



EAST BAY  
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**EAST BAY INNOVATION ACADEMY (EBIA)  
PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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## EBIA MODEL

### OUR MISSION

East Bay Innovation Academy's ("EBIA," the "School," or "the Charter School") mission is to prepare a diverse group of students to be successful in college and to be thoughtful, engaged citizens who are leaders and innovators in a 21st century global world.

### OUR VISION

EBIA is rethinking how schools are run and structured, so that they better reflect the needs of a 21st century world. Most schools have not changed their structure, organization, facilities or instruction in over fifty (50) years. While schools have not changed, our world has, leaving many of our schools, even the "best" ones, behind. EBIA is a powerful option for Oakland families and educators to build a diverse school that addresses the needs of the 21st century and beyond.

### OUR INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

EBIA is a rigorous STEAM ("Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math") school with a unique focus on the social and emotional skills students need to be leaders. Students will learn to be problem solvers and strong advocates who work together and take responsibility for their own learning.



Students will work together on long-term, "**real-world**" projects that combine many different subjects, and will learn to present those projects using technology.

Students will alternate between different learning models, including online learning, and in later grades will be **self-guided**.

## OUR CORE BELIEFS

### We believe in **Possibility and Perseverance**

*All students will achieve at the highest levels and prepare for success in college and career. We value courage, action and hard work.*

### We believe in **Creativity and Curiosity**

*Students will work together with critical and creative minds. We value exploration, perspective and determination.*

### We believe in **Community**

*Parents, teachers, school leaders, and board members will take responsibility for all students' success. We value relationships, kindness, integrity and respect.*

### We believe in the **Greater Good**

*EBIA will teach students about social justice and civic responsibility. We value giving back to the community and improving our school, our community and our world.*

### We believe in **Diversity**

*Students will prepare for society and the workforce by working with and appreciating those who are different from themselves.*

## OUR INNOVATOR NORMS

The character traits we expect all our students to exhibit are known as **Innovator Norms**. Our six Innovator Norms will be woven throughout our culture, classrooms and community.

**Perseverance:** Maintaining a steady persistence in a course of action, and exhibiting a commitment to purpose and tenacity, in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.

**Curiosity:** Eagerly desiring to know and learn; taking initiative and being inventive.

**Kindness:** Being considerate or helpful.

**Respect:** Honoring or being considerate towards self, property, and others.

**Conscientiousness:** Being careful, meticulous; being thorough, careful, or vigilant; desiring to do a task well and to completion; being accountable, prioritizing to set and meet goals, and achieving results.

**Leadership:** The quality of an individual's membership in, and contribution to, a community.

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## WHAT DOES A DAY LOOK LIKE?

EBIA opens at 7:30 am and students are invited to come into the building to work on assignments, and socialize respectfully with classmates. We are a technology driven-school, using *Chromebooks* as our learning platforms, and will not assign textbooks to students. Students who do not have internet access at home or appropriate devices can use this time before school to work on assignments.

Because we know that building relationships and creating a sense of belonging and connectedness is integral to students' success, we have been very strategic in developing our master schedule to meet the socio-emotional needs of adolescents. Every day, our students meet with their Advisor, an adult who will serve as the captain of their crew. Advisory classes are comprised of eighteen (18) to twenty-six (26) students who work together to develop interpersonal skills that will ensure their success in college and career. These tight-knit Advisory crews will learn to monitor one another's progress and success, navigating the nuances of school on a daily basis in their assigned rooms.

Throughout the course of the day, students will receive instruction in the four core academic subjects of math, science, English/Language Arts, and social studies. Additionally, each student will have periods of Independent Learning Time ("ILT"), where he/she can work individually or collaboratively on assignments. EBIA additionally provides elective courses in fitness, computer science, Spanish and art.

After school, students may stay to receive help from tutors on designated office hour days, or participate in enrichment activities designed to engage students and give them exposure to myriad learning experiences. At our Lower School, these activities occur through the EBIA Quest program.

Arrangements must be made for on-time pick-up every day.

\* In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent public health response to prioritize the safety and health of all students, staff and families, the EBIA experience may be modified as needed to include social distancing and online learning during the 2020-21 school year.

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## WHAT DOES A YEAR LOOK LIKE?

Our school year opens with a five-day orientation week aimed to provide students a comprehensive introduction to EBIA and the school year. Students will learn about our school pillars, Innovator Norms, behavioral and academic norms, Advisory, regular and block schedules, support structures, breakfast, lunch, and most importantly, one another. In addition to building familiarity and community, all students will take diagnostic tests so that EBIA staff can determine academic levels and begin to set goals with students as part of their Personalized Learning Plans (“PLPs”).

The second week of school and throughout the year, students will attend their classes, receiving high-quality instruction, working towards mastery of course content through Blended Learning (“BL”) and Project-Based Learning (“PBL”). They will utilize design-thinking principles in solving problems and utilize SEL skills in collaboration and presentation. Students will be accessing most of the curriculum via teacher-curated blended learning platforms, with links to content that is informative and meaningful. Students will have myriad benchmarks to track their progress and will demonstrate mastery via cumulative assessments, often in the form of end-of-unit projects they must develop and present.

Three (3) times during the year, students will have one (1) week intersessions where they will have markedly different learning experiences than they experience during the approximately six (6) week “academic sprints”. During these intersessions, outside agencies are contracted to provide opportunities for exploration (expeditions) into the worlds of science, arts, engineering, college and career planning, etc. Many of the sessions will take place on campus, while others will require field trips. This is a critical component of our instructional model, as we believe that incredible learning takes place not just in the typical classroom environment.

Twice a year, we have Student-Led Conferences days, where families meet with Advisors to discuss student progress towards achieving academic and socio-emotional goals. These “parent-teacher conferences” serve as another means of calibration in the learning partnership that must exist between home and school.

Near the end of the school year, EBIA will administer mandatory state testing to all students so that we can gauge our students’ individual academic progress and gauge our school’s effectiveness.

At the end of the school year, students will make Capstone presentations to our community about projects on which they have worked, demonstrating what they have learned in a professional manner and in a public forum.

Any students in danger of retention will be offered Summer School in order to improve skills and be ready for the next school year.

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## DAILY OPERATIONS

### DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

The Lower School begins at 9:00 a.m. and dismissal time is 3:30 p.m. daily. The Upper School begins at 8:30 a.m. and dismissal time is 3:45 p.m. Light supervision is provided prior to 8:00 a.m. Please pick students up within ten (10) minutes of dismissal. If class is being conducted at an off-campus site, students not picked up within ten (10) minutes of dismissal will be returned to the school site.

Lower School:

Wanting to be good neighbors in our Lower School community and responsible safe keepers of our students, we ask that parents/guardians either **park on Malcolm Ave.** to drop-off or pick-up students **OR** enter the driveway and **move** in a **counter-clockwise** direction in the turn-about. Cars **MAY NOT** park in the turn-about, as indicated by the red painted curb. **Cars should stop for no more than thirty (30) seconds in the turnabout so that traffic may flow.** Turning left onto Malcolm Ave. when exiting the school is not recommended, as cars traveling up the street do not have a lasting, clear view of the driveway. We recommend turning right when exiting the driveway. Parents/guardians needing to meet with EBIA staff should park on Malcolm Ave. Unless disabled and displaying a placard, parents/guardians may not use the parking lot on campus, as those spaces are designated for staff use only.

Upper School:

We ask that parents/guardians enter the driveway and move in a counter-clockwise direction in the turn-about, or park in the front lot. Cars should stop for no more than thirty (30) seconds in the turn-about so that traffic may flow. Parents/Guardians needing to meet with EBIA staff should park in the designated spaces next to the driveway. Students are required to park in the upper lot near the gym.

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### LATE PICK UP POLICY

EBIA is committed to providing a safe campus for all students. When students are left on school property after the close of school hours, EBIA will follow certain steps to ensure students are safe until their parents/guardians come to pick them up. In the event students are left on campus after school hours, EBIA staff will:

- Notify the Principal or designee immediately.
- Attempt to reach parents/guardians through the phone number provided to the School by parents/guardians at the beginning of the year. This may include contacting any emergency contact(s) listed for the student.
- Bring students into the lobby of the building. Parents/guardians will be asked to come into the building to pick up their student. Students must remain on site until an adult comes to retrieve the student.
- Notify the Principal or designee within forty-five (45) minutes following the close of business if there is a possibility that law enforcement may be called to assist the student.

- As a last resort, at sixty (60) minutes after the close of business, EBIA may contact law enforcement and/or child welfare services who may remove the student and may assume responsibility for the student until the parent/guardian retrieves the student.

EBIA understands unforeseen circumstances can occur. Should a late pick-up be likely, please inform the main office at 510-577-9557. Five (5) or more late pick-ups during a school year may result in a meeting with school administration.

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#### RIDESHARING SERVICES

As per state and federal law, ridesharing services like Lyft and Uber are forbidden for unaccompanied minors (under the age of 18) unless the service explicitly states that its drivers are qualified to transport an unaccompanied minor. If your student uses ridesharing services to get to and from school, you may consider using services like HopSkipDrive or Zum and ensure that the driver is qualified to transport minors.

#### COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

As learning partners in every child's education, we value transparency in communication. Most of our communication to families will be conducted electronically, via emails. Announcements about upcoming events or important issues will be made via email newsletters that will be sent out to all families and information will be updated on the EBIA website ([www.eastbayia.org](http://www.eastbayia.org)). Phone calls will be made to discuss individual student issues. The most effective means of communicating with EBIA staff is by email. It is our practice to return emails within two (2) business days. If you would like to contact the school by phone, our phone number is (510) 577-9557.

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#### PARENT PORTAL

In order to monitor student academic progress, every parent/guardian will receive a Parent Portal account to Illuminate, our student information systems. Every parent/guardian will also receive a Parent Portal account to our learning management system ("LMS"), Echo. The portal will allow you to see when assignments are due and the grades received on any assessment or assignment. We recommend you check this on a weekly basis, minimally.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is vital to our school's success and to the success and achievement of each student. A Parent Advisory Council, comprised of a leadership team and committee chairs, will meet with EBIA's leadership team to determine how the parents/guardians can best serve the school's needs. The roles of the parents include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Participate in the learning community by volunteering thirty (30) hours per year. Parents are encouraged to volunteer, however, no parent is required to volunteer. In no way will a parent's participation affect a student's enrollment and/or grades.
- At all times, determine whether this is the right program for their student.
- To give feedback to the school about their students to help improve programs.
- Respond to school surveys.
- Be responsible for their student's transportation to and from school.
- Provide materials, time and a place for student to do homework.
- Participate in at least one (1) conference per year with their student's advisor, and more as necessary.
- Support and encourage on-time attendance.

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## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Research on student achievement indicates that when parents are active members of the child's school life, the student's academic progress accelerates and self-esteem blossoms. Based on this research, parents are encouraged to volunteer in a variety of settings. There are many opportunities for involvement. Please contact the school for information regarding our parent volunteer needs. You can also get ideas at parent meetings, through the newsletter, or by talking with teachers and other parents. Parents and/or family members are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteering at EBIA is optional and not required for a student to attend EBIA. Volunteer time may be done in a variety of ways including, but not limited to:

- Driving and/or chaperoning field trips
- Tutoring
- Fundraising
- Facilities maintenance/Tech support
- Lunch or morning supervision

## ACADEMIC POLICY

EBIA is a rigorous STEAM school with a unique focus on the social and emotional skills students need to be leaders. Students learn to be problem solvers and strong advocates who work together and take responsibility for their own learning. Students collaborate on long-term, real world projects that combine many different subjects and will learn to complete and present those projects using technology. Students balance this project work with independent blended learning tools that are personalized to meet their individual needs.

To reflect these multiple goals - the acquisition of new knowledge, the development of social and emotional skills, the creation of both strong self-advocacy and collaboration tools - EBIA has adopted a set of learning categories, or outcomes, to guide our support of students and their long-term success.

## GRADE CATEGORIES

The EBIA Grade Categories are a set of research-based outcomes aimed at preparing students for postsecondary college and career success that reflect the mission and priorities of our community. For each category a rubric or set of rubrics has been developed to help ensure that students are being provided with regular feedback on their growth and needs in each of these areas. These categories are an essential component of the project- and problem-based learning curriculum and are used to provide feedback and support to students across each of these outcomes.

- **Knowledge and Thinking:** Reason, problem-solve, develop sound arguments or decisions, and create new ideas by using appropriate sources and applying the knowledge and skills of a discipline.
- **Agency:** Develop a growth mindset and take ownership over learning.
- **Collaboration:** Be a productive member of diverse teams through strong interpersonal communication, a commitment to shared success, and leadership.
- **Oral Communication:** Communicate knowledge and thinking through effective oral presentations.
- **Written Communication:** Communicate knowledge and thinking through effective writing.

GRADE CATEGORY DISTRIBUTION

Category	Humanities (History, ELA, Span, Art)	STEM (Math, Science, CS)	Fitness
Agency	10%	10%	30%
Collaboration	15%	15%	40%
Knowledge and Thinking	Ranging from 30-50% depending upon subject area		30%
Oral Communication	Ranging from 10-30% depending upon subject area		N/A
Written Communication	Ranging from 20-40% depending upon subject area		N/A

GRADING SCALE

Letter	A	B	C	F
Range	100 - 90	89 - 80	79 - 70	69-0

Within EBIA’s online gradebook, assignments will be given a score based on our grading scale. Assignments that are “missing” or “incomplete” will also be identified within the gradebook. Those students with a final trimester grade of less than 50% will receive a 50% “floor grade” as their final trimester grade.

Please note that EBIA’s grading scale does not include a grade of “D.” Those students scoring a 70% or above are considered to be consistently demonstrating a basic mastery of skills and content. Those students scoring below a 70% are considered to be not consistently demonstrating a basic mastery of skills and content, and therefore in need of additional support. This support may include engaging in EBIA’s Revision Policy (as outlined below), attending office hours, and/or being recommended for a school support team (“SST”) meeting with teachers and family.

## COMMON RUBRICS

EBIA courses will utilize the EBIA Grading Category Rubrics to assess students during project work. Teachers may choose to focus on only specific strands (rows) of the rubric at different parts of a project or different times of the year or may add rows to account for specific content knowledge that is associated with the project.

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## CATEGORY GRADING

Each assignment may be assessed and graded on one or more of the categories listed above. These categories are meant to communicate to the student clear information about their performance in that area and the criteria for assessment in that area should be communicated clearly. When talking about grades, teachers and students can move from “what grade did I get on the project?” to “my written communication was strong, but how could I have done better in collaboration?”

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## GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL GRADES

All courses at EBIA will include a blend of both collaborative and individual assignments. Within a project, students will have the opportunity to be assessed multiple times. Some of these assessments will be group grades based on work completed collaboratively; however every project will also include individual assessments that will allow students to show mastery independently. Teachers may use their discretion to modify the grades of students in the group based on observed/documentated contributions. Grades may be modified up or down, depending on the circumstances.

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## SELF AND PEER EVALUATION

During each project cycle, students will evaluate themselves and their peers using the collaboration rubric. While peer evaluations will contribute to a student's overall collaboration grade, they will not be the only method of assessment and will be a smaller portion of a student's overall grade.

## REVISION POLICY

All students are expected to master skills and content that are aligned to CA State Standards. In the spirit of continuous improvement, EBIA's revision policy is designed so that students are provided the ability to demonstrate mastery through revision and reflection.

- All assignments will be scored within two (2) weeks of the assignment deadline.
- All students will have the opportunity to revise submitted Oral Communication, Written Communication and Knowledge and Thinking coursework that has received a score of below 85%.
- Before a revision is submitted, students must complete the designated Revision Reflection form.
- Revised assignments must be submitted within two (2) weeks of the date upon which the assignment was scored.
- Revised assignments may receive a score of up to 85%.
- Late work may be submitted for revision, but may lose credit in the Agency category, and may not receive a score of greater than 85%.

## MATH PLACEMENT POLICY

This Policy of the East Bay Innovation Academy ("EBIA" or the "Charter School") Board of Directors ("Board") has been adopted to establish a fair, objective, and transparent protocol for placement in mathematics courses for students entering 9th grade, in order to ensure the success of every student and to meet the Legislative intent of the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015.

1. In determining the mathematics course placement for entering 9th grade students, the Charter School systematically takes multiple objective academic measures of student performance into consideration, including:
  - a. Statewide mathematics assessments, including interim and summative assessments through the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress ("CAASPP");
  - b. Placement tests that are aligned to state-adopted content standards in mathematics;
  - c. Recommendation, if available, of each student's 8th grade mathematics teacher based on classroom assignment and grades;
  - d. Recommendation, if any, of each student's 9th grade mathematics teacher based on classroom assignments and grades provided at the beginning of the school year;
  - e. Final grade in mathematics on the student's official, end of the year 8th grade report card;
  - f. Results from all placement checkpoints, including at least one (1) placement checkpoint within the first month of the school year as described in Section 2, below.

2. The Charter School will provide at least one (1) placement checkpoint within the first month of the school year to ensure accurate placement and permit reevaluation of individual student progress. All mathematics teachers responsible for teaching 9th grade students will assess the mathematics placements for each 9th grade student assigned to the teacher's mathematics class. The teacher's assessment will take into consideration factors which may include, but are not limited to, the student's classroom assignments, quizzes, tests, exams, and grades, classroom participation, and any comments provided by the student, the student's parent/legal guardian, and/or the student's other teachers regarding the student's mathematics placement. Based on the assessment, the teacher will then recommend that the student remain in the current mathematics placement or be transferred to another mathematics placement, in which case the teacher shall specify the mathematics course or level recommended for the student.
3. The Charter School Executive Director, or designee, shall examine aggregate student placement data annually to ensure that students who are qualified to progress in mathematics courses based on their performance on objective academic measures included in Section 1 of this Policy are not held back in a disproportionate manner on the basis of their race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background. The Charter School shall annually report the aggregate results of this examination to the Charter School Board.
4. The Charter School offers clear and timely recourse for each student and his or her parent or legal guardian who questions the student's placement, as follows:
  - a. A parent/legal guardian of any 9th grade student may submit a written request to the Charter School Executive Director, or designee, that:
    - i. Requests information regarding how the student's mathematics placement was determined. Within five (5) days of receipt of the written request, the Charter School Executive Director or designee shall respond in writing to the parent/legal guardian's request by providing the information, including the objective academic measures that the Charter School relied upon in determining the student's mathematics placement.
    - ii. Requests that the student retake the placement test, in which case the Executive Director or designee will attempt to facilitate the retest within two (2) weeks.
    - iii. Requests that the student retake the 8th grade end of course final mathematics assessment, in which case the Executive Director or designee will attempt to facilitate the retest within two (2) weeks.
    - iv. Requests reconsideration of the student's mathematics placement based on objective academic measures. Within five (5) school days of receipt of the written request, the Charter School Executive Director or designee shall respond in writing



to the parent/legal guardian's request. The Executive Director or designee and the student's mathematics teacher must assess the objective academic measures provided by the parent in conjunction with the objective academic measures identified in Section 1 and 2 of this Policy. Based on this assessment, the Executive Director or designee must determine whether the most appropriate mathematics placement for the student is the student's current placement or another placement, in which case the Executive Director shall specify the mathematics course or level recommended for the student. The Executive Director's or designee's response must provide the determination as well as the objective academic measures that the Executive Director or designee relied upon in making that determination.

- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive Director or designee requires additional time to respond to a parent/legal guardian's request, the Executive Director or designee will provide a written response indicating that additional time is needed. In no event shall the Executive Director's or designee's response time exceed one (1) month.
  - c. If, after reconsideration of the student's mathematics placement by the Executive Director or designee, the parent/legal guardian is dissatisfied with the student's mathematics placement, the parent/legal guardian may choose to sign a voluntary waiver requesting that the student be placed in another mathematics course against the professional recommendation of the Executive Director or designee, acknowledging and accepting responsibility for this placement.
5. The Charter School shall ensure that this mathematics placement Policy is posted on its website.
  6. This Policy is adopted pursuant to the Mathematics Placement Act of 2015, enacted as Education Code Section 51224.7.

At EBIA, we strive to create a culture of community, where caring and nurturing relationships exist, giving students a sense of belonging and responsibility to one another. We know that students engaged in rigorous, relevant and real curriculum are more likely to be active participants in the community, eschewing misbehavior that takes away from the productivity of the learning environment. In order to support all students personifying our Six Innovator Norms (Perseverance, Curiosity, Kindness, Respect, Conscientiousness, and Leadership), we have implemented the following positive behavior support plan, with a restorative approach to addressing disciplinary issues that may arise.

We will honor students and staff regularly and publicly for being positive contributors to the EBIA community. Time in Advisory classes will be dedicated to honoring students at a more local level. Acknowledging, validating and affirming our students will take place daily in all classes and throughout campus. We support the idea of setting personal and community goals and celebrating the attainment of those goals in myriad ways that honor process and progress.

We hold high expectations for student behavior and have established a set of behavioral norms and school rules that are in place to support a safe and positive learning environment. Consistency and transparency are the keys to ensuring students understand behavioral expectations. The iterative process of examining and refining these norms is not only encouraged, but expected, as we are an innovative school dedicated to creating a culture where buy-in exists as a result of all voices being heard in order to meet the needs of our community. There is intentionally not a litany of behavioral norms, but these following few, so that we can call attention, when necessary, for correction to anti-community behavior and focus on the positive choices our community makes:

- **Take care of yourself**
- **Take care of one another**
- **Take care of our community**
- **Live the Innovator Norms**

*For further questions regarding the suspension/expulsion policy please call (510) 577-9557. A copy of the full policy is available within this handbook in Appendix A.*

EBIA's student dress code supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

Our values are:

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school and engage in the educational environment without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students and staff should understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self-expression.
- Student dress code enforcement should not result in unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- School staff should be trained and able to use student/body-positive language to explain the dress code and to address dress code violations.
- Teachers should focus on teaching without the additional and often uncomfortable burden of dress code enforcement.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent and/or inequitable discipline should be minimized whenever possible.

Our student dress code is designed to accomplish several goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body protection), dance (bare feet, tights/leotards), or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses their self-identified gender.
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that denote, suggest, display or reference alcohol, drugs or related paraphernalia or other illegal conduct or activities.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that will interfere with the operation of the school, disrupt the educational process, invade the rights of others, or create a reasonably foreseeable risk of such interference or invasion of rights.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing or accessories that reasonably can be construed as being or including content that is racist, lewd, vulgar or obscene, or that reasonably can be construed as containing fighting words, speech that incites others to imminent lawless action, defamatory speech, or threats to others.

- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

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## DRESS CODE

EBIA expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or for any school sponsored event.

Student dress choices should respect EBIA's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities. The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s). EBIA is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student, and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size. Any restrictions to the way a student dresses must be necessary to support the overall educational goals of the school and must be explained within this dress code.

**1. Basic Principle:** Certain body parts must always be covered for all students.

Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric. All items listed in the "must wear" and "may not wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.

**2. Students Must Wear,** while following the basic principle of Section 1 above:

- A Shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), AND
- Pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts)
- Shoes, closed toe with backs (no flip-flops and sandals without backs as they are safety issues)

**3. Students Cannot Wear:**

- Violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol, gang related signs or images, or any illegal item or activity.
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments.
- Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).

- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face or ears, including headphones (except as a religious observance).
  - At Lower School, hats cannot be worn in class and hoods cannot be on while in class.
  - At Upper School, hoods cannot be on while in class

#### 4. Dress Code Enforcement

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently using the requirements below. School administration and staff shall not have discretion to vary the requirements in ways that lead to discriminatory enforcement.

- Students will only be removed from spaces, hallways, or classrooms as a result of a dress code violation as outlined in Sections 1 through 3 above. Students in violation of Section 1 through 3 will be provided three (3) options to be dressed more to code during the school day:
  - Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
  - Students will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
  - If necessary, students’ parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.
- No student should be affected by dress code enforcement because of racial identity, sex assigned at birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.
- School staff shall not enforce the school’s dress code more strictly against transgender and gender nonconforming students than other students.

These dress code guidelines shall apply to regular school days and summer school days, as well as any school-related events and activities, such as graduation ceremonies, dances and prom. Student athletic apparel will be defined by safety and competitive performance

Students may not be disciplined or penalized academically as a consequence for wearing “inappropriate” attire.

#### CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Students will turn off and store away cell phones and personal electronic devices during school hours. Cell phones and personal electronic devices may be used in class only with express permission granted or under supervision by an adult staff member.

*For further questions regarding the Tech Use Policy please call (510) 577-9557. The complete policy is also available upon request in the main office.*

#### GUM ON CAMPUS

Students chewing gum on campus must throw it in the trashcan upon entering school grounds.

#### ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

Students will refrain from using profane, rude or offensive language on campus.

#### PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Appropriate, brief and platonic public displays of affection are permitted while at school, on school grounds, and at school-sponsored activities. EBIA staff will use discretion to determine level of appropriateness.

#### PERSONAL GROOMING

Personal grooming (hair and make-up) will take place outside of class time.

#### ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, DRUGS

EBIA does not tolerate the use, possession, or sale of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco/nicotine (including e-cigarettes and vape pens) by students on campus or at school-sponsored activities. Students violating this policy will face disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

#### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

*Restorative justice promotes values and principles that use inclusive, collaborative approaches for being in community. These approaches validate the experiences and needs of everyone within the community, particularly those who have been marginalized, oppressed, or harmed. These approaches allow us to act and respond in ways that are healing rather than alienating or coercive.*

-excerpt from Amstutz and Mullet, [Restorative Discipline for Schools](#)

Instructional time is “sacred” and successful learning experiences depend upon the engaged participation of every student. The community is comprised of individuals who exercise self-discipline while understanding the need for inter-dependency.

Below is an **example** of teacher response to students making poor choices in class which are adversely affecting the learning environment:

1. If misbehavior occurs, the teacher will address the responsible individual(s) respectfully, reminding the student of the appropriate desired behaviors, and logging the behavior as appropriate.
2. If misbehavior persists, the teacher will ask the student(s) to step outside the classroom or individually approach the student for a 1-2-minute conference. That conference will provide the student(s) the opportunity to discuss the behavior and ways in which they can demonstrate to the class that they are ready to learn and re-join the community.
  - If the teacher feels the student(s) is/are ready to return to class, the student(s) re-joins the community and demonstrates active scholarly participation.
  - If the student returns to class and continues misbehavior, that student will be asked to write a reflection and may be referred to speak to an administrator.
  - If the teacher feels the student(s) is/are not ready to return, the student(s) will be asked to write a reflection about the undesired behavior either in that teacher’s class or a neighboring class.
3. If the student(s) return(s) to class after having written a reflection and continues with unproductive behavior, the student(s) will be referred to the office and will engage in the administrative behavior support plan.
4. If the behavior in class is extreme in nature and cannot be dealt with following the aforementioned steps, the student will be referred to the office and will engage in the administrative behavior support plan and/or the School will follow its Suspension Expulsion Policy as outlined within its Charter.

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT PLAN

Understanding most behaviors will be addressed by the classroom teacher, as a means of re-engaging students in the learning environment, students referred to the office will already have been given multiple opportunities for correcting misbehavior. We treat every student as an individual and will adjust our approach on a case-by-case basis. We apply restorative justice principles to supporting positive student choices so that unwanted behaviors do not continue, but we can also offer a more traditional model for students and families who prefer not to participate in the restorative approach.

The EBIA Board believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty.

Students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to discipline.

Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement definitions:

1. Users will not plagiarize works that they find on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were original to the user.
2. Users will respect the rights of copyright owners and not infringe on those rights. Copyright infringement occurs when an individual inappropriately reproduces a work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies acceptable use of that work, the user should follow the expressed requirements. If the user is unsure whether or not they can use a work, they should request permission from the copyright owner.

Assignments for which students have engaged in plagiarism and/or copyright infringement will be scored as a zero (0), and students will be asked to re-submit the assignment within two (2) weeks. In the event that a student engages in plagiarism and/or copyright infringement more than once in a given course in the school year, that student will be referred to an administrator.



### ATTENDANCE POLICY

EBIA will operate with an extended school day and year, offering the needed supports to ensure all students are ready for success in college and career. The school year consists of 185 calendar days with Lower School hours running from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm and Upper School hours running from 8:30 am – 3:45 pm, followed by Office Hours on select days and enrichment program. The campus will open at 7:30 am for students to do school work.

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### ABSENCES

EBIA encourages students to approach their academic experience with a growth mindset, attaining a high degree of academic and social emotional growth across the year. It is not possible for this to happen if students are absent from class. The adult(s) legally responsible for a child are charged with ensuring that students are in school. EBIA understands that it is inevitable that there will be absences for excused reasons. However, with rare exceptions, these absences are infrequent and do not create a barrier that prevents students from reaching their potential.

- 1) EBIA has policies and procedures that allow students who have been absent for excused reasons to make up missed academic work. Making up missing assignments is seen as a way to minimize the negative impact of poor attendance. However, there is no way students can make up all they miss by not being in the classroom when learning is taking place.
- 2) In evaluating the success of students, we believe that attendance is the single most reliable predictor of student performance. Students who are regularly in school succeed; students who are chronically absent do poorly. Research also shows that there is an identical relationship between school attendance and success in the workplace.

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### EXCUSED ABSENCES

A student's absence shall be excused for the following reasons:

1. Personal illness (see section below for further information);
2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer;
3. Medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic appointments;
  - a. Students in grades 7-12, inclusive, may be excused from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent or guardian.
4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family:

- a. Excused absence in this instance shall be limited to one (1) day if the service is conducted in California or three (3) days if the service is conducted out of state.
  - b. "Immediate family" shall be defined as parent or guardian, grandparent, spouse, son/son-in-law, daughter/daughter-in-law, brother, sister or any relative living in the student's household.
5. Participation in religious instruction or exercises in accordance with Charter School policy:
- a. The student shall be excused for this purpose on no more than four (4) school days per month. When your student will be absent for religious observance, please call or send a note to school prior to that date. If you do, state regulations allow children absent for religious observance to be counted as present, but class work must still be made up within a reasonable period of time.
6. For the purposes of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
  7. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child. (The school does not require a note from the doctor for this excusal.)
  8. To permit the pupil to spend time with an immediate family member who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code Section 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the Charter School.
  9. For purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Election Code Section 12302.
  10. Attendance at the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
  11. Authorized parental leave for a pregnant or parenting pupil for up to eight (8) weeks.
  12. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, based on the facts of the pupil's circumstances, are deemed to constitute a valid excuse.
  13. A pupil who holds a work permit to work for a period of not more than five (5) consecutive days in the entertainment or allied industries shall be excused from school during the period that the pupil is working in the entertainment or allied industry for a maximum of up to five (5) absences per school year subject to the requirements of Education Code Section 48225.5.
  14. In order to participate with a not-for-profit performing arts organization in a performance for a public-school pupil audience for a maximum of up to five (5) days per school year provided the pupil's parent or guardian provides a written note to the school authorities explaining the reason for the pupil's absence.

15. Attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization upon written request by parent and approval by the Executive Director or designee pursuant to uniform standards established by the Board.
16. Appearance in court.
17. Observation of a religious holiday or ceremony.

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#### METHOD OF VERIFICATION

Please notify the School by emailing [info@eastbayia.org](mailto:info@eastbayia.org) or calling 510-577-9557, if it is necessary for your student to be absent for any reason. In the email or when leaving a message, please include your name, student's name, reason for the absence, and a phone number where you can be reached. Absences must be cleared within five (5) school days of the student's return to School or the absence becomes unexcused.

When excusing students for confidential medical services or verifying such appointments, Charter School staff shall not ask the purpose of such appointments but may contact a medical office to confirm the time of the appointment.

A healthcare provider's note of illness will be accepted for any reported absence. When a student has had fourteen (14) absences in the school year for illness verified by methods listed above without a healthcare provider's note, any further absences for illness must be verified by a healthcare provider.

As class participation is an integral part of students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical appointments during non-school hours.

Students should not be absent from school without their parents/guardians' knowledge or consent except in cases of medical emergency or for Students in grades 7-12, inclusive, who may be excused from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent or guardian. Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to administrative regulations and law.

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#### TRUANCY

Students shall be classified as truant if the student is absent from school without a valid excuse three (3) full days in one (1) school year, or if the student is tardy or absent for more than any thirty (30) minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three (3) occasions in one (1) school year, or any combination thereof. Such students shall be reported to the Executive Director or designee.

Students shall be classified as a habitual truant if the student is reported for truancy three (3) or more times within the same school year. This generally occurs when the student is absent from school without a valid excuse for five (5) full days in one school year or if the student is tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on five (5) occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof.

In addition, students shall be classified as a chronic truant if the student is absent from school without a valid excuse for ten (10) percent or more of the school days in one (1) school year, from the date of enrollment to the current date.

The Executive Director, or designee, shall implement positive steps to reduce truancy, including working with the family in an attempt to resolve the attendance problem. A student's progress and learning may be affected by excessive unexcused absences. In addition, the Charter School is fiscally dependent on student attendance and is negatively impacted by excessive unexcused absences. If all attempts to resolve the student's attendance problem are unsuccessful, the Charter School will implement the processes described below.

We will track daily attendance closely and communicate promptly and directly with families to minimize the impact of absence on any child's academic progress. EBIA has established a School Attendance Review Board ("SARB") who reviews school-wide attendance on a regular basis. The SARB is responsible for addressing students who are truant or chronically absent.

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#### PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING TRUANCY

1. Each of the first two (2) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over thirty (30) minutes will result in a call home to the parent/guardian. The student's classroom teacher may also call home.
2. Each of the third (3rd) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over thirty (30) minutes will result in a call home to the parent/guardian by the Executive Director or designee. In addition, the student's classroom teacher may also call home and/or the Charter School may send the parent an e-mail notification. In addition, upon reaching three (3) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over thirty (30) minutes in a school year, the parent/guardian will receive "Truancy Letter #1" from the Charter School notifying the parent/guardian of the student's "Truant" status. This letter must be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the Charter School. This letter shall also be accompanied by a copy of this Attendance Policy. This letter, and all subsequent letter(s) sent home, shall be sent by Certified Mail, return receipt requested, or some other form of mail that can be tracked.
3. Upon reaching five (5) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over thirty (30) minutes, the parent/guardian will receive "Truancy Letter #2 – Habitual Truant Classification Notice and Conference Request," notifying the parent/guardian of the student's "Habitual Truant" status and a parent/guardian conference will be scheduled to review the student's records and develop an intervention plan/contract.
4. Upon reaching six (6) unexcused absences or unexcused tardies over thirty (30) minutes, the student will be referred to a Student Success Team ("SST") and the School Attendance Review Board ("SARB"). In addition, the parent/guardian will receive a Truancy Letter #3," and will be asked/invited to attend an evening assembly for parents/guardians of chronically absent students.

5. The SARB panel will be composed of administrators and other staff. The SARB panel will discuss the absence problem with the Parent/Guardian to work on solutions, develop strategies, discuss appropriate support services for the student and his/her family, and establish a plan to resolve the attendance issue.
  - a. The SARB panel shall direct the parent/guardian that no further unexcused absences or tardies can be tolerated.
  - b. The parent shall be required to sign a contract formalizing the agreement by the parents to improve the child's attendance or face additional administrative action. The contract will identify the corrective actions required in the future, and indicate that the SARB panel shall have the authority to order one or more of the following consequences for non-compliance with the terms of the contract:
    - i. Parent/guardian to attend school with the child for one day
    - ii. Student retention
    - iii. After school detention program
    - iv. Required school counseling
    - v. Loss of field trip privileges
    - vi. Loss of school store privileges
    - vii. Loss of school event privileges
    - viii. Required remediation plan as set by the SARB
    - ix. Notification to the District Attorney
  - c. The SARB panel may discuss other school placement options.
  - d. Notice of action recommended by the SARB will be provided in writing to the parent/guardian.
6. If the conditions of the SARB contract are not met, the student may incur additional administrative action up to and including disenrollment from the Charter School, consistent with the Involuntary Removal Process described below. If the student is disenrolled after the Involuntary Removal Process has been followed, notification will be sent within thirty (30) days to the student's last known district of residence.

7. For all communications set forth in this process, the Charter School will use the contact information provided by the parent/guardian in the registration packet. It is the parent's or guardian's responsibility to update the Charter School with any new contact information.
8. If student is absent fifteen (15) or more consecutive school days without valid excuse and parent/guardian cannot be reached at the number or address provided in the registration packet and does not otherwise respond to the Charter School's communication attempts, as set forth above, the student will be in violation of the SARB contract, and the SARB panel may recommend that the student be disenrolled in compliance with the Involuntary Removal Process described below. The Involuntary Removal Process can be started immediately upon the Charter School receiving documentation of Student's enrollment and attendance at another public or private school (i.e. a CALPADS report).

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#### PROCESS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

When students are not in attendance on the first five (5) days of the school year, the Charter School will attempt to reach the parent/guardian on a daily basis for each of the first five (5) days to determine whether the student has an excused absence, consistent with the process outlined in this policy. If the student has a basis for an excused absence, parents must notify the Charter School of the absence and provide documentation consistent with this Policy. However, consistent with process below, students who are not in attendance due to an unexcused absence by the fifth day of the school year will be disenrolled from the Charter School roster after following the Involuntary Removal Process described below, as it will be assumed that the student has chosen another school option.

1. Students who are not in attendance on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the school year will be contacted by phone to ensure their intent to enroll in the Charter School.
2. Students who have indicated their intent to enroll but have not attended by the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) day of the school year will receive a letter indicating the student's risk of disenrollment.
3. Students who have indicated their intent to enroll but have not attended by the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day of the school year will receive a phone call reiterating the content of the letter.
4. The Charter School will send the Involuntary Removal Notice to the Parent/Guardian and follow the Involuntary Removal Process described below for any students who have not attended by the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) day, and do not have an excused absence.
5. The Involuntary Removal Process can be started immediately upon the Charter School receiving documentation of Student's enrollment and attendance at another public or private school (i.e. a CALPADS report).

6. The Charter School will use the contact information provided by the parent/guardian in the registration packet.
7. Upon removal, the last known school district of residence will be notified of the student's failure to attend the Charter School and the disenrollment within thirty days of the disenrollment.

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#### INVOLUNTARY REMOVAL PROCESS

No student who has been attending the Charter School shall be involuntarily removed for any reason unless the parent or guardian of the student has been provided written notice of intent to remove the student no less than five (5) schooldays before the effective date of the action ("Involuntary Removal Notice"). The written notice shall be in the native language of the student or the student's parent or guardian or, if the student is a foster child or youth or a homeless child or youth, the student's educational rights holder. The Involuntary Removal Notice shall include the charges against the pupil and an explanation of the pupil's basic rights including the right to request a hearing before the effective date of the action. The hearing shall be consistent with the Charter School's expulsion procedures. If the student's parent, guardian, or educational rights holder requests a hearing, the student shall remain enrolled and shall not be removed until the Charter School issues a final decision. As used herein, "involuntarily removed" includes disenrolled, dismissed, transferred, or terminated, but does not include suspensions or expulsions pursuant to the Charter School's suspension and expulsion policy.

Upon parent/guardian request for a hearing, the Charter School will provide notice of hearing consistent with its expulsion hearing process, through 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. The notice of hearing shall be in the native language of the student or the student's parent or guardian or, if the student is a foster child or youth or a homeless child or youth, the student's educational rights holder and shall include a copy of the Charter School's expulsion hearing process.

If the parent/guardian is nonresponsive to the Involuntary Removal Notice, the Student will be disenrolled as of the effective date set forth in the Involuntary Removal Notice. If parent/guardian requests a hearing and does not attend on the date scheduled for the hearing the Student will be disenrolled effective the date of the hearing.

If as a result of the hearing the student is disenrolled, notice will be sent to the student's last known district of residence within thirty (30) days.

A hearing decision not to disenroll the student does not prevent the Charter School from making a similar recommendation in the future should student truancy continue or re-occur.

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## REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OR COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

It is the Charter School's intent to identify and remove all barriers to the student's success, and the Charter School will explore every possible option to address student attendance issues with the family. For any unexcused absence, the Charter School may refer the family to appropriate school-based and/or social service agencies.

If a child's attendance does not improve after a SARB contract has been developed according to the procedures above, or if the parents fail to attend a required SARB meeting, the Charter School shall notify the District's Attorney's office, which then may refer the matter for prosecution through the court system. Students 12 years of age and older may be referred to the juvenile court for adjudication.

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## NON-DISCRIMINATION

These policies will be enforced fairly, uniformly, and consistently without regard to the characteristics listed in Education Code Section 220 (actual or perceived disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, pregnancy, or association with an individual who has any of the aforementioned characteristics).

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## REPORTS

The Executive Director, or designee, shall gather and report to the Board the number of absences both excused and unexcused as well as students who are truant, and the steps taken to remedy the problem.

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## ILLNESS

A student who is ill should not be sent to school, since this may result in their health becoming worse and exposing others. Good indicators that students should be kept home:

**Fever:** With a temperature equal to or greater than 38.0 C or 100.4 F. The child can return to school after he/she has been fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Advil).

**Colds:** A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of infection; consider having the child seen by your health care provider.

**Diarrhea/Vomiting:** Return to school only after being symptom-free for 12 hours.

**Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye):** Return to school 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed medication.



**Rashes:** Student with an unexplained rash should return to school only after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the child’s return to school.

**Lice:** A student with lice is encouraged to remain home until lice free. Please treat your student and notify the school.

#### INDEPENDENT STUDY

EBIA may offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students who receive prior approval from an administrator for absences exceeding three (3) consecutive school days due to travel, extended illness, or another cause of three (3) or more school days in duration. Independent study will be limited to occasional, incidental instances of extended absences and will be offered in conformance with this Board Policy.

#### PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS

While we understand that many families want to celebrate birthdays and other events as part of the community, we ask that families follow healthy guidelines when bringing in food. Please check with the office before bringing in any food or drinks for any event. Some students have allergies to food and drinks and cannot be in close proximity to these items. Students bringing snacks to school should make healthy choices, such as fruits and vegetables.

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#### MEAL PROGRAM

EBIA participates in the National School Lunch Program (“NSLP”), which is a federally assisted meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost, or free lunches to children each school day. All parents/guardians of EBIA students are all encouraged to apply in order to include as many eligible students as possible. Applications are available in the main office throughout the year. There is no deadline to apply. If your income status changes at any time, please inform the main office immediately to fill out a new NSLP application. This is very important to ensure that your student is qualified for the correct meal price at all times. EBIA will provide each student who meets federal eligibility criteria for free and reduced-price meals with at least one free or reduced-price, nutritionally adequate meal per school day.

EBIA also maintains a School Wellness Policy pursuant to state and federal requirements. A copy of the complete Policy is available upon request at the main office.

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#### HOW TO PAY FOR MEALS

We have partnered with Revolution Foods to provide lunch for our students on regular school days, and Boonli is our online ordering system. We ask that families create an account with Boonli.

Students who qualify for free lunch will not need to pay. Families of students who qualify for reduced lunch will receive a monthly bill. Families of students who pay the full price will be expected to order and pay in advance through Boonli.

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#### EMERGENCY MEALS

Emergency meals may be available for students needing one. Fees will be added to the family's Boonli account.

**Note: Due to security concerns, we ask that families please avoid all online ordering vendors such as Doordash, Uber Eats, etc.**

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#### INJURIES

A first aid kit is located in the office. If your student is ill or injured beyond first aid or simple comfort measures, you will be called to take the student home or to the doctor. In an emergency, appropriate action will be taken, and you will be informed immediately. If you cannot be reached, other designated adults listed on the student's emergency form will be notified. It is essential that you keep the school informed of any change in address and/or telephone numbers so that a responsible party may be reached in an emergency.

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#### MEDICATIONS

The following Policy regarding the administration of medications is applicable when the staff is responsible for the administration of, or assisting in the administration of, medication to students attending school during regular school hours, including before- or after-school programs, field trips, extracurricular and co-curricular activities, and camps or other activities that typically involve at least one (1) overnight stay away from home.

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#### (A) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION OR ASSISTANCE

Before EBIA allows a student to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine, or inhaled asthma medication, or have authorized school personnel administer medications or otherwise assist a student in administering his or her medication, the school must receive a copy of the following:

- For prescription medications, parents need to complete the School's Medication Authorization Form to include the following:
  - a written statement from the physician and surgeon or physician assistant detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is

to be taken, and, if applicable, confirming that the pupil is able to self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication, and

- a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the pupil consenting to the self-administration, providing a release for the designated school health aide to consult with the health care provider of the pupil regarding any questions that may arise with regard to the medication, and releasing EBIA and school personnel from civil liability if the self-administering pupil suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering medication.
- If applicable, a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the student indicating the desire that EBIA assist the student in the matters set forth in the statement of the authorized health care provider.
- We do not encourage the use of over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen, antacid tablets or cough drops at school. If the need arises to give your child one of the over-the-counter medications listed, we must have the School's Medication Authorization Form with the required information listed above.

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#### ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- The primary responsibility for the administration of medication rests with the parent/guardian, pupil, and medical professional.
- Medication shall be administered only during school hours if determined by a physician to be necessary.
- Designated staff shall keep records of medication administered at EBIA.
- All medication will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location and administered per physician's instructions by appropriately designated staff.
- Designated staff shall return all surplus medication to the parent/guardian upon completion of the regimen or prior to extended holidays.
- Designated staff shall establish emergency procedures for specific medical conditions that require an immediate response (i.e. allergies, asthma, diabetes).
- The written statements specified in this policy shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes.
- A pupil may be subject to disciplinary action if that pupil uses auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication in a manner other than as prescribed.

- Any pupil requiring insulin shots must establish a plan for administration of insulin shots with the Executive Director in consultation with the parent or guardian and the pupil’s medical professional.

A copy of the School’s Medication Authorization Form is located at the main office. Please complete and return this form to the main office.

#### ALLERGY REPORTING

It is vital that EBIA is informed of any student allergy that is life threatening and/or may require use of medication. A list of students with allergies will be kept in each classroom. Any required medication will be stored in the main office. Please see the “Medications” section above for applicable guidelines.

#### IMMUNIZATIONS

Pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations, children must have a minimum number of immunizations (shots) before they can attend school and be unconditionally enrolled in school. Immunization records will be required for all incoming students. Verification of immunizations will be completed with written medical records from the child’s doctor or immunization clinic.

To ensure a safe learning environment for all students, the Charter School follows and abides by the health standards set forth by the state of California. Students will not attend school until all required records have been received. The immunization status of all students will be reviewed periodically. Those students who do not meet the State guidelines may be excluded from school until the requirements are met. Students who have been exposed to a communicable disease for which they have not been immunized may be excluded from school at the discretion of the Charter School.

Entering students who are not exempt will need the following immunization requirements:

Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus (DPT)	Five (5) doses
Polio	Four (4) doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	Two (2) doses
Hepatitis B	Three (3) doses

Varicella (chickenpox)	Two (2) doses
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**NOTE:** Four doses of DTaP are allowed if one was given on or after the fourth birthday. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the seventh birthday (also meets the 7th-12th grade Tdap requirement.) One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the seventh birthday count towards the requirement. Three doses of Polio are allowed if one was given on or after fourth birthday. MMR doses must be given on or after first birthday. Two doses of measles, two doses of mumps, and one dose of rubella vaccine meet the requirement, separately or combined. Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines.

Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade who are not exempt from the immunization requirements must show proof of the following immunizations:

Immunization	Dosage
Tetanus, reduced Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis (Tdap)	One (1) doses
Varicella	Two (2) doses

**NOTE:** In order to begin 7th grade, students who had a valid personal belief exemption on file with a public or private elementary or secondary school in California before January 1, 2016 must meet all requirements for children 7-17 years old (i.e., polio, MMR, chickenpox and primary series for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), **in addition to** the 7th grade requirements for Tdap (at least one dose of pertussis-containing vaccine on or after the seventh birthday) and two (2) doses of Varicella (varicella requirement for seventh grade advancement expires after June 30, 2025).

Verification of immunizations will be completed with written medical records from the child’s doctor or immunization clinic. Immunization records shall be part of the mandatory permanent pupil record and shall be kept in accordance with EBIA’s Educational Records and Student Information Policy. EBIA will file a written report on the immunization status of all new entrants to EBIA with the California Department of Public Health, on at least an annual basis, as required by law.

Any child leaving the United States for a short vacation to or long stay in any country considered by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) to have increased risk of TB exposure MUST contact the County Tuberculosis Clinic for a TB Screening upon return.

EBIA shall immediately admit a foster child, as defined in Education Code § 48853.5(a), and a homeless child, as defined in Section 11434a(2) of Title 42 of the United States Code, even if the foster or homeless child’s immunization records are not available or are missing. However, this does not alter EBIA’s obligation to obtain immunization records for foster and homeless students or to ensure the full immunization of foster and homeless students as required by law.

If Charter School discovers that an admitted student who was previously believed to be in compliance with the immunization requirements is subsequently discovered to not be in compliance with either the unconditional admission requirements or the conditional admission requirements, EBIA will notify the student’s parent/guardian of: 1) the time period within which the doses must be received, which may be no more than ten (10) school days after notification; and 2) that the student shall continue in attendance only if the parent/guardian provides documentation that the immunization requirements have been met within the time period designated by the School. If the student does not provide documentation of having received all required immunizations within the time period designated by the School, EBIA shall exclude this student from attendance. The student shall remain excluded from Charter School until the student is fully immunized as required by law. The student shall also be reported to the Director of Enrollment and Student Data.

The Executive Director, or designee, may arrange for a licensed physician or a qualified registered nurse to administer immunizations at Charter School to any student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing.

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#### CONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE

Students may be conditionally admitted in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 120340 and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Section 6035. The Executive Director or designee shall notify the student’s parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses. The Executive Director or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally at least every thirty (30) days from the date of admission until that student has received all the required immunizations or submitted an exemption. If a student conditionally admitted fails to fulfill the conditions of admission, Charter School will prohibit the student from further attendance until that student has been fully immunized as required by law.

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#### DOCUMENTARY PROOF

The Executive Director shall maintain the student’s immunization information in the student’s mandatory permanent record and shall file annual immunization status reports as required by the California Department of Public Health.

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## EXEMPTIONS FROM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must be fully immunized in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations with the following exceptions:

- Students who show proof of a medical exemption by a physician licensed to practice medicine in California pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 120370.
  - Commencing January 1, 2021, the California Department of Public Health standardized medical exemption form shall be the only documentation of a medical exemption that the School shall accept.
  - On and after July 1, 2021, the School shall not unconditionally admit or readmit, or admit or advance any student to 7th grade, unless the student has been fully immunized or files a California Department of Public Health standardized medical exemption form as required by law.
  - Medical exemptions issued before January 1, 2020 will continue to remain valid until the child enrolls in the next grade span, defined below.
- Students who are enrolled in Charter School's home-based study program or independent study program and do not receive any classroom-based instruction; and
- Students who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit on file at a private or public elementary or secondary school in California stating beliefs opposed to immunization, and who provides said letter or affidavit to the Charter School, shall be allowed to enroll at Charter School without being fully immunized until the student enrolls in the next grade span pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 120335 (g);
  - "Grade span" means each of the following:
    - Birth to Preschool.
    - Kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, including transitional kindergarten.
    - Grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

This Policy does not prohibit a pupil who qualifies for an individualized education program, pursuant to federal law and Education Code § 56026, from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her individualized education program. However, parents or guardians must continue to provide immunization records for these students to their schools and schools must continue to maintain and report records of immunizations that have been received for these students.

If there is good cause to believe that a child has been exposed to a disease listed in subdivision (b) of Section 120335 and his or her documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against that disease, that child may be temporarily excluded from the School until the local health officer is satisfied that the child is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

## ADMINISTRATION

### ENROLLMENT

Enrollment at EBIA is governed by regulations for charter schools set forth in California Department of Education code for Charter Schools and our own Charter Petition.

We are an open enrollment public school committed to equal opportunity. EBIA is non-sectarian and employs no admissions exams or special admissions requirements. Admission to the school is open to all students on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, sex, ethnicity, behavior, age, ancestry, proficiency in English Language, or academic achievement. Students who children of staff, the Board, or Founding Families, student who currently attend EBIA and their siblings, students who reside within the public elementary school where EBIA is physically located, and residents of the district have priority, as long as places are available, before places are opened up to other students. EBIA complies with the minimum and the maximum age for public school attendance in charter schools.

Applications will be accepted during a publicly advertised open enrollment period each year for enrollment in the following school year. In the event that applications for a certain grade exceed the number of available slots for that grade, EBIA will hold a public random drawing to determine admission for the impacted grade level, with the exception of existing students, who are guaranteed admission in the following school year. Admission preferences in the case of a public random drawing shall be given to the following students in the following order:

1. Children of EBIA employees, the EBIA Board of Directors, and EBIA Founding Families identified in the initial charter.
2. Siblings of enrolled students
3. Residents of the District and school zones.
4. All other applicants.

At the conclusion of the public random drawing, all students who were not granted admission due to capacity shall be given the option to put their name on a wait list according to their draw in the lottery. All guidelines concerning enrollment and the public random drawing are laid out in full in the EBIA Charter.

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### REGISTRATION

Once a child has applied to and been accepted by EBIA, students are formally enrolled. At the time of enrollment, the Enrollment Process must be followed.



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## ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The following documents are required for enrollment:

- Completion of student enrollment forms
- Handbook Acknowledgment
- Proof of immunization
- Home Language survey
- Release of Records
- Proof of minimum age requirements, e.g., birth certificate

Please notify the office, if any registration information changes. It is essential that we have accurate information regarding your address, home telephone number, daytime phone numbers and emergency contact numbers.

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## WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Please notify the office personnel at least one (1) week in advance if your child will be withdrawing from EBIA. There is an official withdrawal form that needs to be completed by the student's parent/guardian prior to disenrollment. You will be asked to please provide your forwarding address, and the name and address of the school your child will be attending. EBIA will send notice to the student's last known district of residence that the student has withdrawn from EBIA within thirty (30) days, and the student's records will be forwarded upon receipt of the request from the new school. All school property must be returned before withdrawal.

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## TELEPHONING

In general, school telephones are for business use and for educational or emergency use by students. Only urgent messages will be delivered to your child. Please take care of personal business, such as rides home, etc., prior to school. If you need to get in touch with your child during the school, please call the office and we will ensure that they get your message. Families are expected not to call or text students during the class time.

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## NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The EBIA newsletter is a regular means of sharing school news, publishing the school calendar, issuing reminders, and thanking volunteers and contributors. If you have an article to include in the newsletter, please turn it in to staff for approval and inclusion in the newsletter. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, send an email request to: [info@eastbayia.org](mailto:info@eastbayia.org).

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## PARENTAL RIGHTS

### VISITS AND CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS

Parents have the right to visit their child's classroom to observe activities. The time and date of the visitation must be arranged in advance with the school. The school may set reasonable time and frequency expectations related to classroom observation.

All visitors (including volunteers) shall register in the Visitors Log Book and complete a Visitor's Permit in the main office immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when during regular school hours. When registering, the visitor is required to provide his/her name, address, age (if under 21), his/her purpose for entering school grounds, and proof of identity.

While on campus, visitors are to enter and leave classrooms as quietly as possible, not converse with any student, teacher, or other instructional assistant unless permitted, and not interfere with any school activity. No electronic listening or recording device may be used in a classroom without the teacher's and Executive Director's written permission.

Before leaving campus, the visitor shall return the Visitor's Permit and sign out of the Visitors Log Book in the main office.

The Executive Director or designee may refuse to provide or withdraw consent to be on campus even if the visitor has a right to be on campus whenever there is reason to believe that the person has willfully disrupted or is likely to disrupt EBIA's orderly operation. The Executive Director or designee may request that a visitor who has failed to register, or whose registration privileges have been denied or withdrawn, promptly leave school grounds. When a visitor is directed to leave, the Executive Director or designee shall inform the visitor that if he/she reenters the school without following the posted requirements he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

### TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

### VOLUNTEERING

Parents have the right to volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and programs. Parents should contact the school to determine the terms and conditions of this service.

Volunteers who come in regularly will need to present TB clearance and proof of clearance (fingerprinting) from the Department of Justice.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Parents have the right to be notified in a timely manner if their child is absent from school without permission, except for when students in grades 7-12, inclusive, are excused from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the student's parent or guardian.

## STUDENT TESTING

Throughout the year students may participate in various forms of testing and assessment, depending on grade, site, etc.

**CAASPP** - Students in grades 6-8 will take two (2) Math tests (a Math Computer-Adaptive Test and a Math Performance Task) as well as two (2) English Language Arts ("ELA") tests (an ELA Computer-Adaptive Test and an ELA Performance Task). California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress ("CAASPP") testing takes place in the Spring. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a parent's or guardian's written request to the Executive Director to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of this state assessment shall be granted.

**Physical Fitness Testing** - Students in grades 5, 7, and 9 will participate in a Physical Fitness Test in the Spring.

**NWEA MAP** - All students will take math, reading, language and science assessment tests during the school year. Ninth graders must take a second assessment in Math within thirty (30) days of enrollment per the *California Math Placement Act of 2015*.

**AP Testing** - Students enrolled in Advanced Placement ("AP") courses at our Upper School are encouraged to take the College Board's AP Exam near the end of the year. While this exam is optional, students who pass the exam have the potential to both earn college credit and bypass certain entry examinations.

**PSAT** - During the 10th and 11th grade years at our Upper School, students take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test ("PSAT") exam during the month of October. During the 11th grade assessment, students who perform well may qualify to earn National Merit Scholarships. A parent's or guardian's written request to the Executive Director to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of this state assessment shall be granted.

**SAT** - In the spring of a student's 11th grade year, our Upper School campus administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test ("SAT") exam. A parent's or guardian's written request to the Executive Director to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of this state assessment shall be granted.

## SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Parents have the right and are entitled to the assurance of a safe and supportive learning environment for their child. EBIA has established a Comprehensive School Safety Plan. The Plan is available upon request at the main office.

## SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

The Charter School offers comprehensive sexual health education to its students in grades 7-12. A Parent or guardian of a student has the right to excuse their child from all or part of comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and assessments related to that education through a passive consent (“opt-out”) process. The Charter School does not require active parental consent (“opt-in”) for comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education. Parents and guardians may:

- Inspect written and audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education.
- Excuse their child from participation comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education in writing to the Charter School.
- Be informed whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education will be taught by Charter School personnel or outside consultants. When the Charter School chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to teach comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education, be informed of:
  - o The date of the instruction
  - o The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker
- Request a copy of Education Code sections 51930 through 51939.

Anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student’s health behaviors and risks (including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the student’s attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex) may be administered to 7th and 8th grade students. A parent or guardian has the right to excuse their child from the test, questionnaire, or survey through a passive consent (“opt-out”) process. Parents or guardians shall be notified in writing that this test, questionnaire, or survey is to be administered, given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire, or survey if they wish, notified of their right to excuse their child from the test, questionnaire, or survey, and informed that in order to excuse their child they must state their request in writing to the Charter School.

A Student may not attend any class in comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education, or participate in any anonymous, voluntary, and confidential test, questionnaire, or survey on student health behaviors and risks, if the school has received a written request from the student’s parent or guardian excusing the student from participation. An alternative educational activity shall be

made available to students whose parents or guardians have requested that they not receive the instruction or participate in the test, questionnaire, or survey.

#### CURRICULUM MATERIALS

Parents have the right to examine the school prospectus upon request including curriculum materials of any class offered. Please note that, pursuant to law, the Charter School may charge for the prospectus in an amount not to exceed the cost of duplication.

#### STUDENT ACADEMIC PROGRESS

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

#### CAL GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE

EBIA IS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO SUBMIT THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE ("GPA") OF ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS BY OCT. 1 OF EACH YEAR, UNLESS THE STUDENT OVER AGE 18 OR PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR THOSE UNDER 18 OPT-OUT. STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN ELEVENTH (11TH) GRADE WILL BE DEEMED A CAL GRANT APPLICANT, UNLESS THE STUDENT (OR PARENT, AS APPLICABLE) HAS OPTED OUT BY OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1ST. PARENTS' PERMISSION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF STUDENT WORK/PICTURES

I understand that from time-to-time the school may wish to publish examples of student projects, photographs of students, and other work on an Internet accessible World Wide Web server. If you have any concerns or do not give consent, please contact [info@eastbayia.org](mailto:info@eastbayia.org).

#### STUDENT RECORDS

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##### PUPIL RECORDS, INCLUDING CHALLENGES AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

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

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within five (5) business days after the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal or designee a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect.

The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the Executive Director or designee, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing. If the Charter School decides to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the Executive Director must order the correction or the removal and destruction of the information and inform the parent or eligible student of the amendment in writing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the School discloses personally identifiable information ("PII") from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to School officials with legitimate educational interests. A School official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the School board. A School official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the School who performs an institutional service of function for which the School would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another School official in performing his or her tasks. A School official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

Note that Charter School will not release information to third parties for immigration-enforcement purposes, except as required by law or court order.

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

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue,

SW Washington, DC 20202

5. The right to request that the Charter School not release student names, addresses and telephone listings to military recruiters or institutions of higher education without prior written parental consent.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from student's education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations.

Except for disclosures to School officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the School to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A School may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student to the following parties:

1. Charter School officials who have a legitimate educational interest as defined by 34 C.F.R. Part 99;
2. Other schools to which a student seeks or intends to enroll so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. When a student transfers schools, the Charter School will mail the original or a copy of a student's cumulative file to the receiving district or private school within ten (10) school days following the date the request is received from the public school or private school where the pupil intends to enroll. Charter School will make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of the request for records at his/her last known address, unless the disclosure is initiated by the parent or eligible student. Additionally, Charter School will give the parent or eligible student, upon request, a copy of the record that was disclosed and give the parent or eligible student, upon request, an opportunity for hearing;
3. Certain government officials listed in 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1) in order to carry out lawful functions;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid if it is necessary to determine eligibility, amount of aid, conditions for aid or enforcing the terms and conditions of the aid;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for the Charter School in accordance with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1)(F);



6. Accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions;
7. Parents of a dependent student as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
8. Individuals or entities, in compliance with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. Subject to the exceptions found in 34 C.F.R. § 99.31(a)(9)(i), reasonable effort must be made to notify the parent or eligible student of the order or subpoena in advance of compliance, so that the parent or eligible student may seek a protective order;
9. Persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies;
10. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law;
11. A foster family agency with jurisdiction over a currently enrolled or former student, a short-term residential treatment program staff responsible for the education or case management of a student, and a caregiver (regardless of whether the caregiver has been appointed as the pupil's educational rights holder) 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, may access the current or most recent records of grades, transcripts, attendance, discipline, and online communication on platforms established by Charter School for student and parents, and any individualized education program ("IEP") or Section 504 plan that may have been developed or maintained by Charter School; and/or
12. A victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceedings conducted by Charter School with respect to that alleged crime or offense. Charter School discloses the final results of the disciplinary proceeding regardless of whether Charter School concluded a violation was committed.

Parents have the right to inspect and review their child's records and to question anything they feel is inaccurate or misleading or an invasion of privacy. Parents have the right to a timely response from the School about their questions.

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#### DIRECTORY INFORMATION

"Directory information" is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Charter School may disclose the personally identifiable information that it has designated as directory information without a parent's prior written consent. The Charter School has designated the following information as directory information:

- \* Student's name
- \* Student's Address
- \* Parent/guardian's Address

- \* Telephone listing
- \* Student’s electronic mail address
- \* Parent/guardian’s electronic mail address
- \* Photograph
- \* Date and place of birth
- \* Dates of attendance
- \* Grade level
- \* Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- \* Degrees, honors, and awards received
- \* The most recent educational agency or institution attended
- \* Student ID number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems that cannot be used to access education records without a PIN, password, etc. (A student's SSN, in whole or in part, cannot be used for this purpose.)

If you do not want EBIA to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without your prior written consent, you must notify EBIA in writing at the time of enrollment or re-enrollment. Please notify the main office. A copy of the complete Policy is available upon request at the main office.

## STANDARDS

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

## SCHOOL RULES

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

## COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Parents have the right to participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school-site council, or site-based management leadership team, as applicable.

## RIGHT TO ASK FOR TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers and/or paraprofessionals. Upon request by a parent, EBIA will provide this information in a uniform and understandable format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.

## COMPLAINTS

### GENERAL COMPLAINT POLICY

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#### SCOPE

EBIA has adopted this General Complaint Policy to address concerns about the Charter School generally and/or regarding specific Charter School employees.

For complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying, unlawful pupil fees, or other specific perceived violations of state or federal laws, please refer to the Charter School's Title IX, Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Policy and/or the Charter School's Uniform Complaint Policy and Procedures.

For all other complaints, this Policy, the General Complaint Form, and accompanying procedures will be appropriate. For any questions regarding the application of this Policy or the Charter School's other policies, please contact the Executive Director at [michelle.cho@eastbayia.org](mailto:michelle.cho@eastbayia.org).

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#### NOTIFICATION

It is the intent of EBIA to integrate conflict resolution skills into the curriculum. Accordingly, students that have complaints against other students are encouraged to first address the issue with the person directly using the learned conflict resolution skills without the intervention of a school employee. If, however, the student does not feel comfortable with this approach or the complaint involves sexual harassment or discrimination, the student may notify a teacher or other school staff member. The teacher or staff member will notify the Administrator of the complaint if it cannot be resolved immediately at that level. Parents/guardians will be notified if necessary.

Students, parents, and/or community members who have complaints against school personnel or programs may notify a teacher or Administrator and use the general complaint policy included within the Employee Handbook.

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#### PROCEDURES

1. The complainant begins the process by filing a written complaint using a General Complaint Form (sample below) with the office of the Executive Director as soon as possible after the events that give rise to the complainant's concerns. The written complaint shall set forth in detail the factual basis for the complaint;
2. The Executive Director (or designee) shall use their best efforts to ascertain the facts relating to the complaint. When applicable, the Executive Director (or designee) shall confer with the parties identified in the complaint or persons with knowledge of the particulars of the complaint to ascertain said facts; and
3. In the event that the Executive Director (or designee) finds that a complaint is valid, the Executive Director (or designee) shall take appropriate action to resolve the concern. In the event the complaint is against an employee of the Charter School, the Executive Director (or designee) may take disciplinary action against the employee. As appropriate, the Executive Director (or designee) may counsel or reprimand employees as to their conduct without initiating formal disciplinary measures. The Executive Director's (or designee's) decision relating to the complaint shall be final.
4. If the complaint is about the Executive Director, the complainant may file their complaint by using a General Complaint Form (sample below) and sending it to the Chair of the Board, who will then conduct a fact-finding investigation or authorize a third-party investigator on behalf of the Charter School. The Chair or investigator will report the findings to the Board, in closed session for review and further action, if necessary.
5. The Executive Director or Chair shall draft a written response to the complainant indicating that the matter has been investigated and sufficiently addressed. If appropriate, the response may include general details about the manner of the resolution, but at all times employee and student privacy rights shall be maintained. No response may include any details about adverse action taken against a student or employee.

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#### CONFIDENTIALITY

Complainants will be notified that information obtained from the student, parent, and/or community member and thereafter gathered will be maintained in a manner as confidential as possible, but in some circumstances absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

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#### NON-RETALIATION

Complainants will be advised that they will be protected against retaliation as a result of the filing of any complaints or participation in any complaint process.

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RESOLUTION

Administration will investigate student complaints appropriately under the circumstances and pursuant to the applicable procedures and if necessary, take appropriate remedial measures to ensure effective resolution of any complaint.

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**GENERAL COMPLAINT FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Alleged Incident(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person(s) this complaint is about (if known and applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_

List any witnesses that were present: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where did the incident(s) occur?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the circumstances, events, or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (*e.g.* specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, *etc.*) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

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I hereby authorize the Charter School to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Employees providing false information in this regard could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Signature of Complainant

Print Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Charter School:

Received by:

Print Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_

East Bay Innovation Academy (the “Charter School”) has adopted this policy to address complaints of discrimination against any protected group as described more fully below.

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## SCOPE

The Charter School’s policy is to comply with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The Charter School is the local agency primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations governing educational programs. Pursuant to this policy, persons responsible for conducting investigations shall be knowledgeable about the laws and programs which they are assigned to investigate. This complaint procedure is adopted to provide a uniform system of complaint processing for the following types of complaints:

- (1) Complaints of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying against any protected group including actual or perceived, discrimination on the basis of the actual or perceived characteristics of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, ethnic group identification, race or ethnicity, ancestry, immigration status/citizenship, nationality, national origin, religion, religious affiliation, color, mental disability, physical disability, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, or on the basis of a person’s association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics in any Charter School program or activity; and
- (2) Complaints of violations of state or federal law and regulations governing the following programs including but not limited to: Career Technical and Technical Education and Career Technical and Technical Training Programs, Child Care and Development Programs, Child Nutrition Programs, Comprehensive School Safety Plans, Economic Impact Aid, Compensatory Education Programs, Every Student Succeeds Act / No Child Left Behind Act (2001) Programs (Titles I- VII), including improving academic achievement, compensatory education, limited English proficiency, and migrant education, Education of Pupils in Foster Care, Pupils who are Homeless, former Juvenile Court Pupils, Pupils from Military Families, Migratory Pupils, Pregnant and Parenting Pupils, Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP) / Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), Migrant Education Programs, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs, Special Education Programs, Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil, State Preschool Health and Safety Issues in LEAs Exempt from Licensing, and/or Tobacco-Use Prevention Education.
- (3) A complaint may also be filed alleging that a pupil enrolled in a public school was required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity as those terms are defined below.
  - a. “Educational activity” means an activity offered by a school, school district, charter school or county office of education that constitutes an integral fundamental part of elementary and secondary education, including, but not limited to, curricular and extracurricular activities.

- b. "Pupil fee" means a fee, deposit or other charge imposed on pupils, or a pupil's parents or guardians, in violation of Section 49011 of the Education Code and Section 5 of Article IX of the California Constitution, which require educational activities to be provided free of charge to all pupils without regard to their families' ability or willingness to pay fees or request special waivers, as provided for in *Hartzell v. Connell* (1984) 35 Cal.3d 899. A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:
    - i. A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit.
    - ii. A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, uniform or other materials or equipment.
    - iii. A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment or uniforms associated with an educational activity.
  - c. A pupil fees complaint may be filed anonymously if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees.
  - d. If the Charter School finds merit in a pupil fees complaint the Charter School shall provide a remedy to all affected pupils, parents, and guardians that, where applicable, includes reasonable efforts by the Charter School to ensure full reimbursement to all affected pupils, parents, and guardians, subject to procedures established through regulations adopted by the state board.
  - e. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit solicitation of voluntary donations of funds or property, voluntary participation in fundraising activities, or school districts, school, and other entities from providing pupils prizes or other recognition for voluntarily participating in fundraising activities.
- (4) Complaints of noncompliance with the requirements governing the Local Control Funding Formula, Local Control and Accountability Plans or Sections 47606.5 and 47607.3 of the Education Code, as applicable.
  - (5) Complaints of noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code Section 222 regarding the rights of lactating pupils on a school campus.
  - (6) Complaints of noncompliance with the requirements of Education Code Section 48645.7 regarding the rights of juvenile court school pupils when they become entitled to a diploma.

The Charter School acknowledges and respects every individual's rights to privacy. Unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints shall be investigated in a manner that protects (to the greatest extent reasonably possible) the confidentiality of the parties and the integrity of the process. The Charter School cannot guarantee anonymity of the complainant. This includes



keeping the identity of the complainant confidential. However, the Charter School will attempt to do so as appropriate. The Charter School may find it necessary to disclose information regarding the complaint/complainant, to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or proceedings, as determined by the Executive Director or designee on a case-by-case basis.

The Charter School prohibits any form of retaliation against any complainant in the complaint process, including but not limited to a complainant's filing of a complaint or the reporting of instances of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades or work assignments of the complainant.

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#### COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

The Charter School Board of Directors designates the following Compliance Officer to receive and investigate complaints and to ensure the Charter School's compliance with law:

Executive Director: Michelle Cho

3400 Malcolm Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605

Phone: 510-577-9557

The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that employees designated to investigate complaints are knowledgeable about the laws and programs for which they are responsible. Designated employees may have access to legal counsel as determined by the Executive Director or designee.

Should a complaint be filed against the Executive Director, the compliance officer for that case shall be the President of the Charter School Board of Directors.

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#### NOTIFICATIONS

The Executive Director or designee shall annually provide written notification of the Charter School's Uniform Complaint Procedures to employees, students, parents and/or guardians, advisory committees, private school officials and other interested parties (e.g., Adult Education).

The annual notice shall be in English. Pursuant to Education Code Section 48985, if fifteen (15) percent or more of the pupils enrolled in the Charter School speak a single primary language other than English, this annual notice will also be provided to the parent or guardian of any such pupils in their primary language.

The Executive Director or designee shall make available copies of the Charter School's uniform complaint procedures free of charge.

The annual notice shall include the following:

- (a) A statement that the Charter School is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.
- (b) A statement that a pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity.
- (c) A statement identifying the responsible staff member, position, or unit designated to receive complaints.
- (d) A statement that the complainant has a right to appeal the Charter School's decision to California Department of Education ("CDE") by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the Charter School's decision.
- (e) A statement advising the complainant of any civil law remedies that may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws, if applicable, and of the appeal pursuant to Education Code Section 262.3.
- (f) A statement that copies of the local educational agency complaint procedures shall be available free of charge.

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## PROCEDURES

The following procedures shall be used to address all complaints which allege that the Charter School has violated federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. The Compliance Officer shall maintain a record of each complaint and subsequent related actions.

All parties involved in allegations shall be notified when a complaint is filed, when a complaint meeting or hearing is scheduled, and when a decision or ruling is made.

- Step 1: Filing of Complaint

Any individual, public agency or organization may file a written complaint of alleged noncompliance by the Charter School.

A complaint alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying shall be initiated no later than six (6) months from the date when the alleged unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying occurred, or six (6) months from the date when the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying. A

complaint may be filed by a person who alleges that he/she personally suffered unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying or by a person who believes that an individual or any specific class of individuals has been subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying.

Pupil fee complaints shall be filed not later than one (1) year from the date the alleged violation occurred.

The complaint shall be presented to the Compliance Officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and date stamp.

If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as a disability or illiteracy, the Charter School staff shall assist him/her in the filing of the complaint.

- Step 2: Mediation

Within three (3) days of receiving the complaint, the Compliance Officer may informally discuss with the complainant the possibility of using mediation. If the complainant agrees to mediation, the Compliance Officer shall make arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of an unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaint, the Compliance Officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to related confidential information.

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the Compliance Officer shall proceed with his/her investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend the Charter School's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time.

- Step 3: Investigation of Complaint

The Compliance Officer is encouraged to hold an investigative meeting within five (5) days of receiving the complaint or an unsuccessful attempt to mediate the complaint. This meeting shall provide an opportunity for the complainant and/or his/her representative to repeat the complaint orally.

The complainant and/or his/her representative shall have an opportunity to present the complaint and evidence or information leading to evidence to support the allegations in the complaint.

A complainant's refusal to provide the Charter School's investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, or his/her failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation or his/her engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegation.

The Charter School's refusal to provide the investigator with access to records and/or other information related to the allegation in the complaint, or its failure or refusal to cooperate in the investigation or its

engagement in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in a finding, based on evidence collected, that a violation has occurred and may result in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant.

- Step 4: Response

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the Compliance Officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a final written report of the Charter School's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below, within sixty (60) days of the Charter School's receipt of the complaint.

- Step 5: Final Written Decision

The Charter School's decision shall be in writing and sent to the complainant. The Charter School's decision shall be written in English and in the language of the complainant whenever feasible or as required by law.

The decision shall include:

1. The findings of fact based on evidence gathered.
2. The conclusion(s) of law.
3. Disposition of the complaint.
4. Rationale for such disposition.
5. Corrective actions, if any are warranted.
6. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal the Charter School's decision within fifteen (15) days to the CDE and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal.
7. For unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints arising under state law, notice that the complainant must wait until sixty (60) days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies.
8. For unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints arising under federal law such complaint may be made at any time to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

If an employee is disciplined as a result of the complaint, the decision shall simply state that effective action was taken and that the employee was informed of the Charter School's expectations. The report shall not give any further information as to the nature of the disciplinary action.

#### Appeals to the California Department of Education

If dissatisfied with the Charter School's decision, the complainant may appeal in writing to the CDE within fifteen (15) days of receiving the Charter School's decision. When appealing to the CDE, the complainant must specify the basis for the appeal of the decision and whether the facts are incorrect and/or the law has been misapplied. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the locally filed complaint and a copy of the Charter School's decision.

Upon notification by the CDE that the complainant has appealed the Charter School's decision, the Executive Director or designee shall forward the following documents to the CDE:

1. A copy of the original complaint.
2. A copy of the decision.
3. A summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the Charter School, if not covered by the decision.
4. A copy of the investigation file, including but not limited to all notes, interviews, and documents submitted by all parties and gathered by the investigator.
5. A report of any action taken to resolve the complaint.
6. A copy of the Charter School's complaint procedures.
7. Other relevant information requested by the CDE.

The CDE may directly intervene in the complaint without waiting for action by the Charter School when one of the conditions listed in Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 4650 exists, including cases in which the Charter School has not taken action within sixty (60) days of the date the complaint was filed with the Charter School.

#### Civil Law Remedies

A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the Charter School's complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders. For unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints arising under state law, however, a complainant must wait until sixty (60) days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies. The moratorium does not apply to injunctive relief and is applicable only if the Charter School has appropriately, and in a timely manner, apprised the complainant of his/her right to file a complaint in accordance with Title 5 California Code of Regulations, Section 4622.

Please request a copy of the complaint form which should be completed and returned to the office. The form can also be found online [here](#).

PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge, by our signatures below, that we have read, discussed, understand and agree to abide by the expectations outlined in the “EBIA 2020-2021 Parent and Student Handbook,” including the attached Appendices.

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature

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Date

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Student’s Signature

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Date

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT, PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**within 21 days of the first day of school.**

**THANK YOU!!**

## NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Charter School does not discriminate against any student or employee on the basis of actual or perceived disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, immigration status, religion, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, pregnancy or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes in the California Penal Code.

The Charter School adheres to all provisions of federal law related to students with disabilities, including, but not limited to, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (“IDEIA”).

The Charter School does not discourage students from enrolling or seeking to enroll in the Charter School for any reason, including, but not limited to, academic performance, disability, neglect or delinquency, English proficiency, for being homeless or a foster/mobile youth, economic disadvantage, nationality, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. Charter School shall not encourage a student currently attending Charter School to disenroll or transfer to another school based on any of the aforementioned reasons except in cases of expulsion and suspension or involuntary removal in accordance with the Charter School’s charter and relevant policies.

The Charter School does not request nor require student records prior to a student’s enrollment.

The Charter School shall provide a copy of the California Department of Education Complaint Notice and Form to any parent, guardian, or student over the age of 18 at the following times: (1) when a parent, guardian, or student over the age of 18 inquires about enrollment; (2) before conducting an enrollment lottery; and (3) before disenrollment of a student.

The Charter School is committed to providing a work and educational atmosphere that is free of unlawful harassment under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title IV, VI, and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, or national origin), The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the IDEIA; and Section 504 and Title II of the ADA (mental or physical disability). The Charter School also prohibits sexual harassment, including cyber sexual bullying, and harassment based upon pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, race, religion, religious affiliation, creed, color, immigration status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or any other basis protected by federal, state, local law, ordinance or regulation. The Charter School does not condone or tolerate harassment of any type, including discrimination, intimidation, or bullying, including cyber sexual bullying, by any employee, independent contractor or other person with which the Charter School does business, or any other individual, student, or volunteer. This applies to all employees, students, or volunteers and relationships, regardless of position or gender. The Charter School will promptly and thoroughly investigate any complaint of harassment and take appropriate corrective action, if warranted.

Inquiries, complaints, or grievances regarding harassment as described in this section, above, should be directed to the EBIA Uniform Complaint Procedures (“UCP”) Compliance Officer:

Executive Director: Michelle Cho

3400 Malcolm Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605

Phone: 510-577-9557

[michelle.cho@eastbayia.org](mailto:michelle.cho@eastbayia.org)

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## PUPIL SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION POLICY

This Pupil Suspension and Expulsion Policy has been established in order to promote learning and protect 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 lists the offenses and procedures for suspensions and expulsions. This Policy also addresses involuntary removals for violations of the Charter School's attendance policy. 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.

When the Policy is violated, it may be necessary to suspend or expel a student from regular classroom instruction. 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 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 involuntary removal policies and procedures. The notice shall state that this Policy and Procedures are available on request at the Executive Director's office.

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

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.

No student shall be involuntarily removed by the Charter School for any reason unless the parent or guardian of the student has been provided written notice of intent to remove the student no less than five (5) schooldays before the effective date of the action. The written notice shall be in the native language of the student or the student's parent or guardian or, if the student is a foster child or youth, or a homeless child or youth, the student's educational rights holder, and shall inform the student, the student's parent or guardian, or

educational rights holder of the basis for which the pupil is being involuntarily removed and the student, the student's parent or guardian, or educational rights holder's right to request a hearing to challenge the involuntary removal. If a student's parent, guardian, or educational rights holder requests a hearing, the Charter School shall utilize the same hearing procedures specified below for expulsions, before the effective date of the action to involuntarily remove the student. If the student's parent, guardian, or educational rights holder requests a hearing, the student shall remain enrolled and shall not be removed until the Charter School issues a final decision. As used herein, "involuntarily removed" includes disenrolled, dismissed, transferred, or terminated, but does not include suspensions or expulsions pursuant to the suspension and expulsion procedures described below.

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#### A. 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.

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#### B. ENUMERATED OFFENSES

1. Discretionary Suspension Offense. Students may be suspended for any of the following acts when it is determined the pupil:

- a) 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. This section applies to pupils in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive.

2. Discretionary Suspension and Expellable Offenses. Students may be suspended or suspended and recommended for expulsion for any of the following acts when it is determined the pupil:

- b) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
- c) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except self-defense.
- d) Unlawfully possessed, used 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.
- e) 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.
- f) Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- g) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property, which includes but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.

- h) Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property, which includes but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.
- i) 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 pupil.
- j) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- k) Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.
- l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property, which includes but is not limited to, electronic files and databases.
- m) 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.
- n) 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.
- o) Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- p) 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 pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For purposes of this section, "hazing" does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- q) Made terroristic threats against school officials and/or school property, which includes but is not limited to, electronic files and databases. 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, which includes but is not limited to, electronic files and databases, or the personal property of the person threatened or his or her immediate family.
- r) 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 pupils in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.

- s) Caused, attempted to cause, threatened 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 pupils in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
- t) Intentionally harassed, threatened or intimidated school personnel or volunteers and/or 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 the rights of either school personnel or volunteers and/or student(s) by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment. This section shall apply to pupils in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive.
- u) 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 originated on or off the schoolsite, 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, video 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.
  - (b) Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil 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 pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil 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 pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
- iii. An act of cyber sexual bullying.
  - (a) For purposes of this clause, “cyber sexual bullying” means the 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 of the effects described in subparagraphs (i) to (iv), inclusive, of paragraph (1). A photograph or other visual recording, as described above, 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.
  - (b) For purposes of this clause, “cyber sexual bullying” does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.
- 3) 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.
- v) A pupil 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 pupil 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)(a)-(b).
- w) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any knife or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the pupil 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 Executive Director or designee’s concurrence.

3. Non-Discretionary Suspension and Expellable Offenses: Students must be suspended and recommended for expulsion for any of the following acts when it is determined the pupil:

- a) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, explosive, or other destructive device 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 Executive Director or designee's concurrence.
- b) Brandishing a knife at another person.
- c) Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code Section 11053, et seq.
- d) Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery as defined in Education Code Section 48900(n).

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 destructive device on campus, the student shall be expelled for one year, pursuant to the Federal Gun Free Schools Act of 1994. In such instances, the pupil shall be provided due process rights of notice and a hearing as required in this policy.

The term "knife" means any dirk, dagger, or other weapon with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade fitted primarily for stabbing, a weapon with a blade longer than 3½ inches, a folding knife with a blade that locks into place, or a razor with an unguarded blade.

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.

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### C. SUSPENSION PROCEDURE

Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

#### 1. Conference

Suspension shall be preceded, if possible, by a conference conducted by the Executive Director or the Executive 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 Executive Director or designee.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Designee," as used in this suspension/expulsion policy includes the Assistant Principal.

The conference may be omitted if the Executive 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 pupil 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, in accordance with Education Code Section 47605(b)(5)(J)(i). This conference shall be held within two (2) school days, unless the pupil 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 pupil for failure of the pupil’s parent or guardian to attend a conference with Charter School officials. Reinstatement of the suspended pupil shall not be contingent upon attendance by the pupil’s parent or guardian at the conference.

## 2. 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(s) committed by the student as well as the date the student may return to school following the suspension. In addition, the notice may also state the 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.

## 3. 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 Executive Director or Executive Director’s designee, the pupil and the pupil’s guardian or representative will be invited to a conference to determine if the suspension for the pupil should be extended pending an expulsion hearing. This determination will be made by the Executive Director or designee upon either of the following: 1) the pupil’s presence will be disruptive to the education process; or 2) the pupil poses a threat or danger to others. Upon either determination, the pupil’s suspension will be extended pending the results of an expulsion hearing. In such instances when the Charter School has determined a suspension period shall be extended, such extension shall be made only after a conference is held with the pupil or the pupil’s parent or guardian, unless the pupil and the pupil’s parent or guardian fail to attend the conference.

## 4. Homework Assignments During Suspension

In accordance with Education Code Section 48913.5, upon the request of a parent, a legal guardian or other person holding the right to make education decisions for the pupil, or the affected pupil, a teacher shall provide to a pupil in any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, who has been suspended from school for two (2) or more schooldays, the homework that the pupil would otherwise have been assigned.

In accordance with Education Code Section 48913.5(b), if a homework assignment that is requested pursuant to Section 48913.5(a) and turned into the teacher by the pupil either upon the pupil's return to school from suspension or within the timeframe originally prescribed by the teacher, whichever is later, is not graded before the end of the academic term, that assignment shall not be included in the calculation of the pupil's overall grade in the class.

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#### D. AUTHORITY TO EXPEL

As required by Education Code Section 47605(b)(5)(J)(ii), students recommended for expulsion are entitled to a hearing adjudicated by a neutral officer to determine whether the student should be expelled. The procedures herein provide for such a hearing and the notice of said hearing, as required by law.

A student may be expelled either by the neutral and impartial Charter School Board following a hearing before it or by the Charter School Board upon the recommendation of a neutral and impartial Administrative Panel, to be assigned by the Board as needed. The Administrative Panel should consist of at least three (3) members who are certificated and neither a teacher of the pupil nor 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, and the Charter School Board of Directors shall make the final determination.

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#### E. 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 Executive Director or designee determines that the Pupil has committed an expellable offense and recommends the student for expulsion.

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 pupil confidentiality rules under FERPA) unless the Pupil makes a written request for a public hearing three (3) days prior to the date of the scheduled 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 pupil. 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.

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#### F. 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 pupil.

1. 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 (5) 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Prior to a complaining witness testifying, the support persons must be admonished that the hearing is confidential. Nothing in the law precludes the body presiding over the hearing from removing a support person whom the presiding chairperson 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.
7. If one or both of the support persons is also a witness, the Charter School must present evidence that the witness's 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.

8. 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.
9. Especially for charges involving sexual assault or battery, if the hearing is to be conducted in public at the request of the pupil 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.
10. Evidence of specific instances of a complaining witness' prior sexual conduct is presumed inadmissible and shall not be heard absent a determination by the body 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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#### G. 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.

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#### H. 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 pupil, 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 Board shall make the final determination regarding the expulsion within ten (10) school days following the conclusion of the hearing. The Decision of the Board is final.

If the Administrative Panel decides not to recommend expulsion, or the Board of Directors ultimately decides not to expel, the pupil shall immediately be returned to his/her previous educational program.

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#### I. WRITTEN NOTICE TO EXPEL

The Executive 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 and student's 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 Executive 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.

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#### J. 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.

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#### K. NO RIGHT TO APPEAL

The pupil shall have no right of appeal from expulsion from the Charter School as the Charter School Board's decision to expel shall be final.

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#### L. EXPELLED PUPILS/ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

The parents or guardians of pupils 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.

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#### M. 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 pupil may reapply to the Charter School for readmission.

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#### N. READMISSION OR ADMISSION OF PREVIOUSLY EXPELLED STUDENT

The decision to readmit a pupil after the end of the pupil's expulsion term or to admit a previously expelled pupil from another school district or charter school who has not been readmitted/admitted to another school or school district after the end of the pupil's expulsion term, shall be in the sole discretion of the Board following a meeting with the Executive Director or designee and the pupil and pupil's parent/guardian or representative to determine whether the pupil has successfully completed the rehabilitation plan and to determine whether the pupil poses a threat to others or will be disruptive to the school environment. The Executive Director or designee shall make a recommendation to the Board following the meeting regarding his or her determination. The Board shall then make a final decision regarding readmission or admission of the pupil during the closed session of a public meeting, reporting out any action taken during closed session consistent with the requirements of the Brown Act. The pupil's readmission is also contingent upon the Charter School's capacity at the time the student seeks readmission or admission to the Charter School.

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#### O. NOTICE TO TEACHERS

The Charter School shall notify teachers of each pupil who has engaged in or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in any of the acts listed in Education Code section 49079 and the corresponding enumerated offenses set forth above.

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#### P. INVOLUNTARY REMOVAL FOR TRUNACY

As charter schools are schools of choice and as a charter school pupil who fails to attend school is potentially depriving another student of their opportunity to enroll, a student may be involuntarily removed as described within the Charter School's Board adopted Attendance Policy for truancy and only after the Charter School follows the requirements of the Attendance Policy and only in accordance with the policy described above which requires notice and an opportunity for a parent, guardian, educational rights holder to request a hearing prior to any involuntary removal.

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#### Q. SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

##### 1. Notification of SELPA

The Charter School shall immediately notify the SELPA and coordinate the procedures in this policy with the SELPA of the discipline of any student with a disability or student who the Charter School or SELPA would be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability.

## 2. Services During Suspension

Students suspended for more than ten (10) school days in a school year shall continue to receive services so as to enable the student to continue to participate in the general education curriculum, although in another setting (which could constitute a change of placement and the student's IEP would reflect this change), and to progress toward meeting the goals set out in the child's IEP/504 Plan; and receive, as appropriate, a functional behavioral assessment or functional analysis, and behavioral intervention services and modifications, that are designed to address the behavior violation so that it does not recur. These services may be provided in an interim alternative educational setting.

## 3. Procedural Safeguards/Manifestation Determination

Within ten (10) school days of a recommendation for expulsion or any decision to change the placement of a child with a disability because of a violation of a code of student conduct, the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team shall review all relevant information in the student's file, including the child's IEP/504 Plan, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parents to determine:

- a. If the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the child's disability; or
- b. If the conduct in question was the direct result of the local educational agency's failure to implement the IEP/504 Plan.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team determine that either of the above is applicable for the child, the conduct shall be determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team make the determination that the conduct was a manifestation of the child's disability, the IEP/504 Team shall:

- a. Conduct a functional behavioral assessment and implement a behavioral intervention plan for such child, provided that the Charter School had not conducted such assessment prior to such determination before the behavior that resulted in a change in placement;
- b. If a behavioral intervention plan has been developed, review the behavioral intervention plan if the child already has such a behavioral intervention plan, and modify it, as necessary, to address the behavior; and
- c. Return the child to the placement from which the child was removed, unless the parent and the Charter School agree to a change of placement as part of the modification of the behavioral intervention plan.

If the Charter School, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP/504 Team determine that the behavior was not a manifestation of the student's disability and that the conduct in question was not a direct result of the failure to implement the IEP/504 Plan, then the Charter School may apply the relevant disciplinary procedures to children with disabilities in the same manner and for the same duration as the procedures would be applied to students without disabilities.

#### 4. Due Process Appeals

The parent of a child with a disability who disagrees with any decision regarding placement, or the manifestation determination, or the Charter School believes that maintaining the current placement of the child is substantially likely to result in injury to the child or to others, may request an expedited administrative hearing through the Special Education Unit of the Office of Administrative Hearings or by utilizing the dispute provisions of the 504 Policy and Procedures.

When an appeal relating to the placement of the student or the manifestation determination has been requested by either the parent or the Charter School, the student shall remain in the interim alternative educational setting pending the decision of the hearing officer in accordance with state and federal law, including 20 U.S.C. Section 1415(k), until the expiration of the forty-five (45) day time period provided for in an interim alternative educational setting, unless the parent and the Charter School agree otherwise.

In accordance with 20 U.S.C. Section 1415(k)(3), if a parent/guardian disagrees with any decision regarding placement, or the manifestation determination, or if the Charter School believes that maintaining the current placement of the child is substantially likely to result in injury to the child or to others, the parent/guardian or Charter School may request a hearing.

In such an appeal, a hearing officer may: (1) return a child with a disability to the placement from which the child was removed; or (2) order a change in placement of a child with a disability to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for not more than 45 school days if the hearing officer determines that maintaining the current placement of such child is substantially likely to result in injury to the child or to others.

#### 5. Special Circumstances

Charter School personnel may consider any unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis when determining whether to order a change in placement for a child with a disability who violates a code of student conduct.

The Executive Director or designee may remove a student to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) school days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability in cases where a student:

- a. Carries or possesses a weapon, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Section 930, to or at school, on school premises, or to or at a school function;
- b. Knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs, or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance, while at school, on school premises, or at a school function; or
- c. Has inflicted serious bodily injury, as defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 1415(k)(7)(D), upon a person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function.

#### 6. Interim Alternative Educational Setting

The student's interim alternative educational setting shall be determined by the student's IEP/504 Team.

#### 7. Procedures for Students Not Yet Eligible for Special Education Services

A student who has not been identified as an individual with disabilities pursuant to IDEIA and who has violated the Charter School's disciplinary procedures may assert the procedural safeguards granted under this administrative regulation only if the Charter School had knowledge that the student was disabled before the behavior occurred.

The Charter School shall be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability if one of the following conditions exists:

- a. The parent/guardian has expressed concern in writing, or orally if the parent/guardian does not know how to write or has a disability that prevents a written statement, to Charter School supervisory or administrative personnel, or to one of the child's teachers, that the student is in need of special education or related services.
- b. The parent has requested an evaluation of the child.
- c. The child's teacher, or other Charter School personnel, has expressed specific concerns about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the child, directly to the director of special education or to other Charter School supervisory personnel.

If the Charter School knew or should have known the student had a disability under any of the three (3) circumstances described above, the student may assert any of the protections available to IDEIA-eligible children with disabilities, including the right to stay-put.

If the Charter School had no basis for knowledge of the student's disability, it shall proceed with the proposed discipline. The Charter School shall conduct an expedited evaluation if requested by the parents; however the student shall remain in the education placement determined by the Charter School pending the results of the evaluation.

The Charter School shall not be deemed to have knowledge that the student had a disability if the parent has not allowed an evaluation, refused services, or if the student has been evaluated and determined to not be eligible.

Affirming East Bay Innovation Academy (“EBIA”) Public School Facilities, Programs Are A Sanctuary for Immigrant Families:

WHEREAS: Every student has a right to attend school free of fear, bullying and discrimination;

WHEREAS: Bullying or discrimination, for any reason, is harmful to students’ emotional well-being, feeling of belonging, as well as their academic success;

WHEREAS: The Board of EBIA celebrates and embraces the diversity of our students and families and the rich language and cultural contributions they bring to our school and strongly supports and encourages and advocates for equal access to participation of all parents and families in our school;

WHEREAS: Reports of potential raids by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office (“ICE”) have caused immigrant communities to fear sending and/or accompanying their children to schools and leaving their homes, even for essential medical services;

WHEREAS: ICE activities in and around schools, early education centers, and adult school facilities would be a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students;

WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court has ruled that public schools are prohibited from denying students access to elementary and secondary public education based on their immigration status, citing that children have little control over their immigration status, the lifelong harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and constitutional equal protection rights;

WHEREAS: EBIA intends to protect and provide equal access to an education for all students and families regardless of immigration status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Board of EBIA affirms its position that all students have the right to attend school regardless of the immigration status of the child or of the child's family members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of EBIA states that all students, who register for the following services and meet the federal and state criteria, are entitled to receive all school services, including free lunch, free breakfast, and educational services, even if they or their family are undocumented and do not have a social security number and that no school staff shall take any steps that would deny students access to education based on their immigration status or any steps that would deny the rights of these students to a public education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That EBIA declares its commitment that every school site, facility, and school related-convening be a welcoming place for all students and their families;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: In order to provide a public education, regardless of a child's or family's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, local law or regulation or local ordinance or court decision, EBIA shall abide by the following:

1. School personnel shall not treat students differently for residency determination purposes on the basis of their actual or perceived immigration status and shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but, not limited to, the free and reduced lunch program, transportation and educational instruction.
2. School personnel shall review the list of documents that are currently used to establish residency and shall ensure that any required documents would not unlawfully bar or discourage a student who is undocumented or whose parents are undocumented from enrolling in or attending school.
3. School personnel shall not inquire about a student's immigration status, including requiring documentation of a student's legal status, such as asking for a green card or citizenship papers, at initial registration or at any other time.
4. School personnel shall not make unreasonable inquiries from a student or his/her parents for the purpose of exposing the immigration status of the child or his/her family.
5. School personnel shall not require students to apply for Social Security numbers nor should East Bay Innovation Academy require students to supply a Social Security number.
6. Because it is the general policy of EBIA not to allow any individual or organization to enter a school site if the educational setting would be disrupted by that visit, any request by ICE to visit a school site should be forwarded to EBIA's Executive Director for review, in consultation with EBIA's legal counsel.
7. All requests for information or documents by ICE should be forwarded to the EBIA Executive Director, who in consultation EBIA's legal counsel, shall determine if the information and/or documents must be released to ICE.
8. School staff shall take immediate steps to notify a student's parent or guardian if ICE or other law enforcement agencies take custody of a student from campus or questioning the student on School.
9. EBIA's legal counsel, and other School personnel as designated by the Executive Director, will review the impact of changes in federal immigration law programs such as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") and work to prevent and mitigate the negative impact on both students and employees from the collection or storage of any personally identifiable information for immigration enforcement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Executive Director joins the Oakland Unified School District ("OUSD") Board of Education by adopting a resolution to ensure that our facilities and programs are sanctuaries for immigrant and vulnerable students.

East Bay Innovation Academy (“EBIA” or the “School”) Governing Board desires to ensure that homeless children and youth are provided with equal access to its educational program, have an opportunity to meet the same challenging State academic standards, are provided a free and appropriate public education, are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless, and to establish safeguards that protect homeless students from discrimination on the basis of their homelessness.

The term “homeless children and youth” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship. It includes children and youths who (42 U.S.C. section 11434a):

1. 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. Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings;
3. Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and/or
4. Migratory children and unaccompanied youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) may be considered homeless if they meet the above definition of “homeless.”

Homeless status is determined in cooperation with the parent or guardian. In the case of unaccompanied youth, status is determined by the Homeless Student Liaison.

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#### HOMELESS STUDENT LIAISON

The Executive Director or designee designates the following staff person as the Charter School/Program Homeless Student Liaison for homeless students attending the Charter School (42 USC 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii)):

Homeless Liaison: Michelle Cho, Executive Director East Bay

Innovations Academy

3400 Malcolm Avenue

Oakland, CA 94605

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The Homeless Student Liaison shall ensure that the following requirements are fulfilled by the School (42 USC 11432(g)(6)):

1. Homeless students are identified by school personnel and through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
2. Homeless students enroll in and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed at Charter School.
3. Homeless students and families receive educational services for which they are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs) under the Head Start Act, early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), any other preschool programs administered by EBIA, if any, and referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health services and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services.
4. Parents/guardians are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
5. Public notice of the educational rights of homeless children is disseminated at places frequented by parents or guardians of such youths and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, and soup kitchens, and in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless youth and unaccompanied youth.
6. Enrollment/admissions disputes are mediated in accordance with law, the Charter School charter, and Board policy.
7. Parents/guardians and any unaccompanied youth are fully informed of all transportation services, as applicable.
8. Charter School personnel providing services receive professional development and other support.
9. The Homeless Student Liaison collaborates with State coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths.
10. Unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school; have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youth; and are informed of their status as independent students under section 480 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and that the youths may obtain assistance from the Homeless Student Liaison to receive verification of such status for the purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid described in section 483 of the Act.

The California Department of Education publishes a list of the contact information for the Homeless Education Liaisons in the state, which is available at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/>

**High School Graduation Requirements:** Homeless students who transfer to the Charter School any time after the completion of their second year of high school shall be exempt from any of the Charter School’s graduation requirements that are in excess of the California minimum graduation requirements specified in Education Code section 51225.3 (“additional graduation requirements”) unless the Charter

School makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements by the end of the student's fourth year of high school.

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

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the date that a student who may qualify for exemption under the above requirements transfers into the Charter School, the Charter School shall notify the student, the student's educational rights holder, and the School Liaison of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for an exemption

The Charter School shall notify students who are exempted from the Charter School's additional graduation requirements and the student's educational rights holder of how any of the requirements that are waived will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

The Charter School shall not require any student who would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the Charter School to accept the exemption from the Charter School's additional graduation requirements or deny the student enrollment in, or the ability to complete, courses for which the student is otherwise eligible. The Charter School shall not revoke an exemption and shall grant an eligible student's request for the exemption at any time if the student qualifies, regardless of whether the student previously declined the exemption. An eligible student's exemption from the Charter School's additional graduation requirements will continue to apply while the student is enrolled in the Charter School or if the student transfers to another school even after the student no longer meets the definition of a homeless child.

The Charter School shall not require or request that a student transfer schools in order to qualify the student for the exemption. Nor shall a student, a student's parent/guardian or educational rights holder, or a student's social worker or probation officer request a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption from the Charter School's additional graduation requirements.

If a student who is exempted from the Charter School's additional graduation requirements completes the California minimum coursework requirements specified in Education Code section 51225.3 before the end of the student's fourth year of high school and would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the Charter School, the Charter School shall not require or request that the student graduate before the end of the student's fourth year of high school

If the Charter School determines the student is reasonably able to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements by the end of the student's fifth year of high school, the Charter School shall do the following:

1. Inform the student of the student's option to remain at the Charter School for a fifth year to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements.
2. Inform the student, and the educational rights holder for the student, about how remaining in school for a fifth year to complete the Charter 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 at the Charter School for a fifth year to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements upon agreement with the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older, or, if the student is under 18 years of age, upon agreement with the educational rights holder for the student.

**Acceptance of Course Work:** The Charter School will accept any coursework satisfactorily completed at any public school, a juvenile court school, a school in a country other than the United States, and/or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency by a homeless student.

The Charter School will provide homeless students credit for the partial completion of courses taken while attending a public school, a juvenile court school, a school in a country other than the United States, and/or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. If the student did not complete the entire course, the Charter School shall not require the student to retake the portion of the course the student completed unless the Charter School, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the student, finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the homeless student shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the student may continue and complete the entire course. These students shall not be prevented from taking or retaking a course to meet California State University or the University of California admission eligibility requirements.

For any homeless student who enrolls at the EBIA, a copy of the complete policy shall be provided at the time of enrollment. A complete copy of this Policy is available at the Office at the Lower Campus, 3400 Malcolm Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605 or the Office at the Upper Campus, 3800 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94619.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Governing Board of East Bay Innovation Academy (“Charter School”) recognizes that foster youth may face significant barriers to achieving academic success due to their family circumstances, disruption to their educational program, and their emotional, social, and other health needs. To enable such students to achieve state and charter school academic standards, the Charter School shall provide them with full access to the Charter School’s educational program and implement strategies identified as necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of foster youth in the Charter School’s local control and accountability plan (“LCAP”).

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## DEFINITIONS

*Foster youth* means a child who has been removed from his/her home pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code section 309 and/or is the subject of a petition filed under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 300 or 602. This includes children who are the subject of cases in dependency court and juvenile justice court.

*Person holding the right to make educational decisions (educational rights holder – “ERH”)* means a parent, guardian, or responsible person appointed by a court to make educational decisions for a minor pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 319, 361 or 726, or a person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil pursuant to Education Code section 56055.

*School of origin* means the school that the foster youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which he/she was last enrolled. If the school the foster youth attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which he/she was last enrolled, or if there is some other school that the foster youth attended within the immediately preceding 15 months, the Charter School liaison for foster youth, in consultation with and with the agreement of the foster youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the youth, shall determine, and in the best interests of the foster youth, the school is the school of origin.

*Best interests* means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a foster youth, consideration is given to, among other factors, the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational program and the foster youth's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all Charter School students.

*Child of a military family* refers to a student who resides in the household of an active duty military member.

*Currently Migratory Child* refers to a child who, within the last 12-months, has moved with a parent, guardian or other person having custody, from one Local Educational Agency to another, either within the State of California or from another state, so that the child or a 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. "Currently Migratory Child" includes a child who, without the parent/guardian, has continued to migrate annually to secure temporary or seasonal employment in an agricultural or fishing activity.

*Pupil participating in a newcomer program* means a pupil who is participating in a program designed to meet the academic and transitional needs of newly arrived immigrant pupils that has as a primary objective the development of English language proficiency.

*Former juvenile court school pupil* means a pupil who, upon completion of the pupil's second year of high school, transfers from a juvenile court school to the Charter School.

Within this Policy, foster/juvenile court youth, former juvenile court school pupils, a child of a military family, a currently migratory child, and a pupil participating in the newcomer program will be referred to collectively as "Foster and Mobile Youth."

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#### FOSTER AND MOBILE YOUTH LIAISON

In order to help facilitate the enrollment, placement, and transfer of Foster and Mobile Youth to the Charter School, the Governing Board shall designate a Charter Foster and Mobile Youth liaison. The Governing Board designates the following position as the Charter School's liaison for Foster and Mobile Youth:

Foster and Mobile Youth Liaison: Michelle Cho, Executive  
Director East Bay Innovations Academy  
3400 Malcolm Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94605  
(510) 577-9557

The Foster and Mobile Youth shall be responsible for the following:

1. Ensure and facilitate the proper educational placement, enrollment in the Charter School, and checkout from the Charter School of foster youth.
2. Ensure proper transfer of credits, records, and grades when foster youth transfer to or from the Charter School.
3. When foster youth is enrolling in the Charter School, the Foster and Mobile Youth Liaison shall contact the school last attended by the student within two (2) business days to obtain all academic

and other records. The last school attended by the foster youth shall provide all required records to the new school regardless of any outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or moneys owed to the school last attended. When a foster youth is transferring to a new school, the Foster and Mobile Youth liaison shall provide the student's records to the new school within two (2) business days of receiving the new school's request, regardless of any outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or moneys owed to the Charter School.

4. When required by law, notify the foster youth's attorney and the appropriate representative of the county child welfare agency at least ten (10) calendar days preceding the date of the following:
  - a. An expulsion hearing for a discretionary act under the Charter School's charter;
  - b. Any meeting to extend a suspension until an expulsion decision is rendered if the decision to recommend expulsion is a discretionary act under the Charter School's charter. The foster youth's attorney and the agency representative will be invited to participate; and,
  - c. A manifestation determination meeting prior to a change in the foster youth's placement, if the change in placement is due to an act for which the recommendation for expulsion is discretionary and the student is a student with a disability under state and federal special education laws. The foster youth's attorney and the agency representative will be invited to participate.
5. As needed, make appropriate referrals to ensure that students in foster care receive necessary special education services and services under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
6. As needed, ensure that students in foster care receive appropriate school-based services, such as counseling and health services, supplemental instruction, and after-school services.
7. Develop protocols and procedures for creating awareness for Charter School staff, including but not limited to principals, deans, and attendance clerks, of the requirements for the proper enrollment, placement, and transfer of foster youth.
8. Collaborate with the county placing agency, social services, probation officers, juvenile court officers, and other appropriate agencies to help coordinate services for the Charter School's foster youth.
9. Monitor the educational progress of foster youth and provide reports to the Executive Director or designee and the Governing Board based on indicators identified in the Charter School's local control and accountability plan.

This policy does not grant the Foster and Mobile Youth liaison authority that supersedes the authority granted under state and federal law to a parent or legal guardian retaining educational rights, a responsible person appointed by the court to represent the youth pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 319, 361 or 726, a surrogate parent, or a foster parent exercising authority under Education Code Section 56055. The role of the Foster and Mobile Youth liaison is advisory with respect to placement options and determination of the school of origin.



EBIA will work with foster youth and their ERH to ensure that each pupil is placed in the least restrictive educational programs, and has access to the academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all pupils, including, but not necessarily limited to, interscholastic sports. All decisions regarding a foster youth's education and placement will be based on the best interest of the child and shall consider, among other factors, educational and the opportunity to be educated in the least restrictive educational setting necessary to achieve academic progress.

Foster youth, currently migratory children, and children of military families have the right to remain in their school of origin if it is their best interest. EBIA will immediately enroll a foster youth, a currently migratory child, or child of a military family seeking reenrollment in EBIA as his/her school of origin, regardless of the student's ability to meet normal enrollment requirements (e.g. producing medical records).

A foster youth, currently migratory child, or child of a military family who seeks to transfer to the Charter School will be immediately enrolled (subject to the Charter School's capacity, if the Charter School is not the student's school of origin, and pursuant to the procedures stated in the Charter School's charter and Board policy) even if the student has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended or is unable to meet normal enrollment documentation or school uniform requirements (e.g. producing medical records or academic records from a previous school).

At the initial detention or placement or any subsequent change in placement, the foster youth may continue in his/her school of origin for the duration of the court's jurisdiction. A currently migratory child or child of a military family may continue in their school of origin as long as the student meets the definition of a currently migratory child or child of a military family as described above. Foster youth, currently migratory children, and children of military families have the right to remain in their school of origin following the termination of the court's jurisdiction or termination of the child's status as a currently migratory child or child of a military family, as follows:

- a. For students in Kindergarten through eighth grade, inclusive, the student will be allowed to continue in the school of origin through the duration of the academic year in which the student's status changed.
- b. For students enrolled in high school, the student will be allowed to continue in the school of origin through graduation.

If the foster youth, currently migratory child or child of a military family is transitioning between school grade levels, the youth shall be allowed to continue in the district of origin in the same attendance area to provide the youth the benefit of matriculating with their peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school districts. A student who is transitioning to a middle school or high school shall be allowed to enroll in the school designated for matriculation in another school district.

The Foster and Mobile Youth liaison may, in consultation with and with the agreement of the foster youth and the ERH to make educational decisions for the youth, recommend that the youth's right to attend the school of origin be waived and he/she be enrolled in any district school that the student would otherwise be eligible to attend as a resident of the school district or in the Charter School consistent with current enrollment procedures. All decisions shall be made in accordance with the foster youth's best interests.

Prior to making any recommendation to move a foster youth from his/her school of origin, the Foster and Mobile Youth liaison shall provide the youth and the ERH with a written explanation of the basis for the recommendation and how the recommendation serves the youth's best interests.

If any dispute arises regarding the request of a foster youth to remain in the school of origin, the youth has the right to remain in the school of origin pending resolution of the dispute. The dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the existing Charter School dispute resolution process.

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#### TRANSPORTATION

The Charter School shall not be responsible for providing transportation to allow a foster youth to attend school, unless there is an agreement with a local child welfare agency that the Charter School assumes part or all of the transportation costs in accordance with Section 6312(c)(5) of Title 20 of the United States Code, or unless required by federal law. The Charter School is not prohibited from providing transportation, at its discretion, to allow a foster youth to attend school.

In accordance with Section 6312(c)(5) of Title 20 of the United States Code, Charter School shall collaborate with local child welfare agencies to develop and implement clear written procedures to address the transportation needs of foster youth to maintain them in their school of origin, when it is in the best interest of the foster youth.

For any student who has an individualized education program ("IEP"), the student's IEP team will determine if the student requires special education transportation as a related service regardless of the student's status.

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#### EFFECT OF ABSENCES ON GRADES

The grades of a student in foster care shall not be lowered for any absence from Charter School that is due to either of the following circumstances:

1. A decision by a court or placement agency to change the student's placement, in which case the student's grades shall be calculated as of the date he/she left school.
2. A verified court appearance or related court-ordered activity.

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#### TRANSFER OF COURSEWORK AND CREDITS

The Charter School shall accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a Foster and Mobile Youth while attending another public school<sup>2</sup>, a juvenile court school, a charter school, a school in a country other than the United States, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency even if the student did not complete the entire course and shall issue that student full or partial credit for the coursework completed.

If the Foster and Mobile Youth did not complete the entire course, he/she shall be issued partial credit for the coursework completed and shall not be required to retake the portion of the course that he/she completed at another school, unless, in consultation with the student's ERH, the Charter School finds that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a Foster and Mobile Youth in any particular course, he/she shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that he/she may continue and complete the entire course.

In no event shall the Charter School prevent a Foster and Mobile Youth from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.

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#### APPLICABILITY OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a high school diploma from the Charter School, a student shall complete all courses required by the Charter School, and fulfill any additional graduation requirement prescribed by the Board.

However, Foster and Mobile Youth who transfer to the Charter School any time after completion of his/her second year of high school and pupils participating in a newcomer program who are in their third or fourth year of high school, shall be exempt from any of the Charter School-adopted coursework and other Charter School-established graduation requirements in excess of the California minimum graduation requirements specified in Education Code section 51225.3 ("additional graduation requirements"), unless the Charter School makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of his/her fourth year of high school.

To determine whether a Foster and Mobile Youth is in their third or fourth year of high school, either the number of credits the student has earned to the date of transfer or the length of the student's school enrollment may be used, whichever will qualify the student for the exemption. For a pupil participating in a newcomer program, enrollment in grade 11 or 12 may be used to determine whether the student is in his or her third or fourth year of high school.

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<sup>2</sup> For purposes of coursework completed by a student who is a child of a military family, "public school" includes schools operated by the United States Department of Defense.

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the date that a student who may qualify for exemption under the above requirements transfers into the Charter School, the Executive Director or designee shall notify the student, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, and where applicable, the student's social worker or probation officer of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. If the Charter School fails to provide timely notice of the availability of the exemption, the Foster and Mobile Youth shall be eligible for the exemption from the additional graduation requirements once notified, even if that notification occurs after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student, if the foster youth otherwise qualifies for the exemption pursuant to this Policy.

If a student is exempted from the Charter School's additional graduation requirements pursuant to this Policy and completes the statewide coursework requirements specified in Educational Code section 51225.3 before the end of his or her fourth year of high school and that student would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at Charter School, Charter School shall not require or request that the student graduate before the end of his or her fourth year of high school.

The Executive Director or designee shall notify a Foster and Mobile Youth and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her if the Charter School grants an exemption from the additional graduation requirements, how any 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.

A Foster and Mobile Youth who would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the Charter School shall not be required to accept the exemption from additional graduation requirements or be denied enrollment in, or the ability to complete, courses for which he or she is otherwise eligible, including courses necessary to attend an institution of higher education, regardless of whether those courses are required for statewide graduation requirements.

If an eligible student is not exempted from additional graduation requirements or has previously declined the exemption pursuant to this Policy, Charter School shall exempt the student at any time if an exemption is requested by the youth and the youth qualifies for the exemption. Likewise, if the youth is exempted, Charter School may not revoke the exemption.

If a Foster and Mobile Youth is exempted from additional graduation requirements pursuant to this section, the exemption shall continue to apply after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student or after the termination of circumstances which make the Student eligible while he or she is enrolled in school or if the student transfers to another school, including a charter school, or school district

The Charter School shall not require or request a Foster and Mobile Youth to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption from additional graduation requirements/ and no Foster and Mobile Youth or any person acting on behalf of a Foster and Mobile Youth may request for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption from the Charter School's additional graduation requirements.

Upon making a finding that a Foster and Mobile Youth is reasonably able to complete Charter School graduation requirements within his/her fifth year of high school, the Executive Director or designee shall:

1. Inform the student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her of the student's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements, consistent with the laws regarding continuous enrollment and satisfactory progress for Charter School students over age 19.
2. Inform the student and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her how remaining in school for a fifth year will affect his/her 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. Upon agreement with the student or, if he/she is under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements.

If a juvenile court youth satisfies the requirements for high school graduation while enrolled at a juvenile court school but has elected to decline the issuance of the diploma for the purpose of taking additional coursework, the Charter School will not prevent the juvenile court youth from enrolling in the Charter School and pursuing additional coursework if requested by the youth or by the youth's ERH.

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#### ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A foster youth whose residence changes pursuant to a court order or decision of a child welfare worker shall be immediately deemed to meet all residency requirements for participation in interscholastic sports or other extracurricular activities.

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#### WAIVER OF FEES FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Charter School shall not charge any student who the Charter School knows is currently in foster care any family fees associated with an After-School Education and Safety ("ASES") Program operated by the Charter School.

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#### STUDENT RECORDS

When the Charter School receives a transfer request and/or student records request for the educational information and records of a foster youth from a new LEA, the Charter School shall provide these student records within five (5) business days. The Charter School shall compile the complete educational record of the student, including but not limited to a determination of seat time, full or partial credits earned, current classes and grades, immunization and other records, and, if applicable, a copy of the student's special education records including assessments, IEPs,

and/or 504 plans. All requests for student records will be shared with the Foster and Mobile Youth Liaison, who shall be aware of the specific educational record keeping needs of Foster and Mobile Youth.

In accordance with the Charter School’s Educational Records and Student Information Policy , under limited circumstances , the Charter School may disclose student records or personally identifiable information contained in those records to certain requesting parties including but not limited to a foster family agency and state and local authorities within a juvenile justice system, without parental consent.

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#### COMPLAINTS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Complaints of noncompliance with this Policy shall be governed by the Charter School’s Uniform Complaint Procedures policy. A copy of the Uniform Complaint Policy and Procedures is available upon request at the main office.

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EBIA is committed to the success of its English Learners and support will be offered both within academic classes and in supplemental settings for students who need additional support for English language learning. The Charter School will meet all applicable legal requirements for English Learners as they pertain to annual notification to parents, student identification, placement, program options, English Learners and core content instruction, teacher qualifications and training, reclassification to fluent English proficient status, monitoring and evaluating program effectiveness, and standardized testing requirements. The Charter School will implement policies to assure proper placement, evaluation, and communication regarding English Learners and the rights of students and parents.

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## PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

EBIA recognizes that pregnant and parenting pupils are entitled to accommodations that provide them with the opportunity to succeed academically while protecting their health and the health of their children. A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to eight (8) weeks of parental leave, or more if deemed medically necessary by the pupil's physician, which the pupil may take before the birth of the pupil's infant if there is a medical necessity and after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction, in order to protect the health of the pupil who gives or expects to give birth and the infant, and to allow the pregnant or parenting pupil to care for and bond with the infant. The Charter School will ensure that absences from the pupil's regular school program are excused until the pupil is able to return to the regular school program or an alternative education program.

Upon return to school after taking parental leave, a pregnant or parenting pupil will be able to make up work missed during his or her leave, including, but not limited to, makeup work plans and reenrollment in courses. Notwithstanding any other law, a pregnant or parenting pupil may remain enrolled for a fifth year of instruction in the Charter School if it is necessary in order for the pupil to be able to complete any graduation requirements, unless the Charter School determines that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the pupil's fourth year of high school.

Complaints of noncompliance with laws relating to pregnant or parenting pupils may be filed under the Uniform Complaint Procedures ("UCP") of the Charter School. The complaint may be filed in writing with the compliance officer:

Executive Director: Michelle Cho

3400 Malcolm Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605

Phone: 510-577-9557

A copy of the UCP is located in this Handbook and also available upon request at the main office. For further information on any part of the complaint procedures, including filing a complaint or requesting a copy of the complaint procedures, please contact the Executive Director.



EBIA recognizes its legal responsibility to ensure that no qualified person with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program of EBIA. Any student who has an objectively identified disability which substantially limits a major life activity, including, but not limited to learning, is eligible for accommodations by EBIA. The parent of any student suspected of needing or qualifying for accommodations under Section 504 may make a referral for an evaluation to the Executive Director. A copy of EBIA's Section 504 policies and procedures is available upon request at the main office.

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We are dedicated to the belief that all students can learn and must be guaranteed equal opportunity to become contributing members of the academic environment and society. EBIA provides special education instruction and related services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Improvement Act (“IDEA”), Education Code requirements, and applicable policies and procedures of the El Dorado County SELPA. These services are available for special education students enrolled at EBIA. We offer high quality educational programs and services for all our students in accordance with the assessed needs of each student. EBIA collaborates with parents, the student, teachers, and other agencies, as may be indicated, in order to appropriately serve the educational needs of each student.

Pursuant to the IDEA and relevant state law, EBIA is responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating children enrolled at EBIA with known or suspected disabilities to determine whether a need for special education and related services exists. This includes children with disabilities who are homeless or foster youth. EBIA shall not deny nor discourage any student from enrollment solely due to a disability. If you believe your child may be eligible for special education services, please contact:

Director of Student Support Services: Edmund Zander

3400 Malcolm Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605

Phone: 510-577-9557

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

California has the highest number of incidents of human trafficking in the U.S., and all students may be vulnerable. Charter School believes it is a priority to inform our students about (1) prevalence, nature of and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely seek assistance, and (2) how social medial and mobile device applications are used for human trafficking.

In accordance with the California Healthy Youth Act, Charter School will provide age-appropriate instruction on the prevention of human trafficking, including sexual abuse, assault, and harassment. You have the right to excuse your child from all or part of instruction on prevention of human trafficking. Please contact the front office if you wish for your student to opt out from this instruction. Your consent for this instruction is NOT required. If we do not receive a written request to excuse your child, your child will be included in the instruction.

Information and materials for parents/guardians about the curriculum and resources on prevention of human trafficking and abuse, including sexual abuse, assault, and harassment are available on Charter School's website for your review.

## BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION

EBIA, in addition to the Title IX, Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation and Bullying Policy, has adopted the following procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying.

### 1. Cyberbullying Prevention Procedures

EBIA advises students:

- a. To never share passwords, personal data, or private photos online.
- b. To think about what they are doing carefully before posting and by emphasizing that comments cannot be retracted once they are posted.
- c. That personal information revealed on social media can be shared with anyone including parents, teachers, administrators, and potential employers. Students should never reveal information that would make them uncomfortable if the world had access to it.
- d. To consider how it would feel receiving such comments before making comments about others online.

EBIA informs Charter School employees, students, and parents/guardians of EBIA's policies regarding the use of technology in and out of the classroom. EBIA encourages parents/guardians to discuss these policies with their children to ensure their children understand and comply with such policies.

### 2. Education

EBIA employees cannot always be present when bullying incidents occur, so educating students about bullying is a key prevention technique to limit bullying from happening. EBIA advises students that hateful and/or demeaning behavior is inappropriate and unacceptable in our society and at EBIA and encourages students to practice compassion and respect each other.

EBIA educates students to accept all student peers regardless of protected characteristics (including but not limited to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identification, physical or cognitive disabilities, race, ethnicity, religion, and immigration status) and about the negative impact of bullying other pupils based on protected characteristics.

EBIA's bullying prevention education also discusses the differences between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors and includes sample situations to help students learn and practice appropriate behavior and to develop techniques and strategies to respond in a non-aggressive way to bullying-type behaviors. Students will also develop confidence and learn how to advocate for themselves and others, and when to go to an adult for help.

EBIA informs EBIA employees, students, and parents/guardians of this Policy and encourages parents/guardians to discuss this Policy with their children to ensure their children understand and comply with this Policy.

### **3. Professional Development**

EBIA annually makes available the online training module developed by the California Department of Education pursuant Education Code section 32283.5(a) to its certificated employees and all other EBIA employees who have regular interaction with pupils.

EBIA informs certificated employees about the common signs that a student is a target of bullying including:

- Physical cuts or injuries
- Lost or broken personal items
- Fear of going to school/practice/games
- Loss of interest in school, activities, or friends
- Trouble sleeping or eating
- Anxious/sick/nervous behavior or distracted appearance
- Self-destructiveness or displays of odd behavior
- Decreased self-esteem

EBIA also informs certificated employees about the groups of students determined by EBIA, and available research, to be at elevated risk for bullying. These groups include but are not limited to:

- Students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth (“LGBTQ”) and those youth perceived as LGBTQ; and
- Students with physical or learning disabilities.

EBIA encourages its employees to demonstrate effective problem-solving, anger management, and self-confidence skills for EBIA’s students.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Board of Directors of East Bay Innovation Academy (“EBIA” or the “Charter School”) recognizes that suicide is a major cause of death among youth and should be taken seriously. To attempt to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on students and families, the Board of Directors has developed prevention strategies and intervention procedures.

In compliance with Education Code section 215, this policy has been developed in consultation with EBIA and community stakeholders, EBIA school-employed mental health professionals (e.g., school counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses), administrators, other school staff members, parents/guardians/caregivers, students, local health agencies and professionals, the county mental health plan, law enforcement, and community organizations in planning, implementing, and evaluating EBIA’s strategies for suicide prevention and intervention. EBIA must work in conjunction with local government agencies, community-based organizations, and other community supports to identify additional resources.

To ensure the policies regarding suicide prevention are properly adopted, implemented, and updated, EBIA shall appoint an individual (or team) to serve as the suicide prevention point of contact for EBIA. The suicide prevention point of contact for EBIA and the Executive Director shall ensure proper coordination and consultation with the county mental health plan if a referral is made for mental health or related services on behalf of a student who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary. This policy shall be reviewed and revised as indicated, at least annually in conjunction with the previously mentioned community stakeholders.

### **A. Staff Development**

EBIA, along with its partners, has carefully reviewed available staff training to ensure it promotes the mental health model of suicide prevention and does not encourage the use of the stress model to explain suicide.

Training shall be provided for all school staff members. It may also be provided, when appropriate, for other adults on campus (such as substitutes and intermittent staff, volunteers, interns, tutors, coaches, and afterschool staff).

Training shall include the following:

- All suicide prevention trainings shall be offered under the direction of mental health professionals (e.g., school counselors, school psychologists, other public entity professionals, such as psychologists or social workers) who have received advanced training specific to suicide. Staff training may be adjusted year-to-year based on previous professional development activities and emerging best practices.
- At least annually, all staff shall receive training on the risk factors and warning signs of suicide, suicide prevention, intervention, referral, and postvention.
- At a minimum, all staff shall participate in training on the core components of suicide prevention (identification of suicide risk factors and warning signs, prevention, intervention, referral, and postvention) at the beginning of their employment or annually. Core components of the general suicide prevention training shall include:
  - Suicide risk factors, warning signs, and protective factors;
  - How to talk with a student about thoughts of suicide;
  - How to respond appropriately to the youth who has suicidal thoughts. Such responses shall include constant supervision of any student judged to be at risk for suicide and an immediate referral for a suicide risk assessment;
  - Emphasis on immediately referring (same day) any student who is identified to be at risk of suicide for assessment while staying under constant monitoring by staff member;
  - Emphasis on reducing stigma associated with mental illness and that early prevention and intervention can drastically reduce the risk of suicide;
  - Reviewing the data annually to look for any patterns or trends of the prevalence or occurrence of suicide ideation, attempts, or death. Data from the California School Climate, Health, and Learning Survey (Cal-SCHLS) should also be analyzed to identify school climate deficits and drive program development. See the Cal-SCHLS Web site at <http://cal-schls.wested.org/>.
  - Information regarding groups of students judged by the school, and available research, to be at elevated risk for suicide. These groups include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - Youth affected by suicide;
    - Youth with a history of suicide ideation or attempts;
    - Youth with disabilities, mental illness, or substance abuse disorders;
    - Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth;
    - Youth experiencing homelessness or in out-of-home settings, such as foster care;
    - Youth who have suffered traumatic experiences.
- In addition to initial orientations to the core components of suicide prevention, ongoing annual staff professional development for all staff may include the following components:
  - The impact of traumatic stress on emotional and mental health;
  - Common misconceptions about suicide;
  - Charter School and community suicide prevention resources;
  - Appropriate messaging about suicide (correct terminology, safe messaging guidelines);
  - The factors associated with suicide (risk factors, warning signs, protective factors);
  - How to identify youth who may be at risk of suicide;

- Appropriate ways to interact with a youth who is demonstrating emotional distress or is suicidal. Specifically, how to talk with a student about their thoughts of suicide and (based on EBIA guidelines) how to respond to such thinking; how to talk with a student about thoughts of suicide and appropriately respond and provide support based on EBIA guidelines;
- EBIA -approved procedures for responding to suicide risk (including multi-tiered systems of support and referrals). Such procedures should emphasize that the suicidal student should be constantly supervised until a suicide risk assessment is completed;
- EBIA -approved procedures for responding to the aftermath of suicidal behavior (suicidal behavior postvention);
- Responding after a suicide occurs (suicide postvention);
- Resources regarding youth suicide prevention;
- Emphasis on stigma reduction and the fact that early prevention and intervention can drastically reduce the risk of suicide;
- Emphasis that any student who is identified to be at risk of suicide is to be immediately referred (same day) for assessment while being constantly monitored by a staff member.

## **B. Employee Qualifications and Scope of Services**

Employees of EBIA 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.

## **C. Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers Participation and Education**

- Parents/guardians/caregivers may be included in suicide prevention efforts. At a minimum, the Charter School shall share this Policy with parents/guardians/caregivers by notifying them where a complete copy of the policy is available.
- This Suicide Prevention Policy shall be prominently displayed on the EBIA Web page and included in the parent handbook.
- Parents/guardians/caregivers should be invited to provide input on the development and implementation of this policy.
- All parents/guardians/caregivers may have access to suicide prevention training that addresses 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. Such responses shall include constant supervision of any student judged to be at risk for suicide and referral for an immediate suicide risk assessment.

## **D. Student Participation and Education**

Messaging about suicide has an effect on suicidal thinking and behaviors. Consequently, EBIA along with its partners has carefully reviewed and will continue to review all materials and resources used in awareness efforts to ensure they align with best practices for safe messaging about suicide. Suicide prevention strategies may include, but not be limited to, efforts to promote a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with EBIA and is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students.

EBIA's instructional and student support program shall promote the healthy mental, emotional, and social development of students including, but not limited to, the development of problem-solving skills, coping skills, and resilience. The instruction shall not use the stress model to explain suicide.

EBIA's instructional curriculum may include information about suicide prevention, as appropriate or needed. If suicide prevention is included in EBIA's instructional curriculum, it shall consider the grade level and age of the students and be delivered and discussed in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of young students. Under the supervision of an appropriately trained individual acting within the scope of her/his credential or license, students shall:

1. Receive developmentally appropriate, student-centered education about the warning signs of mental health challenges and emotional distress. The content of the education may include:
  - a. Coping strategies for dealing with stress and trauma.
  - b. How to recognize behaviors (warning signs) and life issues (risk factors) associated with suicide and mental health issues in oneself and others.
  - c. Help-seeking strategies for oneself and others, including how to engage school-based and community resources and refer peers for help.
  - d. Emphasis on reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and the fact that early prevention and intervention can drastically reduce the risk of suicide.
  - e.
2. Receive developmentally appropriate guidance regarding EBIA's suicide prevention, intervention, and referral procedures.

Student-focused suicide prevention education can be incorporated into classroom curricula (e.g., health classes, orientation classes, science, and physical education).

EBIA will support the creation and implementation of programs and/or activities on campus that raise awareness about mental wellness and suicide prevention (e.g., Mental Health Awareness Week, Peer Counseling, Freshman Success, and National Alliance on Mental Illness on Campus High School Clubs).

## **E. Intervention and Emergency Procedures**

EBIA designates the following administrators to act as the primary and secondary suicide prevention liaisons:

- School Psychologist
- Director of Student Support Services



Whenever a staff member suspects or has knowledge of a student's suicidal intentions, they shall promptly notify the primary designated suicide prevention liaison. If this primary suicide prevention liaison is unavailable, the staff shall promptly notify the secondary suicide prevention liaison.

The suicide prevention liaison shall immediately notify the Executive Director or designee, who shall then notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as possible if appropriate and in the best interest of the student. Determination of notification to parents/guardians/caregivers should follow a formal initial assessment to ensure that the student is not endangered by parental notification.

The suicide prevention liaison shall also refer the student to mental health resources at EBIA or in the community.

When a student is in imminent danger (has access to a gun, is on a rooftop, or in other unsafe conditions), a call shall be made to 911.

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported on campus or at a school-related activity, the suicide prevention liaison shall, at a minimum:

1. Ensure the student's physical safety by one or more of the following, as appropriate:
  - Securing immediate medical treatment if a suicide attempt has occurred;
  - Securing law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened;
  - Keeping the student under continuous adult supervision until the parent/guardian and/or appropriate support agent or agency can be contacted and has the opportunity to intervene.
  - Remaining calm, keeping in mind the student is overwhelmed, confused, and emotionally distressed;
  - Moving all other students out of the immediate area;
  - Not sending the student away or leaving him/her alone, even to go to the restroom;
  - Providing comfort to the student, listening and allowing the student to talk and being comfortable with moments of silence;
  - Promising privacy and help, but not promising confidentiality.
2. Document the incident in writing as soon as feasible.
3. Follow up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed and coordinate and consult with the county mental health plan if a referral is made for mental health or related services on behalf of a student who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary.
4. After a referral is made, EBIA shall verify with the parent/guardian that the follow up treatment has been accessed. Parents/guardians will be required to provide documentation of care for the student. If parents/guardians 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 liaisons shall meet with the parent to identify barriers to treatment (e.g., cultural stigma, financial issues) and work to rectify the situation

and build understanding of care. If follow up care is still not provided, EBIA may contact Child Protective Services.

5. Provide access to counselors or other appropriate personnel to listen to and support students and staff who are directly or indirectly involved with the incident at EBIA.
6. Provide an opportunity for all who respond to the incident to debrief, evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies used, and make recommendations for future actions.

In the event a suicide occurs or is attempted on the EBIA campus, the suicide prevention liaison shall follow the crisis intervention procedures contained in EBIA's safety plan. After consultation with the Executive Director or designee and the student's parent/guardian about facts that may be divulged in accordance with the laws governing confidentiality of student record information, the Executive Director or designee may provide students, parents/guardians, and staff with information, counseling, and/or referrals to community agencies as needed. EBIA staff may receive assistance from EBIA counselors or other mental health professionals in determining how best to discuss the suicide or attempted suicide with students.

In the event a suicide occurs or is attempted off the EBIA campus and unrelated to school activities, the Executive Director or designee shall take the following steps to support the student:

1. Contact the parent/guardian and offer support to the family.
2. Discuss with the family how they would like EBIA to respond to the attempt while minimizing widespread rumors among teachers, staff, and students.
3. Obtain permission from the parent/guardian to share information to ensure the facts regarding the crisis are correct.
4. The suicide prevention liaisons shall handle any media requests.
5. Provide care and determine appropriate support to affected students.
6. Offer to the student and parent/guardian steps for re-integration to school. Re-integration may include obtaining a written release from the parent/guardian to speak with any health care providers; conferring with the student and parent/guardian about any specific requests on how to handle the situation; informing the student's teachers about possible days of absences; allowing accommodations for make-up work (being understanding that missed assignments may add stress to the student); appropriate staff maintaining ongoing contact with the student to monitor the student's actions and mood; and working with the parent/guardian to involve the student in an aftercare plan.

#### **F. Supporting Students during or after a Mental Health Crisis**

Students shall be encouraged through the education program and in EBIA activities to notify a teacher, the Executive Director, another EBIA administrator, psychologist, EBIA counselor, suicide prevention liaisons, or other adult when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions. EBIA staff should treat each report seriously, calmly, and with active

listening and support. Staff should be non-judgmental to students and discuss with the student, and parent/guardian, about additional resources to support the student.

## **G. Responding After a Suicide Death (Postvention)**

A death by suicide in the school community (whether by a student or staff member) can have devastating consequences on the school community, including students and staff.

EBIA shall follow the below action plan for responding to a suicide death, which incorporates both immediate and long-term steps and objectives:

The suicide prevention liaison shall:

- Coordinate with the Executive Director to:
  - Confirm death and cause;
  - Identify a staff member to contact deceased's family (within 24 hours);
  - Enact the Suicide Postvention Response;
  - Notify all staff members (ideally in-person or via phone, not via e-mail or mass notification).
- Coordinate an all-staff meeting, to include:
  - Notification (if not already conducted) to staff about suicide death;
  - Emotional support and resources available to staff;
  - Notification to students about suicide death and the availability of support services (if this is the protocol that is decided by administration);
  - Share information that is relevant and that which you have permission to disclose.
- Prepare staff to respond to needs of students regarding the following:
  - Review of protocols for referring students for support/assessment;
  - Talking points for staff to notify students;
  - Resources available to students (on and off campus).
- Identify students significantly affected by suicide death and other students at risk of imitative behavior;
- Identify students affected by suicide death but not at risk of imitative behavior;
- 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 handled in a thoughtful way and their impact on other students should be considered;
- Include long-term suicide postvention responses:
  - Consider important dates (i.e., anniversary of death, deceased birthday, graduation, or other significant event) and how these will be addressed
  - Support siblings, close friends, teachers, and/or students of deceased

- Consider long-term memorials and how they may impact students who are emotionally vulnerable and at risk of suicide

#### **H. Student Identification Cards**

EBIA will include the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) on all student identification cards. EBIA will also include the number for the Crisis Text Line, which can be accessed by texting HOME to 741741 and a local suicide prevention hotline on all student identification cards.

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Discrimination, sexual harassment, harassment, intimidation, and bullying are all disruptive behaviors, which interfere with students' ability to learn and negatively affect student engagement, diminish school safety, and contribute to a hostile school environment. As such, EBIA prohibits any acts of discrimination, sexual harassment, harassment, intimidation, and bullying altogether. This policy is inclusive of instances that occur on any area of the school campus, at school-sponsored events and activities, regardless of location, through school-owned technology, and through other electronic means.

As used in this policy, discrimination, sexual harassment, harassment, intimidation, and bullying are described as the intentional conduct, including verbal, physical, written communication or cyber-bullying, including cyber sexual bullying, based on the actual or perceived characteristics of mental or physical disability, sex, pregnancy and related conditions, parental status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality (including national origin and country of origin), , race or ethnicity (including ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, ethnic background, and traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twist), immigration and citizenship status, religion (including agnosticism and atheism), religious affiliation, sexual orientation, childbirth or related medical conditions, genetic information, marital status, age, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or based on any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state, local law, ordinance or regulation. Hereafter, such actions are referred to as "misconduct prohibited by this Policy."

To the extent possible, EBIA will make reasonable efforts to prevent students from being discriminated against, harassed, intimidated, and/or bullied, and will take action to investigate, respond, address and report on such behaviors in a timely manner. EBIA school staff that witness acts of misconduct prohibited by this Policy will take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so.

Moreover, EBIA will not condone or tolerate misconduct prohibited by this Policy by any employee, independent contractor or other person with which EBIA does business, or any other individual, student, or volunteer. This policy applies to all employee, student, or volunteer actions and relationships, regardless of position or gender. EBIA promptly and thoroughly investigate and respond to any complaint of misconduct prohibited by this Policy in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent and will take appropriate corrective action, if warranted. EBIA complies with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and local ordinances in its investigation of and response to reports of misconduct prohibited by this Policy.

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## DEFINITIONS

### *Prohibited Unlawful Harassment*

- Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory jokes or comments or slurs
- Physical conduct including assault, unwanted touching, intentionally blocking normal movement or interfering with work or school because of sex, race or any other protected basis
- Retaliation for reporting or threatening to report harassment
- Deferential or preferential treatment based on any of the protected classes above

### *Prohibited Unlawful Harassment under Title IX*

Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et. seq; 34 C.F.R. § 106.1 et. seq) and California state law prohibit discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex. In accordance with these existing laws, discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex in education institutions, including in the education institution's admissions and employment practices, is prohibited. All persons, regardless of sex, are afforded equal rights and opportunities and freedom from unlawful discrimination and harassment in education programs or activities conducted by EBIA.

EBIA is committed to providing a work and educational environment free of sexual harassment and considers such harassment to be a major offense, which may result in disciplinary action. Inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106 may be referred to the Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, or both.

Sexual harassment consists of conduct on the basis of sex, such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (a) Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or a condition of an individual's employment, education, academic status, or progress; (b) submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of employment, educational or academic decisions affecting the individual; (c) the conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work or academic performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment; and/or (d) 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.

It is also unlawful to retaliate in any way against an individual who has articulated a good faith concern about sexual harassment against themselves or against another individual.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- Physical assaults of a sexual nature, such as:
  - o Rape, sexual battery, molestation or attempts to commit these assaults and
  - o Intentional physical conduct that is sexual in nature, such as touching, pinching, patting, grabbing, brushing against another's body, or poking another's body
- Unwanted sexual advances, propositions or other sexual comments, such as:
  - o Sexually oriented gestures, notices, remarks, jokes, or comments about a person's sexuality or sexual experience
  - o Preferential treatment or promises of preferential treatment to an individual for submitting to sexual conduct, including soliciting or attempting to solicit any individual to engage in sexual activity for compensation or reward or deferential treatment for rejecting sexual conduct
  - o Subjecting or threats of subjecting a student or employee to unwelcome sexual attention or conductor intentionally making the student's or employee's performance more difficult because of the student's sex
- Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the work or educational environment, such as:
  - o Displaying pictures, cartoons, posters, calendars, graffiti, objections, promotional materials, reading materials, or other materials that are sexually suggestive, sexually demeaning or pornographic or bringing or possessing any such material to read, display or view in the work or educational environment.
  - o Reading publicly or otherwise publicizing in the work or educational environment materials that are in any way sexually revealing, sexually suggestive, sexually demeaning or pornographic.
  - o Displaying signs or other materials purporting to segregate an individual by sex in an area of the work or educational environment (other than restrooms or similar rooms)

The illustrations of harassment and sexual harassment above are not to be construed as an all-inclusive list of prohibited acts under this Policy.

### **Prohibited Bullying**

*Bullying* is defined as any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act. Bullying includes one or more acts committed by a student or group of students that may constitute as sexual harassment, hate violence, or creates an intimidating and/or hostile educational environment, directed toward one or

more students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing a reasonable pupil\* or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil's or those pupils' person or property.
2. Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
3. Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
4. Causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by EBIA.

\* "Reasonable pupil" is defined as a pupil, including, but not limited to, an exceptional needs pupil, who exercises care, skill and judgment in conduct for a person of his or her age, or for a person of his or her age with his or her exceptional needs.

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

*Electronic act* means the creation and transmission originated on or off the schoolsite, 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:

1. A message, text, sound, video, or image.
2. 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 the definition of "bullying," above.
  - b. Creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in the definition of "bullying," above. "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purpose of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated.
  - c. Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in the definition of "bullying," above. "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
3. An act of "Cyber sexual bullying" including, but not limited to:



- a. The 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 of the effects described in definition of “bullying,” above. A photograph or other visual recording, as described above, 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.
  - b. “Cyber sexual bullying” does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned activities.
4. Notwithstanding the definitions of “bullying” and “electronic act” 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.

The School’s full and complete policy can be located in the main office.

#### SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

EBIA is invested in the health of its athletes, especially their heart health. Sudden cardiac arrest (“SCA”) is when the heart stops beating, suddenly and unexpectedly. Those wishing to participate in athletics at EBIA, must review the information sheet on sudden cardiac arrest via the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/dhdsr/docs/cardiac-arrest-infographic.pdf>.

#### CONCUSSION/HEAD INJURIES

A concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. Because EBIA has elected to offer an athletic program, we must immediately remove from a school-sponsored athletic activity for the remainder of the day an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during that activity. The athlete may not return to that activity until he or she is evaluated by, and receives written clearance from, a licensed health care provider. If the licensed health care provider determines the athlete has a concussion or head injury, the athlete shall also complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than 7 days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet must be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete’s parent or guardian before the athlete initiates practice or competition. This requirement does not apply to an athlete engaging in an athletic activity during the regular school day or as part of a physical education course.

## LOST OR DAMAGED SCHOOL PROPERTY

If a student willfully damages the Charter School's property or the personal property of a Charter School employee, or fails to return a textbook, library book, computer/tablet or other Charter School property that has been loaned to the student, the student's parents/guardians are liable for all damages caused by the student's misconduct not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), adjusted annually for inflation. After notifying the student's parent or guardian in writing of the student's alleged misconduct and affording the student due process, Charter School may withhold the student's grades, transcripts, and diploma until the damages have been paid. If the student and the student's parent/guardian are unable to pay for the damages or to return the property, Charter School will provide a program of voluntary work for the minor in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of the voluntary work, the student's grades and diploma will be released.

## PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The Charter School aims to provide all students in our school significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps while abiding by guidelines within the Elementary and Secondary Education Act ("ESEA"). The Charter School staff recognizes a partnership with families is essential to meet this goal. Our Parent and Family Engagement Policy leverages and promotes active involvement of all families as partners with schools to ensure student success. A copy of the Charter School's complete Policy is available upon request in the main office.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND RIGHT TO REFUSE

All students are to have completed a health screening examination on or before the 90th day after the student's entrance into first grade or such students must have obtained a waiver pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 124040 and 124085. This examination can be obtained from your family physician or possibly through the services provided by your County Health Department. Information and forms are distributed to students enrolled in kindergarten. If your child's medical status changes, please provide the teacher with a physician's written verification of the medical issue, especially if it impacts in any way your child's ability to perform schoolwork.

A parent/guardian having control or charge of any child enrolled in the Charter School may file annually with the Executive Director of the school in which the child is enrolled a written and signed statement stating that the parent/guardian will not consent to a physical examination of the child. Thereupon the child shall be exempt from any physical examination, but whenever there is a good reason to believe that the child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child shall be sent home and shall not be permitted to return until the school authorities are satisfied that any contagious or infectious disease does not exist.

## SCHOOL BUS AND PASSENGER SAFETY

All students who are transported in a schoolbus or school student activity bus shall receive instruction in school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety. A copy of the complete Policy is available upon request at the main office.

#### SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

The Charter School has established a Comprehensive School Safety Plan. The Plan is available upon request at the main office.

#### EMPLOYEE INTERACTIONS WITH STUDENTS (FROM EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK)

For the purposes of this policy the term “boundaries” is defined as acceptable professional behavior by staff members while interacting with a student. Trespassing beyond the boundaries of a student-teacher relationship is deemed an abuse of power and a betrayal of public trust.

Some activities may seem innocent from a staff member’s perspective, but some of these activities can be perceived as flirtation or sexual insinuation from a student or parental point of view. The purpose of the following lists of unacceptable and acceptable behaviors is not to restrain innocent, positive relationships between staff and students but to prevent relationships that could lead to, or may be perceived as, sexual misconduct.

Staff members must understand their own responsibilities for ensuring that they do not cross the boundaries as written in this policy. Disagreeing with the wording or intent of the established boundaries will be considered irrelevant for any required disciplinary purposes. Thus, it is critical that all employees study this policy thoroughly and apply its spirit and intent in their daily activities.

#### **Unacceptable Behaviors**

These lists, and any subsequent lists, are not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather illustrative of the types of behavior addressed by this policy.

- Giving gifts to an individual student that are of a personal and intimate nature Kissing of ANY kind
- Any type of unnecessary physical contact with a student in a private situation
- Intentionally being alone with a student away from school
- Making, or participating in, sexually inappropriate comments
- Sexual jokes, or jokes/comments with sexual overtones or double-entendres
- Seeking emotional involvement (which can include intimate attachment) with a student beyond the normative care and concern required of an educator.

- Listening to or telling stories that are sexually oriented
- Discussing inappropriate personal troubles or intimate issues with a student in an attempt to gain their support and understanding
- Becoming involved with a student so that a reasonable person may suspect inappropriate behavior
- Giving students a ride to/from school or school activities without parental permission
- Being alone in a room with a student at school with the door closed
- Allowing students in your home without signed parental permission for a pre-planned and pre-communicated educational activity which must include another educator, parent, or other responsible adult
- Remarks about the physical attributes or physiological development of anyone
- Excessive attention toward a particular student
- Sending emails, text messages, Facebook responses, or letters to students or connecting through any social media channel if the content is not age appropriate and/or about school activities.

#### **Acceptable and Recommended Behaviors**

- Obtaining parent's written consent for any after-school activity on or off campus (exclusive of tutorials).
- Obtaining formal approval (site and parental) to take students off school property for activities such as field trips or competitions.
- Emails, text-messages, phone conversations, and other communications to and with students, if permitted, must be professional and pertain to school activities or classes (communication should be initiated via school-based technology and equipment).
- Keeping the door open when alone with a student.
- Keeping reasonable and appropriate space between you and the student.
- Stopping and correcting students if they cross your own personal boundaries.
- Keeping parents informed when a significant issue develops about a student.
- Keeping after-class discussions with a student professional and brief.

- Asking for advice from senior-staff or administration if you find yourself in a difficult situation related to “boundaries.”
- Involving your direct supervisor about situations that have the potential to become more severe.
- Making detailed notes about an incident that could evolve into a more serious situation later.
- Recognizing the responsibility to stop unacceptable behavior of students and/or co-workers.
- Asking another staff member to be present if you will be alone with any student who may have severe social or emotional challenges (and you are not the assigned case educator).
- Asking another staff member to be present, or within close supervisory distance, when you must be alone with a student after regular school hours.
- Giving students praise and recognition without touching them in questionable areas; appropriate pats on the back, high-fives, and handshakes are appropriate.
- Keeping your professional conduct a high priority during all moments of student contact.
- Asking yourself if any of your actions, which are contrary to these provisions, are worth sacrificing your job and career.

## APPENDIX B: AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

### AVAILABILITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Children—regardless of immigration status (foster youth, pregnant women, and legally present individuals, including those with deferred action for childhood arrivals [“DACA”] status) may be eligible for no- or low-cost Medi-Cal insurance. Medi-Cal covers immunizations, checkups, specialists, vision and dental services, and more for children and youth at no- or low-cost. Medi-Cal enrollment is available year-round.

Covered California is where legal residents of California can compare quality health plans and choose the one that works best for them. Based on income and family size, many Californians may qualify for financial assistance. Enroll during Open Enrollment or any time you experience a life-changing event, like losing your job or having a baby. You have sixty (60) days from the event to complete enrollment. Information regarding the availability of insurance is provided with enrollment forms and available at:

[http://hbex.coveredca.com/toolkit/PDFs/ALL\\_IN\\_Flyer\\_EnrollGetCareRenew\\_CC.pdf](http://hbex.coveredca.com/toolkit/PDFs/ALL_IN_Flyer_EnrollGetCareRenew_CC.pdf)

The Charter School shall not discriminate against a pupil who does not have health care coverage or use any information relating to a pupil’s health care coverage or interest in learning about health care coverage in any manner that would bring harm to the pupil or the pupil’s family.

### TYPE 2 DIABETES

#### Description

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

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

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

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

#### Risk Factors

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

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

### **Warning Signs and Symptoms Associated with Type 2 Diabetes**

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

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

### **Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Methods and Treatments**

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

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

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

### **Types of Diabetes Screening Tests That Are Available**

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

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

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Charter School recognizes that when unidentified and unaddressed, mental health challenges can lead to poor academic performance, increased likelihood of suspension and expulsion, chronic absenteeism, student attrition, homelessness, incarceration, and/or violence. Access to mental health services at the Charter School and in our community is not only critical to improving the physical and emotional safety of students, but it also helps address barriers to learning and provides support so that all students can learn problem-solving skills and achieve in school and, ultimately, in life. The following resources available to your child:

#### Available on Campus:

- School-based counseling services – your child is encouraged to directly contact a Charter School counselor by coming into the counseling office during school hours and making an appointment to speak with a counselor. Our Charter School counselors support students by providing individual sessions, group or parent consultations whenever a student is having a difficult time due to academic stress, transition to changes in their environment, or social concerns, including isolation. Counseling services, whether provided by our Charter School or by an outside provider listed in this letter, are voluntary.



- Special education services – if you believe your child may have a disability, you are encouraged to contact Edmund Zander at 510-577-9557 to request an evaluation.
- Prescription medication while on campus – if your child requires prescription medication during school hours and you would like assistance from School staff in providing this medication to your child, please contact Office Manager at 510-577-9557.

**Available in the Community:**

- Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

2000 Embarcadero #400, Oakland, CA 94606

(510) 567-8100

**Available Nationally:**

- National Suicide Prevention Hotline - This organization provides confidential support for adults and youth in distress, including prevention and crisis resources. Available 24 hours at 1-800-273-8255.
- The Trevor Project - This organization provides suicide prevention and crisis intervention for LGBTQ youth between the ages of 13 and 24. **Available at 1-866-488-7386 or visit <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>.**
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America – This organization is a community- based mentorship program. Community-specific program information can be found online at <https://www.bbbs.org> or by calling (813) 720-8778.