal complaints under those laws and regulations shall be processed through the procedures established by applicable state and federal agencies.

It is expected that questions may arise concerning the interpretation of the prohibition against sexual harassment, the methods and procedures to be followed in the investigation of complaints, and the appropriateness of specific solutions in disposition of complaints. For assistance in these matters, an aggrieved person may contact Student and Family Engagement.

Rules and Procedures on School Discipline

(EC §35291) (BP 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

Rules pertaining to student discipline, including those that govern suspension or expulsion, are set forth in Education Code Sections 48900 and following, and are available upon request from the school. For further information, contact Student and Family Engagement at (707) 890-3800 x80418.

Suspensions/Expulsions

There is a great deal of diversity in the families we serve, and we strive to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our schools. The Board of Education and district staff, recognizing that we are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual school district, believe it is part of our mission to provide a positive, harmonious environment in which respect for the diverse makeup of the school community is promoted. The school district will not tolerate behavior by students, staff or visitors which insults, degrades or stereotypes any race, gender, disability, physical characteristics, ethnic group, sexual preference, age, national origin or religion.

Teacher Suspension

A student may be suspended from class, when other means of correction have been attempted, for the rest of the day and the next day by the teacher who will report the suspension to the principal and send the student to the principal or designee for appropriate action. As soon as possible, the teacher will telephone or write to the parent/guardian requesting a parent/teacher conference. A school counselor or psychologist may attend, and the parent/guardian or the teacher may request that an administrator attend the conference.

During the suspension, the student may not return to the teacher's class without the consent of the teacher and the principal. If the student has other classes during the day, the suspension only applies to the class he/she was suspended from.

Principal Suspension

The principal may suspend a student from 1-5 days per event, up to twenty (20) days per school year, if the principal determines the student has committed any of the acts in Section 48900. The student may be suspended if the act is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the principal or superintendent within any other school district(s), including, but not limited to:

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

An informal conference will be held by the principal or designee with the student and, whenever practicable, the person who referred the student for suspension. The purpose of the conference is to inform the student of the reason for the suspension and the evidence against him/her and to give the student an opportunity to present his/her version and evidence. The principal or designee will also discuss prior interventions attempted to change the student's behavior. Unless the student waives his right to the conference or is physically unable to attend, the conference will be held within 2 school days. The conference may be omitted if it is determined that there is a clear and present danger to the lives, safety or health of students or school personnel.

At the time of the suspension a school employee will make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian in person or by telephone. A notice in the primary language of the parent/

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guardian (if it is practicable) will be mailed requesting that the parent/guardian attend the conference and listing the rights of the student and parent/guardian.

The suspension and the cause will be reported to the Superintendent. Law enforcement authorities will be notified if there was assault with a deadly weapon or force likely to produce great bodily harm, possession of a weapon or contraband substance.

The school will refer a recommendation for expulsion to Student and Family Engagement, who will notify the parent and request a conference with the parent and student.

For further information, contact the Student and Family Engagement office at (707) 890-3800 x80418.

Grounds for Suspension or Expulsion (EC §35291)

As per Education Code 48900, parents, guardians and students are hereby notified that in schools of the Santa Rosa City Schools District a student may be suspended, or be recommended for expulsion from school if the principal or designee determines that the student, while on school grounds, or during a school-related activity off grounds, or while going to or from school, has committed any of the following offenses:

- (a)** (1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
(2) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self defense.
- (b)** Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred by the principal or the principal's designee.
- (c)** Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind,
- (d)** Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and then either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance, or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
- (e)** Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- (f)** Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- (g)** Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- (h)** Possessed or used tobacco, or any products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel. However, this section does not prohibit use or possession by a pupil of his/her own prescription products.
- (i)** Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.

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

(k) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. Except as provided in Section 48910, a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts enumerated in this subdivision, and this subdivision shall not constitute grounds for a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to be recommended for expulsion.

(l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.

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

(n) Committed or attempted to commit specified acts of sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.

(o) Harassed, threatened or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both.

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

(q) Engaged or attempted to engage in hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" means a method of initiation or preinitiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.

(r) Engaged in an act of bullying.

(t) Aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person.

Additional grounds for suspension or expulsion:

Education Code 48900.2 (Grades 4-12)

Committed sexual harassment such as gestures, verbiage, or unsolicited, inappropriate touching as defined in Section 212.5.

Education Code 48900.3 (Grades 4-12)

Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of, hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of section 233.

Education Code 48900.4 (Grades 4-12)

Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably

expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of either school district personnel or pupils by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment.

Education Code 48900.7 (Grades K-12)

Made terroristic threats against school officials or school property or both. "Terroristic threat" shall include any statement, written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out. The school is encouraged to provide alternatives to suspension that are age appropriate, research based, and designed to address and correct misbehavior.

The district is required to expel from school for a period of not less than one year a student who is determined to have possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm; brandished a knife at another person; unlawfully sold a controlled substance while at school; committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, or committed a sexual battery; or possessed an explosive. In addition, any student who commits one of the aforementioned violations will be referred to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system.

Parent Right to Visit Classroom *(EC 48900.1 Summary)*

The governing board of each school district may adopt a policy authorizing teachers to provide that the parent or guardian of a pupil who has been suspended by a teacher for reasons specified in subdivision (i) or (k) of Section 48900, attend a portion of a school day in his or her child's or ward's classroom. The policy shall take into account reasonable factors that may prevent compliance with a notice to attend. The attendance of the parent or guardian shall be limited to the class from which the pupil was suspended.

According to Labor Code Section 230.7, no employer shall discharge or in any manner discriminate against an employee who is the parent or guardian of a pupil for taking time off to appear in the school of a pupil pursuant to a request made under Section 48900.1 of the Education Code. Labor Code Section 230.8 further states that no employer, who employs 25 or more employees working at the same location, shall discharge or in any way discriminate against an employee who is a parent or guardian of any child in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive for taking off four (4) hours each school year, per child, to visit the school of the child, if the employee, prior to taking the time off, gives reasonable notice to the employer of the planned absence of the employee. An employee shall utilize existing vacation, personal leave, or compensatory time off for purposes of this planned absence, unless otherwise provided by a collective bargaining agreement.



Safe Firearm Storage Annual Notification

Parents have responsibilities for keeping firearms out of the hands of children as required by California law. There have been many news reports of children bringing firearms to school. In many instances, the child obtained the firearm(s) from his or her home. These incidents can be easily prevented by storing firearms in a safe and secure manner, including keeping them locked up when not in use and storing them separately from ammunition.

- With very limited exceptions, California makes a person criminally liable for keeping any firearm, loaded or unloaded, within any premises that are under their custody and control where that person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, and the child obtains access to the firearm and thereby (1) causes death or injury to the child or any other person; (2) carries the firearm off the premises or to a public place, including to any preschool or school grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, or to any school-sponsored event, activity, or performance; or (3) unlawfully brandishes the firearm to others.¹

- **Note:** The criminal penalty may be significantly greater if someone dies or suffers great bodily injury as a result of the child gaining access to the firearm.

- With very limited exceptions, California also makes it a crime for a person to negligently store or leave any firearm, loaded or unloaded, on their premises in a location where the person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to it without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, unless reasonable action is taken to secure the firearm against access by the child, even where a minor never actually accesses the firearm.²
- In addition to potential fines and terms of imprisonment, as of January 1, 2020, a gun owner found criminally liable under these California laws faces prohibitions from possessing, controlling, owning, receiving, or purchasing a firearm for 10 years.³
- Finally, a parent or guardian may also be civilly liable for damages resulting from the discharge of a firearm by that person's child or ward.⁴

¹ See California Penal Code sections 25100 through 25125 and 25200 through 25220.2

² See California Penal Code section 25100(c).3

³ See California Civil Code Section 29805.

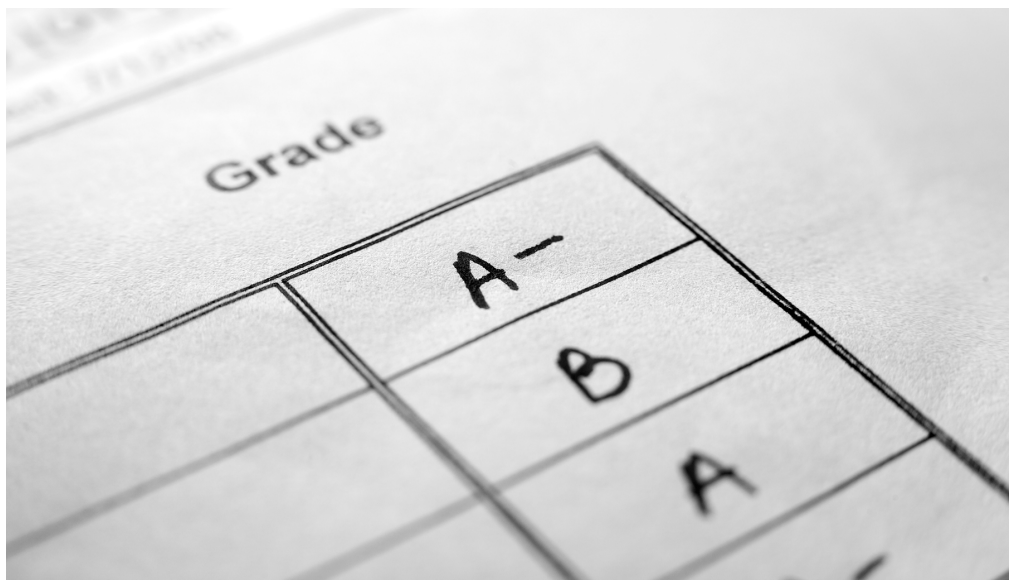
⁴ See California Civil Code Section 1714.3.

X. School Site Information

School Accountability Report Cards

(EC §35256, 35258)

Districts are to make a concerted effort to notify parents of the purpose of school accountability report cards, and ensure that all parents have access to a copy. For more information please refer to the [School Accountability Report Card \(SARC\)](#) page on the Santa Rosa City Schools website.



Common School Dress

For more information on common student dress guidelines please refer to Administrative Regulations 5132 [Dress and Grooming](#). [Common School Dress and Grooming](#)

Transportation *(BP 3250 Transportation Fees, AR 3250 Transportation Fees)*

Students can ride the bus if they are:

- Elementary students who live more than 1 mile from school
- Middle and high school students who live more than 3 miles from school
- Special education students

Visit the **West County Transportation Agency** website www.schoolbusing.org/ for more information. To see where the buses stop, find your school on this list of bus routes. Bus pass applications will be mailed to current riders during the summer. They will also be available at each school or from the bus driver. Free bus passes are available to students who qualify. Drivers can also get the application to your child. The reverse side of the application

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must be completed. Income levels are subject to review and audit. Families will be charged the full price for the pass for the first and second child. Any additional students in the family will be issued a pass free of charge.

Students who are suspended from bus riding privileges due to misbehavior are not eligible for a refund of bus pass fees. Students and families are encouraged to apply for and receive the pass as soon as possible. There will be an announced the deadline passes approximately two weeks after the beginning of the school year. Any students without the bus pass are subject to refusal of riding privileges.

Passes will need to be carried with students and will be required to board the bus. The passes have an embedded RFID chip in them that identifies your child. The passes will have to be carried with students and will be required to board the bus. There will be an electronic device that will record when students board the bus in the morning and depart at the home bus stop in the afternoon. Students will bring the pass with them daily and scan it every time they board and exit the school bus.

For bus passes, please call West County Transportation Agency

707-206-9988 x218.

For bus route information, please call West County Transportation Agency

707-206-9988 x219.

School Buses/Passenger Safety (EC §39831.5)

Districts are required to provide safety regulations to all new students and students who have not previously been transported by school bus.

Video Security Cameras (BP/AP 3515 Summary)

The Board of Education authorizes the use of video security cameras in District buildings and grounds to promote a safe school environment for students, staff and visitors. Appropriate signs will be posted in building entrances and at other locations throughout the school to inform visitors, staff, students and parents/guardians that video recordings may occur on District property.

The District may rely on the images obtained by the video security cameras in connection with the enforcement of Board policy, administrative regulations, building rules and other applicable law including disciplinary proceedings and matters referred to local law enforcement agencies. Except in special circumstances the cameras will not record audio or other sound.



XI. Special Education (IDEA)

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

State and federal law requires that a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment be offered to qualified pupils with disabilities ages 3 through 21 years. More information concerning student eligibility, parental rights and procedural safeguard can be found on the Special Education page of the Santa Rosa City Schools website.



Section 504/Disabled Pupils

(Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

[Identification and Education under Section 504](#)

Federal law requires the district to annually notify disabled pupils and their parents of the district’s nondiscriminatory policy and duty under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the U.S. Education

Amendments of 1972; Americans with Disabilities Act; Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973; EC §200 et seq.) The district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or the perception of one or more of such characteristics. The district’s policy of nondiscrimination requires notification in native language if the district’s service area contains a community of minority persons with limited English language skills. Notification must state that the district will take steps to assure that the lack of English will not be a barrier to admission and participation in district programs. This policy applies to all students insofar as participation in programs and activities is concerned, with few exceptions such as contact sports. In accordance with federal law, complaints alleging non compliance with this policy should be directed to the school principal. Appeals may be made to the district.

Provisions of Special Education Programs (§56001)

It is the intent of the Legislature that special education programs provide all of the following:

- (a)** Each individual with exceptional needs is assured an education appropriate to his or her needs in publicly supported programs through completion of his or her prescribed course of study or until the time that he or she has met proficiency standards prescribed pursuant to Sections 51215 and 51216.
- (b)** Early educational opportunities shall be available to all children between the ages of three and five years who require special education and services.
- (c)** Early educational opportunities shall be made available to children younger than three years of age pursuant to Chapter 4.4 (commencing with Section 56425), appropriate sections of this part, and the California Early Intervention Service Act, Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government Code.
- (d)** Any child younger than three years, potentially eligible for special education, shall be afforded the protections provided pursuant to the California Early Intervention Services Act, Title 14 (commencing with Section 95000) of the Government Code and Section 1439 of Title 20 of the United States Code and implementing regulations.
- (e)** Each individual with exceptional needs shall have his or her educational goals, objectives, and special education and related services specified in a written individualized education program.
- (f)** Education programs are provided under an approved local plan for special education which sets forth the elements of the programs in accordance with this part. This plan for special education shall be developed cooperatively with input from the community advisory committee and appropriate representation from special and regular teachers and administrators selected by the groups they represent to ensure effective participation and communications.
- (g)** Individuals with exceptional needs are offered special assistance programs that promote maximum interaction with the general school population in a manner that is appropriate to the needs of both, taking into consideration, for hard-of-hearing or deaf children, the individual's needs for a sufficient number of age and language mode peers and for special education teachers who are proficient in the individual's primary language mode.
- (h)** Pupils are exited from special education programs when special education services are no longer needed.
- (i)** The unnecessary use of labels is avoided in providing special education and related services for individuals with exceptional needs.
- (j)** Procedures and materials for assessment and placement of individuals with exceptional needs shall be selected and administered so as not to be racially, culturally, or sexually discriminatory. No single assessment instrument shall be the sole criterion for determining

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placement of a pupil. The procedures and materials for assessment and placement of a pupil shall be in the individual's mode of communication. Procedures and materials for use with pupils of limited English proficiency, as defined in subdivision (m) of Section 52163, shall be in the individual's primary language. All assessment materials and procedures shall be selected and administered pursuant to Section 56320

(k) Educational programs are coordinated with other public and private agencies, including preschools, child development programs, nonpublic nonsectarian schools, regional occupational centers and programs, and postsecondary and adult programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

(l) Psychological and health services shall be provided to individuals with exceptional needs. **(m)** Continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of these special education programs by the school district, special education local plan area, or county office shall be made to ensure the highest quality educational offerings.

(n) Appropriate qualified staff are employed, consistent with credentialing requirements, to fulfill the responsibilities of the local plan and positive efforts are made to employ qualified disabled individuals.

(m) Continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of these special education programs by the school district, special education local plan area, or county office shall be made to ensure the highest quality educational offerings.

(o) Regular and special education personnel are adequately prepared to provide educational instruction and services to individuals with exceptional needs.

Pupil with Temporary Disability in Hospital

[\(EC §§48206.3, 48207-48208\)](#)

Individualized instruction is available to students with temporary disabilities whose disability makes attendance in the regular day classes or alternative education program in which the student is enrolled impossible or inadvisable. Parents of students hospitalized or with a temporary disability shall notify the school district(s) where the student attends, resides and/or where the student receives care if an individualized instruction program is desired. For more information please refer to the Home and Hospital page on the Santa Rosa City Schools website.

Child Find System [\(EC §56301\)](#)

Any parent suspecting that a child has exceptional needs may request an assessment for eligibility for special education services through the school principal. Policy and procedures shall include written notification to all parents of their rights pursuant to EC §56300.1

(a) All children with disabilities residing in the state, including children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the state and children with disabilities attending

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private, including religious, elementary and secondary schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, shall be identified, located, and assessed and a practical method is developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services as required by Section 1412 (a)(3) and (10)(A)(ii) of Title 20 of the United States Code. A child is not required to be classified by his or her disability so long as each child who has a disability listed in Section 1401(3) of Title 20 of the United States Code and who, by reason of that disability, needs special education and related services as an individual with exceptional needs defined in Section 56026.

(b) (1) In accordance with Section 300.111(c) of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the requirements of this section also apply to highly mobile individuals with exceptional needs, including migrant children, and children who are suspected of being an individual with exceptional needs pursuant to Section 56026 and in need of special education, even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

(2) In accordance with Section 300.213 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the local educational agency shall cooperate in the efforts of the federal Secretary of Education, under Section 6398 of Title 20 of the United States Code, to ensure the linkage of records pertaining to migratory children with disabilities for the purpose of electronically exchanging, among other states, health and educational information regarding those children.

(c) (1) The child find process shall ensure the equitable participation in special education and related services of parentally placed private schoolchildren with disabilities and an accurate count of those children. Child find activities conducted by local educational agencies, or where applicable, the department, shall be similar to those activities undertaken for pupils in public schools.

(2) In accordance with Section 1412(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) of Title 20 of the United States Code, the cost of the child find activities in private, including religious, elementary and secondary schools, may not be considered in determining whether a local educational agency has met its obligations under the proportionate funding provisions for children enrolled in private, including religious, elementary and secondary schools.

(3) The child find process described in paragraph (1) shall be completed in a time period comparable to that for other pupils attending public schools in the local educational agency.

(d) (1) Each special education local plan area shall establish written policies and procedures pursuant to Section 56205 for use by its constituent local agencies for a continuous child find system that addresses the relationships among identification, screening, referral, assessment, planning, implementation, review, and the triennial assessment. The policies and procedures shall include, but need not be limited to, written notification of all parents of their rights under this chapter, and the procedure for initiating a referral for assessment to identify individuals with exceptional needs. (2) In accordance with Section 1415(d)(1)(A) of Title 20 of the United States Code, and Section 300.504(a) of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parents shall be given a copy

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of their rights and procedural safeguards only one time a school year, except that a copy also shall be given to the parents:

- (A) Upon initial referral or parental request for assessment.
 - (B) Upon receipt of the first state complaint under Section 56500.2 in a school year.
 - (C) Upon receipt of the first due process hearing request under Section 56502 in a school year.
 - (D) When a decision is made to make a removal that constitutes a change of placement of an individual with exceptional needs because of a violation of a code of pupil conduct in accordance with Section 300.530(h) of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
 - (E) Upon request by a parent.
- (3) A local educational agency may place a current copy of the procedural safeguards notice on its Internet Web site, if such Web site exists, pursuant to Section 1415(d)(1)(B) of Title 20 of the United States Code.
- (4) The contents of the procedural safeguards notice shall contain the requirements listed in Section 1415(d)(2) of Title 20 of the United States Code and Section 300.504(c) of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (5) Child find data collected pursuant to this chapter, or collected pursuant to a regulation or an interagency agreement, are subject to the confidentiality requirements of Sections 300.611 to 300.627, inclusive, of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 454, Sec. 14. Effective October 10, 2007.)*

Special Education (IDEA)

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Special Education Complaints (5 CCR §3080)

State regulations require the district to establish procedures to deal with complaints regarding special education. If you believe that the district is in violation of federal or state law governing the identification or placement of a special education student, or similar issues, you may file a written complaint with the district. State regulations require the district to forward your complaint to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Procedures are available from your school principal. Please refer to the Uniform Complaint Procedure page on the Santa Rosa City Schools website.

District Office Directory

Business Services(707) 890-3800 ext. 80201

Child Nutrition Services(707) 890-3800 ext. 80701

Educational Services(707) 890-3800 ext. 80302

Human Resources(707) 890-3800 ext. 80602

Maintenance & Operations 707) 890-3800 ext. 80232

State & Federal Programs(707) 890-3800 ext.80424

Superintendent’s Office(707) 890-3800 ext. 80101

Wellness and Engagement(707) 890-3800 ext. 80418

Special Services(707) 890-3800 ext. 80810

Information Technology(707) 890-3800 ext. 80501

Santa Rosa City School District Listings

Elementary Schools

Albert F. Biella	2140 Jennings Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95401	707-890-3906
Brook Hill	1850 Vallejo Street, Santa Rosa CA 95404	707-890-3915
Luther Burbank	203 A Street, Santa Rosa CA 95401	707-890-3902
Hidden Valley	3435 Bonita Vista, Santa Rosa CA 95404	707-890-3925
Helen Lehman	1700 Jennings Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95401	707-890-3935
Abraham Lincoln	850 West 9th Street, Santa Rosa CA 95401	707-890-3940
James Monroe	2567 Marlow Road, Santa Rosa CA 95403	707-890-3910
Proctor Terrace	1711 Bryden Lane, Santa Rosa CA 95404	707-890-3950
Steele Lane	301 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa CA 95403	707-890-3945
Learning House Magnet School	203 A Street, Santa Rosa CA 95401	707-890-3902

Middle Schools

Hilliard Comstock	2750 West Steele Lane, Santa Rosa CA 95403	707-890-3885
Rincon Valley	4650 Badger Road, Santa Rosa CA 95409	707-890-3870
Santa Rosa	500 E Street, Santa Rosa CA 95404	707-890-3865
Herbert Slater	3500 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95405	707-890-3880

High Schools

Elsie Allen	599 Bellevue Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95407	707-890-3810
Maria Carrillo	6975 Montecito Blvd., Santa Rosa CA 95409	707-890-3820
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Continuation High Schools

Ridgway Continuation	325 Ridgway Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95401	707-890-3770
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Charter Schools

Santa Rosa Accelerated	4650 Badger Road, Santa Rosa CA 95409	707-890-3860
Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts	756 Humboldt Street, Santa Rosa CA 95404	707-890-3920
Santa Rosa French-American	1350 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95405	707-890-3930
Cesar Chavez Language Academy	2480 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95407	707-890-3890

District Office

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Board of Education Meetings

Meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesdays, except during November and December when there is only one meeting per month. There are no board meetings in July.

Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary.

Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 100 Santa Rosa Avenue.

Regular board meetings are televised live on local cable channel 27.

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