



**Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Feather River Charter School
February 18, 2020 – 6:00 pm
3840 Rosin Court #100
Sacramento, CA 95834**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Public Comments
4. Principal's Report
 - a. LCAP Update
 - b. January PD Meetings
 - c. Directors and Officers Insurance Deductible
 - d. Form 700s
 - e. SB 126
 - f. WASC Visit
5. Discussion and Potential Action on the November, December and January Board Meeting Minutes
6. Discussion and Potential Action on the Anti-Harassment / Discrimination / Intimidation / Bullying / Retaliation Policy
7. Discussion and Potential Action on the Residency Policy
8. Discussion and Potential Action on the Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Policy
9. Discussion and Potential Action on the Foster Youth Policy
10. Discussion and Potential Action on the Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Policy
11. Discussion and Potential Action on the Induction Policy
12. Discussion and Potential Action on the School Closure Policy
13. Discussion and Potential Action on the Educational Materials and Restitution Policy
14. Discussion and Potential Action on the Master Agreement
15. Discussion and Potential Action on the Vendor Agreement
16. Discussion and Potential Action on the CAC Representative
17. Discussion and Potential Action on the Comprehensive School Safety Plan



FEATHER RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

18. Announcement of Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

19. Adjournment

Public comment rules: Members of the public may address the Board on agenda or non-agenda items. Please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to 2 minutes each, with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

Note: Feather River Charter School Governing Board encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. If you need a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Governing Board Office at 818-207-3837 at least 48 hours before the scheduled board meeting so that we may make every reasonable effort to accommodate you. (Government Code § 54954.2; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, § 202 (42 U.S.C. § 12132)).



LCAP Update

We are planning various meetings with stakeholders to review the current LCAP goals and the progress made towards those goals and solicit input regarding the school's LCAP for next year. At a future board meeting (most likely the April Board Meeting) we will be presenting and asking for you to review the input we have received thus far and gain your insight as well. Then in May we will present the draft LCAP to you for final approval at the June Board Meeting.

Underwritten by Scottsdale Insurance Company

A Stock Insurance Company, herein called the **Insurer**
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TERMS THAT APPEAR IN BOLD FACE TYPE HAVE SPECIAL MEANING. PLEASE REFER TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS SECTIONS OF THE MASTER POLICY APPLICABLE TO THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

Certificate of Insurance

Certificate of Insurance for Policy Number: EKS3297732

Certificate Number: 3297732-254

Item **Parent Organization:** Inspire Charter School - North

1. Principal Address: 4305 S. Meridian Road
Meridian, CA 95957

Item **Certificate Inception Date:** 11/15/2019

2. 12:01 a.m. local time at the Principal Address shown in Item 1.

Item Coverage Section(s):

3. Employment Practices

1. Limit of Liability

a. \$1,000,000 maximum aggregate for this Coverage Section

b. \$100,000 maximum aggregate for this Coverage Section for all **Costs, Charges and Expenses** as a result of all **Immigration Claims**

c. \$250,000 maximum aggregate for this Coverage Section for all **Costs, Charges and Expenses** as a result of all **Wage and Hour Claims**

2. Retentions:

a. \$100,000 each **Employment Practices Claim**

b. \$100,000 each **Third Party Claim**

c. \$100,000 each **Immigration Claim**

d. \$100,000 each **Wage and Hour Claim**

3. **Continuity Date:** 7/21/2014

4. **Third Party Coverage:** X Yes No

Insured Person and Organization

1. Limit of Liability

a. \$1,000,000 maximum aggregate for this Coverage Section

b. N/A maximum aggregate for all **Costs, Charges and Expenses** as a result of all **IEP Claims**

c. \$10,000 Crisis Management Fund

2. Retentions:

a. \$0 each **Claim** as respects **Insured Persons**

b. \$100,000 each **Claim** as respects the **Organization**

c. N/A each **IEP Claim**

3. **Continuity Date:** 7/21/2014

4. IEP Prior and Pending Date: N/A

5. Crisis Fund Filed Pending Date: 7/21/2014

Fiduciary

1. Limit of Liability

- a. \$1,000,000 aggregate for all **Loss** for all **Claims**,
- b. \$100,000 aggregate for all **Voluntary Compliance Loss** and **Delinquent Filer Penalties**,
- c. \$100,000 aggregate for all **HIPAA Expenses**,
- d. \$50,000 aggregate for all **PPACA Violation Expenses**,
- e. \$100,000 aggregate for all **IRS Expenses**,
- f. \$100,000 aggregate for all **ERISA Expenses**,
- g. \$1,000,000 maximum aggregate for this Coverage Section.

2. Retention: \$0 each **Claim**3. **Continuity Date:** 7/21/20144. **Voluntary Compliance Loss** and **Delinquent Filer Penalties** Coverage Purchased: YES.

Item

4. Premium: \$6,783

Item

5. **Discovery Period**

- 1. One (1) year 100% of the premium
- 2. Two (2) years 125% of the premium
- 3. Three (3) years 150% of the premium

As provided in subsection H. of the General Terms and Conditions, only one of the above **Discovery Period** options may be elected and purchased.

Item Notices to **Insurer**:6. Notice of Claims to:

Scottsdale Indemnity Company
 Attention: Claims Manager
 7 World Trade Center, 33rd Floor
 250 Greenwich Street
 New York, NY 10007

Other Notices to:

Scottsdale Indemnity Company
 Attention: Claims Manager
 7 World Trade Center, 33rd Floor
 250 Greenwich Street
 New York, NY 10007

FSReportALoss@freedomsspecialtyins.com FSReportALoss@freedomsspecialtyins.com



Form 700 – Statements of Economic Interest

Every elected official and public employee who makes or influences governmental decisions is required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest, also known as the Form 700. The Form 700 provides transparency and ensures accountability in two ways:

1. It provides necessary information to the public about an official's personal financial interests to ensure that officials are making decisions in the best interest of the public and not enhancing their personal finances.
2. It serves as a reminder to the public official of potential conflicts of interest the official can abstain from making or participating in governmental decisions that are deemed conflicts of interest.

All board members are required to complete this form on an annual basis and when assuming or leaving a position on the board. We will be filing these forms with the Sutter County Board of Supervisors.


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SB-126 Charter schools. (2019-2020)

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Senate Bill No. 126

CHAPTER 3

An act to add Section 47604.1 to the Education Code, relating to charter schools.

[Approved by Governor March 05, 2019. Filed with Secretary of State March 05, 2019.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 126, Leyva. Charter schools.

(1) The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that all meetings of the legislative body, as defined, of a local agency be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized. The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body be open and public and all persons be permitted to attend.

This bill would expressly state that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, unless the charter school is operated by an entity governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, in which case the charter school would be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, except as specified.

This bill would require specified charter schools or entities managing charter schools to hold meetings in specified locations. The bill would prohibit a meeting of the governing body of a charter school to discuss items related to the operation of the charter school from including the discussion of any item regarding an activity of the governing body that is unrelated to the operation of the charter school.

(2) The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection and to make copies available upon request and payment of a fee unless the records are exempt from disclosure.

This bill would expressly state that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to the California Public Records Act, except as specified.

(3) Existing law prohibits certain public officials, including, but not limited to, state, county, or district officers or employees, from being financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity or by any body or board of which they are members, except as provided.

This bill would expressly state that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to these provisions, except that the bill would provide that an employee of a charter school is not disqualified from serving as a member of the governing body of the charter school because of that employment status. The bill would require a member of the governing body of a charter school who is also an employee of the charter school to abstain from voting on, or influencing or attempting to influence another member of that body regarding, any matter uniquely affecting that member's own employment.

(4) The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires every state agency and local governmental agency to adopt a conflict-of-interest code, formulated at the most decentralized level possible, that requires designated employees of the agency to file statements of economic interest disclosing any investments, business positions, interests in real property, or sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by any governmental decision made or participated in by the designated employee by virtue of that employee's position.

This bill would expressly state that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to the Political Reform Act of 1974, except as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 47604.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:

47604.1. (a) For purposes of this section, an "entity managing a charter school" means a nonprofit public benefit corporation that operates a charter school consistent with Section 47604. An entity that is not authorized to operate a charter school pursuant to Section 47604 is not an "entity managing a charter school" solely because it contracts with a charter school to provide to that charter school goods or task-related services that are performed at the direction of the governing body of the charter school and for which the governing body retains ultimate decisionmaking authority.

(b) A charter school and an entity managing a charter school shall be subject to all of the following:

(1) The Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code), except that a charter school operated by an entity pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 47620) shall be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) regardless of the authorizing entity.

(2) (A) The California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).

(B) (i) The chartering authority of a charter school shall be the custodian of records with regard to any request for information submitted to the charter school if either of the following apply:

(I) The charter school is located on a federally recognized California Indian reservation or rancheria.

(II) The charter school is operated by a nonprofit public benefit corporation that was formed on or before May 31, 2002, and is currently operated by a federally recognized California Indian tribe.

(ii) This subparagraph does not allow a chartering authority to delay or obstruct access to records otherwise required under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code).

(3) Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) of Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(4) (A) The Political Reform Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code).

(B) For purposes of Section 87300 of the Government Code, a charter school and an entity managing a charter school shall be considered an agency and is the most decentralized level for purposes of adopting a conflict-of-interest code.

(c) (1) (A) The governing body of one charter school shall meet within the physical boundaries of the county in which the charter school is located.

(B) A two-way teleconference location shall be established at each schoolsite.

(2) (A) The governing body of one nonclassroom-based charter school that does not have a facility or operates one or more resource centers shall meet within the physical boundaries of the county in which the greatest number of pupils who are enrolled in that charter school reside.

(B) A two-way teleconference location shall be established at each resource center.

(3) (A) For a governing body of an entity managing one or more charter schools located within the same county, the governing body of the entity managing a charter school shall meet within the physical boundaries of the county in which that charter school or schools are located.

(B) A two-way teleconference location shall be established at each schoolsite and each resource center.

(4) (A) For a governing body of an entity that manages two or more charter schools that are not located in the same county, the governing body of the entity managing the charter schools shall meet within the physical boundaries of the county in which the greatest number of pupils enrolled in those charter schools managed by that entity reside.

(B) A two-way teleconference location shall be established at each schoolsite and each resource center.

(C) The governing body of the entity managing the charter schools shall audio record, video record, or both, all the governing board meetings and post the recordings on each charter school's internet website.

(5) This subdivision does not limit the authority of the governing body of a charter school and an entity managing a charter school to meet outside the boundaries described in this subdivision if authorized by Section 54954 of the Government Code, and the meeting place complies with Section 54961 of the Government Code.

(d) Notwithstanding Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) of Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, an employee of a charter school shall not be disqualified from serving as a member of the governing body of the charter school because of that employee's employment status. A member of the governing body of a charter school who is also an employee of the charter school shall abstain from voting on, or influencing or attempting to influence another member of the governing body regarding, all matters uniquely affecting that member's employment.

(e) To the extent a governing body of a charter school or an entity managing a charter school engages in activities that are unrelated to a charter school, Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) of Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code), the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code), and the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) of the Government Code) shall not apply with regard to those unrelated activities unless otherwise required by law.

(f) A meeting of the governing body of a charter school to discuss items related to the operation of the charter school shall not include the discussion of any item regarding an activity of the governing body that is unrelated to the operation of the charter school.



FEATHER RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting - Feather River Charter School
November 19, 2019 – 6:00 pm
3840 Rosin Court #100, Sacramento, CA 95834

Attendance: Suzanne Nunnink, David Brockmyer, Shankari Arcot, Shannon Milligan
Absent: Shirley Montalvo
Also Present: Julie Haycock, Jenell Sherman, Steven Lawrence
Teleconference - Bryanna Brossman

Call to Order:

Suzanne Nunnink called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of the Agenda:

David Brockmyer motioned to approve the Agenda. Suzanne Nunnink seconded.
-Unanimous.

Closed Session – Potential Litigation:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to enter closed session at 6:37 pm. Shankari Arcot seconded.
-Unanimous.

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to exit closed session at 6:40 pm. Shannon Milligan seconded.
-Unanimous.

No action was taken in closed session.

Principals Report:

The Board of Directors was presented with a report from the Principal on the following:

- Enrollment
- NHS and NJHS membership
- SB 126

Discussion on the Summary of Insurance Coverage:

The Board was presented with information on the Summary of Insurance Coverage.

Discussion and Potential Action on the December Board Meeting Date:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve moving the December Board Meeting Date to December 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm. David Brockmyer seconded.
-Unanimous.



Discussion and Potential Action on the Board Meeting Minutes:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2019.

Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the October Financials:

The Board was presented with the October Financial Report. No action taken.

Discussion and Potential Action on the First Interim Report:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to table the First Interim Report to a Special Board Meeting on December 2, 2019. David Brockmyer seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Conflict of Interest Code:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Conflict of Interest Code. Shankari Arcot seconded.

-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Feather River Charter School Joining the California Charter Schools Joint Powers Authority:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Feather River Charter School Joining the California Charter Schools Joint Powers Authority. Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Healthy Youth Act Curriculum:

The board was presented with information on the Healthy Youth Act Curriculum. No action taken.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Non-Compliance Policy:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Non-Compliance Policy. Shankari Arcot seconded.

-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Investigation Process Regarding Residency:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Investigation Process Regarding Residency.

Shankari Arcot seconded.

-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Withdrawal Policy and Disenrollment Letter:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Withdrawal Policy and Disenrollment Letter.

Shannon Milligan seconded.



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-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Vendor Agreements:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Vendor Agreements. Shankari Arcot seconded.
-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Promotion, Acceleration and Retention Policy:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Promotion, Acceleration and Retention Policy.
Shankari Arcot seconded.
-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the EL Master Plan:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the EL Master Plan. Shankari Arcot seconded.
-Unanimous.

Adjournment:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Shannon Milligan seconded.
-Unanimous.

Prepared by:
Bryanna Brossman

Noted by:

Shannon Milligan
Board Secretary



FEATHER RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

Special Board Meeting - Feather River Charter School
November 19, 2019 – 6:00 pm
3840 Rosin Court #100, Sacramento, CA 95834

Attendance: Suzanne Nunnink, David Brockmyer, Shankari Arcot, Shannon Milligan
Absent: Shirley Montalvo
Also Present: Julie Haycock, Jenell Sherman
Teleconference - Bryanna Brossman

Call to Order:

Suzanne Nunnink called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of the Agenda:

David Brockmyer motioned to approve the Agenda. Suzanne Nunnink seconded.
-Unanimous.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Resolution of the Board of Directors of Feather River Charter School for the sale of additional receivable:

David Brockmyer motioned to approve the Resolution of the Board of Directors of Feather River Charter School for the sale of additional receivable. Suzanne Nunnink seconded.
-Unanimous.

Adjournment

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Shannon Milligan seconded.
-Unanimous.

Prepared by:
Bryanna Brossman

Noted by:

Shannon Milligan
Board Secretary



FEATHER RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

Special Board Meeting - Feather River Charter School
December 2, 2019 – 5:00 pm
3840 Rosin Court #100, Sacramento, CA 95834

Attendance: David Brockmyer, Shankari Arcot, Shirley Montalvo – Teleconference
Absent: Shannon Milligan, Suzanne Nunnink
Also Present: Jenell Sherman, Chris Williams

Call to Order:

David Brockmyer called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Public Comments:

None.

Approval of the Agenda:

David Brockmyer motioned to approve the Agenda, Shankari Arcot seconded.
-Unanimous.

Approval of the First Interim Report:

David Brockmyer motioned to approve the First Interim Report, Shirley Montalvo seconded.
-Unanimous.

Adjournment:

David Brockmyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm, Shirley Montalvo seconded.
-Unanimous.

Prepared by:

Bryanna Brossman

Noted by:

Shannon Milligan
Board Secretary



FEATHER RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

Special Scheduled Board Meeting - Feather River Charter School
January 29, 2020 – 5:30 pm
3840 Rosin Court #200, Sacramento, CA 95834

Attendance: Suzanne Nunnink, Shannon Milligan, Dave Brockmyer
Absent: Shankari Arcot, Shirley Motalvo
Also Present: Jenell Sherman

Call to Order:

Suzanne Nunnink called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

David Brockmyer motioned to approve the Agenda. Suzanne Nunnink seconded.
-Unanimous

Public Comments:

None.

Closed Session: Conference with legal Counsel - Anticipated litigation:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to enter closed session at 7: 17 pm. Shannon Milligan seconded.
-Unanimous
Suzanne Nunnink motioned to move out of the closed session at 7:25 pm. Shannon Milligan seconded.
-Unanimous
No action was taken in the closed session.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Retention of Counsel

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Retention of Counsel. David Brockmyer seconded.
-Unanimous

Permission for Communication with Legal Counsel:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve permission that David Brockmyer may communicate with the lawyers along with Jennell Sherman and Julie Haycock before board meetings to look more closely at Financials. Shannon Milligan seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the November - December Financials:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the November - December Financials. Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous



Discussion and Potential Action on the 2018 -2019 Audit Report:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the 2018 – 2019 Audit Report. Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Conflict of Interest Code:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Conflict of Interest Code. David Brockmyer seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Healthy Youth Act Curriculum:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Healthy Youth Act Curriculum under the circumstances that the curriculum be made available with the option that parents can opt out. Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Charter Petition Revision:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Charter Petition Revision. Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Board Meeting Calendar:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to approve the Board Meeting Calendar with the following changes: February 18 and March 24 board meetings rescheduled to March 3, 2020. Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous

Adjournment:

Suzanne Nunnink motioned to adjourn board meeting at 7:44. Shannon Milligan seconded.

-Unanimous



FEATHER RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

Prepared by:
Bryanna Brossman

Noted by:

Board Secretary



Anti-Harassment / Discrimination / Intimidation / Bullying / Retaliation Policy

Feather River Charter School is committed to ensuring a professional work and learning environment without discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying on the basis of race or ethnicity (including ancestry, color, ethnic group identification and ethnic background; race is inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles, which includes, but is not limited to, such hairstyles as braids, locks and twists), religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, national origin (including language use restrictions), immigration status, citizenship status, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned characteristics or any other legally protected category. Feather River Charter School prohibits any such discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving this Anti-Harassment/Discrimination/Intimidation/Bullying/ Retaliation Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Define Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation, and Bullying
2. Identify Who the Policy Applies to
3. Identify Where the Policy Applies
4. Establish the Responsibility of Reporting
5. Identify Reporting Procedures
6. Identify Investigation/Complaint Procedures
7. Identify the Consequences of Retaliation
8. Outline the Protection of Individuals with Immigration Status
9. Outline the Procedures for Notifying Parents of Their Children's Right to a Free Public Education, Regardless of Immigration Status or Religious Beliefs

1. Definitions:

- **Harassment:** Harassment is unwelcome verbal or physical conduct prohibited by law directed toward, or differential treatment of, a student or staff member because of his/her membership (or perceived membership) in any protected group or on any other prohibited basis. The harasser can be a student, a School official or employee, or someone who is not

an employee of the School, such as a vendor or parent. Examples of such conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Offensive or degrading remarks, verbal abuse, or other hostile behavior such as insulting, teasing, mocking, name calling, degrading, or ridiculing another person or group
- Racial slurs, derogatory remarks about a person's accent, or display of racially offensive symbols
- Unwelcome or inappropriate physical contact, comments, questions, advances, jokes epithets or demands
- Physical assault or stalking
- Displays or electronic transmission of derogatory, demeaning or hostile materials or statements
- Graphic and written offensive or derogatory statements, which may include use of cell phones or the Internet

Harassment does not have to include intent to harm, be directed at a specific target or involve repeated incidents. Harassment creates a hostile environment when the conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to interfere with or limit a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or opportunities offered by the School.

- **Sexual Harassment:** Sexual harassment is a form of harassment based on sex, including sexual harassment, gender harassment and harassment based on pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions. It generally involves unwanted sexual advances, or visual, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. This definition includes many forms of offensive behavior and includes gender-based harassment of a person of the same sex as the harasser. The following is a partial list of violations:
 - Unwanted sexual advances
 - Offering educational benefits in exchange for sexual favors
 - Making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances
 - Visual conduct: Leering, making sexual gestures, displaying of suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons or posters
 - Verbal conduct: Making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs and jokes
 - Verbal sexual advances or propositions
 - Verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes or invitations
 - Physical conduct: Touching, assault, impeding or blocking movements
- **Intimidation:** Intimidation includes adverse actions intended to fill another with fear, to overawe or cow, as through force of personality or by superior display of wealth, talent, etc., or to force another into or deter from some action by inducing fear.
- **Bullying:** Bullying may take place in a variety of hostile acts that are carried out repeatedly over time. The acts involve a real or perceived imbalance of power, with the more powerful

child or group attacking those who are less powerful. It may be physical (hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing), verbal (taunting, malicious teasing, name calling, threatening), or psychological (spreading rumors, manipulating social relationships, or promoting social exclusion, extortion or intimidation). Bullying is any severe or pervasive action or conduct directed toward one or more students that have the effect of one or more of the following: 1) places a reasonable student in fear of harm to that student's person or property; 2) causes a reasonable student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health; 3) causes a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance; 4) causes a reasonable student to experience interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or privileges provided by the School.

Other types of bullying:

- Sexual bullying includes many of the actions typical of bullying behavior with the added actions of exhibitionism, voyeurism, sexual propositioning, sexual harassment and sexual abuse (touching, physical contact, sexual assault).
- Bias or hate-motivated bullying is a basic bias against or hate for a person or group. Examples include taunting one's race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disabilities. The bullying behavior may also be aggressive, antagonistic, and assaultive.
- Hazing is a form of aggressive behavior that usually involves intimidation and humiliation during an initiation for a student organization or body, club, group or sports team. It may involve conduct that 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. Hazing does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- Cyberbullying involves bullying conduct that is created or transmitted by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer or pager communicating any of the following: 1) a message, text, sound or image; 2) a post on a social network Internet Web site, including a "Burn Page," an impersonation of another student, and a false profile.
- Cyber sexual bullying involves dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more effects described in (1) – (4) above. A photograph or other visual recording shall include the depiction of a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording of a minor where the minor is identifiable from the photograph, visual recording or other electronic act.
- Social media bullying involves bullying through forums for social media, such as internet websites with free registration and ease of registration, internet websites offering peer-to-peer instant messaging (such as Snapchat, Tox, FireChat, Orbit, Bleep), internet websites offering comment forums (such as FaceBook, Twitter, Reddit) and internet websites offering image or video posting platforms (such as YouTube, Instagram, Twitch, Imgur).

- **Retaliation:** Retaliation is any adverse action taken against a student because he or she filed a charge of harassment, discrimination, intimidation or bullying complaint to the School or another agency or participated in an investigation about the same (such as an internal investigation or lawsuit), including as a witness. Retaliation also includes adverse action taken against someone who is associated with the individual opposing the perceived harassment, discrimination, intimidation or bullying.
2. **Who the Policy Applies to:** It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, teacher, administrator or other employee of Feather River Charter School to discriminate against, harass, intimidate or bully another student, teacher, administrator, other employee or anyone associated with Feather River Charter School through conduct or communication. This policy applies to all applicants and employees, whether related to conduct engaged in by fellow employees or someone not directly connected to Feather River Charter School (e.g. an outside vendor, consultant or customer).
 3. **Where the Policy Applies:** Conduct prohibited by these policies is unacceptable in the workplace and in any work–related setting outside the workplace, such as during business or field trips, meetings and business or school–related social events.
 4. **Responsibility:** All Feather River Charter School employees have a responsibility for keeping our work environment free of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.
 5. **Reporting:** Feather River Charter School encourages reporting of all perceived incidents of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation, regardless of the offender’s identity or position. Individuals who believe that they have been the victims of such conduct should discuss their concerns with their immediate supervisor, the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director. In addition, Feather River Charter School encourages individuals who believe they are being subjected to such conduct to promptly advise the offender that his or her behavior is unwelcome and request that it be discontinued. Often this action alone will resolve the problem. Feather River Charter School recognizes, however, that an individual may prefer to pursue the matter through formal complaint procedures. Every effort will be made to keep such reports as confidential as possible, although it is understood that an investigation will normally require the involvement of third parties. Feather River Charter School is serious about enforcing its policy against harassment; however, Feather River Charter School cannot resolve a harassment problem that it does not know about. Therefore, employees are responsible for bringing any such problems to Feather River Charter School’s attention so it can take whatever steps are necessary to correct the problems.
 6. **Investigation/Complaint Procedure:** All complaints of harassment or discrimination will be promptly investigated. If the investigation substantiates the accusations, the appropriate corrective action will be taken. This may include, but not be limited to, reprimand, suspension or dismissal, depending on the nature and severity of the offense. Appropriate action will also be taken in the event the accusations are intentionally false or malicious in intent.

Individuals who believe they have been the victims of conduct prohibited by this policy statement or believe they have witnessed such conduct should discuss their concerns with their

immediate supervisor, the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director. Feather River Charter School encourages the prompt reporting of complaints or concerns so that rapid and appropriate remedial action can be taken before relationships become irreparably strained. Therefore, while no fixed reporting period has been established, early reporting and intervention have proven to be the most effective method of resolving actual or perceived incidents of harassment.

Any reported allegations of harassment, discrimination or retaliation will be investigated promptly. The investigation may include individual interviews with the parties involved and, where necessary, with individuals who may have observed the alleged conduct or may have other relevant knowledge. Confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigatory process to the extent consistent with adequate investigation methods and appropriate corrective actions. Misconduct constituting harassment, discrimination or retaliation will be dealt with appropriately. Responsive action may include, for example, training, referral to counseling and/or disciplinary action such as warning, reprimand, withholding of a promotion or pay increase, reassignment, temporary suspension without pay or termination, as Feather River Charter School believes appropriate under the circumstances. Willful false and malicious complaints of harassment, discrimination or retaliation may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

7. **Consequences for Retaliation:** Retaliation against an individual who has a complaint or has formally reported discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or has participated in an investigation of such a complaint is a serious violation of this policy and, like discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or retaliation itself, will be subject to disciplinary action. Acts of retaliation should be reported immediately and will be promptly investigated and addressed.
8. **Immigration Status:** If the Charter School possesses information that could indicate immigration status, citizenship status or national origin information, the School shall not use the acquired information to discriminate against any students or families or bar children from enrolling in or attending school. If parents or guardians choose not to provide information that could indicate their or their children's immigration status, citizenship status or national origin information, the School shall not use such actions as a basis to discriminate against any students or families or bar children from enrolling or attending school.

Each year, the School shall educate students about the negative impact of bullying other students based on their actual or perceived immigration status or their religious beliefs or customs. The School shall also train teachers, staff and personnel to ensure that they are aware of their legal duty to take reasonable steps to eliminate a hostile environment and respond to any incidents of harassment based on the actual or perceived characteristics noted above. Such training shall provide School personnel with the skills to do the following:

- Discuss the varying immigration experiences among members of the student body and school community;
- Discuss bullying-prevention strategies with students, and teach students to recognize the behavior and characteristics of bullying perpetrators and victims;

- Identify the signs of bullying or harassing behavior;
- Take immediate corrective action when bullying is observed; and
- Report incidents to the appropriate authorities, including law enforcement in instances of criminal behavior.

9. Parental Notification: Each year, the School shall notify parents and guardians of their children's right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs. This information shall include information related to the "Know Your Rights" immigration enforcement established by the California Attorney General. The School shall also inform students who are the victims of hate crimes of their right to report such crimes.

10. Sexual Harassment Poster: The School shall create a poster that notifies pupils of the applicable written policy on sexual harassment. The poster shall display, at a minimum, all of the following: 1) The rules and procedures for reporting a charge of sexual harassment; 2) The name, phone number and email address of an appropriate school official to contact to report a charge of sexual harassment; 3) The rights of the reporting pupil, the complainant, and the respondent and the responsibilities of the School in accordance with the School's written policy on sexual harassment.

This poster will be prominently and conspicuously displayed in each bathroom and locker room at the schoolsite. It may be prominently and conspicuously displayed in public areas at the schoolsite that are accessible to, and commonly frequented by students, including, but not limited to classrooms, classroom hallways, gymnasiums, auditoriums and cafeterias. The governing board of the School shall have full discretion to select the appropriate public areas to display the poster at the schoolsite.

11. Posting: This policy shall be posted on the School's internet website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians/students.



Residency Policy

California law requires that certain residency requirements are established in order for a student to be enrolled in an independent study charter school for which average daily attendance may be claimed. California law requires that a student be a California resident and requires that the student is a resident of the county in which the apportionment claim is reported or of a county immediately adjacent to the county in which the apportionment claim is reported. [EC §§ 47612(b), 5147.3]

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving this Residency Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Define Residency
 2. Outline Residency for a Student on an Extended Vacation
 3. Establish the Location Materials Will Be Mailed To
 4. Outline the Procedures When a Student's Residency is in Question
 5. Outline the Parent/Guardian/Education Rights Holder's Right Regarding Determination of Nonresidency
 6. Outline the Procedures for Children of Military Families
 7. Outline the Procedures for Homeless Youth
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1. **Definition of Residency:** A student has residency in the state and county of the residence of the parent/guardian with whom that student maintains his or her place of abode. Residence denotes any factual place of abode of some permanency that is more than a mere temporary sojourn. Owning a home in California or in a particular county does not qualify a student to attend Feather River Charter School, unless it can be shown that the student is also living in the home at least three days per week during the school year.
 2. **Residency for a Student on an Extended Vacation:** A student on an extended vacation lasting longer than four weeks, but less than six months, will not be deemed to have lost California residency.
 3. **The Location Material Will Be Mailed To:** All materials will be mailed to, and any in person services will be held at, the address identified in the student's records in his/her proof of residence documentation, unless an alternative location is agreed upon by the teacher of record.
 4. **Student's Residency is in Question:** If there is reason to believe that a student's residency is in question, Feather River Charter School may investigate in order to determine authenticity of the home address. When it is determined that a student lives outside of

California and/or an authorized county, Feather River Charter School will provide written notice of the determination of nonresidency within five days of Feather River Charter School's intention to disenroll the student.

- 5. Parent/Guardian/Education Rights Holder's Right Regarding Determination of nonresidency:** The notice shall contain an explanation of the parent/guardian/education rights holder's right to request a hearing adjudicated by a neutral officer within a reasonable number of days at which the pupil has a fair opportunity to present testimony, evidence, and witnesses and confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses and at which the pupil has the right to bring legal counsel or an advocate to dispute the finding of nonresidency. If the parent/guardian/educational rights holder does not request a hearing within five days of receipt of the notice, the right to a hearing is waived and the student will be immediately disenrolled. If the student's parent, guardian or educational rights holder initiates the hearing, the student shall remain enrolled and shall not be disenrolled until Feather River Charter School issues a final decision.
- 6. Children of Military Families:** Feather River Charter School will serve children of military families, as defined by Education Code section 49701, as follows:
 1. Allow the student to continue his or her education in Feather River Charter School, regardless of change of residence of the military family during that school year, for the duration of the student's status as a child of a military family; or
 2. For a student whose status changes due to the end of military service of his or her parent during a school year, comply with either of the following, as applicable:
 - a. If the student is enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, allow the student to continue his or her education in Feather River Charter School through the duration of that academic school year;
 - b. If the child is enrolled in high school, allow the student to continue his or her education in Feather River Charter School through graduation.

~~For purposes of providing special education services, Feather River Charter School will continue to provide special education services for children of military families as required by law.~~

Once Feather River Charter School is notified that a student is identified as a child of a military family, Feather River Charter School will require the parent/guardian submit the following documentation:

- Written proof of the transfer, including the time period for the transfer and location of the transfer
- A signed affidavit that states that the student is only enrolled in [School Name] and not in any other full-day educational program and that the student qualifies as a child of a military family as defined in Education Code section 49701.

For high school students, the aforementioned documentation will need to be resubmitted on an annual basis. Feather River Charter School reserves the right to re-verify all of the above at any time throughout the school year.

7. Homeless Youth: Feather River Charter School will be considered to be a pupil's school of origin for a homeless youth when the child attended Feather River Charter School when permanently housed or was last enrolled in Feather River Charter School before becoming homeless. Feather River Charter School will serve homeless youth, as defined below, whose residency has changed as follows:

1. Allow the student to continue his or her education in Feather River Charter School for the duration of homelessness.
2. If the pupil is no longer homeless before the end of the academic year, either of the following apply:
 - a. If the homeless youth is in high school, the Feather River Charter School shall allow the formerly homeless child to continue his or her education in the Feather River Charter School through graduation.
 - b. If the homeless youth is in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, the Feather River Charter School shall allow the formerly homeless youth to continue his or her education in Feather River Charter School through the duration of the academic year.

The term "homeless youth" or "homeless pupil" shall mean individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of 42 USC section 11302(a)(1)); and includes—

1. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
2. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 42 USC section 11302(a)(2)(C));
3. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. migratory children (as such term is defined in 20 USC section 6399) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this part because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

8. Foster Youth: Feather River Charter School will be considered to be a pupil's school of origin for a foster youth when the child attended the Feather River Charter School at the initial detention or placement, or any subsequent change in placement of a foster child for the duration of the jurisdiction of the court. Feather River Charter School will serve former foster youth, as defined below, whose residency has changed as follows:

1. If the jurisdiction of the court is terminated before the end of an academic year, the Feather River Charter School shall allow a former foster child who is in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, to continue his or her education in the school of origin through the duration of the academic school year.
2. If the jurisdiction of the court is terminated while a foster child is in high school, Feather River Charter School shall allow the former foster child to continue his or her education in Feather River Charter School through graduation.

The term “foster youth” means a child who has been removed from his or her home pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (“W&I”) Code section 309, is the subject of a petition filed under W&I Code sections 300 or 602 or has been removed from his or her home and is the subject of a petition filed under W&I Code sections 300 or 602.

- 9. Migratory Youth:** Feather River Charter School will be considered to be a pupil’s school of origin for a migratory youth when the child attended the Feather River Charter School at the time the pupil’s status changed to a pupil who is a migratory youth. Feather River Charter School will serve migratory youth, as defined below, whose residency has changed as follows:

1. If the migratory youth is enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, allow the pupil to continue their education in Feather River Charter School through the duration of that academic school year.
2. If the migratory youth is enrolled in high school, allow the pupil to continue their education in Feather River Charter School through graduation.

The term “migratory youth” means a child who has moved with a parent, guardian or other person having custody, from one school to another, either within the State of California or from another state within the 12-month period immediately preceding his or her identification as such a child, in order that the child, a parent, guardian or other member of his or her immediate family might secure temporary or seasonal employment in an agricultural or fishing activity and whose parents or guardians have been informed of the child’s eligibility for migrant education services. “Migratory youth” includes a child who, without the parent or guardian, has continued to migrate annually to secure temporary or seasonal employment in an agricultural or fishing activity.



Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Policy

Granite Mountain Charter School is committed to providing educational instruction to all students. The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that the Charter School provides a non-discriminatory and equal enrollment process for students of Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten age, in compliance with current state requirements.

The purpose of the Granite Mountain Charter School Governing Board approving this Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Establish the Enrollment in Kindergarten
 2. Establish the Enrollment for Transitional Kindergarten Eligible Students
 3. Establish Enrollment in Transitional Kindergarten
 4. Outline Adherence to All Non-Discrimination Laws
1. **Enrollment in Kindergarten:** Pursuant to EC 48000(a), a child is eligible for kindergarten if the child will have their fifth birthday by September 1.
 2. **Enrollment in Kindergarten for Transitional Kindergarten Eligible Students:** Pursuant to EC 48000(b), A child having attained the age of five years at any time during the school year with the approval of the parent or guardian, may be admitted to kindergarten subject to the following conditions:
 - The governing board determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child. Determination will be based on standard criteria set by school administration and is based on standardized guidelines for academic and developmental readiness for kindergarten. Staff determination of grade level placement will be made based on multiple measures including grade level appropriate formal assessments and student observations.
 - The parent or guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.
 3. **Enrollment in Transitional Kindergarten:** Pursuant to EC 48000(c)(3)(B)(i), Transitional Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

Students must be five years old between September 2nd and ~~December 2nd~~ February 28th to

qualify for transitional kindergarten each school year subject to the following conditions:

- The governing board determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child. Determination will be based on standard criteria set by school administration and is based on standardized guidelines for academic and developmental readiness for transitional kindergarten. Staff determination of grade level placement will be made based on multiple measures including grade level appropriate formal assessments and student observations.
- The parent or guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

4. **Adherence to All Non-Discrimination Laws:** This policy adheres to all non-discrimination laws and is subject to the same enrollment processes as all otherwise qualified students. Enrollment into the charter school will be consistent with all other enrollment guidelines. In the event that a parent or guardian disagrees with the enrollment or grade level placement recommendations of staff, they may appeal the decision in accordance with the school's complaint procedures.



Foster Youth Policy

The Governing Board of Feather River Charter School (the “Charter School”) desires to ensure that foster children are provided equal access to the same free, appropriate public education provided to other children and youth. Foster students will be given access to the education and other services that such students need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. Foster students will not be stigmatized or segregated in a separate school or program based on the student’s status as foster youth.

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving this Foster Youth Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Define Foster Child/Student/Youth and School of Origin
2. Establish a Foster Child Liaison
3. Outline Admission Requirements for Foster Children
4. Outline the Rights of a Former Foster Children
5. Outline Course Work and Graduation Requirements for Foster Children
6. Establish Transportation Requirements for a Foster Children
7. Outline Who Has Access to Records for Foster Children

1. Definitions:

- **Foster child/student/youth** means a child who has been removed from his or her home pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (“W&I”) Code section 309, is the subject of a petition filed under W&I sections 300 or 602, or has been removed from his or her home and is the subject of a petition filed under W&I Code sections 300 or 602.
- The Charter School is the **school of origin** when the student attended the Charter School when permanently housed or was last admitted at the initial detention or placement or subsequent change in placement of a foster child. If the school the foster child attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which the foster child was last admitted, or if there is some other school that the foster child attended with which the foster child is connected and that the foster child attended within the immediately preceding 15 months, the foster child liaison, in consultation with, and with the agreement of, the foster child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster child, shall determine, in the best interests of the foster child, the school that shall be deemed the school of origin.

- 2. Foster Child Liaison:** The School's foster child liaison is: Principal, Jenell Sherman, jenell@inspireschools.org.

The School's foster child liaison is required to do all of the following:

- Ensure and facilitate the proper educational placement, enrollment in school and checkout from school of foster children.
- Assist foster children when transferring from one school to another school in ensuring proper transfer of credits, records and grades.
- Notify the foster child's attorney and the appropriate representative of the county child welfare agency of pending expulsion proceedings if the decision to recommend expulsion is a discretionary act, pending proceedings to extend a suspension until an expulsion decision is rendered if the decision to recommend expulsion is a discretionary act, and, if the foster child is an individual with exceptional needs, pending manifestation determinations if the School has proposed a change in placement due to an act for which the decision to recommend expulsion is at the discretion of the principal.
- The foster child liaison, in consultation with, and with the agreement of, the foster child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster child, may recommend, in accordance with the foster child's best interests, that the foster child's right to attend the school of origin be waived and the foster child be enrolled in a public school that pupils living in the attendance area in which the foster child resides are eligible to attend.
- Before making a recommendation to move a foster child from his or her school of origin, the foster liaison shall provide the foster child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster child with a written explanation stating the basis for the recommendation and how the recommendation serves the foster child's best interest.
- If the foster child liaison, in consultation with the foster child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster child, agrees that the best interests of the foster child would best be served by his or her transfer to a school other than the school of origin, the foster child shall immediately be enrolled in the new school.

- 3. Admission:** All foster students are required to follow the school's process for admitting students, including filling out and submitting the school's admission packet on time. As with all students, admission depends upon availability. In the event of an oversubscription in a grade, foster students will participate in the lottery as with any other student.

If the foster child seeking admission has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks or other items or moneys due to the school last attended or is unable to produce clothing or records normally required for admission, such as previous academic records, medical records, including, but not limited to, records or other proof of immunization history, proof of residency, other documentation or school uniforms, this will not serve as a basis for non-admission. Within two days of admission of the foster child, the foster child liaison will contact the school last attended by the foster child to obtain all academic and other records.

If a dispute arises regarding the request of a foster child to remain in Feather River Charter School as the school of origin, the foster child has the right to remain in Feather River Charter School pending resolution of the dispute. The dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the Uniform Complaint Procedures adopted by the School.

Admission in Feather River Charter School as the school of origin will be allowed, unless a determination is made that it is not in the best interest of the foster child to attend Feather River Charter School. Best interest factors include, but are not limited to, appropriateness of the current educational setting and proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement.

4. **Former Foster Children:** If the jurisdiction of the court is terminated before the end of an academic year, the Feather River Charter School shall allow a former foster child who is in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8, inclusive, to continue his or her education as the school of origin through the duration of the academic school year.

If the jurisdiction of the court is terminated while a foster child is in high school, Feather River Charter School shall allow the former foster child to continue his or her education in Feather River Charter School as the school of origin through graduation.

5. **Course Work and Graduation Requirements:** The Charter School will accept coursework satisfactorily completed by the foster child while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school even if the pupil did not complete the entire course and shall issue that pupil full or partial credit for coursework completed.

The credits accepted shall be applied to the same or equivalent course, if applicable, as the coursework completed in the prior school. The Charter School will not require the foster child to retake a course if the pupil has satisfactorily completed the entire course in a public school, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school. If the pupil did not complete the entire course, the Charter School shall not require the pupil to retake the portion of the course the pupil completed unless the Charter School, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the pupil, finds that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the foster youth shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the pupil may continue and complete the entire course.

A foster youth shall not be prevented from retaking or taking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.

A foster student who transfers between schools any time after the completion of the student's second year of high school and is in the student's third or fourth year of high school, the School shall exempt from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the School that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements specified in Education Code section

51225.3, unless the School makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the School's graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the student's fourth year of high school.

If the School determines that the foster student is reasonably able to complete the School's graduation requirements within the student's fifth year of high school, the School shall do all of the following: 1) Inform the student of the student's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the School's graduation requirements; 2) Inform the student, and the student's educational rights holder, about how remaining in the School for a fifth year to complete the School's graduation requirements will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution; 3) Provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges; 4) Permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the School's graduation requirements upon agreement with the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older, or if under 18 years of age, with the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student.

To determine whether a foster student is in the third or fourth year of high school, either the number of credits the pupil has earned to the date of transfer or the length of the student's school admission may be used, whichever will qualify the student for the exemption.

Within 30 calendar days of the date that a foster student may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements transfers into a school, the School shall notify the student, the educational rights holder, and the School's liaison for foster children and youth of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for an exemption. If the School fails to provide timely notice, the student shall be eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements once notified, even if that notification occurs after the student is no longer in foster care, if the student otherwise qualifies for the exemption.

A foster student that has been exempted from local graduation requirements in accordance with Education Code section 51225.1 and completes the statewide coursework requirements specified in Education Code section 51225.3 before the end of the student's fourth year of high school and that student would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, the School shall not require or request that the pupil graduate before the end of the student's fourth year of high school.

If a foster student is exempted from local graduation requirements pursuant to Education Code section 51225.1, the School shall notify the student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student how any of the requirements that are waived will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

If a foster student who is eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the School shall not be required to accept the exemption or be denied admission in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the

student is otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of high education, regardless of whether those courses are required for statewide graduation requirements.

If a foster student is not exempted from local graduation requirements or has previously declined the exemption, the School shall exempt the student at any time if an exemption is required by the student and the student qualifies for the exemption.

If a foster student is exempted from local graduation requirements, the School shall not revoke the exemption.

If a foster student is exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall continue to apply after the student is no longer a foster student while the student is admitted in the School or if a foster student who is exempt from local graduation requirements transfers to the School from another school.

The School shall not require or request a foster student to transfer schools in order to qualify the student for an exemption.

A complaint for noncompliance with this section may be filed with the School under the School's Uniform Complaint Procedures.

6. **Transportation:** If the foster student requires transportation to continue to attend the Charter School as the school of origin, the Charter School will ensure that the foster child receives transportation in a cost effective manner.
7. **Records:** A foster family agency with jurisdiction over a currently admitted or former pupil, a short-term residential treatment program staff responsible for the education or case management of a student, and a caregiver who has direct responsibility for the care of the student, including a certified or licensed foster parent, an approved relative or nonrelated extended family member, or a resource family (as defined below), may access the current or most recent records of grades, transcripts, attendance, discipline and online communication on platforms established by schools for pupils and parents, and any individualized education programs (IEPs) that may have been developed, or any plan adopted pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 of a currently admitted or former foster pupil.

A foster family agency, short-term residential treatment program, or caregiver may review and receive pupil records pursuant to subdivision (a) for purposes of monitoring the pupil's educational progress, updating and maintaining the pupil's education records as required by Section 16010 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and ensuring the pupil has access to educational services, supports, and activities. These purposes include, but are not limited to, admitting the pupil in school, assisting the pupil with homework, class assignments, and college and scholarship applications, and admitting the pupil in extracurricular activities, tutoring, and other afterschool and summer enrichment programs.

A “resource family” means an individual or family that has successfully met both the home environment assessment and the permanency assessment criteria necessary for providing care for a child placed by a public or private placement agency by court order, or voluntarily placed by a parent or guardian.



Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Policy

Feather River Charter School (the “Charter School”) is committed to fostering an educational environment that is safe, welcoming, and free from stigma and discrimination for all students, regardless of gender identity or expression; facilitating compliance with local, state and federal laws concerning bullying, harassment, privacy and discrimination; and ensuring that all students have the opportunity to express themselves and live authentically.

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving this Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Define Gender, Gender Identify, Gender Expression, Gender Nonconforming, Intersex, Nonbinary/Genderqueer, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Transgender, and Transition
2. Outline Guiding Principles and Requirements of the Charter School
3. Establish Privacy and Confidentiality
4. Outline the Requirements of Pupil Records
5. Establish the Authorization to Use Name and Gender With Which the Student Identifies
6. Outline the Requirements of the Student’s Preferred Name and Pronoun
7. Outline the Requirements of Student Safety
8. Establish Restroom Accessibility
9. Outline Sports, Athletics, and Physical Education Requirements
10. Establish Access to School Activities and Programs
11. Establish Course Accessibility and Instruction
12. Outline the Training and Publication of the Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Policy

1. Definitions: These definitions are provided not for the purpose of labeling students but rather to assist in understanding this policy and the legal obligations of the school. Students may or may not use these terms to describe themselves or their experiences.

- Gender: A person's actual or perceived sex, including a person's gender identity and gender expression.
- Gender Identity: A person’s gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not different from that traditionally associated with the person’s physiology or assigned sex at birth. Gender identity may include being female, male, another gender or no gender. The responsibility for determining an individual’s gender identity rests with the individual. Children typically begin to understand their own gender identity by age four, although the age at which individuals come to understand and express their gender identity may vary based on each person’s social and familial development.

- Gender Expression: A person's gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth. Gender expression refers to external cues that one uses to represent or communicate one's gender to others, such as behavior, clothing, hairstyles, activities, voice, mannerisms, or body characteristics.
- Gender Nonconforming: One's gender expression, gender characteristics or gender identity that does not conform to gender stereotypes "typically" associated with one's legal sex assigned at birth, such as "feminine" boys, "masculine" girls, and those who are perceived as androgynous. Students who adopt a presentation that varies from the stereotypic gender expectations sometimes may describe themselves as gender nonconforming, gender queer, gender fluid or nonbinary.
- Intersex: An umbrella term used to describe natural bodily variations, which can include external genitalia, internal sex organs, chromosomes or hormonal differences that transcend typical ideas of male and female.
- Nonbinary/Genderqueer: An umbrella term for people with gender identities that fall somewhere outside of the traditional conceptions of strictly either female or male. People with nonbinary gender identities may or may not identify as transgender, may or may not have been born with intersex traits, may or may not use gender-neutral pronouns, and may or may not use more specific terms to describe their genders, including but not limited to agender, genderqueer, gender fluid, Two Spirit, bigender, pangender, gender nonconforming or gender variant.
- Sex: It includes, but is not limited to, a person's sex assigned or presumed at birth based on physical characteristics commonly associated with males or females, and is inclusive of a person's gender.
- Sexual Orientation: It means heterosexuality, homosexuality, and bisexuality and is considered to be a person's romantic, emotional, mental and/or sexual attraction to another person based on the gender of the other person.
- Transgender: An umbrella term used to describe people whose gender identity or gender expression is different from the gender they were assigned or presumed at birth. Some individuals who identify as transgender have medically transitioned, are undergoing gender affirming surgeries and hormonal treatments, while others do not choose any form of medical transition. There is no uniform set of procedures that are sought. Individuals may identify as female, male or nonbinary, may or may not have been born with intersex traits, may or may not use gender-neutral pronouns and may or may not use more specific terms to describe their genders, including but not limited to agender, genderqueer, gender fluid, Two Spirit, bigender, pangender, gender nonconforming or gender variant. A transgender girl is a girl who was thought to be a male when she was born. A transgender boy is a boy who was thought to be female when he was born.
- Transition: The unique process in which one goes from living and identifying as one gender to live in alignment with one or more dimensions of the gender with which one identifies. Gender transition can occur at any age and can include social, medical and/or a legal transition.

2. **Guiding Principles and Requirements:** The school shall accept the gender identity that each student asserts. There are no medical or mental health diagnoses or treatment thresholds that students must meet in order to have their gender identity recognized and respected. Students may initiate a process to change their name, pronoun, attire and access to School programs,

activities and facilities. The school shall customize support to optimize each student's access according to their gender identity.

3. **Privacy and Confidentiality:** All persons, including students, have a right to privacy. This includes keeping a student's actual or perceived gender identity and expression private. Such private information shall be shared only on a need to know basis.

Students have the right to openly discuss and express their gender identity and expression, and to decide when, with whom, and how much information to share.

School personnel may encounter situations where students have not publicly disclosed their gender identity; therefore, school personnel must be mindful of the confidentiality and privacy rights of students when communicating with others, so as to not reveal, imply or refer to a student's gender identity or expression. To ensure confidentiality when discussing a particular concern such as conduct, discipline, grades, attendance or health, school personnel should focus on the concern, not the student's gender identity or expression. For example, describe the matter in terms of the underlying issue (behavior/conduct, grade issue, attendance issue, health concern) without referring or linking to gender identity or expression.

When communicating with a student's parent, legal guardian, or educational rights holder ("parent"), school personnel should be aware that the student may not have disclosed their gender identity to their parents. When school personnel find it important to discuss a student's gender identity or expression with parents (if, for example, the student is being bullied based on their gender identity or expression), school personnel should consult and work closely with the student to assess the degree to which, if any, the parent is aware of the student's gender identity or expression and is supportive of the student, and school personnel shall take into consideration the safety, health and well-being of the student in deciding whether to disclose the student's gender identity or expression to parents.

4. **Pupil Records:** The School is required to maintain in perpetuity mandatory permanent pupil records which include the legal name and sex of the student as indicated on official government issued documents such as birth certificates, passports and identification cards/permits. Mandatory interim pupil records may include, but are not limited to, progress and grade reports, transcripts, assessment data, health records, Individualized Education Programs (IEP) and Section 504 Plans. Permitted pupil records may include, but are not limited to, objective counselor and/or teacher ratings, standardized test scores older than three years, routine discipline data and verified reports of relevant behavior patterns. Per California law, student enrollment forms allow a parent to designate their child's gender as male, female or nonbinary.

The School will change a student's name and gender, or that of a former student, on pupil records when the name and/or gender of the student are changed. The student or former student may document the gender change by any of the following: State issued driver's license, birth certificate, passport, social security card, court order indicating a name change or a gender change or both. The new name and/or gender are the student's legal name and gender for all purposes, including school registration. Upon the submission of proper evidence of the aforementioned documentation, the student's legal name and/or gender in all school records

shall be changed to reflect the legal name and/or gender change.

- 5. Authorization to Use Name and Gender With Which the Student Identifies:** The School shall permit students to use the name and gender with which they identify on school records, including pupil records. The records may include, but are not limited to, identification badges, classroom and homeroom rosters, certificates, programs, announcements, office summons and communications, team and academic rosters, diplomas, newspapers, newsletters, yearbooks and other site-generated records.

Upon authorization, the School shall input the student's name and gender with which they identify in the appropriate fields of the School's electronic data system to indicate how the student's name and/or gender will appear on documents issued by the school. If the authorization does not amount to a legal change in name or gender, the change will be reflected in the preferred name section of the School's electronic data system.

After the school receives and verifies the contents of the completed legal authorization, the School shall change the name and/or gender of the student in the School's electronic data system and enter or cross-reference the name as AKA in the cumulative folder and registration card. This change is effective for School records only. If a student were to transfer to another school, the student should inquire at that school about a similar process.

- 6. Names/Pronouns:** Students shall be addressed by the name and pronoun that corresponds to their gender identity asserted at school without obtaining a court order, changing their pupil records or obtaining parent/legal guardian permission.

Students shall be known by their name and gender of identity. However, there may be situations (e.g., communications with the family, state or federal records, pupil records where a name or gender with which the student identifies isn't authorized, and assessment data) where it may be necessary and recommended for staff to be informed of the student's legal name and gender. In these situations, staff should prioritize safety, confidentiality and respect of the student in a manner consistent with the law.

If school personnel are unsure how a student wants to be addressed in communications to home or in conferences with parents/legal guardians/educational rights holders, they may privately ask the student how they want to be referred to when communicating with parents/legal guardians. For communications with a student's parent/legal guardian, educational rights holders, school personnel should refer to this policy's prior section on "Privacy and Confidentiality."

Every effort should be made to use names and pronouns consistent with a student's gender identity. While inadvertent slips or honest mistakes may occur, the intentional and persistent refusal to respect a student's gender identity is a violation of School policy and may constitute discrimination under State law.

- 7. Student Safety:** School staff must ensure that students are provided with a safe school environment that is free of discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation, which may

include providing interim safety and emotional support measures. School staff and families should work together to resolve complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation based on a student's actual or perceived gender identity or expression.

School staff shall take all reported incidents of bullying seriously and take appropriate measures to ensure that the bullying stops.

School administration shall respond immediately to incidents of discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation by taking actions that include, but are not limited to the following: a) intervening to stop the behavior; b) investigating and documenting the matter; c) determining and enforcing appropriate interim measures and corrective actions; and d) monitoring to ensure that the behavior does not reoccur.

School staff should take all reasonable steps to ensure safety and access for students and support students' rights to assert their gender identity and expression. Interim safety measures may include increased monitoring of the parties, providing options for the parties to avoid or minimize contact in academic and extracurricular settings, safety plans, training and educational materials to address climate, and provision of support resources (e.g., academic support, counseling, health and mental health services).

Students shall not be disciplined on the basis of their actual or perceived gender identity or expression.

Students shall be informed they have the responsibility to report incidents of discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation to the designated site administrator or Title IX/Bullying Complaint Manager in cases where they may be a target or witness.

Students shall be informed of their role in ensuring a school environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation.

In addition to or instead of filing a complaint at a site, any student or their duly authorized representative has the right to file a discrimination, harassment, bullying or intimidation complaint involving gender identity and expression under the Uniform Complaint Procedures with the School's Principal, Jenell Sherman, jenell@inspireschools.org.

- 8. Restroom Accessibility:** Schools may maintain separate restroom facilities for male and female students. Students shall have access to restrooms that correspond to their gender identity. Students who identify as nonbinary should be granted access to the facility which they find best aligns with their gender identity.

If a student desires increased privacy, regardless of the reason, the administrator shall make every effort to provide the student with reasonable access to an alternative restroom such as a single-stall or all-gender restroom. The use of a restroom should be determined by the student's choice; no student shall be compelled to use an alternative restroom. For safety reasons, students should be given access to a restroom that allows reasonable access for appropriate supervision by staff. Regardless, all students are expected to exemplify appropriate behavior in restrooms.

- 9. Sports, Athletics and Physical Education:** When conducting physical education classes and fitness evaluations, teachers will address and evaluate students by their gender identity.

Performance on the state physical fitness test (Fitnessgram) is evaluated by the State of California in accordance with the sex reported. Students are to be tested according to their gender identity when students identify with a gender different from that in their pupil records. Test administration on this instrument allows for a designation of nonbinary or for students to not disclose their gender to the test administrator. However, the Healthy Fitness Zone charts, or health-related standards used to evaluate performance, are based on female and male genders only. In these events, physical education teachers shall make every effort to maintain confidentiality of student information.

Participation in competitive athletics, intramural sports, athletic teams, competitions and contact sports shall be facilitated in a manner consistent with the student's gender identity and in accordance with the California Interscholastic Federation constitution and bylaws. Students who identify as nonbinary should be granted the opportunity to participate in athletic activities they find best align with their gender identity.

- 10. School Activities and Programs:** Students have the right to equitable access to activities and programs in their school. Students may not be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to harassment or other forms of discrimination on the basis of their actual or perceived gender identity or expression in any program or activity. These activities and programs may include, but are not limited to, cheer class, homecoming, prom, spirit day, celebrations, assemblies, acknowledgments, field trips, afterschool activities and programs, and all extra-curricular activities.

- 11. Course Accessibility and Instruction:** Students have the right to equitable learning opportunities in their school. Students shall not be required to take or be denied enrollment in a course on the basis of their actual or perceived gender identity or expression in any educational and academic program.

- 12. Training and Publication:** The School shall conduct training for all staff members on their responsibilities under applicable laws and this policy, including teachers, administrators, counselors, social workers, and health staff. Information regarding this policy shall be incorporated into training for new school employees.

This policy will be distributed annually to students, parents/guardians and staff and it will also be included in any student codes of conduct, student handbooks and school websites.



Teacher Induction Policy

The Governing Board of Feather River Charter School (the “Charter School”) committed to providing a high-quality educational program is dependent upon the employment of certificated staff who are adequately prepared and have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills and in the subject matter to be taught.

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving this Teacher Induction Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Outline the California Credentialing System
2. Outline the Induction Program
3. Establish the Individual Learning Plan of a Participating Teacher
4. Establish an Early Completion Option
5. Outline the Qualifications, Selection and Training of Coaches
6. Outline the Selection of Participating Teachers
7. Outline Participating Teacher Competence for the Clear Credential Recommendation

1. California Credentialing System: California has a two-tiered credentialing system for teachers. Preliminary programs prepare candidates to obtain an initial teaching credential through successful completion of required coursework, fieldwork, and a performance demonstration of their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The second tier of preparation is a two-year job-embedded individualized induction program that is focused on extensive support and mentoring to new teachers in their first and second year of teaching. Feather River Charter School’s induction program is designed to provide a two-year, individualized, job-embedded system of mentoring, support and professional learning that begins in the teacher’s first year of teaching.

2. Induction Program Generally: The Feather River Charter School’s Induction program is a two-year program that is free of charge to participating teachers. Within the first 30 days of the participant’s enrollment in the Feather River Charter School’s Induction program, the Feather River Charter School shall identify and assign an Induction coach to each participating teacher. The coach and participating teacher match is made according to the credentials held, grade level and/or subject area, as appropriate to the participating teacher’s employment.

Each participating teacher shall receive an average of not less than one hour per week of individualized support and mentoring coordinated and/or provided by the coach.

3. Individual Learning Plan: Within the first 60 days of the participating teacher’s enrollment

in the induction program, goals for each participating teacher must be developed within the context of the Individual Learning Plan (“ILP”). The ILP shall be designed and implemented only for the professional growth and development of the participating teacher and not for evaluation for employment purposes.

The ILP is developed based on needs determined by the teacher and program provider, in consultation with the site administrator and guided by the Preliminary Program Transition Plan. The ILP must address identified candidate competencies that support the recommendation for the credential. Coaching support for participating teachers must include both “just in time” and longer term analysis of teaching practice to help candidates develop enduring professional skills. The program’s design shall serve to strengthen the participating teacher’s professional practice and contribute to the participating teacher’s retention in the profession.

The ILP must address the *California Standards for the Teaching Profession* and provide the road map for the participating teachers’ induction work during their time in the program along with guidance for the coach in providing support. The ILP must be collaboratively developed at the beginning of the Induction by the participating teacher and coach, with input from the Feather River Charter School regarding the participating teacher’s job assignment, and guidance from the program staff.

The ILP It must include the following:

- Candidate professional growth goals
- A description of how the participating teacher will meet those goals
- Defined and measurable outcomes for the participating teacher
- Planned opportunities to reflect on progress and modify the ILP as needed

4. **Early Completion Option:** The Feather River Charter School shall make available and advise participants of an early completion option for “experienced and exceptional” candidates who meet the program’s established criteria. In order to qualify for the early completion option, participating teachers must be in year one of the Induction program, have five years of verified superior teaching experience, and have a letter of recommendation from their Regional Coordinator, Program Specialist or Senior Director.
5. **Qualifications, Selection and Training of Coaches:** The Induction program assigns qualified coaches and provides guidance and clear expectations for the coaching experience based on the program’s design. Qualifications for coaches shall include the following:
 - Knowledge of the context and content area of the participating teacher’s assignment
 - Demonstrated commitment to professional learning and collaboration
 - Possession of a Clear Teaching Credential
 - Ability, willingness, and flexibility to meet candidate needs for support
 - Minimum of three years of effective teaching experience

Coaches are required to provide “just in time” support for candidates, in accordance with the ILP, along with longer-term guidance to promote enduring professional skills. Coaches

facilitate participating teacher growth and development through modeling, guided reflection on practice and feedback on classroom instruction. The coaches connect participating teachers with available resources to support their professional growth and accomplishment of the ILP.

Coaches will be provided ongoing training and support that includes two required trainings with Center for Teacher Innovation (Coach Preview and Induction Orientation), coaching and mentoring, goal setting, use of appropriate mentoring instruments, best practices in adult learning, support for individual coaching challenges, reflection on coaching practice and opportunities to engage with coaching peers in professional learning networks, and program processes designed to support participating teacher growth and effectiveness.

Coaches may carry up to 2 participating teachers per year and must have a credential that matches that of the participating teacher(s). Coaches will receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year paid out in equal amounts (less required deductions) over a ten (10) month period. If a coach leaves the employ of Feather River Charter School before the end of the ten (10) month period, the coach is not entitled to any unpaid amounts if the coach has not completed his/her coaching obligations.

6. **Selection of Participating Teachers:** Each candidate is reviewed in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing database for credential verification and reviewed for early completion option eligibility.
7. **Participating Teacher Competence for the Clear Credential Recommendation:** The Induction program shall assess the participating teacher's progress towards mastery of the *California Standards for the Teaching Profession* to support the recommendation for the clear credential. The documentation of participating teacher progress must reflect the learning and professional growth goals indicated within the ILP and evidence of the participating teacher's successful completion of the activities outlined in the ILP.

Prior to recommending a candidate for a Clear Credential, the Feather River Charter School must verify that the participating teacher has satisfactorily completed all program activities and requirements, and that the program has documented the basis on which the recommendation for the clear credential is made. The Feather River Charter School's verification is based on a review of observed and documented evidence, collaboratively assembled by the participating teacher, the coach and/or other colleagues, according to the program's design.

As part of the Induction program's recommendation verification process also includes a systematic process of reviewing documentation. If a participating teacher is not recommended for a Clear Credential, the participating teacher may rewrite or expand the reflection, revisit the context and illustrate a better understanding of the context and/or next steps. Alternatively, the participating teacher may complete a written appeal form available from [insert title of person] providing additional evidence, as that participating teacher feels is appropriate. In the discretion of the Induction Program, a participating teacher may repeat portions of the program.



School Closure Policy

The Governing Board of Feather River Charter School (the “Charter School”) is committed to following all applicable laws and related to school closure.

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving the School Closure Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Establish the Official Action of the Board of Directors to Close the Charter School
 2. Outline the Notification Process of a School Closure
 3. Outline the Management of Student Records
 4. Establish the Preparation of Final Financial Records
 5. Outline the Management of Assets of the Charter School
 6. Outline Who is Responsible for Liabilities
 7. Establish Compliance with the California Corporations Code
 8. Establish the Release of Claims
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1. **Official Action of the Board of Directors:** Closure of the Charter School will be documented by official action of the Board of Directors. The action will identify the reason for closure. The official action will also identify an entity and person(s) responsible for closure-related activities.
 2. **Notification of School Closure:** The Board of Directors will promptly notify parents/guardians and students of the Charter School, the District, the County Office of Education, the Charter School’s SELPA, the retirement systems in which the Charter School’s employees participate (e.g., Public Employees’ Retirement System, State Teachers’ Retirement System, and federal social security), and the California Department of Education of the closure as well as the effective date of the closure. This notice will also include the name(s) of and contact information for the person(s) to whom reasonable inquiries may be made regarding the closure; the pupils’ school districts of residence; and the manner in which parents/guardians may obtain copies of pupil records, including specific information on completed courses and credits that meet graduation requirements. A copy of this Policy will also be provided to the Charter School’s SELPA. If required by the Charter School’s SELPA, the Charter School will provide additional information to ensure: 1) Appropriate transition of special education services for students served by the Charter School; 2) Compliance with state and federal laws; 3) Compliance with state and federal funding requirements; and/or 4) Accuracy and reliability of any data submitted to the Charter School SELPA.

The Board will ensure that the notification to the parents/guardians and students of the Charter

School of the closure provides information to assist parents/guardians and the students in locating suitable alternative programs. This notice will be provided promptly following the Board's decision to close the Charter School.

3. **Student Records:** The Board will also develop a list of pupils in each grade level and the classes they have completed, together with information on the pupils' districts of residence, which they will provide to the entity responsible for closure-related activities.

As applicable, the Charter School will provide parents/guardians, students and the District with copies of all appropriate student records and will otherwise assist students in transferring to their next school. All transfers of student records will be made in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g. The records of the Charter School should remain with the nonprofit entity, at least until the nonprofit closes, in which case the records should be maintained by other Charter School-related agencies. If all of the aforementioned agencies have closed, the Charter School will ask the District to store original records of Charter School students. All records of the Charter School shall be transferred to the District upon Charter School closure. If the District will not or cannot store the records, the Charter School shall work with the County Office of Education to determine suitable alternative location for storage.

All state assessment results, special education records, and personnel records will be transferred to and maintained by the entity responsible for closure-related activities in accordance with applicable law.

4. **Final Financial Records:** As soon as reasonably practical, the Charter School will prepare final financial records. The Charter School will also have an independent audit completed within six months after closure. The Charter School will pay for the final audit. The audit will be prepared by a qualified Certified Public Accountant selected by the Charter School and will be provided to the District promptly upon its completion. The final audit will include an accounting of all financial assets, including cash and accounts receivable and an inventory of property, equipment, and other items of material value, an accounting of the liabilities, including accounts payable and any reduction in apportionments as a result of audit findings or other investigations, loans, and unpaid staff compensation, and an assessment of the disposition of any restricted funds received by or due to the Charter School.

The Charter School will complete and file any annual reports required pursuant to Education Code section 47604.33.

5. **Assets of the Charter School:** On closure of the Charter School, all assets of the Charter School, including but not limited to all leaseholds, personal property, intellectual property and all ADA apportionments and other revenues generated by students attending the Charter School, remain the sole property of the Charter School and upon dissolution of the nonprofit public benefit corporation shall return to the nonprofit corporation to be used within the state of California only. Any assets acquired from the District or District property will be promptly returned upon Charter School closure to the District. The distribution shall include return of any grant funds and restricted categorical funds to their source in accordance with the terms of

the grant or state and federal law, as appropriate, which may include submission of final expenditure reports for entitlement grants and the filing of any required Final Expenditure Reports and Final Performance Reports, as well as the return of any donated materials and property in accordance with any conditions established when the donation of such materials or property was accepted.

6. **Liabilities:** On closure, the Charter School shall remain solely responsible for all liabilities arising from the operation of the Charter School.
7. **California Corporations Code:** As the Charter School is operated by a nonprofit public benefit corporation, should the corporation dissolve with the closure of the Charter School, the Board will follow the procedures set forth in the California Corporations Code for the dissolution of a nonprofit public benefit corporation and file all necessary filings with the appropriate state and federal agencies.

The Charter School will utilize the school's budgeted reserve fund to undertake any expenses associated with the closure procedures identified above.

8. **Release of Claims:** When the Charter School closes, the Charter School shall release and discharge the Charter SELPA and its past and present principals, members, partners, officers, directors, affiliate employees, agents, successors, assigns, attorneys and insurers, collectively with the Charter SELPA, from any and all claims arising out of the operations of the Charter School. Accordingly, the closing Charter School shall promptly withdraw and/or cause to be filed dismissals with prejudice of all applications, requests, reports, complaints or appeals, if any, filed or made as to any such claims.

Consistent with the release language above, closure of a Charter School terminates the ability for the Charter School and associated entities affiliated with the Charter School to submit claims to any funding or to any Charter SELPA Risk Pool (*e.g.*, Legal Risk Pool, SELPA Set Aside, Rate Smoothing Pool, etc.) effective the date of the Charter School closure and/or termination of membership pursuant to CEO Policy 26. Termination of the ability to submit funding and SELPA Risk Pool claims may be suspended for an Organization Partner with local educational agencies that will continue as Charter SELPA members.



Educational Materials and Restitution Policy

This policy supports Feather River Charter School's ("School") efforts to remain a sound steward of public funds and ensure students continue to have access to educational materials.

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving this Educational Materials and Restitution Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Provide an Overview for the Educational Materials and Restitution Policy
2. Outline the Procedures for the Restitution Process

- 1. Overview:** Students attending School may receive access to certain School property during the course of the school year, including educational technology and textbooks, and they are responsible for ensuring the educational materials are returned (with reasonable wear and tear). California law states that the parent or guardian of a minor can be held liable to a school for all property loaned to and failed to be returned, or willfully damaged by a minor. The liability shall not exceed \$10,000.

The School shall seek restitution when a student, among other things, willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise damage any property, or loses or fails to return property, borrowed or personal belonging to the School. This includes but is not limited to, installing unauthorized software applications, modifying, adding or deleting software or any alteration to the configuration of any and all IT computing devices - such as laptops and other devices.

The School, after affording the student due process rights, may withhold the grades, diploma, and official transcripts of a student until the student or parent/guardian pays for the lost or damaged school property (e.g., educational technology, textbooks, etc.). The School may also withhold full privileges of participation in school activities.

Withholding Grades, Diploma and Transcripts and Transferring Students

The authority to withhold grades, diploma, or official transcripts applies only to situations where the student, parent or guardian has requested a copy of the student's records. **When a student transfers to another K-12 school, the student's permanent record must be sent to the requesting K-12 school. If the student transfers to a K-12 school, a copy of the student's**

permanent record must be sent to the requesting district. The permanent record, or copy, must be sent even though there may be charges or fees owed by the student, parent, or guardian. In such cases, upon sending the permanent student record to the new (receiving) school, the new school shall be notified of the restitution debt.

2. Procedures:

1. School shall use inventory systems clearly identify the student and type of school property issued to the student.

2. School shall implement a restitution process by which students are afforded the opportunity to return the missing property or pay for the damages. Assuming the student returns the missing property or pays for damages, the debt is discharged and any withheld grades, diploma, or official transcripts of the student shall be released and the full privileges of participation in school activities shall be restored.

3. School shall follow the due process procedure listed below that allows the parent/guardian or student an opportunity to review and respond to the imposition of any fees or charges resulting from this policy.

a. The School shall provide the parent/guardian written notice of alleged loss or damage of school property (“Written Notice”).

b. The Written Notice will inform families the School may contact law enforcement and/or refer the debt to a collections agency.

c. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the School’s Written Notice, they may appeal the Written Notice in writing to **[INSERT SCHOOL OFFICIAL]**. The parent/guardian’s appeal should explain why a fee or charge should not be imposed in response to the Written Notice.

d. After reviewing any information provided by the parent/ guardian, the Principal (or his/her designee) shall decide whether or not to withhold grades, diploma, or official transcripts and/or impose the fee for damages. The parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the decision. The written decision of the Principal is final. There is no appeal beyond the school level.

4. Upon receiving notification of the School’s decision (“Second Written Notice”), the parent or guardian must pay the outstanding obligation payable to the School or return missing property.

5. If the parent/guardian does not respond to the Written Notice or if a parent/guardian loses their appeal, School may withhold the transcript, diploma, and grades until the debt is resolved.

The Second Written Notice shall explain if the School is withholding the transcript, diploma, and grades until the parent/guardian pays or remedies the outstanding debt.

6. Upon receiving payment or the unreturned educational materials in satisfactory condition (e.g., reasonable wear and tear), the School shall ensure the debt is discharged. If the School withheld student's grades, diploma, and/or official transcripts, School shall release grades, diploma, and/or transcripts.

7. The purpose of this policy is to provide families reasonable opportunity to return missing educational equipment or pay for damaged and missing school property to avoid the School having to seek a legal recourse. If the Second Written Notice is unsuccessful, the School may consider referring the debt to a collections agency as a last resort.

SAMPLE WRITTEN NOTICE FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS

RE: WRITTEN NOTICE OF OVERDUE MATERIALS & UNPAID FINES

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of [INSERT STUDENT NAME]'s enrollment with Feather River Charter School ("School"), your child was given access to school property for [INSERT SCHOOL YEAR]. You were required to return these educational materials at the end of the school year. You have failed to return the following: [INSERT PROPERTY].

California law provides that parents/guardians are responsible for school property loaned to students; therefore, we are requiring that the materials listed above be returned or payment of [INSERT COST OF PROPERTY] by [INSERT DUE DATE].

The School is authorized to withhold the grades, diploma, and official transcripts of the student, or to deny participation in school activities that are deemed until the debt is addressed. If you do not resolve this debt, the School may contact law enforcement for theft or refer this debt to a collections agency.

You have an opportunity to appeal the imposition of any fees or charges. If you wish to appeal this notice, you must provide a written appeal to [INSERT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION] by [INSERT DUE DATE – Same one as due date for payment]. This appeal must include the reasons why a fee should not be imposed.

If an appeal is submitted, after reviewing any information provided by the parent/guardian and student, the Principal (or his/her designee) shall determine whether or not to withhold grades, diploma, or official transcripts and/or impose the fee for damages. The parent/guardian and student shall be notified in writing of the decision. The decision is final. There is no appeal beyond the school level.

If you do not file an appeal or if the School confirms you owe the amount described above after the appeal, you are required to make a payment to the School to resolve the debt incurred for not returning School property. The School, in its discretion, may withhold grades, diplomas, and official transcripts until this debt is discharged.

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact the Principal, Jenell Sherman, jenell@inspireschools.org.

ATTACHMENT B

SAMPLE SECOND WRITTEN NOTICE FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS WHERE FAMILY DID NOT RESPOND TO FIRST WRITTEN NOTICE

RE: SECOND NOTICE OF OVERDUE MATERIALS & UNPAID FINES

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of [INSERT STUDENT NAME]'s enrollment with Feather River Charter School ("School"), your child was given access to school property for [INSERT SCHOOL YEAR]. You were required to return these educational materials the end of the school year. You have failed to return the following: [INSERT PROPERTY].

California law provides that parents/guardians are responsible for school property loaned to students; therefore, we are requiring that the materials listed above be returned or payment of [INSERT COST OF PROPERTY] by [INSERT DUE DATE].

You did not respond to the Written Notice provided by the School on [INSERT DATE OF WRITTEN NOTICE]. Therefore, the School will withhold the grades, diploma, and official transcripts of [INSERT STUDENT NAME] as of the date listed above on this letter.

If you do not resolve this debt by [INSERT DUE DATE], the School intends to refer this debt to a collections agency. Please note that the School intends to also provide your contact information to law enforcement because your failure to return school property may constitute theft. Of course, we prefer avoiding these sorts of actions and trust you will return the school property immediately to resolve this matter. Your failure to return the educational materials harms your child and other school children who would otherwise benefit from these educational materials.

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact the Principal, Jenell Sherman, jenell@inspireschools.org.



Feather River Charter School Master Agreement for Independent Study

Student:

Student Number:

Address:

Location:

1st Phone Number:

DOB:

Program Placement:

Contract Term: Full Year

Beginning Date:

End Date:

Year:

2nd Phone Number:

Grade Level:

School for Classroom Option:

It is understood that:

Objectives: The student will complete the courses listed below. All course objectives will be consistent with the established program's governing board and are consistent with program standards as outlined in the program's subject/course descriptions. Assignment and Work Record (AWR) Forms will include additional descriptions of the major objectives and activities of the courses of study covered by this agreement including the evaluation of student work and are incorporated herein. The term "Course Value" (CV) refers to the number of credits (secondary education) or weeks of work (elementary education) the student will attempt.

Schedule

Category

Course Value

Methods of Study: Specific methods of study will be designated on the Assignment and Work Record (AWR) and are incorporated herein. Examples of methods of study for the student will include: Independent Reading, Textbook Activities, Problem Solving, Study Projects, Drill & Practice, Computerized Curriculum, Web/Internet Research, Library Research, Field Trips, Learning Center Courses

Specific Resources: The school will provide appropriate instructional materials and personnel necessary to the achievement of the objectives and must include resources that are normally available to all students on the same terms as the terms on which they are available to all.

Assignments and specific resources will be designated on the Assignment and Work Record (AWR) and are incorporated herein.

Methods of Evaluation: Academic evaluations will be designated on the Assignment and Work Record (AWR) and are incorporated herein. Other acceptable methods of evaluation include, but are not limited to: Teacher Made Tests, Student Conferences, Progress/Report Cards, Chapter/Unit Tests, Work Samples, Observations, Portfolios, State Standards Testing, Learning Journals, Presentations, Quizzes, Labs, Finals.

Students are required to report to their teacher as scheduled: Manner of Reporting: One-on-One, Email, Online, Phone . Time: ~~8-5 pm~~ ^{8:30 am - 5:00 pm} . Day: M-F. Frequency: At least once every 20 days. Duration: Full Year. Location: Virtual or In-Person.

Voluntary Statement: It is understood that independent study is an optional educational alternative in which no pupil maybe required to participate. In the case of a pupil who is referred or assigned to any school, class, or program pursuant to Education Code Section 48915 or 48917, instruction may be provided for a student through independent study only if the student is offered the alternative of classroom instruction.

Board Policies: According to the Board Policy for grades K through 12, the maximum length of time allowed between when the assignment was made and the date the assignment is due is 20 school days, unless an exception is made in accordance with the Board Policy. After 2 missed assignments, as per Board Policy, an evaluation will be made to determine whether independent study is an appropriate strategy for this student.

Additional Courses: may be added to this agreement as needed if the agreement is re-signed and re-dated by the teacher and the student.

Signatures and Dates: I have read and I understand the terms of this agreement, and agree to all provisions set forth.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature

Date

Supervising Teacher Signature

Date

Other Signature

Date

Other Signature

Date

Other Signature

Date

Other Signature

Date



Feather River Charter School Acknowledgement of Responsibilities

Student:

Student Number:

Address:

Location:

1st Phone Number:

DOB:

Program Placement:

Contract Term: Full Year

Beginning Date:

End Date:

Year:

2nd Phone Number:

Grade Level:

School for Classroom Option:

Students Agreement/Responsibilities

- I voluntarily request participation in this independent study program and have read and understand the terms of the master agreement.
- I will complete all course work outlined in the master agreement, and as assigned to me in the periodic Student Assignment and Work Record.

Parent/Legal Guardians Agreement

I agree to the above conditions listed under Students Agreement/Responsibilities. I also understand that:

- I am responsible for the daily monitoring/verification of all subjects studied, with scheduled monitoring by the Independent Study Teacher.
- If I become aware of special or extenuating circumstances that will prohibit my student from turning in the assigned work by the due date, I will contact the Independent Study Teacher prior to the due-date to make alternative arrangements.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to provide any needed transportation for my child's scheduled meetings at a mutually agreed upon location reflected on the face of the master agreement and that lack of transportation is not an acceptable reason for failing to meet with the Independent Study Teacher. I have the right to appeal any decision about my child's placement in accordance with the school's policies and procedures.

Independent Study Teachers Agreement

- The Independent Study Teacher will assign a body of work to be completed during the duration of this agreement.
- The Independent Study Teacher will evaluate work in a timely manner.
- The Independent Study Teacher will notify the student and parent/legal guardian of the academic credit granted for work completed.

We, the undersigned, understand the voluntarily agree to the terms and conditions of this Independent Study agreement. Our signatures below indicate that we voluntarily participated in the establishment of these Agreements/Responsibilities and that we understand and accept our responsibilities in relation to this document.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Signature

Date

Teacher Signature

Date

Other Signature

Date

VENDOR AGREEMENT

This Vendor Agreement ("Agreement") is made between **Feather River Charter School** ("School"), a California nonprofit public corporation and _____ ("Vendor").



RECITALS

WHEREAS, School fosters successful student achievement through a quality, personalized, and standards-based education program featuring unique and hands-on experiential learning experiences;

WHEREAS, Vendor is engaged in the businesses of providing experienced and qualified educational services as set forth in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, School desires to retain Vendor for the purpose of providing the services described herein for the benefit of the School, families, and students.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the promises and the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good, valuable and sufficient consideration, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. TERM and TERMINATION.

- a. Term: This Agreement shall be effective as of **[INSERT DATE]** until June 30, 2020 (the "Initial Term").
- b. Termination: Vendor may terminate this Agreement for cause after providing sixty (60) days advance written notice to School. School may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause in its sole discretion with same-day written notice. Upon termination, School shall pay Vendor for all necessary and approved Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement and relevant "Enrichment Certificate(s)" (defined below) up to the effective date of termination. School has no obligation to pay Vendor for any Services provided after the effective date of termination. The termination of this Agreement constitutes a termination of any active invoices and Enrichment Certificates.

SECTION 2. SERVICES.

- a. Scope of Services: Vendor is hereby engaged by School to perform the student enrichment services specified in **Exhibit A**, incorporated herein by reference ("Services"), subject to the terms and conditions contained herein. Vendor assumes full responsibility for the performance of the Services provided under the terms of this Agreement. School does not guarantee any minimum amount of work by this Agreement.

- b. No Authority to Bind School: Vendor understands and agrees that Vendor lacks the authority to bind School contractually, conduct business on School's behalf, or incur any obligations on behalf of School. Specifically, Vendor agrees not to represent himself/herself or any Vendor employees, agents, or contractors as an employee of School in any capacity, including, but not limited to, when interacting with School students, parents, vendors, or employees.
- c. Responsibility for Performance: Vendor assumes full responsibility for the performance of Vendor's duties under the terms of this Agreement and warrants that Vendor and its employees, contractors, and other agents are fully qualified in Vendor's specialized skill or expertise to perform such duties. Vendor will not enter into any contract or engagement that conflicts or interferes with Vendor's duties under this Agreement.
- d. Compliance with Charter Petition and Law: Except when otherwise expressly required by applicable law, School shall not be responsible for monitoring Vendor's compliance with the law, charter petition, and Agreement. Vendor acknowledges that School must comply with Education Code § 220's prohibitions against discrimination, obligations to provide a free appropriate education to students with exceptional needs pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and be non-sectarian in its programs. Vendor must be non-sectarian in any Services provided to School students. Vendor shall ensure its performance of its Services complies with these legal and charter petition requirements. If Vendor performs any Services in a manner that is contrary to law, Vendor shall bear all claims, costs, losses and damages (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) arising therefrom.
- e. ~~Service Limitations: Vendor shall not serve any School students for more than twelve (12) hours a week under this Agreement or any other arrangement. Vendor is prohibited from providing services under this Agreement to a relative (e.g., child, sibling, etc.) of the Vendor or an employee, officer, or agent of the Vendor. School shall not be responsible for paying Vendor for the prohibited services described in this subsection. A violation of this subsection constitutes a material breach of the Agreement~~
- f. Service Limitations: Vendor shall not serve a School student for more than twelve (12) core academic hours including math, language arts, social studies, science and world language during the school week (Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm) under this Agreement or any other arrangement (e.g., Student participation in a Vendor program outside of School activities); excepting visual and performing arts, CTE pathways, robotics, and physical activities including dance, gymnastics, karate, and other similar activities, as approved by the supervising teacher.
- g. No Private School Affiliation: Vendor certifies that it is not, nor is it affiliated with, a private school that submitted an affidavit to register with the California Department of Education and is listed on the state's Private School Directory ("Private School"). Vendor affirms the Services shall not be provided at a Private School. Vendor affirms that it will not confer any compensation received for performing Services under this Agreement to a Private School.

- h. Prohibited Conflicts: Vendor is prohibited from providing Services under this Agreement to a relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece/nephew, sibling, etc.) of the Vendor (or its employees). School shall not be responsible for paying Vendor for the prohibited services described herein.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT.

- a. Enrichment Certificate: School requests Services from Vendor through an Enrichment Certificate. School is not responsible for the costs of Services without issuance of an Enrichment Certificate. The Enrichment Certificate will detail requested Services, dates of Services, fees for Services, and other relevant information. Vendors must first receive an Enrichment Certificate before providing Services to students. School does not pay for Services in advance. If an Enrichment Certificate expires, Vendor must cease providing Services until it receives another Enrichment Certificate.
- b. Vendor Invoice: School shall pay Vendor for Services performed through invoices. Vendor will remit one (1) itemized invoice after completing the Services pursuant to an Enrichment Certificate. Vendors should submit invoices to **CCS-invoicing@inspireschools.org**. School will endeavor to pay undisputed invoice amounts within thirty (30) days of receipt.
- c. Termination of Enrichment Certificate: School may terminate an Enrichment Certificate at any time, with or without cause in its sole discretion with same-day written notice. School shall pay Vendor the undisputed amounts for Services already performed under the Enrichment Certificate.
- d. Incurred Costs: Any damages or costs incurred by School, including replacement costs, as a result of Vendor's failure to competently perform under this Agreement may be deducted by School from any amounts owed to Vendor.
- e. Use of School's Name: Vendor shall not use the name, insignia, mark, or any facsimile of the School for any purpose, including but not limited to advertising, client lists, or references, without the advance written authorization of the School.

SECTION 4. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR VENDOR PERFORMANCE.

- a. Vendor Qualifications: Vendor represents it has the qualifications, skills and, if applicable, the certification and licenses necessary to perform the Services in a competent, and professional manner, without the advice or direction of School. Upon School's request, Vendor shall provide copies of certification or licensure. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Vendor shall render all Services hereunder in accordance with this Agreement and **Exhibit A**, Vendor's independent and professional judgment and in compliance with all applicable laws and with the generally accepted practices and principles of Vendor's trade. Vendor is customarily engaged in the independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as the Services performed.
- b. Relationship: The School is not an employer of Vendor or its employees, contractors, or agents and shall not supervise individuals as such in carrying out

the Services to be performed by Vendor under the terms of this Agreement. It is expressly understood between the parties that Vendor and its employees, contractors, and agents are not employee(s) of School.

- c. Licenses: Vendor warrants that Vendor is engaged in an independent and bona fide business operation, markets him/her/itself as such, is in possession of a valid business license/insurance when required, and is providing or capable of providing similar services as set forth in **Exhibit A** to others.
- d. No Training or Instruction: Although School may at times provide information concerning its business and students to Vendor, School will not provide any training or instruction to Vendor concerning the manner and means of providing the Services that are subject to this Agreement because Vendor warrants that Vendor is highly skilled in its industry.

SECTION 5. TAXES. Because Vendor is not an employee of School, all compensation called for under this Agreement shall be paid without deductions or withholdings, and will be accompanied by an IRS Form 1099, as applicable, at year end. Vendor is responsible for the reporting and payment of any state and/or federal income tax or other withholdings on the compensation provided under this Agreement or any related assessments. In addition, Vendor shall fill out and execute a Form W-9. In the event that the Internal Revenue Service or the State of California should determine that Vendor or its employee(s) is/are an employee of School subject to withholding and social security contributions, Vendor acknowledges consistent with this Agreement that all payments due to Vendor under this Agreement are gross payments, and the Vendor is solely responsible for all income taxes, social security payments, or other applicable deductions thereon.

SECTION 6. BENEFITS. Vendor and its employees, contractors, and agents are not entitled to the rights or benefits that may be afforded to School employees including, but not limited to, disability, workers' compensation, unemployment benefits, sick leave, vacation leave, medical insurance and retirement benefits. Vendor is solely responsible for providing at Vendor's own expense, disability, unemployment, workers' compensation and other insurance for Vendor and any of its employees, contractors, and agents. Vendor shall further maintain at its own expense any permits, credentials, certifications and/or licenses necessary to provide the Services and shall provide any training necessary for its employees, contractors, and agents to perform all Services under this Agreement.

SECTION 7. MATERIALS. Vendor will furnish at its own expense all materials, equipment and supplies used to provide the Services.

SECTION 8. BACKGROUND CHECK AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Background Check: Vendor shall ensure its employees, agents, and contractors working directly with School students complete a criminal background check through the Department of Justice ("DOJ") in accordance with Education Code section 45125.1. Vendor certifies to School that no one working on behalf of Vendor (e.g., Vendor employees, agents, or contractors) working with School students have been convicted or have pending charges of a violent or serious

felony as defined in Penal Code sections 667.5(c) and 1192.7(c). The cost of the background check is the Vendor's responsibility.

- b. First Aid & CPR Certification: Upon School's request, Vendor shall ensure its employees, agents, or contractors obtain First-Aid and CPR Certification.
- c. Supervision: Vendor is responsible for supervising and ensuring students have a safe environment from the time they are dropped off to receive Services and until the responsible party picks them up. Students may not be left unattended during Vendor's provision of Services. Vendor may not transport students without School's express written permission.
- d. Student Discipline: Vendor acknowledges that School is responsible for managing and overseeing the education program, which incorporates the Vendor's enrichment services. Vendor must notify School when students act inappropriately and may require discipline. School is responsible for issuing discipline to students. If Vendor learns a student may pose a health or safety threat to himself/herself or to other individuals, Vendor must immediately notify the School. If Vendor wishes to remove a participant from their Services, the Vendor shall notify School and the parties will discuss appropriate measures.

SECTION 9. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.

- a. Indemnification: To the maximum extent allowable by law, Vendor will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless School, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from and against all claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, obligations, liabilities, damages, recoveries, and deficiencies, including interest, penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs that such entities or persons may incur that arise out of or relate to this Agreement or the alleged negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Vendor, including of Vendor's officers, directors, employees, subcontractors, agents, representatives, volunteers, successors, assigns or anyone for whom Vendor is legally responsible. Vendor's indemnity, defense and hold harmless obligations shall survive the termination of this Agreement. To the maximum extent allowable by law, Vendor also agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend School from any and all liability, damages, or losses (including reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, penalties, and fines) School suffers as a result of (a) Vendor's failure to meet its obligations under Sections 4-6, or (b) a third party's designation of Vendor or Vendor's employees, agents, or contractors as an employee of School regardless of any actual or alleged negligence by School.
- b. General Liability Insurance Limits: Vendor agrees to maintain general liability insurance coverage, including both bodily injury and property damage, with at least the following coverage limits:
 - i. \$1,000,000 per occurrence
 - ii. \$2,000,000 general aggregate
 - iii. \$500,000 personal & adv. injury

- c. Additional Insurance Requirements: Vendor's insurance shall constitute primary coverage for any loss or liability arising from or relating to this Agreement and any insurance held by School shall constitute secondary, excess coverage. School may require additional insurance coverage depending on the Services and shall communicate these insurance requirements to the Vendor in conjunction with the provision of an Enrichment Certificate. Vendor's insurance policies required under this Agreement shall name School as additionally insured.

SECTION 10. CONFIDENTIALITY.

- a. Confidential Information: Vendor acknowledges that during the course of performing Services, Vendor may become privy to confidential, privileged and/or proprietary information important to the School. Vendor further acknowledges its obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and California Uniform Trade Secrets Act. Vendor shall ensure that all of its employees, agents and contractors agree to the requirements of this section prior to receiving any Confidential Information (defined below). Vendor shall not use or disclose during or after the term of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of School, any information relating to School's employees, directors, agents, students or families, or any information regarding the affairs or operations of School, including School's confidential/proprietary information and trade secrets ("Confidential Information"). Confidential Information, whether prepared by or for the School, includes, without limitation, all of the following: education records, student rosters, medical records, personnel records, information technology systems, financial and accounting information, business or marketing plans or strategies, methods of doing business, curriculum, lists, email addresses and other information concerning actual and potential students or vendors and/or any other information Vendor reasonably should know is treated as confidential by the School. The only allowed disclosures of Confidential Information are (i) with prior written consent of School; (ii) after the information is generally available to the public other than by reason of a breach by Vendor of this agreement to maintain confidentiality; (iii) after the information has been acquired by Vendor through independent means and without a breach of Vendor's duties to School under this Agreement or otherwise; or (iv) pursuant to the order of a court or other tribunal with jurisdiction if Vendor has given School adequate notice so that School may contest any such process. Personally identifiable student information may only be used as necessary to meet Vendor's obligations under this Agreement. Vendor must take all necessary and appropriate steps to protect and safeguard all of School's Confidential Information and proprietary information from unauthorized disclosure.
- b. Disclosure of Records: School will provide Vendor with those records requested by Vendor that are reasonably necessary to allow Vendor to perform the Services. Vendor shall use any such records only for the purpose provided and not for the benefit of any other person or entity. Upon termination of this Agreement or School's request, Vendor will immediately surrender to School or destroy all Confidential Information and other materials provided to Vendor by School, including all physical copies, drafts, digital or computer versions.

SECTION 11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement and its incorporated exhibits constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersede all agreements, representations and understandings of the parties with respect to such subject matter made or entered into prior to the date of this Agreement.

SECTION 12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

- a. Informal Dispute Resolution: If there is any dispute or controversy between the parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the parties shall first meet and confer informally in an attempt to resolve the issue.
- b. Mediation: If reasonable efforts at informal resolution are unsuccessful, the parties shall participate in a mediation with a mutually-agreed upon mediator. Any costs and fees, other than attorneys' fees, associated the mediation shall be shared equally by the parties.
- c. Arbitration: If School has paid more than \$25,000 to Vendor for Services since the start of the previous fiscal year, and efforts to resolve the dispute at mediation are unsuccessful, the parties agree that such dispute will be submitted to private and confidential arbitration by a single neutral arbitrator through Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. ("JAMS") at the nearest JAMS location, or other service agreed upon by both parties, and that such arbitration will be the exclusive final dispute resolution method under this Agreement. The JAMS Streamlined Arbitration Rules & Procedures in effect at the time the claim or dispute is arbitrated will govern the procedure for the arbitration proceedings between the parties. The arbitrator shall not have the power to modify any of the provisions of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the parties hereto, and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction. The party initiating the arbitration shall advance the arbitrator's initial fee. Otherwise and thereafter, each party shall bear their own costs of the arbitration proceeding or litigation to enforce this Agreement, including attorneys' fees and costs. Except where clearly prevented by the area in dispute, both parties agree to continue performing their respective obligations under this Agreement until the dispute is resolved, subject to the right to terminate this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to prevent either party from obtaining injunctive or equitable relief in court to prevent irreparable harm pending the conclusion of any such arbitration.

SECTION 13. MODIFYING THE AGREEMENT. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and executed by both parties.

SECTION 14. NO WAIVER. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute, or be deemed to constitute, a waiver of any other provision, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.

SECTION 15. NO ASSIGNMENT. No party shall assign this Agreement, any interest in this Agreement, or its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the express prior written consent of the other party. This Agreement shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

SECTION 16. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Agreement is invalid or contravenes applicable law, such provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of its remaining provisions, unless such invalidity or unenforceability would defeat an essential business purpose of this Agreement.

SECTION 17. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California.

SECTION 18. AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT. Each party warrants to the other that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, that it is a binding and enforceable obligation of said party, and that the undersigned has been duly authorized to execute this Agreement.

SECTION 19. NOTICES. All notices and other communications in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered given as follows:

(a) When delivered personally to the recipient's address as stated on this Agreement; (b) three days after being deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid to the recipient's address as stated on this Agreement; (c) via email address as stated on this Agreement.

Notice is effective upon receipt provided that a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by first class mail, or the recipient delivers a written confirmation of receipt.

If to Vendor:

(Please fill in with your information)

Business: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

If to School:

Brooke Peterson

Vendor Administrator

13915Danielson St, #200

Poway, CA 92064

VendorSupport@inspireschools.org

(619) 749-1792

SECTION 20. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one instrument. A faxed or emailed .pdf or other electronic copy of the fully executed original version of this Agreement shall have the same legal effect as an executed original for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date above.

FEATHER RIVER CHARTER SCHOOL

VENDOR

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

Detailed List of Vendor Services and Prices

Services Offered:

[illegible]

Grade Level and Price:

TK-K	
Grades 1-5	
Grades 6-8	
Grades 9-12	
TK- 8	
TK - 12	

Semester	
Month	
Week	
Day	

\$_____

per

TK-K	
Grades 1-5	
Grades 6-8	
Grades 9-12	
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TK - 12	

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\$_____ per

TK-K	
Grades 1-5	
Grades 6-8	
Grades 9-12	
TK- 8	
TK - 12	

\$___ per

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Students will be permitted to cancel and/or reschedule services with 24-hour notice. Cancellations are subject to a full refund. Refunds must be submitted to _____.

Name of Owner/Director: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



CAC Representative

What is the El Dorado SELPA CAC?

El Dorado Charter SELPA's Community Advisory Committee is a group formed to advise the Charter SELPA about the Special Education Local Plan, annual priorities, parent education, and other special education-related activities. The CAC is designed to be a dynamic collaborative partnership of educators, parents, and community members.

The CAC holds three business meetings annually to address topics of interest to families of children with disabilities and gather information to advise our Special Education Local Plan. Primary functions are: build communication between schools, parents and related agencies; encourage community and parental involvement in the development, review, and implementation of the Local Plan; support activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs; provide families with an opportunity to share resources and support. Each LEA is entitled to have one CAC representative who would serve on the Committee for 2 years. A CAC representative must be appointed and approved by their Charter School's governing board.

Why does Feather River need a CAC representation?

Feather River would like to extend its parent outreach to the SELPA level and provide Feather River Charter School parents with direct interaction and resources available through the SELPA such as: accessing related agencies; encouraging community and parental involvement in the development, review, and implementation of the Local Plan; supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs; and providing families with an opportunity to share resources and support.

Feather River Charter School

Joy Stevens

(916) 532-5935

joytheia@yahoo.com

We are a family of four, my husband Kevin, myself, Joy, and our two children, Joanna and Toby. Joanna is enrolled in first grade with Inspire, Toby is two-years-old, both have an autism diagnosis.

Joanna has a level one diagnosis, but has had speech and behavioral delays throughout her little life. We attempted public school for kindergarten and were deeply disappointed with how she was treated. This is our second year with Feather River Charter School and we have seen so much improvement with our daughter through homeschooling.



Feather River Charter School
Comprehensive School Safety Plan
SB 187 & SB 334 Compliance Document
2020-2021

4305 South Meridian Road
Meridian, CA 95957

This document is to be maintained for public inspection during business hours

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Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Feather River Charter School
Section A: General Information – School Safety - Includes Employee Fingerprint/Background Check - Ed Code 44237
Part 1: District Commitment to School Safety

Feather River Charter School is committed to ensuring that all enrolled students and all employees are safe and secure. Feather River Charter School believes that a beginning step toward safer schools is the development of a comprehensive plan for school safety by every school. Feather River Charter School intends that parents, students, teachers, administrators, counselors, classified personnel, and community agencies develop safe school plans as a collaborative process. The plan will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis and proposed changes will be submitted to the Board for approval.

Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Feather River Charter School
Section A: General Information – School Safety - Includes Employee Fingerprint/Background Check - Ed Code 44237
Part 2: Legislative Requirements

The California Education Code (sections 35294-35294.9) outlines the requirements of all schools operating any kindergarten and any grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to write and develop a school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school.

This requirement was presented in Senate Bill 187, which was approved by the Governor and chaptered in 1997. This legislation contained a sunset clause that stated that this legislation would remain in effect only until January 1, 2000. Senate Bill 334 was approved and chaptered in 1999 and perpetuated this legislation under the requirement of the initial legislation.

Comprehensive School Safety Plans are required under SB 187/SB 334 to contain the following elements:

Plans for Charter Schools must “identify appropriate strategies and programs that provide and maintain a high level of school safety and address the school’s procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety, *including but not limited to*” the following:

- A. Employee Fingerprint/Background Check – Ed Code 44237
- B. Child Abuse Reporting Procedures - Penal Code 11165.5 & .6
- C. Emergency/Disaster Plans – Ed Code 32287; CCR Title 8, Sec 3220; ADA
- D. Suspension/Expulsion policies and procedures – Ed Code 48915
- E. Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils – Ed Code 49079
- F. Discrimination and Harassment Policy (include hate crime reporting procedures and policies)*
- G. Schoolwide Dress Code (if it exists - including prohibition of gang-related apparel)
- H. Procedures for safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents, and school employees to and from school site (pick-up, drop-off, maps, etc.)
- I. A safe and orderly environment conducive to learning at the school

The Comprehensive School Safety Plan will be reviewed and updated by March 1st every year. In July of every year, the school will report on the status of its school safety plan including a description of its key elements in the annual school accountability report card.

Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Feather River Charter School
Section A: General Information – School Safety - Includes Employee Fingerprint/Background Check - Ed Code 44237
Part 3: Maintaining a Safe and Orderly Environment

It is a priority of the administration and staff at Feather River Charter School that every student who attends our school will be provided with an environment in which the students not only feel physically safe, but that there is also a positive school climate in all activities.

Our administration and staff desire to provide an orderly, caring, and nondiscriminatory learning environment in which all students can feel comfortable and take pride in their school and their achievements.

Our administration encourages staff to teach students the meaning of equality, human dignity, and mutual respect, and to employ cooperative learning strategies that foster positive interactions among students from diverse backgrounds.

Students shall have opportunities to voice their concerns about school policies and practices and to share responsibility for solving problems that affect their school. Staff shall encourage and reward success and achievement, participation in community projects, and positive student conduct.

Our school network promotes nonviolent resolution techniques in order to encourage attitudes and behaviors that foster harmonious relations. Staff shall receive training which implements and supports conflict resolution (California Education Code Sections 32230-32239, 35160, 35160.1, 44806).

Feather River Charter School remains in compliance with existing laws related to school safety. This plan outlines several elements critical to maintaining a safe school environment.

Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Feather River Charter School
Section A: General Information – School Safety - Includes Employee Fingerprint/Background Check - Ed Code 44237
Part 4: Criminal Background Check

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Feather River Charter School recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe workplace with employees who are honest, trustworthy, qualified, reliable, and nonviolent, and do not present a risk of harm to students, coworkers or others. Feather River Charter School will perform applicant background checks and employee investigations as required by Education Code section 47605 [b][f], which requires that “each employee of the school furnish the school with a criminal record summary”.

All employees must have Live Scan fingerprint results on file with Feather River Charter School. Proof of Live Scan fingerprinting is a requirement of employment and the results must be provided to Feather River Charter School prior to the first day of work. Live Scan fingerprinting will be required of all job applicants, employees, and volunteers as required by California and federal law. Background checks may also be required of employees whose job duties involve care of students, handling of money, valuables or confidential information, or as otherwise deemed prudent by the school. These background checks are performed through a fingerprinting service coordinated by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Any and all information obtained by Feather River Charter School may be taken into consideration in evaluating one’s suitability for employment, promotion, reassignment, or retention as an Employee.

Feather River Charter School shall also request subsequent arrest notification from the Department of Justice and take all necessary action based upon such further notification.

Feather River Charter School may occasionally find it necessary to investigate current employees, where behavior or other relevant circumstances raise questions concerning work performance, reliability, honesty, trustworthiness, or potential threat to the safety of coworkers, students or others. Employee investigations may, where appropriate, include credit reports and investigations of criminal records, including appropriate inquiries about any arrest for which the employee is out on bail. In the event that a background check is conducted, Feather River Charter School will comply with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and applicable state laws, including providing the employee with any required notices and forms. Employees subject to an investigation are required to cooperate with Feather River Charter School’s lawful efforts to obtain relevant information, and may be disciplined up to and including suspension without pay and/or termination for failure to do so.

Employees with adverse background information (such as certain specific criminal conviction) may be ineligible for employment with Feather River Charter School.

Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Feather River Charter School
Section B: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures - Penal Code 11165.5 &.6
Part 1: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

Child abuse reporting law (Penal Code Section 11166) requires that a Feather River Charter School employee who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse, report the incident to the proper authorities.

At Feather River Charter School, protecting children from child abuse is a major priority. Each year the administration sets aside time to meet with staff to discuss child abuse indicators and to remind teachers of the procedures to follow when abuse is suspected.

Employees of Feather River Charter School are familiar with Penal Code Section 11166 and understand the requirement that certificated and classified personnel report suspected child abuse immediately or as soon as practically possible to the Senior Director or to Children's Protective Services by telephone. They are aware that a call must be followed within at least 36 hours by a written report to the child protective agency.

All staff is aware of the location of a Child Abuse Information Folder that is kept on file and updated regularly. It includes informational literature, guidelines for recognizing abuse and specific directions for reporting it.

The determination as to who should be contacted will depend greatly upon the situation at hand. The local law enforcement agency will dispatch a unit to the school as soon as possible. Children's services may take much longer to respond. School personnel should always take into consideration the severity of the abuse and the extent to which the student's safety is at risk.

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Section B: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures - Penal Code 11165.5 &.6
Part 1: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

The requirements of school personnel and the identification and reporting of known or suspected child abuse to a protective agency is mandated by the State of California Penal Code. In fact, failure to do so on the part of school personnel could lead to penalties which might be imposed on these individuals. Feather River Charter School board policies are continually updated to reflect appropriate legislation. Excerpts from the California Penal Code and Feather River Charter School Board Policy are presented below.

From California Penal Code Section 11166

...any child care custodian, health practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency who has knowledge or observes a child in his or her professional capacity within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse shall report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and shall prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident.

Feather River Charter School
– Child Abuse Prevention Programs

Recognizing that our responsibility to students includes the protection of their physical and mental well-being, the Governing Board desires to provide whatever opportunities or resources may be available for the prevention of child abuse.

The Board agrees with the Legislature that:

1. Child abuse and neglect is a severe and increasing problem in California.
2. School districts and preschools are able to provide an environment for training of children, parents, and all school district staff.
3. Primary prevention programs in the school districts are an effective and cost-efficient method of reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect and for promoting healthy family environments.

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Feather River Charter School
Section B: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures - Penal Code 11165.5 &.6
Part 1: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

Feather River Charter School – Child Abuse Prevention Programs (Continued)

The Senior Director shall explore funding and assistance available for the establishment of programs directed toward preventing the occurrence of child abuse, including physical abuse, sexual assault, and child neglect, and reducing the general vulnerability of children, including coordination with and training for parents and school staff.

Parents shall be given notice of, and may refuse to have their children participate in, prevention training program.

Feather River Charter School – Child Abuse and Neglect

Duty to Report

Certificated employees and classified employees trained in child abuse identification and reporting shall report known or suspected child abuse to a child protective agency by telephone immediately or as soon as practically possible and in writing within thirty-six hours. The reporting duties are individual and cannot be delegated to another individual.

Definitions

1. “Child Abuse,” as defined by law, pursuant to Penal Code 273 and 11165, and for purposes of this regulation includes the following:
 - a. Physical abuse resulting in a non-accidental physical injury.
 - b. Physical neglect, including both severe and general neglect, resulting in negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child.
 - c. Sexual abuse including both sexual assault and sexual exploitation.
 - d. Emotional abuse and emotional deprivation including willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment.
 - e. Severe corporal punishment.

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Feather River Charter School
Section B: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures - Penal Code 11165.5 &.6
Part 1: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

Feather River Charter School – Child Abuse and Neglect (Continued)

2. “Mandated Reporters” are those people defined by law as “child care custodian,” “medical practitioners” and non-medical practitioners” and include virtually all school employees. The following school personnel are required to report:

Teachers, administrators, supervisors of child welfare and attendance, certificated pupil personnel employees, employees of a child care institution, head start teachers, school psychologists, licensed nurses, counselors, presenters of child abuse prevention programs and those instructional aides or other classified employees trained in child abuse reporting.
3. “Child Protective Agencies” are those law enforcements and child protective services responsible for investigating child abuse reports, including the local police or sheriff department, county welfare or juvenile probation department and child protective services.
4. “Reasonable Suspicion” means that it is objectively reasonable for a person to entertain such a suspicion, based upon facts that could cause a reasonable person in a like position, drawing when appropriate on his/her training and experience, to suspect child abuse. (California Penal Code 11166)

Reporting Procedures

1. To report known or suspected child abuse, any employee (as defined above) shall report by telephone to the local child protective agency.

The telephone report must be made immediately, or as soon as practically possible, upon suspicion. The verbal report will include:

- a. The name of the person making the report.
- b. The name of the child.
- c. The present location of the child.
- d. The nature and extent of any injury.
- e. Any other information requested by the child protective agency, including the information that led the mandated reporter to suspect child abuse.

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Part 1: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

Feather River Charter School – Child Abuse and Neglect (Continued)

At the time the verbal report is made, the mandated reporter shall note the name of the official contacted, the date and time contacted, and any instructions or advice received.

2. Within thirty-six (36) hours of making the telephone report, the mandated reporter will complete and mail a written report to the local child protective agency.

The written report shall include completion of the required standard Department of Justice form (DOJ SS 8572).

The mandated reporter may request and receive copies of the appropriate form either from the school district or directly from the local child protective agency.

Detailed instructions for completion of the form are on the back sheet of the form. Reporters may request assistance from the site administrator in completing and mailing the form; however, the mandated reporter is still responsible for ensuring that the written report is correctly filed.

3. Employees reporting child abuse to a child protective agency are encouraged, but not required, to notify the site administrator or designee as soon as possible after the initial verbal report by telephone. The site administration, when notified, shall inform the Superintendent.

Administrators so notified shall provide the mandated reporter with any assistance necessary to ensure that the verbal or written reporting procedures are carried out according to state law and district regulations. If requested by the mandated reporter, the Senior Director may assist in the completion and filing of these forms.

Legal Responsibility and Liability

1. Mandated reporters have absolute immunity. School employees required to report are not civilly or criminally liable for filing a required or authorized report of known or suspected child abuse.

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Section B: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures - Penal Code 11165.5 &.6
Part 1: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

Feather River Charter School – Child Abuse and Neglect (Continued)

2. A mandated reporter who fails to report an instance of child abuse, which he/she knows to exist or reasonably should know to exist, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by confinement in jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or both. The mandated reporter may also be held civilly liable for damages for any injury to the child after a failure to report.
3. When two (2) or more persons who are required to report jointly, have knowledge of suspected instance of child abuse, and when there is agreement, and a single report may be made and signed by the person selected. However, if any person who knows or should know that the person designated to report failed to do so, that person then has a duty to make the report.
4. The duty to report child abuse is an individual duty and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit such reporting duties. Furthermore, no person making such a report shall be subject to any sanction.

Release of Child to Peace Officer

When a child is released to a peace officer and taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse, the Senior Director shall not notify the parent or guardian as required in other instances of removal of a child from school, but rather shall provide the peace officer with the address and telephone number of the child's parent or guardian.

It is the responsibility of the peace officer to notify the parent or guardian of the situation. Peace officers will be asked to sign an appropriate release or acceptance of responsibility form (cf. 5145.11 – Questioning and Apprehension).

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Part 1: Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

Feather River Charter School
– Child Abuse and Neglect (Continued)

When School Employees are Accused of Child Abuse

Regardless of who child abusers may be, the major responsibilities of mandated reporters are to (1) identify incidents of suspected child abuse, and (2) comply with laws requiring reporting of suspected abuse to the proper authorities. Determining whether or not the suspected abuse actually occurred is not the responsibility of the school employee. Such determination and follow-up investigation will be made by a child protective agency.

Parent/guardians or members of the public accusing school employees of child abuse should be made aware of the ramifications of making false reports and should be provided with information regarding child abuse and child abuse reporting.

Pending the outcome of an investigation by a child protective agency and prior to the filing of formal charges, the employee may be subject to reassignment or a paid leave of absence.

Disciplinary action resulting from the filing of formal charges or upon conviction shall be in accordance with district policies, regulations and/or collective bargaining agreements. The Senior Director or designee should consult with legal counsel in implementing either suspension or dismissal.

Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Feather River Charter School
Section C: Emergency/Disaster Plans - Ed Code 32287; CCR Title 8, Sec 3220 ADA
Part 1: General Information - Disaster

Feather River Charter School will take all necessary measures to keep students, staff and visitors safe in the event of a disaster. The following sections of this plan outline basic responsibilities for all staff for specific incidents

The Feather River Charter School has developed a Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Plan that outlines in more detail, specific responsibilities for Emergency Response Teams at this school.

This Emergency Action Plan is being developed to provide information to the staff at Feather River Charter School to ensure pertinent information is available in the case of an incident that warrants a response. It is written in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 3220 which outlines the components required for a plan. There are also components of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS), including the Incident Command System incorporated in this plan. The purpose for the inclusion is that while Feather River Charter School may not have students on site, it will serve as an Emergency Operations Center if a multi-site incident occurs and support is needed for school or local community. At that time, the role of Feather River Charter School would be to serve as a resource and clearinghouse for information.

The plan is developed with a multi-hazard perspective to make it applicable to the widest range of emergencies and disasters, both natural and human caused. However, Administrators retain the flexibility to modify procedures and/or organization structure as necessary to accomplish the emergency response and recovery missions in the context of a particular hazard scenario.

The individual(s) responsible for implementation of this plan or to contact for any clarification is:

Name: _____

Department: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Department: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Plan Approval:

Name of Responsible Party

Title

Signature

Date

RECORD OF DISTRIBUTION

Plan #	Office/Department	Representative	Signature

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FACILITY EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- | | | |
|----|--|---------------|
| 1) | Emergency Operations Center
(Managing Director's) | Insert Number |
| 2) | Alternate Location
(Office cell phone #) | Insert Number |

LOCAL AGENCIES/OTHERS

- 1) Local Police
- 2) Local Fire
- 3) American Red Cross
- 4) Electric Utility Company
- 5) Local Gas Company
- 6) Local Water Company

In the event of a major emergency or disaster, the 9-1-1 emergency system may not function because of traffic overload. If you have a situation requiring immediate aid from police, fire or medical personnel you should try to use the 9-1-1 number first for immediate aid.

INTRUSION AND/OR FIRE ALARMS

If an intrusion or fire alarm goes off the company responsible for monitoring the system is (name of company), (phone number).

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

A key component to this plan is the Incident Command System (ICS). The five basic functions of: Management, Operations, Logistics, Planning/Intelligence and Finance/Administration must remain consistent, but the formation of the teams within those sections can be flexible to meet each school's needs.

To properly complete the EOP, the school needs to: (1) Assign roles for Management staff and Section Chiefs (2) form the site emergency teams, (3) provide the appropriate training for all staff (4) conduct exercises to test the plan, and (5) update the plans as needed.

Employees shall be offered training on the specifics of this plan when it is initially developed and when new employees are hired. Employees should be retrained when the plan changes due to a change in the layout or design of the facility, when new equipment, hazardous materials, or processes are introduced that affect evacuation routes, or when new types of hazards are introduced that require special actions. It would also be helpful to provide annual awareness training as a reminder. General training for employees should address the following:

- Individual roles and responsibilities.
- Threats, hazards, and protective actions.
- Notification, warning, and communications procedures.
- Emergency response procedures.
- Evacuation, shelter, and accountability procedures.
- Location and use of common emergency equipment.
- Emergency shutdown procedures.

Additional training may also need to be provided (i.e. first-aid procedures, portable fire extinguisher use, etc.) depending on the responsibilities allocated employees in the plan.

Once the emergency action plan has been reviewed with employees and everyone has had the proper training, it is a good idea to hold practice drills as often as necessary to keep employees prepared. Include outside resources such as fire and police departments when possible. After each drill, gather management and employees to evaluate the effectiveness of the drill. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of your plan and work to improve it.

ABOUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Through the years, those agencies responsible for disaster response have come up with several different models for coordinating that response. Although these models differ, they share a common background: The Incident Command System (ICS). As a member of your school's emergency response team, you will need to be familiar with ICS and the emergency management systems used in California.

Incident Command System (ICS) Developed in the 1970's by Southern California Fire Protection Agencies, this system was designed to coordinate multi-jurisdictional response. The beauty of ICS is that it is based upon common terminology and on the division of response activities into five functional units that essentially eliminates the possibility of the duplication of efforts. ICS became the model for the state's system.

Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Developed in response to the lack of agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination during the Oakland Fires of 1991, SEMS became the state-wide standard for coordinated emergency response. All agencies involved in emergency response are legally required to use SEMS. In fact, the **STATE** reimbursement of local costs incurred for emergency response/recovery is tied to the use of SEMS.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) After the national tragedy on September 11, 2001, it became clear that the country needed an emergency response system to address incidents that affected the entire nation. The national government looked at the system used in California and used it as a model to develop a national response system called NIMS. It is a FEMA approved emergency response system and will become the national model. National compliance was expected by 2006 but is still in progress. **FEDERAL** funding for emergency response/recovery grants is tied to the use of NIMS.

SCHOOL RESPONSE

In 1994 the State of California legislators passed the Petris Bill. This bill ***requires*** schools (who are considered to be special districts) to use the SEMS model in planning for, and responding to, school emergencies and disasters. HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE HSPD-5, which mandated the development and implementation of NIMS, now requires schools to integrate that system into their plans as well.

WHAT SPECIFIC LAWS* APPLY TO SCHOOLS

THE FIELD ACT

(Garrison Act and Riley Act)

Sets building code standards for construction and remodeling of public schools and assigns the responsibility for assuring building code compliance to the Division of the State Architect.

THE KATZ ACT

Requires schools to establish an earthquake emergency system:

- Develop a disaster plan
- Conduct periodic drop and cover drills, evacuation procedures and emergency response actions—once each quarter in elementary schools and once each semester in secondary schools
- Provide training to students and staff in emergency response procedures
- Be prepared to have your school serve as a possible public shelter
- Take mitigation measures to ensure the safety of students and staff—such as securing equipment and furniture.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ARE DISASTER SERVICE WORKERS

California Government Code Section 3100

All school employees are considered disaster service workers when:

- A local emergency has been proclaimed
- A state emergency has been proclaimed
- or,**
- A federal disaster declaration has been made

NOTE: During a declared disaster, school employees are required, by law, to serve as disaster service workers and cannot leave their school site until formally released.

- Certificated employees risk losing their teaching credentials
- Classified employees may be charged with a misdemeanor

*This is not a legal opinion, confirmation is required determine if your organization is exempt from any regulations targeting schools. The assumption is that the laws apply to all public schools.

POST-DISASTER SHELTERS

Schools are required by both federal statute and state regulation to be available for shelters following a disaster.

- The American Red Cross has access to schools to set up shelters
- Local governments have access to schools to set up shelters
- Plan and make arrangements in advance to assure that you are prepared.

THE PETRIS BILL

California Government Code Section 8607

Requires schools to respond to disasters using the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) by December 1996.

- ICS - (Incident Command System) organizing response efforts into five basic functions: Management, Operations, Logistics, Planning/Intelligence and Finance/Administration
- EOC - (Emergency Operations Center) setting up a central area of control using the five basic functions
- Coordinate all efforts with the operational area (county) EOC, city EOC and county office of education EOC
- Incorporation of SEMS into all school plans, training and drills
- Documentation of the use of SEMS during an actual emergency

HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE HSPD-5

February 28, 2003

On February 28, 2003, President George W. Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5). HSPD-5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS).

HSPD-5 requires Federal departments and agencies to make the adoption of NIMS by state and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance (grants, contracts and other activities) by Fiscal Year 2005.

NIMS training requirements: All school employees (as designated Disaster Services Workers) are to complete ICS100, ICS200 and IS700.)

USING SEMS AND NIMS IN YOUR SCHOOL - AN OVERVIEW

Within SEMS and NIMS, an emergency response organization, known as the Incident Command System, consists of five Sections:

Management: responsible for policymaking with respect to disaster planning and preparedness and for the overall coordination of emergency response and recovery activities. This section has four members, the EOC Director/Incident Commander (IC), the Public Information Officer (PIO), the Safety Officer, and the Liaison Officer (LO). In short: they are *the leaders*.

Planning/Intelligence: responsible for creating the action plans and checklists that will be used by all of the sections during crisis response and recovery. The section is comprised of two teams: the Situation Status Team and the Documentation Team. During an emergency, these teams gather, analyze, disseminate, and record information critical to the functioning of the Management Section. Planning/Intelligence are often referred to as *the thinkers*.

Operations: responsible for response preparedness of the Assembly/Shelter, Communications, Crisis Intervention, Light Search and Rescue, First Aid, Student Release/Staff Accounting, and Maintenance/Fire/Site Security Teams. During a disaster, this section directs response activities of all of these teams and coordinates that response with the Management Section. These folks represent *the doers*.

Logistics: prior to a disaster, this section is in charge of creating a transportation plan, and ensuring that there are adequate supplies of food, water, and equipment for crisis response. During an emergency, the section's two teams, the Supplies/Staffing Team and the Transportation Team provide services, personnel, equipment, materials, and facilities, as needed. They are *the getters*.

Finance/Administration: in charge of creating policies and procedures for documenting costs associated with emergency response. This section has one team, called the Recordkeeping Team. During a disaster, they activate contracts with vendors, keep time records, track receipts, and account for expenditures. Their efforts make it possible for schools to reclaim costs associated with response and recovery activities from the state. They also gather all paperwork and

documentation at the end of the incident for inclusion in the After Action Report (AAR). They are called *the payers*.

THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

During an emergency, the Management Section gathers together in an area/room to set-up a “command center” also known as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). In the EOC, the Management Section makes decisions affecting response activities based upon information coming in from the Section Chiefs.

A Word About Unified Command

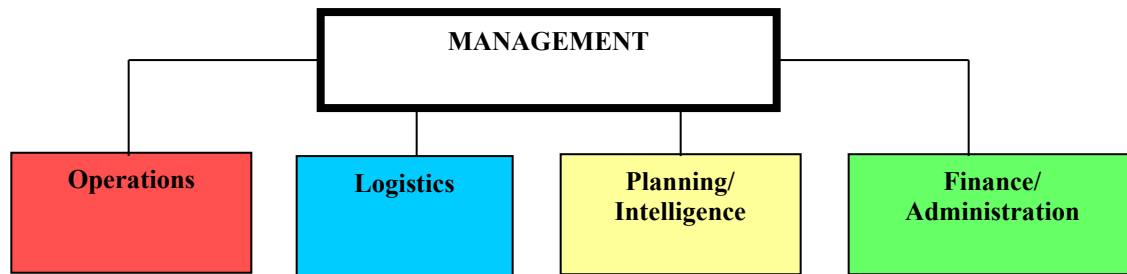
The control of and response to emergencies is the sole responsibility of the site teams *until* first responders arrive. Once they arrive, incident command transitions to **“Unified Command.”** This transition is immediately facilitated by an on-site briefing of first responders by the Management Staff and Section Chiefs. Following the initial briefing, the site’s Incident Commander will begin to work closely with representatives of each response agency to plan and carry out response activities. Other employees may be asked to participate as well, depending upon the incident at hand and the available staffing of emergency responders. All staff should be prepared to participate if necessary.

In the EOC, this means that first responder representatives will essentially be running response activities in consultation with the organization’s Management Staff and Section Chiefs. In the field, Team Leaders and Team Members will work alongside first response teams, *unless* the EOC Director/Incident Commander has deemed it is too dangerous or unsafe for them to do so. *Remember*, first responders are professionals. Work with them and take your cues from them.

The Dual Role of the School Office

- The School must organize to respond to incidents that occur at their location
 - Ensure that the School has a functional Emergency Action Plan
 - Ensure that School staff are trained and well prepared
- The School office must also organize to provide support when the incident happens at school sites within the organization
 - Provide leadership
 - Provide assistance with response and recovery, when needed
 - Ensure that school staff are trained and well prepared
 - Ensure that each school has a functional Emergency Operations Plan

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM AND DIVISION OF LABOR



Divisions of Labor

Each one of the five functions have certain roles and responsibilities during a disaster or school emergency. The Management Section oversees response activities in consultation with the Chiefs of the Operations, Logistics, Planning/Intelligence, and Administration/Finance Sections. Each of these sections in turn, has a team or teams tasked with implementing very specific components of the emergency response plan.

INSERT SITE MAP

(include life and fire safety elements, i.e. fire extinguishers, first aid kits, emergency supplies, etc.)

INSERT STAFF ROSTER

The following Standard Operating Procedures have been developed to address a multitude of incidents that could occur at a school office or student location. This is a living document that should be updated and modified as additional information is acquired. A hazard assessment should be conducted to identify specific areas of concern for your location in order to maximize the number of response situations included in this plan.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Earthquakes, fire, bomb threats, hazardous chemical spill, or an incident on or near campus are just a few examples of an emergency incident situation that may require that portions of a building or an entire school building be evacuated.

The building Emergency Preparedness Committee should identify evacuation areas on site and alternative off-sites areas should it be necessary to evacuate.

A safe evacuation route must be able to accommodate moving a large number of people, while not exposing employees to danger. The location and type of emergency necessitates evaluation and possible adjustments to the usual evacuation routes. This evaluation will determine if the building should be evacuated in segments or if stationing a person at certain exits is necessary so that staff can be re-routed away from danger.

The movement of staff out of buildings requires accounting for every employee. In order to account for staff, work area supervisors must have available employee lists so that missing or extra staff can be reported immediately to the Command Posts (school; law enforcement; fire). When evacuating their work area, work site supervisors must bring with them the location roster and emergency supplies.

During an evacuation, the following procedures must be followed:

- ✓ Move staff to the designated Evacuation Area.
- ✓ Take roll by completing Staff Accountability Form
- ✓ Runners collect Staff Accountability Report from classroom or work areas.
- ✓ If employee has an assignment on Emergency Management Team Organizational Chart, report to the Command Post (CP) and sign in.
- ✓ Report to Incident Commander (IC) for briefing and assignment.

LOCKDOWN/REVERSE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Some emergencies may prevent safe evacuation and require steps to isolate staff from danger by instituting a lockdown. Other emergencies may occur prior to the work day, during break or lunch periods, or after the work day. When staff may be outside the school building or work site, a reverse evacuation should be initiated.

All employees must be familiar with the specific actions they must take during a lockdown or reverse evacuation. Discussions, training, and practice drills are essential to make these procedures workable.

In the event of a lockdown or reverse evacuation, work area supervisors must utilize the following procedures:

- ✓ If outside, move to the nearest building or room providing it is a safe route and that you are not moving in the direction of danger.
- ✓ If inside, stay inside.
- ✓ Lock door(s) to buildings and or work areas.
- ✓ If possible, quickly close all windows and then move away from the windows.
- ✓ Use caution when allowing late reporting staff to enter into a classroom.
- ✓ Have staff hide, if appropriate.
- ✓ Take roll using Staff Accountability Form.

Report any “extra” staff that sought cover in your work area. Take this form with you if you are directed by the Incident Commander to evacuate your work area at a later time.

- ✓ Await further instructions from the Incident Commander via public address system, phone or an e-mail notification to all staff.
- ✓ **DO NOT** use the telephone to call out as all lines must be kept open, unless there is a dire emergency in your work area.
- ✓ Remain in the room/office until a member of the Emergency Management Team or a law enforcement officer arrives with directions.

PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A “SIZE-UP”

A “**SIZE-UP**” is a nine-step continual data gathering process that determines if it is safe to perform a certain emergency task, whether fire suppression, search and rescue, facilities assessment, etc. A size-up enables first responders to make decisions and respond appropriately in the areas of greatest need. The nine steps in a “**size-up**” are:

1. Gather Facts:

- What has happened?
- How many people are involved?
- What is the current situation?
- Does the time of day or week affect this situation?
- Do weather conditions affect the situation (e.g. forecast, temperature, wind, rain)?
- What type(s) of structures are involved?
- Are buildings occupied? If yes, how many?
- Are there special considerations involved (e.g. children, elderly, disabled)?
- Are hazardous materials involved at or near the situation?
- Are other types of hazards likely to be involved?

2. Assess and Communicate the Damage:

- Take a lap around each building and try to determine what has happened, what is happening now, and what may happen next.
- Are normal communications channels functioning (e.g. ICS, radios, e-mail, phones)?

3. Consider Probabilities:

- What is likely to happen?
- What is the worst-case scenario?

4. Assess Your Own Situation:

- Are you in immediate danger?
- Have you been trained to handle this situation?
- What resources are available which can assist with your current situation?

5. Establish Priorities:

- Are lives at risk? Remember, life safety is the first priority!
- Can you and available resources handle this situation SAFELY without putting others at risk?
- Are there more pressing needs at the moment? If yes, what are they?

6. Make Decisions:

- Base decisions on the answers to Steps 1 through 3 and the priorities that your team has established.
- Where will deployment of resources do the most good while maintaining an adequate margin of safety?

7. Develop an INCIDENT ACTION PLAN:

- Develop a plan that will help you accomplish your priorities.

- Simple plans may be verbal, but more complex plans should always be written.
- Determine how personnel and other resources should be deployed.

8. Take Action:

- Execute your plan, documenting deviations and status changes so that you can accurately report the situation to first responders, the Incident Command Post, the EOC, or other agencies that respond to the scene (e.g. fire, law enforcement, medical, media, coroner, parents).

9. Evaluate Progress:

- At reasonable intervals, evaluate progress in accomplishing the objectives in the plan of action (Incident Action Plan) to determine what is working and what changes you may have to make to stabilize the situation

BOMB THREAT

TELEPHONE BOMB THREAT

- During the call, complete the bomb threat checklist found on the next page.
- Stay on the line with the caller as long as possible, continuing to try and obtain more information about the threat.
- Have someone else call **911** (first 9 is to obtain outside line) and notify the School office.
- Without using portable radios or cell phones, organize a meeting with the school's Emergency Management Team (EMT). Radio and cell phone usage can resume once you are 300 feet away from school premises as a bomb could be hidden outside.
- If necessary, implement the ICS with only those positions deemed necessary.
- Assign a recorder to document events as they take place.
- Any search of the site should be done under the direction of law enforcement.
- The decision to evacuate the location is the responsibility of the Senior Director or his/her designee.
- If an evacuation is ordered, do not touch anything while leaving the building. Report any suspicious items to the Incident Commander.
- Follow off-site evacuation procedures.
- If the caller identifies a location where the device has been placed, avoid evacuating through the identified area.
- EMT members responsible for off-site evacuation and student accounting should begin making preparations for an orderly transition of the students/staff to the evacuation site.
- If an announcement is made over the school PA to evacuate, remind teachers and site supervisors to bring their class or work area rosters and emergency supplies.
- When the off-site evacuation location is reached, account for all students and staff. Report missing students/staff to the Incident Commander. The Incident Commander will report missing students/staff to the law enforcement agency assisting with the evacuation.
- Re-entry onto the school campus can only take place at the direction of Incident Commander.

E-MAIL BOMB THREAT

- Save the e-mail message.
- Print a copy of the message and give to the Senior Director, law enforcement, and the Technology Department.

- Follow applicable procedures from above.

BOMB THREAT REPORT FORM:

School: _____

This form will help you obtain the necessary information from the caller. Keep this information near the phone.

Date: _____ Time: _____ AM _____ PM _____

Exact words of the person placing call:

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- 1.) When is the bomb going to explode? _____
- 2.) Where is the bomb right now? _____
- 3.) What kind of bomb is it? _____
- 4.) What does it look like? _____
- 5.) Why did you place the bomb? _____
- 6.) What will prevent you from doing this? _____
- 7.) What is your name? (He/she may inadvertently give it) _____

TRY TO DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING: (Circle all that apply)

Caller Description: Male Female Adult Juvenile Middle Aged Old

Voice: Loud Soft High-pitch Deep Raspy Pleasant Intoxicated

Accent: Local Non-Local Foreign Region Other: _____

Speech: Fast Slow Distinct Distorted Stutter Nasal Slurred Lisp

Language: Excellent Good Fair Poor Foul Other: _____

Manner: Calm Angry Rational Irrational Coherent Incoherent Deliberate Emotional
Righteous Laughing Intoxicated

Background Noises: Office Machines Factory Machines Trains Animals Music Quiet Voices
Airplanes Street Traffic Party Atmosphere Other: _____

NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S): _____

Do not panic and do not discuss the information you have received except with the above-named persons.

Person receiving the Bomb Threat: _____ at telephone
number _____.

Caller ID returned the following number:

_____.

Police contacted by: _____

Time: _____ Date: _____

Search was made for the bomb: Y N

Evacuation was conducted: Y N

FIRE/EXPLOSION

Apart from arson, major causes of fires include improper handling and storage of flammable liquids, overloaded electrical outlets, and excessive accumulation of rubbish.

FIRE DRILL PROCEDURES

- NO advance notice of fire drills should be given to building occupants.
- All drills shall be conducted using the same procedures that would be followed in case of an actual fire.
- Fire drills should be conducted at different hours of the day.
- An appropriate number of staff members should know how to reset the fire alarm.
- Immediately after the alarm has sounded for the drill, call the Fire Department non-emergency number to advise that this is only a drill.
- Keep documentation for each drill and record notable events for future consideration/improvement.

POSTING OF EVACUATION ROUTES

- A map, showing the primary and secondary evacuation routes shall be posted inside each room. The evacuation map shall have the office location highlighted and be placed on the wall so that an arrow indicating the exit route is pointing in the direction of the exit from the room.
- The map shall be labeled “**EVACUATION PLAN**” in bold letters and prominently posted in hallways, offices, bathrooms, cafeterias, lounges.

FIRE/EXPLOSION CHECKLIST

- If fire or smoke is detected, or a burning odor is sensed, pull the closest fire alarm to initiate building evacuation procedures.
- Call **911** to report all known information about the incident.
- Site administration should assign a recorder to begin documentation of the event.
- Before leaving a work area, the work area supervisor or their designee should make sure all windows are closed.
- Procedures for anyone with special-needs should be planned in advance and practiced.
- Administration should initiate the Incident Command System (ICS) and the designee assumes the role of the Incident Commander (IC) and establishes a Command Post staging area.
- Supervisors are to complete the Staff Accountability Report.
- Data collected from the **Staff Accountability Form** will determine if the Incident Commander needs to activate additional portions of the ICS, such as First Aid, Medical, Search and Locate/Rescue, etc.
- Establish contact with fire and law enforcement agencies.
- The fire department will give clearance to site administration when it is OK for staff to re-enter the building or an alternative plan if the building will not be able to be occupied.

EARTHQUAKE

An earthquake's effect on facilities will vary from building to building. Fire alarm or sprinkler systems may be activated by the shaking. Elevators and stairways will need to be inspected for damage before they can be used. Another major threat during an earthquake is from falling objects and debris. Injuries may be sustained during the earthquake while evacuating the building(s) or upon re-entry. Use the following guidelines/procedures to manage the incident:

IF INDOORS

- **DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON** by getting under a desk or table. Protect eyes, head and neck.
- Move away from windows and objects that could fall.
- Stay under desk or table until shaking stops.
- Listen for emergency instructions.
- Evacuate building if necessary and stay away from buildings, utility poles and large objects while transferring to the assembly area.
- Account for all staff using Staff Accountability Report.

IF OUTDOORS

- Move away from buildings, utility poles and large objects.
- Avoid all downed electrical lines.
- Do not touch any wire or any metal objects.
- Sit down in a safe area.
- Move to assembly area and begin accounting for all staff.

IN VEHICLE:

- Stop vehicle in a safe location away from power lines, overpasses or buildings.
- Stay in vehicle and establish radio contact with School office.

GENERAL GUIDELINES (AFTER THE QUAKE):

- Be prepared for aftershocks and ground motion.
- Evaluate immediate area for earthquake related hazards (fire, building collapse, gas leaks, downed electrical lines, wires, etc.).
- Account for all staff.
- Activate necessary portions of the ICS in collaboration with the site emergency team.
- Determine injuries and provide basic first aid via Medical/First Aid Group.
- Call **911** if there is a major emergency that is life threatening. You may not get a response from **911** if a major disaster has occurred affecting a large local area. **As we have been warned, we may be on our own for several hours or days.**
- Establish communication with your Supervisor and Incident Commander
- Assist any law enforcement or fire units that may respond to your site.
- Control internal and external communications, including contact with school sites and city agencies by use of telephones, cell phones, radios, runners, e-mail, text messages, or other means.
- Refer all media inquiries to the PIO.
- In communication with the school sites, assess the overall situation, how long students and staff might be at school, how supplies might be distributed and sheltering of students and staff.

SHOOTING/STABBINGS

No single warning sign can predict that a dangerous act will occur; however, certain warning signs may indicate that someone is close to behaving in a way that is potentially dangerous to self and/or others. Imminent warning signs usually are present as a sequence of overt, serious, or hostile behaviors or threats directed at peers, staff (usually more than one staff member), as well as the person's immediate family.

IMMINENT WARNING SIGNS REQUIRE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE AND MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- Physically fighting with peers or family members.
- Hostile interactions with law enforcement that involve a number of recorded incidents.
- Hostile interactions with staff and administration.
- Destruction of property (school, home, community).
- Severe rage for seemingly minor reasons.
- Detailed (time, place and method) threats (written and/or oral) to harm or kill others.
- Possession and/or use of firearms and other weapons.
- Self-injurious behaviors or threats of suicide.
- Is carrying a weapon, particularly a firearm, and has threatened to use it.

WHAT TO DO IF A SHOOTING/STABBING OCCURS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- The first indications of a shooting may include: sound of gunfire, loud cracking sounds, banging noises, windows shattering, glass exploding, bullets ricocheting or a report of a stabbing incident on campus.
- Call **911**. Identify your address, and succinctly explain the emergency incident and exact location. Stay on the line until the **911** dispatcher has all the information needed to respond to the situation.
- Activate Incident Command System (ICS) with Emergency Management Team.
- Establish Command Post and appoint Incident Commander and communicate location to law enforcement and fire/rescue units.
- Notify appropriate individuals, i.e. Administrators, Policy Group.
- Provide information, when practicable, about the incident to staff via PA system, e-mail or by phone.
- Account for all staff members by using phone or e-mail or other communication means. Attempt to determine if the shooter/stabber is still on the work site.
- Attempt to determine if the weapon has been found or secured.
- Attempt to determine if the shooter/stabber has been identified.
- Assign a liaison (preferably an administrator) to interface with law enforcement and fire department.
- Liaison can supply law enforcement with radio or phone communication, phone numbers, maps, keys, and other information deemed pertinent to the safe operation of the incident.
- Gather witnesses in secure room for law enforcement questioning. DO NOT allow witnesses to talk to one another (to protect the investigation). Assign staff to stay with witnesses until law enforcement arrives.
- Develop plan to evacuate staff to an off-site or alternate evacuation area should it be necessary to evacuate the building.
- Gather information of staff members involved in the incident.
- Prepare written statements for telephone callers and media in cooperation with law enforcement and the Senior Director. Can a message be placed on the website?
- Provide a liaison representative for family members for any injured staff members.
- Provide Crisis Response Team to provide counseling and to help deal with any psychological factors.

IF STAFF ARE OUTSIDE, THEY SHOULD BE TRAINED AND/OR INSTRUCTED TO

- Move or crawl away from gunfire, trying to put barriers between you and the shooter.

- Understand that many barriers may visually conceal a person from gunfire but may not be bulletproof.
- Try to get behind or inside a building. Stay down and away from windows.
- When reaching a relatively safe area, stay down and do not move. Do not peek or raise head.
- Listen for directions from law enforcement.
- Provide your name to work area supervisor who is accounting for all staff.
- Help others by being calm and quiet.
- Provide law enforcement with as much information as possible, such as:
 - ✓ Is suspect still on site and do you know current location?
 - ✓ Where was the specific location of occurrence?
 - ✓ Are there wounded staff members? How many?
 - ✓ Description of all weapons (hand gun, shotgun, automatic, dangerous objects, explosive devices, other).
 - ✓ Describe sound and number of shots fired.

SCENE OF INCIDENT

- The scene of an incident/crime shall be preserved.
- With the exception of rescue and law enforcement personnel, no one is allowed to enter the immediate area or touch anything.
- Any witnesses, including staff members, should be held near the area of the incident and be made available to law enforcement for questioning.
- Law enforcement responding to the incident will coordinate activities at the scene of the incident and finished, release the area to school officials when finished.

DEATH AND/OR SUICIDE

Death at a workplace is rare; however, you should be prepared in the event of a death whether it be caused by earthquake, explosion, building collapse, fire, choking, heart attack, seizure, or an incident such as a shooting/stabbing, fight, suicide, etc.

Organizations should also be prepared for the sudden, unexpected death of a staff member or a family member that does not occur on the school campus (automobile accident, sudden death, drive by shooting, gang violence, etc.).

Guidelines to utilize in the event of a death are outlined below.

DEATH OCCURS AT SCHOOL

- Call **911**. Identify your address and briefly outline the emergency and location on campus.
- Notify the school administration.
- Activate the Incident Command System if necessary and contact the school Emergency Management Team. Assign staff as needed.
- Notify the Managing Director's office.
- Isolate other staff from scene.
- If there is a death, do not move body. Law enforcement will contact the coroner's office so that the body can be removed, and any personal items of the victim can be returned to family or secured as evidence.
- DO NOT disturb or touch anything if the event is declared a crime scene.
- Secure area with yellow caution tape and assign staff to guard area.
- Gather all witnesses and place them in a secure location. Tell witnesses not to discuss any part of their observations until law enforcement arrives to interview or release them. Assign staff to monitor witnesses.
- Consider impact on staff. Activate the Crisis Response Team as appropriate.
- If the deceased is an employee, the Senior Director must notify Cal-OSHA within the 8-hour time requirement. Law enforcement or fire department may inform you they will contact Cal-OSHA; however, the School still must make certain it calls Cal-OSHA.
- Monitor staff emotional responses. Following a death there may be:
 - ✓ Self-referrals
 - ✓ Parent referrals
 - ✓ Reports and concerns expressed by relatives or good friends
 - ✓ Students who have experienced a recent loss.
- Develop a list of students and staff members that are having emotional symptoms.

HOSTAGE SITUATIONS

In any hostage situation, the primary concern must be the safety of staff.

Individuals who take hostages are frequently disturbed and the key to dealing with them is to make every attempt to avoid antagonizing them. Communication and demeanor with a hostage taker must be handled in a non-threatening, non-joking manner, always remembering that it may take very little to cause an individual to become violent.

IF THE OFFICE IS TAKEN HOSTAGE

- Do not use words such as “hostage,” “captives,” or “negotiate.”
- Stay calm.
- No heroics, challenges or confrontation.
- Obey all commands.
- When safe, call **911**. Identify your work site and give the exact location in the building of the incident. Stay on the phone until law enforcement arrives to assume control of the situation.
- If possible, assign another staff member to notify the Site administrator.
- If possible, initiate a work site lockdown to stabilize areas around the incident and make for an easier evacuation.
- The work site emergency team shall activate the Incident Command System and make needed assignments including staging a Command Post (CP) and appointing an Incident Commander (IC).
- If possible, the emergency team should provide law enforcement with a liaison from the work site. The liaison can assist in providing name of IC, location of CP and obtaining maps, keys, radio and phone numbers, etc.
- Keep all radios, television sets, and computers turned off to minimize any possibility that suspect can hear or see “NEWS REPORTS.”
- Make an effort to establish rapport with suspect. Provide your first name. Find out his/her first name and use first names, including those of other staff members involved in the situation. If you do not know first names, refer to the hostages(s) as men, and women.
- Be calm and patient and wait for help. Keep in mind that the average hostage incident lasts approximately six (6) to eight (8) hours, and the average barricade incident lasts approximately three (3) hours. **TIME IS ON YOUR SIDE.**
- Anticipate a point of law enforcement entry, rescue and how suspects will be apprehended.

WHEN THE HOSTAGE LOCATION IS OTHER THAN AN OFFICE

- Immediately call **911**. Identify your address and the situation, providing the exact location of the incident. **STAY ON THE LINE UNTIL LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES.**
- While on the phone with the **911** dispatcher report the following if known:
 - ✓ Number of suspect(s)
 - ✓ Names(s) of suspect(s) (if known)
 - ✓ Description of suspect(s):
 - Male or Female
 - Race
 - Weight (Light; Lean; Heavy; Obese) stay away from using lbs.
 - Height (short; medium; tall) avoid using feet/inches
 - Hair
 - Eyes

- Approximate age
- Description of clothing
- Anything special or unusual, like:
 - Scars
 - Tattoos
 - Burn marks
 - Birthmarks
 - Pierced body parts
 - Jewelry
- ✓ Exact location of suspect (building, room) and include North, South, East or West in your directions.
- ✓ Approximate number of staff in hostage area.
- ✓ Are weapons or explosive devices involved?
- ✓ Have any shots been fired? If yes, describe sound and number of shots fired.
- ✓ Are there reports of any injuries or emergency medical needs (medication)? Describe exact location and condition of victim(s).
- ✓ Are there any demands the suspect has made?
- ✓ Is there any other background information, past problems with suspect, demeanor, possible motive, or vendettas against staff or particular staff member?

If the hostage situation is on one side of the building, law enforcement will likely want to enter from the other side. Inform law enforcement exactly where the “Hostage Situation” is located and advise law enforcement what you consider to be the best “other side” entrance for law enforcement response.

- If possible, assign another staff member to notify the Site Administrator.

WHILE WAITING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

- If you can safely communicate to other offices by phone, implement lockdown procedures. For this situation, **DO NOT** set off any alarms as the bell may cause staff to panic and rush into a dangerous area.
- **DO NOT EVACUATE** until instructed or escorted by law enforcement.
- Complete Staff Accountability Report.

ONCE LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Law enforcement will need assistance in identifying witnesses. Gather witnesses in a secure location but do not let them talk with one another (to protect the investigation).

THE SITE EMERGENCY TEAM SHOULD MAKE PLANS TO

- Establish their Command Posts and assignment of necessary personnel.
- Record all events.
- Account for all staff.
- Prepare for a possible off-site evacuation route and location.
- Establish a media staging area.
- Alert Crisis Response Team for possible counseling of staff.

HOSTILE VISITOR

A hostile visitor could be an irate parent, a staff member, a neighbor, or an acquaintance of a staff member. The situation may begin in the front office; however, the individual may bypass the office and go directly to the target

of his/her hostility. It is the responsibility of staff to protect staff, attempt to defuse the situation, and, if necessary, notify law enforcement.

UNDERSTANDING NONVERBAL MESSAGES

Body language plays a role in communication. Nonverbal cues are especially crucial when dealing with a person who is upset and potentially violent. Pay attention to signs that a person is angry or frightened. These include:

- Trembling
- Sweating
- A red face
- Crossed arms
- Clenched jaw or fists
- Shallow breathing
- Glaring or avoiding eye contact
- Pacing the floor
- Sneering
- Crying
- Ranting

SEND THE RIGHT NONVERBAL MESSAGES

Don't get too close. An angry or upset person feels threatened by someone who stands too close. Give the person two to four feet distance from you.

Avoid doing any of the following:

- Glaring or staring at the visitor
- Threatening mannerisms such as clenched fists and a raised voice.
- Getting angry

Consider doing the following:

- Be courteous and confident
- Do not touch the individual
- Protect yourself at all times
- Find another staff member to join you or keep the meeting in an open area
- Listen to the visitor, giving him/her the opportunity to vent
- Do not disregard the person's opinion or blame the person.

ATTEMPT TO USE PHRASES SUCH AS:

- What can we do to make this better?
- I understand the problem and I am concerned.
- We need to work together on this problem.

WHAT TO DO:

- As soon as possible, call **911** and stay on the line. State your address, and exact location of hostile visitor. Identify building by letter (A, B, C, D, etc.) or number and use directions (North, South, East or West) for law enforcement as they enter the grounds. Give a description of the hostile visitor.
- If possible, assign a staff member to meet law enforcement and direct them to the location.
- The staff member should unlock any gate that makes access to campus easier and faster.
- If possible, notify the Site Administrator.
- If necessary, activate the Incident Command System, using only those parts of ICS as determined by the information at hand. Expand ICS as needed.

- Use staff members to keep staff away from the location of the hostile visitor.

CHEMICAL RELEASE/ HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILL

A chemical release or hazardous material spill could affect one classroom, an entire worksite or larger area.

HOW SHOULD THE SCHOOL OFFICE PREPARE?

- The Emergency Management Teams should discuss and review plans to “Shelter in Place” or to “Evacuate the Area” using an alternative evacuation staging area.
- Staff should be trained to know what type of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and clothing to wear when handling hazardous material. The type of PPE to be worn, if any, is contained in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS).
- Staff utilizing or handling any hazardous material, should know the symptoms of exposure, emergency first aid and treatment for exposure.
- All hazardous materials should be stored in a manner prescribed on the SDS.

HOW SHOULD THE SCHOOL OR DISTRICT RESPOND?

- If a hazardous spill or chemical release occurs within any area of the School office, immediately notify **911**. Inform the dispatcher of your school/address and a brief summary of the problem including the name of the hazardous material/chemical, location of the spill and a report of any injuries, illnesses, fire, explosion, etc.
- Approach incident from upwind.
- Stay clear of all spills (vapors, fumes, smoke, fire, possibility of explosion, other).
- Notify Site Administrator.
- Activate necessary portions of Incident Command System (ICS) and appoint Incident Commander. Expand ICS as needed and make necessary assignments appropriate to incident.
- Begin documentation of events.
- The situation or advice from law enforcement, fire department or a hazardous materials unit deployed to the scene of the spill will determine whether to “Shelter-In-Place” or to “Evacuate” the building. If evacuation is ordered, instruct staff to always move crosswind and upwind. Never move downwind into a chemical. To check wind direction, look at movement of trees or flag.
- If “Sheltering-In-Place” and, if possible, shut off all air-conditioning and heating units. Close all windows and door openings and try to seal gaps under doorways and windows with wet cloth or towels.
- Close all shades or drapes. Instruct staff to stay away from windows.
- If gas or vapors have entered the building, take shallow breaths through a cloth or towel.
- Keep telephone lines clear for emergency calls.
- If an evacuation is ordered, follow all instructions.
- Upon reaching alternative evacuation area, take head count and report missing or ill staff to Incident Commander and/or law enforcement.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Occasionally a medical emergency will occur, and personnel must be prepared to respond quickly, effectively, and efficiently.

SOME EMERGENCY PREVENTION/PREPAREDNESS GUIDELINES

- Insist that all accidents be reported, even if no visible harm or injury occurred.
- Follow established procedures for issuing medication.

WHAT TO DO IF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY OCCURS

- Assess seriousness of injury and/or illness by doing START (Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment, commonly called Thirty-Two-Can Do). If a staff member fails any of the three simple tests (Respirations, Perfusion, and Mental), their medical status is IMMEDIATE (RED). Administer first aid or CPR as needed.
- Call **911** and be prepared to provide:
 - ✓ Your address, building letter (A, B, C, D, etc.), room or floor number
 - ✓ Describe illness or type of injury
 - ✓ How the illness or type of injury occurred
 - ✓ Age of ill or injured staff member
 - ✓ Quickest way for ambulance to enter location on site
- Notify the Senior Director.
- Assign a staff member to meet and direct rescue services to location of injured party.
- Notify staff member's family of situation, including type of injury/illness, medical care being given and location where staff has been transported.
- When appropriate, advise other staff of situation.
- Follow-up with staff member's family.

GAS ODOR/LEAK

Natural gas has an additive that gives off a distinct odor allowing you to detect (smell) a leak. In most cases, handling a gas leak involves:

- Isolating the area and moving staff to safety.
- Eliminating potential ignition sources.
- Securing the leak.

The primary responsibility of the worksite staff is to determine how to safely house or evacuate staff and to protect property. The following agencies should be contacted:

- Fire Department (Call **911**)
- Site Administrator. Have a phone number for a point of contact if a leak is detected after business hours. (see emergency contact list)
- Local Gas Company

GAS ODOR OR LEAK INSIDE A BUILDING

- Evacuate the building(s) and move to a safe assembly area as far away as possible from the targeted building.
- Assign Emergency Management Team members to direct staff evacuating other buildings to stay away from the building with odor/leak.
- If necessary, activate the Incident Command System and establish Command Post.
- Begin completing Staff Accountability Report.
- Report any missing students and staff to Command Post.
- Assign a liaison to interact with Fire Department, Gas Company or law enforcement.

IF GAS ODOR OR LEAK IS DETECTED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

- It may not be necessary to evacuate the building. Evacuation is called for only if odor seeps into a building.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE PROCEDURES

Why You Might Need to Shelter-In-Place

Chemical, biological, or radiological contaminants may be released accidentally or intentionally into the environment. Should this occur, information will be provided by local authorities, TV or radio on how to protect staff. Because information will most likely be provided on television and radio, it is important to keep a TV or radio on, even during the workday or instructional time. The important thing is for you to follow instructions of local authorities.

Following Are Actions to Follow at Your Worksite:

- Follow reverse evacuation procedures to bring students and staff indoors.
- If there are visitors in the building, provide for their safety by asking them to stay. When authorities provide directions to “shelter-in-place”, they want everyone to take those steps now, where they are, and not drive or walk outdoors.
- Provide for answering telephone inquiries by having at least one telephone available in the room selected to provide shelter for the Office Manager, or the person designated to answer these calls. This room should also be sealed. There should be a way to communicate among all rooms where staff are sheltering-in-place.
- Ideally, provide a way to make announcements over the public address system from the room where the site administrator takes shelter.
- Provide directions to close and lock all windows, exterior doors and any other openings to the outside.
- If there is danger of an explosion, direct that window shades, blinds, or curtains be closed.
- Have employees familiar with the building’s mechanical system turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems. Some systems automatically provide for exchange of inside air with outside air – these systems, in particular, need to be turned off, sealed, or disabled.
- Gather essential disaster supplies, such as nonperishable food, bottled water, battery-powered radios, first aid supplies, flashlights, batteries, duct tape, plastic sheeting and plastic garbage bags.
- Designate interior rooms(s) above the ground floor with the fewest windows or vents. The room(s) should have adequate space for everyone to be able to sit in. Avoid overcrowding by selecting several rooms if necessary. Large storage closets, utility rooms, meeting rooms, or conference room without exterior windows will also work well.
- Call emergency contacts and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition.
- Bring everyone into the rooms that have been designated. Shut and lock the door.
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the doors and any vents into the room. Consider precutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors, and vents. Each piece should be several inches larger than the space you want to cover so that it lies flat against the wall or ceiling/. Label each piece with the location of where it fits.

EXTENDED POWER LOSS

In the event of extended power loss to a facility certain precautionary measures should be taken depending on the geographical location and environment of the facility:

- Unnecessary electrical equipment and appliances should be turned off in the event that power restoration would surge causing damage to electronics and effecting sensitive equipment.
- Facilities with freezing temperatures should turn off and drain the following lines in the event of a long-term power loss.
 - Fire sprinkler system
 - Standpipes
 - Potable water lines
 - Toilets
- Add propylene-glycol to drains to prevent traps from freezing
- Equipment that contain fluids that may freeze due to long term exposure to freezing temperatures should be moved to heated areas, drained of liquids, or provided with auxiliary heat sources.

Upon Restoration of heat and power:

- Electronic equipment should be brought up to ambient temperatures before energizing to prevent condensate from forming on circuitry.
- Fire and potable water piping should be checked for leaks from freeze damage after the heat has been restored to the facility and water turned back on.

GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING TO THE MEDIA

When speaking to the media about emergencies, it is extremely important to adhere to the following guidelines:

- **READ** all press statements
- **Re-state** the nature of the incident; its cause and time of origin
- **Describe** the size and scope of the incident
- **Report on** the *current* situation
- **Speak about the resources** being utilized in response activities
- **Reassure** the public that everything possible is being done
- **DO NOT release any names**
- **When answering questions** be truthful; but consider the emotional impact the information could have upon listeners
- **Avoid speculation**; do not talk “off the record”
- **Do not use** the phrase “no comment”
- **Set up** press times for updates
- **Control** media location

****SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE****

Event: EARTHQUAKE

Date: MARCH 1, xxx

Release #: 001

Time: 8:00 A.M.

TITLE OF RELEASE: LARGE EARTHQUAKE CAUSES MODERATE DAMAGE TO SCHOOL OFFICES IN
GENERIC COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EXAMPLE.....At 5:25 a.m. on March 1, 2006 an earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter Scale caused moderate damage to the NAME OF SCHOOL located at 1234 Anywhere Blvd. in Our Town, CA. There are no reports of injuries available. Search and Rescue crews are searching the building at this time. Roadways leading to the location have been damaged and an overpass on Hwy. 101 leading to the location has been damaged and is closed. The public is asked to remain clear of the area to allow emergency responders to access the site. Parents are asked NOT to go to the location as this will hamper rescue efforts.

School Districts throughout the county are instructed to call in to the County Office of Education at **-(xxx) xxx-xxxx** - to report any damage or injuries to their own buildings or their school sites following established school closure procedures.

Due to the magnitude of the earthquake and the damage throughout the county, the County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center has been activated. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Op Area Public Information Hotline at **xxx-xxxx**.

Further details will be provided when available.

Next Scheduled Release: As needed

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Part 2: Biological/Chemical Weapons Assault

Biological and chemical weapons are unconventional warfare tactics that can be deployed upon the public with little or no notice. Such weapons typically involve microscopic materials that may be organic or synthetically manufactured in laboratories. Biological or chemical weapons can be in powder form, liquid, or vaporous. Agents used in biological/chemical attacks include, but are not limited to: anthrax, smallpox, other harmful viruses, various forms of nerve gas, tear gas, and other vaporous irritants. Pranks using stink bombs should also be considered a chemical weapons attack.

There are several possible dispersion techniques to deliver biological and chemical agents. The following procedures should be utilized in the event of an assault involving biological or chemical weapons.

Any possible biological/chemical weapons assault should be reported immediately to the Senior Director.

The Senior Director should notify law enforcement authorities immediately.

As necessary alert all site employees of the situation by intercom.

If the agent is delivered via aircraft:

- All staff and students should be moved indoors.
- Keep students inside and take roll.
- Close and secure all doors and windows.
- Ensure that the HVAC is shut down.
- Cover vents with plastic or thick paper using tape to create a seal.
- Inspect all windows and doors for cracks, gaps, or holes. Cover any with plastic or thick paper using tape to create a seal.
- Remain in this area until notified to leave by the Senior Director, Senior Director's designee or officers of emergency response agencies.
- Immediately report any injuries or illnesses to the Senior Director, Senior Director's designee or officers of emergency response agencies.

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If the agent is delivered via dispersion device that is outdoors:

- All staff and students should be moved indoors.
- Keep students inside and take roll.
- Close and secure all doors and windows.
- Ensure that the HVAC is shut down.
- Cover vents with plastic or thick paper using tape to create a seal.
- Inspect all windows and doors for cracks, gaps, or holes. Cover any with plastic or thick paper using tape to create a seal.
- Remain in this area until notified to leave by the Senior Director, Senior Director's designee or officers of emergency response agencies.
- Immediately report any injuries or illnesses to the Senior Director, Senior Director's designee or officers of emergency response agencies.

If the agent is delivered via dispersion device that is indoors:

- All staff and students should be evacuated to the school's normal outdoor evacuation assembly area unless that area may be affected by the assault. Role should be taken.
- Remain in this area until notified to leave by the Senior Director, Senior Director's designee or officers of emergency response agencies.
- The HVAC system should be shut down.

If the agent is delivered via the school's HVAC system:

- All staff and students should be evacuated to the school's normal outdoor evacuation assembly area unless that area may be affected by the assault. Role should be taken.
- Remain in this area until notified to leave by the Senior Director, Senior Director's designee or officers of emergency response agencies.
- The HVAC system should be shut down.

In any situation involving biological or chemical weapons the Senior Director and staff must follow all instructions given by officers of emergency response agencies. Feather River Charter School EOC will develop an action plan to handle telephone inquiries, rumor control, media relations, public information, employee/student crisis counseling, and facility damage assessment/control

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Part 3: Bomb Threat Procedures

If you observe a suspicious object or potential bomb on property, DO NOT HANDLE THE OBJECT, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY 911.

1. Receiving the Call

Make every attempt to keep the caller on the phone as long as possible to gain information. Try if possible, to determine the gender and age of caller. Try if possible, to get the caller to tell you the exact location of the bomb and the time of threatened detonation.

2. Notification Procedures

School Location communicate the above information to the following in this order:

- School Senior Director/Administrator
- Assistant Senior Directors or Deans
- Regional Coordinators
- Director of Student Activities

The Senior Director/Administrator will notify local law enforcement and Feather River Charter School District office.

District Office will communicate the above information to the Executive Director's Office. The Executive Director's office will notify local law enforcement.

Strictly follow the above notification procedures and do not discuss or notify others of the bomb threat since this may create an unwarranted panic response at the facility.

3. Action Plan Procedures

If required to develop an action plan, the Senior Director/administrator may consult with the following: Senior Directors and other administrators utilizing their expertise.

If the location of the bomb is not specifically designated, students will be kept in a secure location.

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The Senior Director will make the decision to evacuate the building. However, if possible, this decision should be made in conjunction with law enforcement authorities after they arrive at the location.

The decision to search the building will be made in conjunction with law enforcement authorities and performed by them.

Reoccupation of an evacuated building will be authorized by the Senior Director only after consulting with law enforcement authorities.

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Part 4: Chemical or Hazardous Material Incident

If a hazardous material incident occurs off site, stay indoors and close all doors and windows (referred to as taking “Shelter in Place”).

Notify **911** of the Chemical or Hazardous Material Incident.

If possible, determine the location of the spill in relation to facility buildings and wind direction.

Do not evacuate buildings until you are sure you will not be evacuating into an area which may be more hazardous.

Follow all instructions given by the Fire Department when they arrive at the facility.

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Part 5: Earthquake Procedures

Indoors

DUCK, COVER, AND HOLD.

Get under desk or table. Move away from windows and objects that could fall. Stay under desk or table until shaking stops.

Outdoors

Move away from building, utility poles and vehicles. Avoid all down wires or electrical lines. Do not run.

In School Bus

Stop vehicle in safe location away from power lines, overpasses or large buildings. Stay in vehicle and establish radio contact with Transportation and/or District E.O.C.

General

Be prepared for immediate aftershocks and ground motion

Evaluate immediate area for earthquake related hazards (fire, building collapse, gas leaks, broken electrical lines, wires etc.)

Evaluate immediate area (classroom, bus, etc.) for injuries or medical aid situations.

Call 9-1-1, if you have an immediate emergency such as a fire or serious injury.

Assist injured with First Aid treatment

Do not evacuate buildings or vehicles unless you have a hazard-related reason to do so.

Conduct a headcount to account for all personnel and students

Establish communications with your supervisor, Senior Director or District EOC and follow emergency checklist and procedures.

Assist any police or fire units that respond to your location.

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If possible, Duck and Cover under a desk or table.

Notify **911** of the explosion or crash

Assist any injured requiring first aid treatment

If necessary because of fire, building damage etc., evacuate building

Assist any persons who would have physical problems evacuating the building.

Go to an outdoor evacuation/assembly area which is hazard free and not affected by the explosion or crash.

Keep fire lanes, streets and walkways open for emergency responders.

Stay in assembly area and account for all personnel and students.

Do not return to buildings until authorized by fire department or Senior Director

Information is provided to students at times of state testing, ingress and egress, safety

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Call **911** to report a fire, stay one line and give specific information (name, address of school or facility).

Utilize manual pull station to activate building alarm system and evacuate building when you hear an alarm.

In the event of a small fire, notify **911** and then use the nearest fire extinguisher to control the fire if you have been trained in their use.

Do not attempt to fight large fires, call **911** and evacuate building.

Assist students in building evacuation and proceed to outdoor school evacuation area or areas.

When evacuating buildings walk, do not run.

Do not use elevators for building evacuation or in an emergency.

If heavy smoke is present, crawl or stay near floor for breathable air.

Assist any individuals who would have physical problems evacuating the building.

Stay in the designated assembly area and account for all personnel and students.

Do not block fire lanes or areas used by the fire department

Do not re-enter building until authorized by fire department or the Senior Director.

If the fire is off site, wait for instructions from the Senior Director or District SENIOR DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

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Part 8: Flood Procedures

If a flood warning is received by a District school or location, notify Feather River Charter School Senior Director immediately.

If a major flood warning is received at Feather River Charter School Office, Feather River Charter School EOC should be activated.

Based upon the specific threat, Feather River Charter School EOC in conjunction with the Operational Area EOC and SEMS system will develop an action plan to protect personnel, students and facilities.

Evacuation of specific schools, facilities or areas will be directed by Feather River Charter School EOC in coordination with SEMS.

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Part 9: Lockdown/Civil Unrest Procedures

Any threatening disturbance should be reported immediately to the Senior Director/Administrator.

If the disturbance is affecting normal school or facility operations, the Senior Director/Administrator should notify law enforcement authorities immediately.

As necessary, alert all site employees of the situation by intercom, Site staff must follow the instructions below:

If you are inside:

- Close and lock all doors and windows immediately upon notification of situation
- Keep all students inside and take roll
- If feasible, move all students to a center point and keep low to the ground. Stay away from all doors and windows.
- Never open the door or window to anyone
- Keep students inside classroom, regardless of lunch or recess until you are told by the Senior Director or Senior Director's designee that the situation has been resolved.

If you are outside:

- Immediately have students and staff seek shelter if it is safe to do so. Drill with students and staff to go to the nearest room to them.
- If shelter is not available, ensure students lie flat on the ground immediately.
- Children in restrooms should be instructed to stay there until directed to exit by the Senior Director or Senior Director's designee.

If situation is violent and may include the use of firearms, the Senior Director or Senior Director's designee should instruct all staff and students to lie face down on the floor and remain immobile.

Senior Director and staff must follow all instructions given by responding law enforcement.

If the event is major, the Senior Director will activate Feather River Charter School EOC to develop an Action Plan to deal with the situation as well as the following:

- A. Telephone inquiries and rumor control
- B. Media relations and public information
- C. Employee/Student crisis counseling
- D. Facility damage assessment/control

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Part 10: Severe Windstorm Procedures

If a severe wind warning is received at District location, notify Feather River Charter School Senior Director immediately.

If a severe wind warning is received at Feather River Charter School Office, Feather River Charter School EOC should be activated.

Based upon the specific threat, Feather River Charter School EOC in conjunction with the Operational Area EOC or City EOC will develop an action plan to protect personnel, students and facilities.

In general, if severe winds are affecting a school or facility, employees and students should be moved to the interior core area of the building (inside wall on the ground floor) away from outside windows and doors.

Close all windows and blinds and avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums and other building locations that have large roof areas or spans.

Avoid all areas that have large concentrations of electrical equipment or power cables.

Evacuation of specific schools, facilities or areas will be directed by Feather River Charter School EOC in coordination with SEMS.

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Part 11: Suspicious Mail/Packages

All incoming mail and packages should be handled with caution.

Below are Indicators of suspicious mail and steps to take in the event that suspicious mail is received.

Mail that ...

- ... is unexpected or from an unfamiliar source
- ... has excessive postage
- ... is addressed to someone who no longer works in Feather River Charter School
- ... is addressed to a current employee but with the wrong title
- ... contains several misspelled words on the envelope
- ... marked with restrictive endorsements such as “Personal” or “Confidential”
- ... has no return address or an address that cannot be verified
- ... mail that is from a foreign country
- ... shows a city or state in the postmark that doesn’t match the return address
- ... is lopsided, oddly shaped, or has an unusual weight, given its size
- ... has protruding wires, strange odors or stains
- ... has powdery substance on the outside
- ... has an unusual amount of tape on it
- ... is ticking or making unusual sounds

Not all mail comes perfectly packaged or with accurate information on it, so it is important that employees handling mail remain sensible in the screening of mail. However, prudent scrutiny conducted in a reasonable manner can greatly reduce the school’s chances of becoming the victim of attack by mail.

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What to do with suspicious mail (general response):

- Do not try to open the package or envelope.
- Do not sniff, taste or shake the package.
- Isolate the package.
- Evacuate the immediate area; close the door.
- Contact your supervisor and call **911**.

Response to mail suspected of delivering biological/chemical agents in powder form:

- Do not open an envelope or package with powder on the outside.
- If powder is spilled from an envelope or package, do not try to clean up the powder.
- Cover the spilled contents immediately with anything (clothing, paper, trash can).
- Do not remove this cover.
- Leave the room and close the door or otherwise prevent access to the room.
- Wash your hands with soap and hot water.
- Ensure that everyone who had contact with the piece of mail washes his/her hands with soap and hot water.
- Notify your supervisor.
- Supervisor should immediately contact the local police (**911**) or the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (626-405-1200).
- Supervisor should notify Feather River Charter School's Office.
- Remove heavily contaminated clothing as soon as possible and place inside a plastic bag or some other container that can be sealed. This clothing should be given to the responding emergency response units.
- Shower with soap and water as soon as possible. Do not use bleach or other disinfectant on your skin.
- Make a list of all the people who were in the room or area, especially those who had contact with the envelope or package. Provide this list to the emergency response teams investigating the incident.
- Investigators will remove the envelope or package and conduct a thorough check of the area for contamination.
- If you are prescribed medicine as a result of this exposure, take it until instructed or until it runs out.

NOTE: Contacting the U.S. Postal Service is less likely to create a media event than the local police but their response may be slower.

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– Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process/Rules and Procedures of School Discipline

Note on Education Code: This requirement refers to EC 35291.5. This section reads:

35291.5. (a) On or before December 1, 1987, and at least every four years thereafter, each public school may, at its discretion, adopt rules and procedures on school discipline applicable to the school. For schools that choose to adopt rules pursuant to this article, the school discipline rules and procedures shall be consistent with any applicable policies adopted by the governing board and state statutes governing school discipline. In developing these rules and procedures, each school shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (1) Parents. (2) Teachers. (3) School administrators. (4) School security personnel, if any. (5) For junior high schools and high schools, pupils enrolled in the school... (b) The governing board of each school district may prescribe procedures to provide written notice to continuing pupils at the beginning of each school year and to transfer pupils at the time of their enrollment in the school and to their parents or guardians regarding the school discipline rules and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a)...(d) The governing board may review, at an open meeting, the approved school discipline rules and procedures for consistency with governing board policy and state statutes.

Feather River Charter School includes rules and guidelines in the: Student/Parent Handbook. Given to all families upon enrollment.

Board Policy for Suspensions and Expulsions

Philosophy of Student Discipline

Our focus for all students is to be respectful and supportive of each other.

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Process and Procedures

Level I - Immediate Redirection and Verbal Reprimand

Minor issues that are resolved by the supervising adult; behavior is seen as a learning opportunity and is expected to be corrected with no additional interventions; office referral is only needed if the student fails to correct behavior (mostly classroom managed behavior)

Level II - Learning Opportunity~Office Referral, Parent contact, Counselor

Common misbehaviors needing redirection; again seen as a learning opportunity to be handled between the student and supervising adult; in some cases office referral and parent notification is required (mostly managed with teacher)

Level III – Immediate Administrative referral; Parent Contact/Written Documentation, suspensions, Law Enforcement

Severe misbehaviors with potentially strong consequences including school suspensions and legal involvement; supervising adult is not expected to engage in any learning, but rather immediately refer student to the office and insure the safety of staff and students (managed by director)

Administrative Referral

In some cases, student behaviors do not get corrected, or are so severe that they do not allow for a safe and purposeful learning environment. By referring a student to an administrator, the teacher is seeking additional resources to assist in the correction of the behavior. At this point, parents and school administration join the teacher in attempts to meet the behavioral needs of the student.

The following process will be used for all office referrals:

- Student is referred to Administration by supervising adult
- Student completes reflection questions related to incident
- Referral form is returned to the teacher for comments
- Parental contact is made by the student or staff member to explain incident and schedule detention
- Referral form is returned to the Senior Director or designee
- Student conference with the Senior Director is scheduled

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- Follow-up phone call from Administration is made when necessary
- Harassment Complaints- Students are occasionally the victim of bullying or harassing behaviors. While common in the school setting, such behaviors are not acceptable and will not be tolerated at any function of our school community.

The following process is designed to assist students who believe they are the victim of such behaviors:

- Student informs teacher or staff person of situation
- Student reports to the office to complete a confidential “Harassment Complaint Form”
- Administrator investigates allegations

Typical consequences for a bully/harasser are as follows:

Warning- conference with Senior Director or designee discussing allegations, perceived intentions and future consequences; student is informed that such behavior, as well as any retaliation, will not be tolerated.

Parental Conference- Sharing the dangers of bully/harassing behaviors for both parties.

Suspension- To insure the safety of staff and students, various forms of suspension may be used in efforts to correct student behavior.

Expulsion- If bullying/harassment continues or if any given incident is so severe that a safe learning environment cannot exist, the Senior Director will recommend the expulsion of the offending student.

- Feather River Charter School is committed to promoting learning and protecting the safety and well-being of all students at the Charter School. In creating this policy, the Charter School has reviewed Education Code Section 48900 *et seq.* which describes the non-charter schools’ list of offenses and procedures to establish its list of offenses and procedures for suspensions and expulsions. The language that follows closely mirrors the language of Education Code Section 48900 *et seq.* The Charter School is committed to annual review of policies and procedures surrounding suspensions and expulsions and, as necessary, modification of the lists of offenses for which students are subject to suspension or expulsion.

The purpose of the Feather River Charter School Governing Board approving this Suspension and Expulsion Policy is to accomplish the following:

1. Establish the Responsibility of the Charter School
2. Identify the Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion of Students
3. Identify Enumerated Offenses
4. Outline Suspension Procedures
5. Outline the Authority to Expel
6. Outline Expulsion Procedures
7. Outline Special Procedures for Expulsion Hearings Involving Sexual Assault or Battery Offenses
8. Identify the Record of Hearing
9. Identify the Presentation of Evidence
10. Outline the Written Notice to Expel
11. Outline the Maintenance of Disciplinary Records
12. Identify a Student's Right to Appeal
13. Outline Expelled Students/Alternative Education
14. Outline Rehabilitation Plans
15. Outline the Readmission Process

1. **Responsibility of the Charter School:** When the policy is violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from the Charter School. This policy shall serve as the Charter School's policy and procedures for student suspension and expulsion and it may be amended from time to time without the need to amend the charter so long as the amendments comport with legal requirements. Charter School staff shall enforce disciplinary rules and procedures fairly and consistently among all students. This Policy and its Procedures will be printed and distributed as part of the Parent-Student Handbook and will clearly describe discipline expectations. Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of or willfully causing the infliction of physical pain on a student. For purposes of the Policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee's use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff, or other persons or to prevent damage to school property.

The Charter School administration shall ensure that students and their parents/guardians are notified in writing upon enrollment of all discipline policies and procedures.

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

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A student identified as an individual with disabilities or for whom the Charter School has a basis of knowledge of a suspected disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (“IDEIA”) or who is qualified for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”) is subject to the same grounds for suspension and expulsion and is accorded the same due process procedures applicable to general education students except when federal and state law mandates additional or different procedures. The Charter School will follow all applicable federal and state laws including but not limited to the California Education Code, when imposing any form of discipline on a student identified as an individual with disabilities or for whom the Charter School has a basis of knowledge of a suspected disability or who is otherwise qualified for such services or protections in according due process to such students. Additional detail follows below.

2. **Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion of Students:** A student may be suspended or expelled for prohibited misconduct if the act is related to school activity or school attendance occurring at any time including but not limited to: a) while on school grounds; b) while going to or coming from school; c) during the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus; d) during, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity.
3. **Enumerated Offenses:**
 - Discretionary Suspension Offenses. Students may be suspended for any of the following acts when it is determined the student:
 - Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
 - Willfully used force of violence upon the person of another, except self-defense.
 - Unlawfully possessed, used, sold or otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
 - Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid substance or material and represented same as controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.

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- Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited, to cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets and betel. This section does not prohibit the use of his or her own prescription products by a student.
- Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.
- Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.
- Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- Possessed an imitation firearm, i.e.: a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
- Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code Sections 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code Section 243.4.
- Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness.

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- Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing. For the purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” means a method of initiation or preinitiation into a student 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 student. For purposes of this section, “hazing” does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property. For purposes of this section, “terroristic threat” shall include any statement, whether 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, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family’s safety, or for the protection of school property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.
- Committed sexual harassment, as defined in Education Code Section 212.5. For the purposes of this section, the conduct described in Section 212.5 must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual’s academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
- Caused, attempted to cause, threaten to cause or participated in an act of hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233 of the Education Code. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.

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- Intentionally harassed, threatened or intimidated a student or group of students to the extent of having the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder and invading student rights by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
 - Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act.
1. “Bullying” means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a student or group of students which would be deemed hate violence or harassment, threats, or intimidation, which are directed toward one or more students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:
 - i.Placing a reasonable student (defined as a student, including, but is not limited to, a student with exceptional needs, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with exceptional needs) or students in fear of harm to that student’s or those students’ person or property.
 - ii.Causing a reasonable student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
 - iii.Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
 - iv.Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the Charter School.
 2. “Electronic Act” means the transmission by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - i.A message, text, sound, or image.
 - ii.A post on a social network Internet Web site including, but not limited to:
 - a. Posting to or creating a burn page. A “burn page” means an Internet Web site created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects as listed in subparagraph (1) above.

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- b. Creating a credible impersonation of another actual student for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in subparagraph (1) above. “Credible impersonation” means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a student for the purpose of bullying the student and such that another student would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the student was or is the student who was impersonated.
- c. Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in subparagraph (1) above. “False profile” means a profile of a fictitious student or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual student other than the student who created the false profile.
 - iii. Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2) above, an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.
- A student who aids or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension, but not expulsion, except that a student who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (1).
- Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any knife unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the Director or designee’s concurrence.
- Non-Discretionary Suspension Offenses: Students must be suspended and recommended for expulsion for any of the following acts when it is determined the student:
 - Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the students had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the Director or designee’s concurrence.

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- Discretionary Expellable Offenses: Students may be recommended for expulsion for any of the following acts when it is determined the student:
 - Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
 - Willfully used force of violence upon the person of another, except self-defense.
 - Unlawfully possessed, used, sold or otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.
 - Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11053-11058, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid substance or material and represented same as controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
 - Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
 - Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
 - Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
 - Possessed or used tobacco or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets and betel. This section does not prohibit the use of his or her own prescription products by a student.
 - Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
 - Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.

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- Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.
- Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- Possessed an imitation firearm, i.e.: a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
- Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code Sections 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a or 289, or committed a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code Section 243.4.
- Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness.
- Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing. For the purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” means a method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student 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 student. For purposes of this section, “hazing” does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
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Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property. For purposes of this section, “terroristic threat” shall include any statement, whether 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, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family’s safety, or for the protection of school property, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.

- Committed sexual harassment, as defined in Education Code Section 212.5. For the purposes of this section, the conduct described in Section 212.5 must be considered by a reasonable person of the same gender as the victim to be sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual’s academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
- Caused, attempted to cause, threaten to cause or participated in an act of hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233 of the Education Code. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
- Intentionally harassed, threatened or intimidated a student or group of students to the extent of having the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder and invading student rights by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. This section shall apply to students in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
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 - i.Placing a reasonable student (defined as a student, including, but is not limited to, a student with exceptional needs, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with exceptional needs) or students in fear of harm to that student’s or those students’ person or property.
 - ii.Causing a reasonable student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
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 - i.A message, text, sound, or image.
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- c. Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in subparagraph (1) above. “False profile” means a profile of a fictitious student or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual student other than the student who created the false profile.
 - iii. Notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2) above, an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the Internet or is currently posted on the Internet.
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 - Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any knife unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the Director or designee’s concurrence.
 - Non-Discretionary Expellable Offenses: Students must be recommended for expulsion for any of the following acts when it is determined pursuant to the procedures below that the student:
 - Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, explosive, or other dangerous object unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the students had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the Director or designee’s concurrence.
- If it is determined by the Board of Directors that a student has brought a fire arm or destructive device, as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, on to campus or to have possessed a firearm or dangerous device on campus, the student shall be expelled for one year, pursuant to the Federal Gun Free Schools Act of 1994.

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The term “firearm” means (A) any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device. Such term does not include an antique firearm.

The term “destructive device” means (A) any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, including but not limited to: (i) bomb, (ii) grenade, (iii) rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, (iv) missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, (v) mine, or (vi) device similar to any of the devices described in the preceding clauses.

4. Suspension Procedure: Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

Conference: Suspension shall be preceded, if possible, by a conference conducted by the Director or the Director’s designee with the student and his or her parent and, whenever practical, the teacher, supervisor or Charter School employee who referred the student to the Director or designee.

The conference may be omitted if the Director or designee determines that an emergency situation exists.

An “emergency situation” involves a clear and present danger to the lives, safety or health of students or Charter School personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student’s right to return to school for the purpose of a conference.

At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and the evidence against him or her and shall be given the opportunity to present his or her version and evidence in his or her defense. This conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives this right or is physically unable to attend for any reason including, but not limited to, incarceration or hospitalization. No penalties may be imposed on a student for failure of the student’s parent or guardian to attend a conference with Charter School officials. Reinstatement of the suspended student shall not be contingent upon attendance by the student’s parent or guardian at the conference.

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Notice to Parents/Guardians: At the time of the suspension, an administrator or designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension and the date of return following suspension. This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. In addition, the notice may also state the date and time when the student may return to school. If Charter School officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may request that the parent/guardian respond to such requests without delay.

- Suspension Time Limits/Recommendation for Expulsion: Suspensions, when not including a recommendation for expulsion, shall not exceed five (5) consecutive school days per suspension. Upon a recommendation of Expulsion by the Director or Director's designee, the student and the student's guardian or representative will be invited to a conference to determine if the suspension for the student should be extended pending an expulsion hearing. This determination will be made by the Director or designee upon either of the following: 1) the student's presence will be disruptive to the education process; or 2) the student poses a threat or danger to others. Upon either determination, the student's suspension will be extended pending the results of an expulsion hearing.
- 2. **Authority to Expel:** A student may be expelled either by the Charter School Board following a hearing before it or by the Charter School Board upon the recommendation of an Administrative Panel to be assigned by the Board as needed. The Administrative Panel should consist of at least three members who are certificated and neither a teacher of the student or a Board member of the Charter School's governing board. The Administrative Panel may recommend expulsion of any student found to have committed an expellable offense.
- 6. **Expulsion Procedures:** Students recommended for expulsion are entitled to a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. Unless postponed for good cause, the hearing shall be held within thirty (30) school days after the Director or designee determines that the Student has committed an expellable offense.

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In the event an Administrative Panel hears the case, it will make a recommendation to the Board for a final decision whether to expel. The hearing shall be held in closed session (complying with all student confidentiality rules under FERPA) unless the Student makes a written request for a public hearing three (3) days prior to the hearing.

Written notice of the hearing shall be forwarded to the student and the student's parent/guardian at least ten (10) calendar days before the date of the hearing. Upon mailing the notice, it shall be deemed served upon the student. The notice shall include:

1. The date and place of the expulsion hearing;
2. A statement of the specific facts, charges and offenses upon which the proposed expulsion is based;
3. A copy of the Charter School's disciplinary rules which relate to the alleged violation;
4. Notification of the student's or parent/guardian's obligation to provide information about the student's status at the Charter School to any other school district or school to which the student seeks enrollment;
5. The opportunity for the student or the student's parent/guardian to appear in person or to employ and be represented by counsel or a non-attorney advisor;
6. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing;
7. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing;
8. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf including witnesses.

7. **Special Procedures for Expulsion Hearings Involving Sexual Assault or Battery Offenses:**
The Charter School may, upon a finding of good cause, determine that the disclosure of either the identity of the witness or the testimony of that witness at the hearing, or both, would subject the witness to an unreasonable risk of psychological or physical harm. Upon this determination, the testimony of the witness may be presented at the hearing in the form of sworn declarations that shall be examined only by the Charter School or the hearing officer. Copies of these sworn declarations, edited to delete the name and identity of the witness, shall be made available to the student.

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The complaining witness in any sexual assault or battery case must be provided with a copy of the applicable disciplinary rules and advised of his/her right to (a) receive five days' notice of his/her scheduled testimony, (b) have up to two (2) adult support persons of his/her choosing present in the hearing at the time he/she testifies, which may include a parent, guardian, or legal counsel, and (c) elect to have the hearing closed while testifying.

- The Charter School must also provide the victim a room separate from the hearing room for the complaining witness' use prior to and during breaks in testimony.
- At the discretion of the entity conducting the expulsion hearing, the complaining witness shall be allowed periods of relief from examination and cross-examination during which he or she may leave the hearing room.
- The entity conducting the expulsion hearing may also arrange the seating within the hearing room to facilitate a less intimidating environment for the complaining witness.
- The entity conducting the expulsion hearing may also limit time for taking the testimony of the complaining witness to the hours he/she is normally in school, if there is no good cause to take the testimony during other hours.
- Prior to a complaining witness testifying, the support persons must be admonished that the hearing is confidential. Nothing in the law precludes the person presiding over the hearing from removing a support person whom the presiding person finds is disrupting the hearing. The entity conducting the hearing may permit any one of the support persons for the complaining witness to accompany him or her to the witness stand.
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If one or both of the support persons is also a witness, the Charter School must present evidence that the witness' presence is both desired by the witness and will be helpful to the Charter School. The person presiding over the hearing shall permit the witness to stay unless it is established that there is a substantial risk that the testimony of the complaining witness would be influenced by the support person, in which case the presiding official shall admonish the support person or persons not to prompt, sway, or influence the witness in any way. Nothing shall preclude the presiding officer from exercising his or her discretion to remove a person from the hearing whom he or she believes is prompting, swaying, or influencing the witness.

- The testimony of the support person shall be presented before the testimony of the complaining witness and the complaining witness shall be excluded from the courtroom during that testimony.
- Especially for charges involving sexual assault or battery, if the hearing is to be conducted in public at the request of the student being expelled, the complaining witness shall have the right to have his/her testimony heard in a closed session when testifying at a public meeting would threaten serious psychological harm to the complaining witness and there are no alternative procedures to avoid the threatened harm. The alternative procedures may include videotaped depositions or contemporaneous examination in another place communicated to the hearing room by means of closed-circuit television.
- Evidence of specific instances of a complaining witness' prior sexual conduct is presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard absent a determination by the person conducting the hearing that extraordinary circumstances exist requiring the evidence be heard. Before such a determination regarding extraordinary circumstance can be made, the witness shall be provided notice and an opportunity to present opposition to the introduction of the evidence. In the hearing on the admissibility of the evidence, the complaining witness shall be entitled to be represented by a parent, legal counsel, or other support person. Reputation or opinion evidence regarding the sexual behavior of the complaining witness is not admissible for any purpose.

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8. **Record of Hearing:** A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceedings can be made.
9. **Presentation of Evidence:** While technical rules of evidence do not apply to expulsion hearings, evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. A recommendation by the Administrative Panel to expel must be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed an expellable offense. Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. While hearsay evidence is admissible, no decision to expel shall be based solely on hearsay. Sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses of whom the Board or Administrative Panel determines that disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm.

If, due to a written request by the expelled student, the hearing is held at a public meeting, and the charge is committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery as defined in Education Code Section 48900, a complaining witness shall have the right to have his or her testimony heard in a session closed to the public.

The decision of the Administrative Panel shall be in the form of written findings of fact and a written recommendation to the Board who will make a final determination regarding the expulsion. The final decision by the Board shall be made within ten (10) school days following the conclusion of the hearing.

If the Administrative Panel decides not to recommend expulsion, the student shall immediately be returned to his/her educational program.

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10. **Written Notice to Expel:** The Director or designee, following a decision of the Board to expel, shall send written notice of the decision to expel, including the Board’s adopted findings of fact, to the student or parent/guardian. This notice shall also include the following: (a) Notice of the specific offense committed by the student; and (b) Notice of the student’s or parent/guardian’s obligation to inform any new district in which the student seeks to enroll of the student’s status with the Charter School.

The Director or designee shall send a copy of the written notice of the decision to expel to the authorizer. This notice shall include the following: (a) The student’s name; and (b) The specific expellable offense committed by the student.

11. **Disciplinary Records:** The Charter School shall maintain records of all student suspensions and expulsions at the Charter School. Such records shall be made available to the authorizer upon request.

12. **Right to Appeal:** Per AB 1360, a student being expelled or suspended will be provided “oral or written notice of the charges against the student,” “an explanation of the evidence that supports the charges and an opportunity for the student to present his or her side of the story,” and/or the opportunity for “a hearing adjudicated by a neutral officer within a reasonable number of days at which the student has a fair opportunity to present testimony, evidence, and witnesses and confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, and at which the student has the right to bring legal counsel or an advocate.” Moreover, for any non-voluntary removal, the student’s parent or guardian will be given written notice of intent to remove the student no less than 5 school days in advance, and the parent/guardian will be given the right to challenge the non-voluntary removal under the same procedures as an expulsion.

13. **Expelled Students/Alternative Education:** Students who are expelled shall be responsible for seeking alternative education programs including, but not limited to, programs within the County or their school district of residence. The Charter School shall work cooperatively with parents/guardians as requested by parents/guardians or by the school district of residence to assist with locating alternative placements during expulsion.

14. **Rehabilitation Plans:** Students who are expelled from the Charter School shall be given a rehabilitation plan upon expulsion as developed by the Board at the time of the expulsion order, which may include, but is not limited to, periodic review as well as assessment at the time of review for readmission. The rehabilitation plan should include a date not later than one year from the date of expulsion when the student may reapply to the Charter School for readmission.
15. **Readmission:** The decision to readmit a student or to admit a previously expelled student from another school district or charter school shall be in the sole discretion of the Board following a meeting with the Director or designee and the student and guardian or representative to determine whether the student has successfully completed the rehabilitation plan and to determine whether the student poses a threat to others or will be disruptive to the school environment. The Director or designee shall make a recommendation to the Board following the meeting regarding his or her determination. The student's readmission is also contingent upon the Charter School's capacity at the time the student seeks readmission.

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When the Senior Director at Feather River Charter School is aware that a student has caused or tried to cause another person serious bodily injury, or any injury that requires professional medical treatment, a separate and confidential file is created for that child. Information based upon written District records or records received from a law enforcement agency are contained in the file.

When such a student is assigned to a teacher, the Senior Director shall provide the teacher with written notification. The teacher is asked to review the student's separate and confidential file in the office. Teachers are informed that such information is to be kept in strictest confidence and is to disseminate no further.

Excerpts from the California Education Code and the California Penal Code are presented below.

From California Education Code Section 49079

- (a) A school district shall inform the teacher of every student who has caused or who has attempted to cause serious bodily injury to another person, as defined in paragraphs (5) and (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 243 of the Penal Code, to another person. Feather River Charter School shall provide the information to the teacher based on any written records that Feather River Charter School maintains or receives from a law enforcement agency regarding a student described in this section.
- (b) No school district shall be liable for failure to comply with this section if, in a particular instance, it is demonstrated that Feather River Charter School has made a good faith effort to notify the teacher.
- (c) The information provided shall be from the previous three (3) school years.
- (d) Any information received by a teacher pursuant to this section shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher.

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From California Penal Code Section 243(e) – Paragraphs 5 and 6

- (5) ... “Injury” means any physical injury which requires professional medical treatment.
- (6) ... “Custodial Officer” means any person who has the responsibilities and duties and who is employed by a law enforcement agency of the city or county or who performs those duties as a volunteer.

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Notice Regarding Student Crimes and Offenses

The Senior Director or designee shall inform the teacher of every student who has engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, any act during the previous three years which could constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion, with the exception of the possession or use of tobacco products. This information shall be based upon written district records or records received from a law enforcement agency. (California Education Code 49079).

When informed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 828.1 that a student has committed crimes unrelated to school attendance which do not therefore constitute grounds for suspension or expulsion, the Senior Director or designee may so inform any teacher, counselor or administrator whom he/she believes needs this information in order to work with the student appropriately, avoid being needlessly vulnerable, or protect others from needless vulnerability. The Senior Director or designee shall consult with the Senior Director of the school which the student attends in order to identify staff that should be so informed. (California Welfare and Institutions Code 828.1).

Teachers shall receive the above information in confidence and disseminate it no further. (California Education Code 49079, California Welfare and Institutions Code 828.1).

The Senior Director or designee shall maintain the above information in a separate confidential file for each student. When such a student is assigned to a class/program, the Senior Director or designee shall notify the teacher in writing and ask the teacher to initial this notice, return it to the Senior Director or designee, and review the student’s file in the school office. This notification shall not name or otherwise identify the student.

The Senior Director or designee shall notify all certificated personnel who are likely to come into contact with the student, including the student’s teachers, special education teachers, coaches and counselors.

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The teacher shall initial the student's file when reviewing it in the school office. Once Feather River Charter School has made a good faith effort to comply with the notification requirement of Education Code 49079, a teacher's failure to review the file may be construed as a waiver of Feather River Charter School's liability.

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Part 1: General Information

The administration, teachers and staff at Feather River Charter School actively strive to eliminate acts of discrimination and sexual harassment at the school. All personnel are aware of the mandates from the State of California, the California Department of Education, and the Board of Education of the Feather River Charter School and support them fully. All personnel have received instruction regarding the recognition, prevention, and reporting of acts of discrimination and sexual harassment. It is important that parents understand the provisions regarding sexual harassment and, in particular, student-to-student harassment.

Feather River Charter School is committed to ensuring a professional work and learning environment without discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying on the basis of race, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, national origin (including language use restrictions), immigration status, citizenship status, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military and veteran status, or association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned characteristics or any other legally protected category.

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Feather River Charter School – Sexual Harassment

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment in the working environment of district employees or applicants by any person in any form.

Employees who permit or engage in such harassment may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Any employee or applicant for employment who feels that he/she or another individual at Feather River Charter School is being sexually harassed should immediately contact his/her supervisor, Senior Director, other district administrator, or the Senior Director or designee in order to obtain procedures for reporting a complaint.

Any supervisor who receives a harassment complaint shall notify the Senior Director or designee, who shall ensure that the complaint is appropriately investigated.

The district prohibits retaliatory behavior against any complainant or any participant in the complaint process. Each complaint of sexual harassment shall be promptly investigated in a way that respects the privacy of all parties concerned.

Feather River Charter School - 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11 – Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is a form of harassment based on sex, including sexual harassment, gender harassment and harassment based on pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions. It generally involves unwanted sexual advances, or visual, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. This definition includes many forms of offensive behavior and includes gender-based harassment of a person of the same sex as the harasser. The following is a partial list of violations:

- Unwanted sexual advances
- Offering educational benefits in exchange for sexual favors
- Making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances
- Visual conduct: Leering, making sexual gestures, displaying of suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons or posters
- Verbal conduct: Making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs and jokes
- Verbal sexual advances or propositions
- Verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes or invitations

- Physical conduct: Touching, assault, impeding or blocking movements

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by someone from or in the work or educational setting when:

1. Submission to the conduct is made either expressly or by implication in terms or condition of any individual's employment.
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the individual.
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment, or of adversely affecting the student or employee's performance, evaluation, advancement, assigned duties, or any other condition of education, employment or career development.
4. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the educational institution.

Other examples of sexual harassment, whether committed by a supervisor or any other employee, are:

1. Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations or propositions.
2. Unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions.
3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body, or overly personal conversation.
4. Sexual jokes, stories, drawings, pictures, or gestures.
5. Spreading sexual rumors.
6. Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way.
7. Cornering or blocking of normal movements.
8. Displaying sexually suggestive objects in the educational or work environment.
9. Any act of retaliation against an individual who reports a violation of Feather River Charter School's sexual harassment policy or who participates in the investigation of a sexual harassment.

Each Senior Director and supervisor has the responsibility of maintaining an educational and work environment free of sexual harassment. This responsibility includes and/or discussing Feather River Charter School's sexual harassment policy with his/her students and/or employees and assuring them that they are not

required to endure sexually insulting, degrading, or exploitive treatment or any other form of sexual harassment.

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Notifications

A copy of Feather River Charter School’s policy on Harassment in Employment shall:

1. Be available, accessible, and displayed in a prominent location in the School’s digital manual.
2. Be provided to all staff members at the beginning of the first semester of the school year, or whenever a new employee is hired.
3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school or district’s comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct.

All employees shall receive either a copy of information sheets prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing or a copy of district information sheets that contain, at a minimum, components on:

1. The illegality of sexual harassment.
2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law.
3. A description of sexual harassment with examples.
4. The district’s complaint process available to the employee.
5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through the Fair Employment and Housing Department and Commission.
6. Direction on how to contact the Fair Employment and Housing Department and Commission.

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Feather River Charter School
– Sexual Harassment:

The Governing Board prohibits unlawful sexual harassment of or by any student by anyone in or from Feather River Charter School.

Teachers shall discuss this policy with their students in age-appropriate ways and should assure them that they need not endure any form of sexual harassment.

Any student who engages in the sexual harassment of anyone in or from Feather River Charter School may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Any employee who permits or engages in sexual harassment may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

The Board expects students or staff to immediately report incidents of sexual harassment to the Senior Director or designee or to another district administrator.

Any student who feels that he/she is being harassed should immediately contact the Senior Director or designee or another district administrator in order to obtain a copy of AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures. Complaints of harassment can be filed in accordance with these procedures.

The district prohibits retaliatory behavior against any complainant or any participant in the complaint process. Each complaint of sexual harassment shall be promptly investigated in a way that respects the privacy of all parties concerned.

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Sexual Harassment (5145.7)

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of an individual's employment, academic status or progress.
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting the individual.

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3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact on the individual's academic or work performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment.
4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the school.

Other types of conduct which are prohibited in Feather River Charter School and which may constitute sexual harassment include:

1. Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations or propositions.
2. Unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions.
3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body, or overly personal conversation.
4. Sexual jokes, stories, drawings, pictures, or gestures.
5. Spreading sexual rumors.
6. Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class.
7. Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way.
8. Purposefully limiting a student's access to educational tools.
9. Cornering or blocking of normal movements.
10. Displaying sexually suggestive objects in the educational environment.
11. Any act of retaliation against an individual who reports a violation of the district's sexual harassment policy or who participates in the investigation of a sexual harassment complaint.

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Notifications

A copy of Feather River Charter School’s sexual harassment policy shall:

1. Be included in the notifications that are sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year.
2. Be available, accessible, and displayed in a prominent location in the School’s digital manual.
3. Be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new students at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or summer session.
4. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school or district’s comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct.

Enforcement

The Senior Director or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce Feather River Charter School’s sexual harassment policy. These actions may include:

1. Removing vulgar or offending graffiti.
2. Providing staff in service and student instruction or counseling.
3. Taking appropriate disciplinary action as needed.

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Section G: School Dress Code, if it exists. CA Ed Code: Sections 32280-32289
Part 1: Non-classroom based program does not have a dress code.

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Feather River Charter School
Section H: Safe Ingress and Egress
Part 1: General Information

Feather River Charter School – Safe Ingress and Egress

Feather River Charter School takes pride in providing a safe environment for all students, parents, and school employees. Our School will take measures to ensure safe ingress and egress to and from school activities and functions for pupils, parents, and school employees. Safe ingress and egress will be maintained by periodic reviews of the procedures for ingress and egress. The school will ensure that all passageways to and from our buildings, corridors within buildings and emergency exits remain clear of all obstruction to allow flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The school will also ensure that potential obstructions and hazards are removed from such areas. To achieve this goal, the school works closely with local law enforcement agencies and the local city government to ensure that the school's immediate community is safe.

Through the joint efforts of Feather River Charter School office, site administrators, faculty, Safety Committee, PTSA, and other organizations, including consultants, Feather River Charter School has developed a plan to ensure the safe arrival and departure of students, staff, and visitors. Feather River Charter School encourages input from our community and reviews this plan on an annual basis.

Any problems associated with safe ingress and egress will be addressed immediately.

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The following is a template to be completed by each local location.

There are X entrances and X exits at [Enter Information].

	Open	Close	Open	Close
Front of Location	6:30 am			6:00 pm

All adults are to enter from the front of the location. All visitors to the location must wear a badge to identify themselves as visitors.

Whenever a safety issue is pending, all doors are locked immediately. For emergency situations, staff have door keys to lock or unlock doors closest to them.

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Section I: Bullying and Intimidation
Part 1: Anti-Intimidation Policy

Feather River Charter School – Bullying and Intimidation

The Feather River Charter School’s Board believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment. To that end, Feather River Charter School, schools and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance. Feather River Charter School will not tolerate any act of intimidation including direct physical contact, gestures, comments, threats or actions, either written, verbal or physical, which cause, threaten to cause or are likely to cause bodily harm, social isolation, manipulation, or personal degradation on any District campus, at any school activity whether on or off campus, while traveling to and from school or a school sponsored activity, or during the lunch period, whether on or off campus.

The consequences of these actions may include a broad range of disciplinary measures as appropriate; however, every effort will also be taken to provide or locate appropriate assistance for both the victim and the offender.

From Feather River Charter School Administrative Regulation 5131 - Conduct

Bullying occurs when one or more students threaten, harass, or intimidate another student through words, or actions including continual direct physical contact such as hitting or shoving intentionally.

These incidents will be acted upon when they occur on the school grounds at any time, en route to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, during the lunch period whether on or off campus.

A “school-related” or “school-sponsored” activity is an activity that is approved by the Senior Director or his/her designee and supervised by assigned school personnel.

For the purpose of this administrative regulation, bullying is, but is not limited to, making unsolicited and unwelcome written, verbal, physical and/or threatening visual gestures or contact.

Written – intimidating/threatening letters, notes, or messages

Verbal – intimidating/threatening comments, slurs, innuendos, teasing, jokes, or epithets

Visual – threatening gestures

Physical – hitting, slapping and/or pinching

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From Feather River Charter School - Conduct

Making reprisals, threats or reprisal, engaging in coercive behavior to negatively control, influence or affect the health and well-being of a student.

Initial Response and Reporting Expectations

The District expects all employees, if they observe or become aware of an act of intimidation, to take immediate, appropriate steps to intervene.

If, in the opinion of the employee, the matter has not been resolved, then the situation shall be reported to an administrator for further investigation.

Feather River Charter School encourages students, parents and other community members who observe or become aware of a serious act of intimidation to report this act to a school administrator for further investigation.

Investigation and Response

Any incident, which may constitute an act of intimidation and is reported to the Senior Director, shall be thoroughly investigated by the site administrator or designee. Consequences shall be commensurate with the results of the investigation. This may include, but is not limited to, counseling, parent conference, detention, involuntary transfer, a formal suspension and/or expulsion of the offender. The parent or guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to attend a conference with school officials.

If the parent or guardian does not attend the conference, the site administrator shall send a letter informing the parent of the actions under consideration and notifying parent of all data pertinent to the action.

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

If the act of intimidation is deemed to warrant a suspension, expulsion, or involuntary transfer to another school, then the matter will be processed in accordance with the board policies and [Enter Applicable Administrative Regulation] pertaining to the suspension/expulsion due process.

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Assessment and Intervention

An administrative contact will be made with the victim and offender prior to resuming regular schedule of classes. If deemed necessary, the administrator or designee may convene a multidisciplinary team to further assess and determine the need for ongoing support for the victim of the offender.

Depending upon the severity of the intimidation, an investigation may include a review of school records, identification of parent/family issues, and interview with students, parents, and school staff. A multi-disciplinary team consisting of school staff, counselor/psychologist, parent, student, and other agency personnel as appropriate, shall develop a behavior support plan.

The support plan may include any or all of the following: a case manager (special education staff), counseling services (site, and/or community resources), parenting skills classes, and other additional support services as deemed appropriate. The case manager will maintain a record of the services provided.

Each site will identify community resources to be used before, during and after incidents of intimidation.

School Follow-up

The case manager has a responsibility to follow up and evaluate the behavior support plan. The case manager will compile a report to the site administrator on the process, resources used, and the follow up procedure involving the victim and the offender.

A copy of the behavior plan and follow-up report will then be forwarded to the Coordinator of Pupil Services.

Retaliation Prohibited

Retaliation against a student who reports or witnesses bullying is strictly prohibited and is ground for discipline.

Mandated Notification

At the beginning of the school year, each student shall receive an age-appropriate summary of the board policy prohibiting intimidation.

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An age-appropriate summary of the anti-intimidation board policy shall be part of new student orientation programs and included in student handbooks or informational packets.

A summary of the anti-intimidation board policy shall be included as part of Feather River Charter School’s annual notification of parents.

Each staff member shall be notified of Feather River Charter School’s anti-intimidation board policy.

The District’s anti-intimidation board policy shall be included in each school’s comprehensive school safety plan.

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Part 1: Mental Health Guidelines

Mental Health Guidelines

The Governing Board of recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and that an even greater amount of youth consider (17 percent of high school students) and attempt suicide (over 8 percent of high school students) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2015).

The possibility of suicide and suicidal ideation requires vigilant attention from our school staff. As a result, we are ethically and legally responsible for providing an appropriate and timely response in preventing suicidal ideation, attempts, and deaths. acknowledges the school's role in providing an environment which is sensitive to individual and societal factors that place youth at greater risk for suicide and one which works to create a safe and nurturing culture that minimizes suicidal ideation in students.

Recognizing that it is the duty of to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its students, this policy aims to safeguard students and staff against suicide attempts, deaths and other trauma associated with suicide, including ensuring adequate supports for students, staff, and families affected by suicide attempts and loss. As it is known that the physical, behavioral and emotional health of students greatly impacts school attendance and educational success, this policy shall be paired with other practices that support the emotional and behavioral wellness of students.

In an attempt to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on students and families, the Senior Director or designee shall develop strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and post-intervention, and the identification of the mental health challenges frequently associated with suicidal thinking and behavior. These strategies shall include professional development for all school personnel in all job categories who regularly interact with students or are in a position to recognize the risk factors and warning signs of suicide, including substitute teachers, volunteers, expanded learning staff and any other individuals in regular contact with students.

The Senior or designee shall develop and implement preventive strategies and intervention procedures that include prevention, staff development, developmentally - appropriate programs, intervention, assessment and referral, and parent/ student notification.

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- Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Protocol

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- Policy Implementation

~~A district level suicide prevention coordinator shall be designated by the Executive. This may be an existing staff person. The district suicide prevention coordinator~~ **The Mental Health Team will be responsible for planning and coordinating implementation of these regulations for the school .**

~~The district suicide prevention coordinator shall designate a school program suicide prevention coordinator to act as a point of contact in each school/program for issues relating to suicide prevention and policy implementation. This may be an existing staff person. All staff members shall report students they believe to be at elevated risk for suicide to the school suicide prevention coordinator.~~ **The Mental Health Team will act as a point of contact for issues relating to suicide prevention and policy implementation. All staff members shall report students they believe to be at elevated risk for suicide to the school mental health/suicide prevention coordinator.**

Staff Professional Development:

All staff will receive annual professional development to include, but not limited to: risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referrals, postvention, and resources regarding youth suicide prevention.

~~The professional development will include additional information regarding groups of students at elevated risk for suicide. These groups include, but are not limited to the following: those living with mental and/or substance use disorders, those who have suffered traumatic experiences, those who engage in self harm or have attempted suicide, those in out-of-home settings, those experiencing homelessness, American Indian/Alaska Native students, LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) students, students bereaved by suicide, and those with medical conditions or certain types of disabilities. Additional professional development in risk assessment and crisis intervention will be provided to school employed mental health professionals and school nurses.~~ **The professional development will include additional information regarding groups of students at elevated risk for suicide, including those living with mental and/or substance use disorders, those who engage in self-harm or have attempted suicide, those in out-of-home settings, those experiencing homelessness, LGBTQ students, students bereaved by suicide and those with medical conditions or certain types of disabilities.**

Youth Suicide Prevention Programming:

Developmentally-appropriate, student-centered suicide prevention education may be incorporated into classroom curricula. The content of these age-appropriate materials may include, but is not limited to: the district's suicide prevention, intervention, and referral procedures, the importance of safe and healthy choices

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and coping strategies, how to recognize risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide in oneself and others, help-seeking strategies for oneself or others, including how to engage school resources and refer friends for help. In addition, schools may provide supplemental small group suicide prevention programming for students.

Publication and Distribution:

The administrative regulations will be distributed annually and included in all student and teacher handbooks and on the school website.

Employee Qualifications and Scope of Services

Employees of must act only within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. While it is expected that school professionals are able to identify suicide risk factors and warning signs, and to prevent the immediate risk of a suicidal behavior, treatment of suicidal ideation is typically beyond the scope of services offered in the school setting. In addition, treatment of the mental health challenges often associated with suicidal thinking typically requires mental health resources beyond what schools are able to provide.

Specialized Staff Training (Assessment)

Additional professional development in suicide risk assessment and crisis intervention shall be provided to mental health professionals including, but not limited to the following: school counselors, school psychologists, ~~social workers and nurses~~ employed by .

Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers Participation and Education

To the extent possible, parents/guardians/caregivers should be included in all suicide prevention efforts. At a minimum, the suicide prevention policy shall be prominently displayed in the parent handbook.

All parents/guardians/caregivers should have access to suicide prevention training that includes, but is not limited to the following: suicide risk factors, warning signs, and protective factors, How to talk with a student about thoughts of suicide, how to respond appropriately to the student who has suicidal thoughts.

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Intervention, Assessment, Referral

Staff

~~When a student is identified by a staff person as potentially suicidal, i.e., verbalizes about suicide, presents overt risk factors such as agitation or intoxication, the act of self-harm occurs, or a student self-refers, the school suicide prevention coordinator will be notified immediately. The student will be seen by the school suicide prevention coordinator as soon as possible. If the school suicide prevention coordinator is not available, the district suicide prevention coordinator will be contacted. If there is no mental health professional available, a school administrator will fill this role until a mental health professional can be brought in. The student will be seen by a school-employed mental health professional (school counselors, psychologists, social workers, or nurses) within the same school day to assess risk levels and facilitate referral if needed.~~

When a student is identified by a staff person as potentially suicidal, i.e., verbalizes about suicide, presents overt risk factors such as agitation or intoxication, the act of self-harm occurs, or a student self-refers, the parent, teacher, Student Support Team, and possibly the student will be contacted by a Mental Health Team within the same school day to assess risk and/or facilitate referral.

1. School staff will recommend that the student is continuously supervised to ensure their safety.
2. The Mental Health Team and/or Student Support Team(s) will be informed and alerted of the situation as soon as reasonably possible through one or more of the following:
 - Email the Mental Health Team at: mentalhealthteam@inspireschools.org
 - Complete the Mental Health Team's At-Risk Survey: [Student Mental Health Risk Report](#)
 - Complete the Student Support Team's Crisis Survey: [Student in Crisis](#)
3. The Mental Health Team and Student Support Team will contact the reporting school staff, as well as the student's parent or guardian, and will provide community-based resources and recommendations. When appropriate, this may include calling emergency services or bringing the student to the local hospital emergency department.

Designated members of the Mental Health Team should conduct a suicide risk assessment. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the level of risk and to identify the most appropriate actions to ensure the immediate and long-term safety and well-being of the student. This should be done by a team that includes a school-employed mental health professional.

Caregiver notification is a vital part of suicide prevention. The appropriate caregiver(s) must always be contacted when signs of suicidal thinking and behavior are observed. Typically this is the student's parent(s); however, when child abuse is suspected protective services should be contacted. Even if a child is judged to be at low risk for suicidal behavior, schools may ask caregivers to sign a form to indicate that relevant information

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has been provided. Regardless, all caregiver notifications must be documented. Caregivers also provide critical information in determining level of risk. Whether a student is in imminent danger or not, it is strongly recommended that lethal means are (i.e. guns, poisons, medications, and sharp objects) are removed or made inaccessible.

Refer to community services if warranted. Referral options to 24 hour community-based services should be identified in advance. It is best to obtain a release from the primary caregiver to facilitate the sharing of information between the school and community agency.

Risk Level I (Low):

Definition: Does not pose imminent danger to self; insufficient evidence for suicide potential.

Indicators: Passing thoughts of suicide; no plan; no previous attempts; no access to weapons or means; no recent losses; support system is in place; no alcohol/substance abuse; some depressed mood/affect; evidence of thoughts found in notebook, internet postings, drawings; sudden changes in personality/behavior (e.g., distracted, hopeless, academically disengaged)

Risk Level II (Moderate)

Definition: May pose imminent danger to self, but there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate a viable plan of action to do harm.

Indicators: Thoughts of suicide; plan with some specifics; unsure of intent; previous attempts and/or hospitalization; difficulty naming future plans; past history of substance use, with possible current intoxication; self-injurious behavior; recent trauma (e.g., loss, victimization)

Risk Level III (High):

Definition: Poses imminent danger to self with a viable plan to do harm; exhibits extreme and/or persistent inappropriate behaviors; sufficient evidence for violence potential; qualifies for immediate arrest or hospitalization.

Indicators: Current thoughts of suicide; plan with specifics, indicating when, where and how; access to weapons or means in hand; finalizing arrangements (e.g., giving away prized possessions, good bye messages in writing, text, on social networking sites); isolated and withdrawn; current sense of hopelessness; previous attempts; no support system; currently abusing alcohol/substances; mental health history; precipitating events, such as loss of loved one, traumatic event or bullying.

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Risk Level Interventions and Follow-Up

DO NOT LEAVE THE STUDENT UNSUPERVISED

RL I Action (Low):

1. CONSULT WITH A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.
2. Contact parent/guardian/caregiver and give resources when appropriate.
3. Implement Interventions I.E., Student no harm promise and Plan, identify support systems on and off campus.
4. Document student and parent contact and place in confidential file.
5. Contact CPS if suspected abuse.
6. Complete confidential Suicide assessment risk form.
7. Consider whether student may have a disability and/or may need referral for additional services.

RL II Action (Moderate):

1. CONSULT WITH A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.
2. Notify and/or hand off student ONLY to parent/guardian/caregiver who commits to seek an immediate mental health assessment or to law enforcement if parent is unavailable or uncooperative. Consider any suspected child abuse or neglect prior to contacting parent/guardian.
3. If parent transports students to mental health facility have parent sign Parent Notification Form.
4. Document student and parent contact and place in confidential file.
5. Complete follow-up with student and parent when student returns.
6. Contact CPS if suspected abuse.
7. Complete confidential Suicide assessment risk form.
8. Consider whether student may have a disability and/or may need referral for additional services.

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RL III Action (High):

1. CONSULT WITH A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.
2. Notify and/or hand off student ONLY to parent/guardian/caregiver who commits to seek an immediate mental health assessment or to law enforcement if parent is unavailable or uncooperative. Consider any suspected child abuse or neglect prior to contacting parent/guardian.
3. Contact law enforcement. Law enforcement will determine if the parent will transport student to mental health evaluation center or police may arrange for transportation to the mental health evaluation center.
3. Complete mental health evaluator form.
4. If parent transports students to mental health facility have parent sign Parent Notification Form.
5. Complete confidential Suicide assessment risk form.
6. If police arrange for transport, notify site administrator.
7. Document student and parent contact.
8. Consider whether student may have a disability and/or may need referral for additional services.
9. Contact CPS if suspect abuse.
10. Follow procedures for re-entry to School After a Suicide Attempt.

As appropriate, consider an assessment for special education or a 504 Accommodation plan for a student whose behavioral and emotional needs affect their ability to benefit from their educational program.

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Document all actions

The ~~suicide prevention coordinator~~ **Mental Health Team** shall maintain records and documentation of actions taken at the school for each case.

Notes, documents and records related to the incident are considered confidential information and remain privileged to authorized personnel. These documents should be kept in a confidential file separate and apart from the student's cumulative records.

If the student transfers to a school within or outside the sending school may contact the receiving school to share information and concerns, as appropriate, to facilitate a successful supportive transition.

Supporting Students after a Mental Health Crisis

It is crucial that careful steps are taken to help provide the mental health support for the student and to monitor their actions for any signs of suicide. The following steps should be implemented after the crisis:

Treat every threat with seriousness and approach with a calm manner; make the student a priority.

Listen actively and non-judgmental to the student. Let the student express his or her feelings.

Acknowledge the feelings and do not argue with the student.

Offer hope and let the student know they are safe and that help is provided. Do not promise confidentiality or cause stress.

Explain calmly and get the student to a trained professional, school psychologist, school counselor, or designated staff to further support the student.

Keep close contact with the parents/guardians/caregivers and mental health professionals working with the student.

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Students

Each school site and program within shall identify, disseminate and prominently display a process for students to safely notify a staff member when they are experiencing emotional distress or suicidal ideation, or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's emotional distress, suicidal ideation, or attempt.

Parental Notification and Involvement

Each school within shall identify a process to ensure continuing care for the student identified to be at risk of suicide. The following steps should be followed to ensure continuity of care:

After a referral is made for a student, school staff shall verify with the Parent/guardian/caregiver that follow-up treatment has been accessed. Parents/guardians/caregivers will be required to provide documentation of care for the student prior to returning to school.

If parents/guardians/caregivers refuse or neglect to access treatment for a student who has been identified to be at-risk for suicide or in emotional distress, the suicide prevention coordinator, administrator or other mental health professional will meet with the parents/guardians/caregivers to identify barriers to treatment (e.g., cultural stigma, financial issues) and work to rectify the situation and build understanding of the importance of care. If follow-up care for the student is still not provided, school staff should consider contacting Child Protective Services (CPS) to report neglect of the youth.

A written authorization to exchange/release information should be completed by the parents/guardians/caregivers and appropriate school staff (e.g., school psychologist, school counselor and/or nurse) should consult with outside mental health or medical treatment team.

Action Plan for In-School Suicide Attempts

Each school site and program within shall follow the following action plan to immediately address in school suicide attempts. If a suicide attempt is made during the school day on campus, it is important to remember that the health and safety of the student and those around him/her is critical. The urgency of the situation will dictate the order and applicability in which the subsequent steps are followed:

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Remain calm, remember the student is overwhelmed, confused, and emotionally distressed.

Move all other students out of the immediate area.

Immediately contact the administrator and suicide prevention coordinator.

Call 911 and give them as much information about the situation as possible.

If needed, provide medical first aid until a medical professional is available.

Parents/guardians/caregivers should be contacted as soon as possible.

Do not send the student away or leave them alone, even if they need to go to the restroom.

Listen and prompt the student to talk.

Review options and resources of people who can help.

Be comfortable with moments of silence as you and the student will need time to process the situation.

Provide comfort to the student.

Promise privacy and help, and be respectful, but do not promise confidentiality.

Student should only be released to parents/guardians/caregivers or to a person who is qualified and trained to provide help.

Follow procedures for re-entry to School After a Suicide Attempt.

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Action Plan for Out-of-School Suicide Attempts

If a suicide attempt by a student is outside of property, it is crucial to protect the privacy of the student and maintain a confidential record of the actions taken to intervene, support, and protect the student. The following steps should be implemented:

Contact the parents/guardians/caregivers and offer support to the family.

Discuss with the family how they would like the school to respond to the attempt while minimizing widespread rumors among teachers, staff, and students.

Obtain permission from the parents/guardians/caregivers to share information to ensure the facts regarding the crisis is correct.

Designate a staff member to handle media requests.

Provide care and determine appropriate support to affected students.

Follow procedures for re-entry to School After a Suicide Attempt.

Re-Entry to School After a Suicide Attempt

A student who threatened or attempted suicide is at a higher risk for suicide in the months following the crisis. Having a streamlined and well planned re-entry process ensures the safety and wellbeing of students who have previously attempted suicide and reduces the risk of another attempt. An appropriate re-entry process is an important component of suicide prevention. Involving students in planning for their return to school provides them with a sense of control, personal responsibility, and empowerment.

A student returning to school following hospitalization, including psychiatric and drug or alcohol inpatient treatment, must have written permission by the health care provider in order to attend school.

A written authorization to exchange/release information should be completed by the parents/guardians/caregivers and appropriate school staff (e.g., school psychologist, school counselor and/or nurse) should consult with the outside mental health or medical treatment team.

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If the student has been out of school for any length of time, including mental health hospitalization, the school site administrator or designee should hold a re-entry meeting with key support staff, parent/guardian/caregiver and student to facilitate a successful transition back into school.

The re-entry meeting should include a review of the authorization for return and documentation provided by the outside mental health or medical treatment team.

The documentation provided should be considered in the development of a student safety plan for re-entry.

The school team should confer with student and parents/guardians/caregivers about any specific requests on how to handle the re-entry.

Inform the student's teachers about possible days of absences.

Allow accommodations for student to make up work (be understanding that missed assignments may add stress to student).

Mental health professionals or trusted staff members should maintain ongoing contact to monitor student's actions and mood as part of the student safety plan.

Work with parents/guardians/caregivers to involve the student in an aftercare plan.

POSTVENTION

A death by suicide in the school community (whether by a student or staff member) can have devastating consequences on students and staff. Therefore, it is vital to be prepared ahead of time in the event of such a tragedy. The following are general procedures for the school administrator/director in the event of a completed suicide:

Gather pertinent information

Confirm cause of death is the result of suicide, if this information is available.

Identify staff member to be the point of contact with the family of the deceased.

Information about the cause of death should not be disclosed to the school community until the family has been consulted and has consented to disclosure.

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Assemble district crisis response team

District crisis response team to determine initial response procedures and obtain consultation regarding number of personnel needed for initial response. It is helpful to have the following information available for consultation:

- Demographic information
- Siblings (If any within)
- School Profile
- Known friends/groups
- Identification of additional high risk students

Staff notification

Concerns and wishes of family members regarding disclosure of the death and cause of death should always be taken into consideration when providing facts to students, staff and parents. Some actions to consider:

Assess the extent and degree of psychological trauma and impact to the school community

Establish a plan to notify staff of death, once consent is obtained by the family of the deceased.

Notification of staff is recommended as soon as possible (In person if possible).

To dispel rumors, share accurate information and all known facts about the death.

Emphasize that no one event is to blame for suicide. Suicide is complex and cannot be simplified by blaming individuals, drugs, music and/or school.

Allow staff to express their own reactions and grief; identify anyone who may need additional support and provide resources.

Student notification and support

Concerns and wishes of family members regarding disclosure of the death and cause of death should always be taken into consideration when providing facts to students, staff and parents. Some actions to consider:

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Notification of students should be done in small group settings, such as in the classroom. Do not notify students using a public announcement system.

To the extent possible, students should be notified in the same time period to minimize rumors.

When possible, the news should be delivered by staff with whom the students are most familiar and comfortable.

Provide staff with a scripted notification of death for students and

Prepare staff for potential reactions and questions. Review student support plan making sure to clarify procedures and locations for crisis counseling.

Define triage procedures for students and staff who may need additional support in coping with the death.

Identify a lead crisis response staff member to assist with coordination of crisis counseling and support services.

Identify locations on campus to provide crisis counseling to students, staff and parents, as needed.

Identify a mental health professional (School psychologist or school counselor) to check in with students previously identified to be at risk for suicide.

Request substitute teachers, as needed.

Maintain sign-in sheets and documentation on individual's services for follow up, as needed.

Provide students, staff or parents/guardians/caretakers with after-hours resource numbers such as the 24/7 Suicide Prevention Crisis Line.

Refer students or staff who require a higher level of care for additional services such as a community mental health provider, or their health care provider. Indicators of students and staff in need of additional support and/or referral may include the following:

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Persons with close connections to the deceased.

Persons who have experienced a loss over the past six months to a year, a traumatic event, have witnessed acts of violence, or have a history of suicide (Self or family member).

Persons who appear emotionally over-controlled (e.g., a student who was very close to the deceased but who is exhibiting no emotional reaction to the loss) or those who are angry when majority are expressing sadness.

Persons unable to control crying

Persons with multiple traumatic experiences may have strong reactions that require additional assistance.

Document

School administration shall maintain records and documentation of actions taken at the school site.

Monitor and manage

School administration with support from the district crisis team should monitor and manage the situation as it develops to determine follow up actions and continued support plans.

Communicate with the larger school community about the suicide death;

Consider funeral arrangements for family and school community;

Respond to memorial requests in respectful and non-harmful manner; responses should be handed in a thoughtful way and their impact on other students should be considered. Memorials or dedications to a student who has died by suicide should not glamorize or romanticize either the student or the death.

Identify and monitor social media platforms students are using to respond to the suicide. Encourage parents to monitor internet postings regarding the death, including the deceased personal profile pages.

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In compliance with SB 187 and SB 334, will compile statistics pertaining to school crime committed at our locations and at school-related functions. The school will complete a *California Safe Schools Assessment – School Crime Reporting Form* for each incident that occurs. Copies of these forms shall be inserted in the Appendix this plan. The school will also insert an annual breakdown of incidents, by month. Information obtained will assist the school and in developing programs to reduce the incidence of crime on campus.