



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

Contact information for our **School Team** can be found online at www.eastbayia.org.

Information on our **Board of Directors** can be found online at www.eastbayia.org.

EBIA MODEL

Our Mission

East Bay Innovation Academy's ("EBIA" 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 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**.

We make and do things! EBIA will be a safe place for students to **explore their interests** and learn the life lessons taught through practice and experimentation

Our Core Beliefs

We believe in **Possibility and Perseverance**

All students will achieve at the highest levels and prepared 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 to be 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 achieve results.

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

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, 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.

The Charter School is committed to providing a work and educational atmosphere that is free of unlawful harassment under Title IX (sex), Title 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 prohibits sexual harassment, including cyber sexual bullying, and harassment based upon pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, race, religion, religious affiliation, creed, color, 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:

Head of School (aka Executive Director): Devin Krugman
3400 Malcolm Avenue, Oakland, CA 94605 Phone: 510-577-9557
Email: devin.krugman@eastbayia.org

Homeless Students

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 USC 11434(a)):

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; 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

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 Liaison.

Homeless Liaison

The Head of School or designee designates the following staff person as the Charter School/Program Homeless Liaison for homeless students attending the Charter School (42 USC 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii) & (e)(3)(C)(IV).):

Homeless Liaison: Devin Krugman, Executive Director

East Bay Innovations Academy
3400 Malcolm Avenue
Oakland, CA 94605
(510) 577-9557

The Homeless Liaison shall ensure that (42 USC 11432(g)(6)):

1. Homeless students are identified by school personnel and through 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 Even Start and 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, 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 where children receive services, such as 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. School personnel providing services receive professional development and other support.

9. The Homeless 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 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.

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

Education for Foster Youth Policy Introduction

The Governing Board of East Bay Innovation Academy (“Charter School”) recognizes that foster child 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 child in the Charter School’s local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

Definitions

Foster child means a child who has been removed from his/her home pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code section 309, is the subject of a petition filed under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 300 or 602, or has been removed from his/her home and is the subject of a petition filed under Welfare and Institutions Code 300 or 602.

Person holding the right to make educational decisions means a parent, guardian, or responsible person appointed by a court to make educational decisions pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 361 or 726, or Education Code 56055.

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

Best interests means that, in making educational and school placement decisions for a foster child, consideration is given to, among other factors, the opportunity to be educated in the least

restrictive educational program and the foster child's access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all Charter School students.

CHARTER SCHOOL LIAISON

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

Foster Youth Liaison: Devin Krugman, Executive Director

East Bay Innovations Academy

3400 Malcolm Avenue

Oakland, CA 94605

(510) 577-9557

The liaison for foster child shall:

1. Ensure and facilitate the proper educational placement, enrollment in the Charter School, and checkout from the Charter School of students in foster care.
2. Ensure proper transfer of credits, records, and grades when students in foster care transfer to or from the Charter School. When a student in foster care is enrolling in the Charter School, the Charter School liaison shall contact the school last attended by the student to obtain, within two business days, all academic and other records. When a foster child is transferring to a new school, the Charter School liaison shall provide the student's records to the new school within two business days of receiving the new school's request.
3. When required by law, notify the foster child's attorney and the appropriate representative of the county child welfare agency of pending expulsion proceedings if the decision to recommend expulsion is a discretionary act under the Charter School's charter; pending proceedings 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; and, a manifestation determination prior to a change in the foster child's placement, when he/she is a student with a disability under state and federal special education laws.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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 child.
7. 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 child.
8. Monitor the educational progress of foster child 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.
9. This policy does not grant the Charter School 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 child pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 361 or 726, a surrogate parent, or a foster parent exercising authority under the Education Code. The role of the Charter School liaison is advisory with respect to placement options and determination of the school of origin.

ENROLLMENT

A student placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home shall attend programs operated by the Charter School unless one of the following circumstances applies: (Education Code 48853, 48853.5)

1. The student has an individualized education program requiring placement in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency, or in another local educational agency.
2. The parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student determines that it is in the best interest of the student to be placed in another educational program and submits a written statement to the Charter School indicating that determination and that he/she is aware of the following:
 - a. The student has a right to attend a regular public school in the least restrictive environment.
 - b. The alternate educational program is a special education program, if applicable.
 - c. The decision to unilaterally remove the student from the Charter School and to place him/her in an alternate education program may not be financed by the Charter

School.

- d. Any attempt to seek reimbursement for the alternate education program may be at the expense of the parent/guardian or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the student.
3. At the initial placement or any subsequent change in placement, the student exercises his/her right to continue in his/her school of origin, as defined above.
- a. The student may continue in the school of origin for the duration of the court's jurisdiction.
 - b. If the court's jurisdiction over a grade K-8 student is terminated prior to the end of a school year, the student may continue in his/her school of origin for the remainder of the academic school year.
 - c. If the court's jurisdiction is terminated while the student is in high school, the student may continue in his/her school of origin until he/she graduates.
 - d. If the student is transitioning between school grade levels, he/she shall be allowed to continue in the district of origin in the same attendance area to provide him/her the benefit of matriculating with his/her 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 Charter School liaison may, in consultation with and with the agreement of the foster child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the child, recommend that the child's right to attend the school of origin be waived and he/she be enrolled in any school that students living in the attendance area of the school district in which the foster child resides are eligible to attend or in the Charter School consistent with current enrollment procedures. All decisions shall be made in accordance with the foster child's best interests.

Prior to making any recommendation to move a foster child from his/her school of origin, the liaison shall provide the child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the child with a written explanation of the basis for the recommendation and how the recommendation serves the child's best interests.

If the liaison, in consultation with the foster child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for the foster child, agrees that the best interests of the child would be served by his/her transfer to a school other than the school of origin, the Head of School or designee of the new school shall immediately enroll the foster child, consistent with any enrollment procedures if the next school is a charter school. The foster child shall be immediately enrolled even if he/she:

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended

2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms
3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, and medical records, including, but not limited to, immunization records or other documentation.

If any dispute arises regarding the request of a foster child to remain in the school of origin, the child 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.

TRANSPORTATION

The Charter School shall not be responsible for providing transportation to allow a foster child to attend school, unless required by federal law. The Charter School is not prohibited from providing transportation, at its discretion, to allow a foster child to attend school.

EFFECT OF ABSENCES ON GRADES

The grades of a student in foster care shall not be lowered for any absence from 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.

TRANSFER OF COURSEWORK AND CREDITS

When a foster child transfers into the Charter School, the Charter School shall accept and issue full credit for any coursework that the foster child has satisfactorily completed while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency and shall not require the foster child to retake the course.

If the foster child 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 his/her previous school. However, the Charter School may require the foster child to retake the portion of the course completed if, in consultation with the holder of educational rights for the foster child, the Charter School finds that the foster child is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. Whenever partial credit is issued to a foster child 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 child from taking or retaking a course to meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or the University of California.

APPLICABILITY OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a high school diploma, a foster child shall pass the high school exit examination in English language and mathematics (if required by State law), complete all courses required by the Charter School, and fulfill any additional graduation requirement prescribed by the Board.

However, when a foster child who has completed his/her second year of high school transfers into the Charter School, he/she shall be exempted from all Charter School-adopted coursework and other Charter School-established graduation requirements, unless the Charter School makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of his/her fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the foster child's transfer, the Executive Director or designee shall notify the foster child, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, and the foster child's social worker of the availability of the exemption and whether the foster child qualifies for it.

To determine whether a foster child is in his/her third or fourth year of high school, the Charter School shall use either the number of credits the foster child has earned as of the date of the transfer or the length of his/her school enrollment, whichever qualifies him/her for the exemption.

The Executive Director or designee shall notify any foster child who is granted an exemption and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her how any requirements that are waived will affect the foster child's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.

The Charter School shall not require or request a foster child to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption and no request for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption shall be made by a foster child or any person acting on behalf of a foster child.

Upon making a finding that a foster child 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 foster child and the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her of the foster child's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the Charter School's graduation requirements and how that will affect his/her ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Provide information to the foster child about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A foster child 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.

Complaints of Noncompliance *

Complaints of noncompliance with this policy shall be governed by the Charter School's Uniform Complaint Procedures policy.

*These provisions are also applicable to former juvenile court school pupils, which are defined as pupils who, upon completion of the pupil's second year of high school, transfer to a charter school, excluding a charter school or school district operated by the Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, from a juvenile court school. These provisions may be utilized for such pupils at the Charter School's discretion.

WHAT DOES A DAY LOOK LIKE?

EBIA opens at 7:30 am and students are invited to come into the building to eat breakfast, check-out their school laptops, 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 don't 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 18-22 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, attend teachers' office hours or participate in enrichment activities designed to engage students and give them exposure to myriad learning experiences. At our Lower School, these activities will occur through the EBIA Quest program. At our

Upper School, these activities will be open to all students on a drop-in basis. Arrangements must be made for on-time pick-up every day.

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 times during the year, students will have 1 week intersessions where they will have markedly different learning experiences than they experience during the approximately six-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 PLP 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 assigned Summer School in order to improve skills and be ready for the next school year.

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 9:00am – 3:30pm and Upper School hours running from 8:30am – 3:45pm, followed by our end of day Tutoring, Office Hours and enrichment program. The campus will open at 7:30 am for students to eat breakfast and do school work.

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 don't 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.

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;
4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family:
 - a. Excused absence in this instance shall be limited to one day if the service is conducted in California or three days if the service is conducted out of state.

- b. "Immediate family" shall be defined as mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, spouse, son/son-in-law, daughter/daughter-in-law, brother, sister or any relative living in the student's immediate 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 school days per month.

In addition, a student's absence shall be excused for justifiable personal reasons such as:

1. Appearance in court;
2. Attendance at a funeral;
3. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion;
4. Attendance at religious retreats for no more than four hours during a semester.
5. Attendance at the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.

Method of Verification

Please notify the School by emailing 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 or the absence becomes unexcused.

Tuancy Process Students shall be classified as truant if the student is absent from school without a valid excuse three 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 three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof. Such students shall be reported to the Head of School or designee. In addition, students shall be classified as a chronic truant if the student is absent from school without a valid excuse for 10 percent or more of the school days in one school, from the date of enrollment to the current date.

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. In the case that a student is identified by the SARB as chronically absent or truant we will:

- Notify parents via letter or email of the student attendance and our policy
- Conduct a meeting with the students' family and advisor to resolve further absences
- Conduct a meeting with school administration to establish a plan of action

- 1) Attendance is one of the most important factors in determining a student's success in school. EBIA can provide a short-term independent study contract when an absence of three or more consecutive days is unavoidable. However, it is important to know that valuable education opportunities may be lost when a student is not in class. Therefore, we have established this attendance policy to promote student success.
- 2) We hope to foster responsibility and work ethics in your child. Students who are tardy disrupt the education of others in the class. Students are expected to be in class and ready to learn no later than the start of the school day; students arriving 30 minutes after that time are considered tardy.
- 3) It is our policy to verify absences each day. When students miss classroom instruction, much of the content may not be able to be replicated. However, work and assignments missed during absence may be able to be completed, as possible.

Students cannot miss more than 15 days of school (unless due to medical illness) and they must demonstrate mastery of grade level skills and curricular standards, or they may be candidates for possible retention.

Illness

A student who is ill should not be sent to school, since this may result in his/her 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 or nits is permitted to come to school, but encouraged to remain home until nit and lice free. Please treat your student and notify the school.

Religious Observances

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.

Independent Study

EBIA may offer independent study to meet the educational needs of students who receive prior approval for absences exceeding three consecutive school days due to travel, extended illness, or another cause of three 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.

Free or Reduced Priced Meals

The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost, or free lunches to children each school day. Parents/guardians of EBIA are encouraged to apply. There is no deadline to apply. Please see the Oakland Unified School District website for an [online application](#) or come to the main office for a paper application.

Arrival and Departure

The Lower School begins at 9:00 a.m. and dismissal time is 3:30 p.m. daily. The Upper School begins at 8:30am and dismissal time is 3:45pm. Supervision is not provided prior to 7:30 a.m. Please pick students up within ten minutes of dismissal. If class is being conducted at an off-campus site, students not picked up within 10 minutes of dismissal will be returned to the school site.

Illness and 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.

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 overnight stay away from home, because administration of the medication is absolutely necessary during school hours and the student cannot self-administer or another family member cannot administer the medication at school.

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 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.
- We do not encourage the use of over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen, antacid tablets or cough drops at school. However, the office keeps a small supply for emergencies, (not for daily use by the students). 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.

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.

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.

Immunizations

California law requires that an immunization record be presented to the Charter School staff before a child can be enrolled in school. The Charter School requires written verification from a doctor or immunization clinic of the following immunizations:

Students entering kindergarten 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)	One (1) dose

NOTE: Four doses of DTP are allowed if one was given on or after the fourth birthday. 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.

Students entering 7th 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

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	Two (2) doses
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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 and two (2) doses of MMR.

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 pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 120370;
- 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:
 - Preschool.
 - Kindergarten
 - Grades 7

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.

Oral Health Assessment

Students enrolled in kindergarten in a public school or while enrolled in first grade if the pupil was not previously enrolled in kindergarten in a public school are required to have an oral health assessment completed by a dental professional. Please contact the office if you have questions about this requirement.

Suicide Prevention Policy

The Board of Directors of East Bay Innovation Academy (“EBIA”) 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.

The policy has been developed in consultation with EBIA and community stakeholders, EBIA -employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts and shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

Prevention and Instruction

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 Head of School or designee may offer parents/guardians education or information which describes the severity of the youth suicide problem, EBIA's suicide prevention efforts, risk factors and warning signs of suicide, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, reducing the stigma of mental illness, and/or EBIA and community resources that can help youth in crisis.

EBIA's instructional curriculum may include information about suicide prevention, as appropriate or needed, taking into consideration the grade level and age of the students. If offered or included in EBIA's instructional curriculum, suicide prevention instruction shall be designed to help students:

1. Identify and analyze signs of depression and self-destructive behaviors and understand how feelings of depression, loss, isolation, inadequacy, and anxiety can lead to thoughts of suicide.
2. Identify alternatives to suicide and develop coping and resiliency skills.
3. Learn to listen, be honest, share feelings, and get help when communicating with friends who show signs of suicidal intent.
4. Identify trusted adults, EBIA resources, and/or community crisis intervention resources where youth, including those at high risk, such as youth bereaved by suicide; youth with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders; youth experiencing homelessness or in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth can get help and recognize that there is no stigma associated with seeking mental health, substance abuse, gender identity, or other support services.

Staff Development

Suicide prevention training for staff will be provided and be designed to help staff identify and find help for students at risk of suicide. The training may be offered under the discretion of the Executive Director

and/or Board of Directors and/or in cooperation with one or more community mental health agencies and may include information on:

1. Research identifying risk factors, such as previous suicide attempt(s), history of depression or mental illness, substance abuse problems, family history of suicide or violence, feelings of isolation, interpersonal conflicts, a recent severe stressor or loss, family instability, and other factors.
2. Warning signs that may indicate suicidal intentions, including changes in students' appearance, personality, or behavior.
3. Research-based instructional strategies for teaching the suicide prevention curriculum and promoting mental and emotional health.
4. EBIA and community resources and services for students and families in crisis and ways to access them.
5. EBIA procedures for intervening when a student attempts, threatens, or discloses the desire to die by suicide.
6. Materials approved by EBIA for training shall include how to identify appropriate mental health services, both at the EBIA site and within the larger community, and when and how to refer youth and their families to those services.
7. Materials approved for training may also include programs that can be completed through self-review or suitable suicide prevention materials.

Intervention and Emergency Procedures

Whenever a staff member suspects or has knowledge of a student's suicidal intentions, he/she shall promptly notify the Executive Director or designee. The Executive Director or designee shall then notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as possible and may also refer the student to mental health resources at EBIA or in the community.

When a suicide attempt or threat is reported, the Executive Director or designee shall, at a minimum:

1. Ensure the student's physical safety by one of the following, as appropriate:
 - a. Securing immediate medical treatment if a suicide attempt has occurred;
 - b. Securing law enforcement and/or other emergency assistance if a suicidal act is being actively threatened;
 - c. 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.

2. Designate specific individuals to be promptly contacted, for example the EBIA counselor, psychologist, nurse, Executive Director, and/or the student's parent/guardian, and, as necessary, local law enforcement or mental health agencies.
3. Document the incident in writing as soon as feasible.
4. Follow up with the parent/guardian and student in a timely manner to provide referrals to appropriate services as needed.
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 Executive Director or designee shall follow the crisis intervention procedures contained in EBIA 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.

Students shall be encouraged through the education program and in EBIA activities to notify a teacher, Executive Director, another EBIA administrator, psychologist, EBIA counselor, or other adult when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have knowledge of another student's suicidal intentions.

EBIA Employees Acting Within Scope

EBIA shall ensure that employees act only within the authorization and scope of the employee's credential or license. Nothing in this Policy shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging a EBIA employee to diagnose or treat mental illness unless the employee is specifically licensed and employed to do so.

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 hours per year.
- 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 conference per year with their student’s advisor, and more as necessary.
- Support and encourage on-time attendance.

Parents may request a complete copy of the Parent Involvement policy at the main office.

Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures

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 30 seconds in the turn-about 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.

For our Upper School, we ask that parents/guardians enter the driveway and move in a counter-clockwise direction in the turn-about. **Cars MAY NOT park in the turn-about.** Cars should stop for no more than 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.

Late Pick Up Policy

East Bay Innovation Academy (“EBIA”) is committed to providing a safe campus for all students. When students are left on school property after the close of business 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:

1. Notify the Head of School or designee immediately.
2. 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.
3. Bring students into the lobby of the building. Parents/guardians will be asked to come into the building to collect their student.
4. Remain on site until an adult comes to retrieve the student.
5. Notify the Head of School or designee by 45 minutes following the close of business if there is a possibility that law enforcement may be called to assist the student.

6. As a last resort, at 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.
7. In cases of repeated incidents where parents/guardians have been late in picking up their child, notify the parents/guardians in writing of parental responsibilities and consequences for their child. A consequence may include: refusal to allow the student to attend after school programs if the parent is repeatedly late in retrieving the child.

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

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 asked 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. Volunteer time may be done in a variety of ways including, but not limited to classroom assistance. Volunteering at EBIA is optional and not required for a student attend EBIA.

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

Communication with School

As learning partners in every child's education, we value transparency in communication. Most of our communication to homes will be conducted electronically, via emails. Announcements about upcoming events or important issues will be made via a recorded phone call that will be sent out to all families and information will be updated on the EBIA website (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 business days. If you would like to contact the school by phone, our phone number is (510) 577-9557.

Parent Portal

In order to monitor student academic progress, every parent/guardian will receive a Parent Portal account to *Illuminate*, our student information system. We recommend you check this on a weekly basis, minimally. Every parent/guardian will also receive a Parent Portal account to our learning

management system (LMS). The portal will allow you to see when assignments are due and the grades received on any assessment or assignment.

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+	A	A -	B+	B	B -	C+	C	C -	F
Range	100 - 97	96 - 93	92 - 90	89 - 87	86 - 83	82 - 80	79 - 77	76 - 73	72 - 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.

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?”.

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.

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.

Academic Honesty

Please see the Behavior Policy section in the EBIA SY 18.19 Student and Parent Handbook

Revision (Sankofa) 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 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 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 (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 Head of School, or his or her 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 Head of School, or his or her designee, that:
 - i. Requests information regarding how the student's mathematics placement was determined. Within five (5) days of receipt, the Charter School Head of School 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 Head of School 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 Head of School 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, the Charter School Head of School or designee shall respond in writing to the parent/legal guardian's request. The Head of School 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 Head of School 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 Head of School shall specify the mathematics course or level recommended for the student. The Head of School's or designee's response must provide the determination as well as the objective academic measures that the Head of School or designee relied upon in making that determination.
 - b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Head of School or designee requires additional time to respond to a parent/legal guardian's request, the Head of School or designee will provide a written response indicating that additional time is needed. In no event shall the Head of School's or designee's response time exceed one (1) month.
 - c. If, after reconsideration of the student's mathematics placement by the Head of School 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 Head of School 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.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

Classroom Observing

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.

Teacher Conferences

Parents have the right to request a conference with their child's teacher(s) and/or the Head of School. 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.

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 Math tests (a Math Computer-Adaptive Test and a Math Performance Task) as well as two English Language Arts (ELA) tests (an ELA Computer-Adaptive Test and an ELA Performance Task). CAASPP testing takes place in the Spring. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a parent's or guardian's written request to the Head of School 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 a math, reading, language and science assessment tests during the school year. Ninth graders must take a second assessment in Math within 30 days of enrollment per the *Implementing the California Math Placement Act of 2015*.

Safe School Environment

Parents have the right and are entitled to the assurance of a safe and supportive learning environment for their child.

Sexual Health Education

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 Codes 51930 through 51939.

Anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure student’s health behaviors and risks 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 (“opt-out”). 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 curriculum materials of the class or classes in which their child is enrolled.

Student Academic Progress

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

Cal Grant Program Notice

EBIA is required by state law to submit the 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 15th.

Student Records

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 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 Head of School 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.

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.

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

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 —

1. To other School officials, including teachers, within the educational agency or institution whom the School has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1)).
2. To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2)).
3. To authorize representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35).
4. In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has

received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4)).

5. To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7)).
6. To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8)).
7. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9)).
8. To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a) (10)).
9. Information the School has designated as “directory information” under §99.37. (§99.31(a) (11)).

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 district about their questions.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), a Federal law, requires that EBIA, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Charter School may disclose personally identifiable information from an education record under certain conditions such as other school officials, in some health and safety emergencies, and to the state and federal government.

EBIA may also disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the Charter School to the contrary in accordance with EBIA procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Charter School to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications.

Directory Information

Directory information is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Directory information can be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish year books. 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.

Standards

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

School Rules

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

Psychological Testing

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

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.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

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

Dress Code

The goal of EBIA's dress code policy is to support the creation of a learning environment wherein students have the freedom for creativity and self expression, while also supporting a safe and supportive learning environment. To that end, dress code rules are as follows;

- Clothing and accessories will display messages and images only if free of explicit, profane, offensive and suggestive content.
- Clothing will cover all undergarments and torsos.
- Clothing and accessories will be free of any representations of gang affiliation.
- Clothing and accessories will be free of images and messages that promote violence and tobacco, drug or alcohol use.
- To ensure safe and active participation in science and fitness courses, close-toed shoes without heels and that are securely fastened around the foot will be worn.

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

Gum on Campus

Students chewing gum 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.

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.

Safe Haven School Policy

Affirming East Bay Innovation Academy 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 East Bay Innovation Academy of 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: East Bay Innovation Academy 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 East Bay Innovation Academy 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 East Bay Innovation Academy 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 East Bay Innovation Academy 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, East Bay Innovation Academy 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 East Bay Innovation Academy 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 the East Bay Innovation Academy's Executive Director for review, in consultation with East Bay Innovation Academy's legal counsel.
7. All requests for information or documents by ICE should be forwarded to the East Bay Innovation Academy's Head of School, who in consultation East Bay Innovation Academy'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. East Bay Innovation Academy's legal counsel, and other School personnel as designated by the Head of School, 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 School Operator joins the OUSD Board of Education by adopting a resolution to ensure that our facilities and programs are sanctuaries for immigrant and vulnerable students.

Academic Honesty

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, up to and including suspension from School.

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, and students will be asked to re-submit the assignment within two 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.

COMPLAINTS

Title IX, Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Policy

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 disability, pregnancy, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, ancestry, race or ethnicity, immigration status, religion, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, childbirth or related medical conditions, marital status, age, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by federal, state, local law, ordinance or regulation. In addition, bullying encompasses any conduct described in the definitions set forth in this Policy. 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 any complaint of such misconduct prohibited by this Policy and take appropriate corrective action, if warranted.

Title IX, Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Coordinator (“Coordinator”):

Devin Krugman, Executive Director
East Bay Innovations Academy
3400 Malcolm Avenue
Oakland, CA 94605
(510) 577-9557

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 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 harassment on the basis of sex. In accordance with these existing laws, discrimination on the basis of sex in education institutions is prohibited. All persons, regardless of sex, are afforded equal rights and opportunities and freedom from unlawful discrimination in education programs or activities conducted by EBIA.

EBIA is committed to providing an educational environment free of sexual harassment and considers such harassment to be a major offense, which may result in disciplinary action.

Sexual harassment consists of sexual advances, request 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 education, academic status, or progress; (b) submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of educational or academic decisions affecting the individual; (c) the conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's academic performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive 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 him/her 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 to unwelcome sexual attention or conduct or intentionally making the student's academic performance more difficult because of the student's sex
- Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the 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 educational environment
 - o Reading publicly or otherwise publicizing in the educational environment materials that are in any way sexually revealing, sexually suggestive, sexually demeaning or pornographic, and
 - o Displaying signs or other materials purporting to segregate an individual by sex in an area of the 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 group 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

Grievance Procedures

1. Reporting

All staff are expected to provide appropriate supervision to enforce standards of conduct and, if they observe or become aware of misconduct prohibited by this Policy, to intervene as soon as it is safe to do so, call for assistance, and report such incidents. The Board requires staff to follow the procedures in this policy for reporting alleged acts of misconduct prohibited by this Policy.

Any student who believes they have been subject to misconduct prohibited by this Policy or has witnessed such prohibited misconduct is encouraged to immediately report such misconduct to the Coordinator:

Devin Krugman, Executive Director
East Bay Innovations Academy
3400 Malcolm Avenue
Oakland, CA 94605
(510) 577-9557

Complaints regarding such misconduct may also be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

While submission of a written report is not required, the reporting party is encouraged to submit a written report to the Coordinator. Oral reports shall also be considered official reports. Reports may be made anonymously, but formal disciplinary action cannot be based solely on an anonymous report.

Students are expected to report all incidents of misconduct prohibited by this Policy or other verbal, or physical abuses. Any student who feels she/he is a target of such behavior should immediately contact a

teacher, counselor, the Principal, Coordinator, a staff person or a family member so that she/he can get assistance in resolving the issue in a manner that is consistent with this Policy.

EBIA acknowledges and respects every individual's right to privacy. All reports shall be investigated in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and the integrity of the process. This includes keeping the identity of the reporter confidential, as appropriate, except to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation and/or to resolve the issue, as determined by the Coordinator or administrative designee on a case-by-case basis.

EBIA prohibits any form of retaliation against any reporter in the reporting process, including but not limited to a reporter's filing of a complaint or the reporting of instances of misconduct prohibited by this Policy. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades, or work assignments of the reporter.

All supervisors of staff will receive sexual harassment training within six (6) months of their assumption of a supervisory position and will receive further training once every two (2) years thereafter. All staff will receive sexual harassment training and/or instruction concerning sexual harassment as required by law.

2. Investigation

Upon receipt of a report of misconduct prohibited by this Policy from a student, staff member, parent, volunteer, visitor or affiliate of EBIA, the Coordinator or administrative designee will promptly initiate an investigation. In most cases, a thorough investigation will take no more than seven (7) school days. If the Coordinator, or administrative designee determines that an investigation will take longer than seven (7) school days, he or she will inform the complainant and any other relevant parties and provide an approximate date when the investigation will be complete.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Coordinator or administrative designee will meet with the complainant and, to the extent possible with respect to confidentiality laws, provide the complainant with information about the investigation, including any actions necessary to resolve the incident/situation. However, in no case may the Coordinator or administrative designee reveal confidential information related to other students or employees, including the type and extent of discipline issued against such students or employees.

All records related to any investigation of complaints under this Policy are maintained in a secure location.

3. Consequences

Students or employees who engage in misconduct prohibited by this Policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

4. Uniform Complaint Procedures

When harassment or bullying is based upon one of the protected characteristics set forth in this Policy, a complainant may also fill out a Uniform Complaint Procedures (“UCP”) complaint form at any time during the process, consistent with the procedures laid out in this Handbook and UCP Policy.

5. Right of Appeal

Should the reporting individual find the Coordinator’s resolution unsatisfactory, he/she may follow the Dispute Resolution Process found in the Handbook for Students and Parents.

Please request a copy of the complete policy at the main office which includes the complaint form which should be completed and returned to the office.

General Complaint Policy

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. If a teacher, or any other staff member, is notified of a student complaint against school personnel or programs, the teacher shall notify the Administrator.

Procedures

Depending upon the nature of a complaint, the student, parent, and/or community member will be provided information concerning the applicable policy and procedures to be followed. For instance, if the complaint is one of sexual harassment or other discrimination, the student will be provided with a copy of the School’s Title IX, Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy

If EBIA has no specific policy or procedures for the particular complaint, the Administrator, or his/her designee, will undertake a responsible inquiry into the pupil’s complaint to ensure it is reasonably and swiftly addressed. When appropriate a written statement of the pupil’s complaint will be obtained from the student.

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 assured.

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.

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.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

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.

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, nationality, national origin, religion, religious affiliation, color, mental disability, physical disability, genetic information, marital status, 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:** Adult Education Programs, After School Education and Safety Programs, Agricultural Vocational Education Programs, American Indian Education Centers and Early Child Education Program Assessments, Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs, Career Technical and Technical Education and Career Technical and Technical Training Programs, Child Care and Development Programs, Child Nutrition Programs, Foster and Homeless Youth Services, Migrant 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, Regional Occupational Centers and Programs, Special Education Programs, State Preschool, Bilingual Education, Economic Impact Aid, and 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. If the Charter School finds merit in a complaint, or if the Superintendent finds merit in an appeal, the Charter School shall provide a remedy to the affected pupil.

(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. If the Charter School finds merit in a complaint, or if the Superintendent finds merit in an appeal, the Charter School shall provide a remedy to the affected pupil.

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 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.

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:

Head of School (aka Executive Director): Devin Krugman
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.

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, and when necessary, in the primary language, pursuant to section 48985 of the Education Code if fifteen (15) percent or more of the pupils enrolled in the Charter School speak a single primary language other than English.

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 the 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 § 262.3.
- (f) A statement that copies of the local educational agency complaint procedures shall be available free of charge.

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 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 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 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 5 CCR 4622.

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

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.

Admission

The Charter School shall admit all pupils who wish to attend the Charter School. No test or assessment shall be administered to students prior to acceptance and enrollment into the Charter School. 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. Siblings of enrolled students
2. Residents of the District and school zones.
3. 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.

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.

Enrollment Process:

The enrollment process is:

- 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 phones numbers and emergency contact numbers.

Withdrawal from School

Please notify the office personnel at least one week in advance, if your child will be withdrawing from school. If possible, 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 district of residence that the student has withdrawn from EBIA, 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.

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.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome. Please call in advance to set up an appropriate time to visit and to ensure that the class you wish to visit is available. Please note that parents or other authorized volunteers must sign in and out at the office and wear a visitor badge. These procedures are designed to protect our children from unauthorized individuals and to document volunteer hours.

All visitors must check in at the Main Office and obtain a visitor's pass. Any individual who disrupts a school site or fails to follow school rules and/or procedures is subject to removal from the school site and may be further restricted from visiting the school.

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.

Newsletters are available on our website: www.eastbayia.org, as well as other useful information.

Special Education/Child Find

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. The School provides special education instruction and related services in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Improvement Act ("IDEIA"), Education Code requirements, and applicable policies and procedures of the El Dorado SELPA. These services are available for special education students enrolled

at the School. We offer high quality educational programs and services for all our students in accordance with the assessed needs of each student. The School collaborates with parents, the student, teachers, and other agencies, as may be indicated, in order to appropriately serve the educational needs of each student.

Section 504

The School 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 the School. 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 the School. 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 the School's Section 504 policies and procedures is available upon request.

Also

**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.

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 2018-2019 Parent and Student Handbook".

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT,
PLEASE SIGN
and
RETURN TO SCHOOL
within 7 days of the first day of school.
THANK YOU!!**