

DISTRICT REQUIRED LANGUAGE:

“The procedures that the charter school will follow to ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff. These procedures shall require all of the following:

- (i) That each employee of the charter school furnish the charter school with a criminal record summary as described in Section 44237.***
- (ii) The development of a school safety plan, which shall include the safety topics listed in subparagraphs (A) to (J), inclusive, of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 32282.***
- (iii) That the school safety plan be reviewed and updated by March 1 of every year by the charter school.” – Ed. Code § 47605(c)(5)(F)***

Site Safety Plan

Lodestar shall develop a school safety plan, which shall include the following topics set forth in Education Code section 32282(a)(2), and which shall be updated by March 1 every year:

- (A) Child abuse reporting procedures;
- (B) Disaster procedures, routine and emergency, including adaptations for pupils with disabilities;
- (C) Policies pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 48915 for pupils who committed an act listed in subdivision (c) of Section 48915 and other school-designated serious acts that would lead to suspension, expulsion, or mandatory expulsion recommendations;
- (D) Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils pursuant to Section 49079;
- (E) A discrimination and harassment policy consistent with the prohibition against discrimination set forth in Education Code section 200;
- (F) The provisions of any school wide dress code, pursuant to Education Code section 35183 that prohibits pupils from wearing “gang-related apparel,” if the school has adopted that type of a dress code;
- (G) Procedures for safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents, and school employees to and from school;
- (H) A safe and orderly environment conducive to learning at the school;
- (I) The rules and procedures on school discipline adopted pursuant to Education Code sections 35291, 35291.5, 47605, and 47605.6;
- (J) Procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including procedures related to individuals with guns on school campuses and at school-related functions. The procedures to prepare for active shooters or other armed assailants shall be based on the specific needs and context of each school and community.

Pupil Safety

Immunizations, Health Examinations, and Health Screenings

Lodestar shall comply with all federal and state legal requirements related to student immunization, health examination, and health screening, including but not limited to screening for vision, hearing, and scoliosis, to the same extent as would be required if the students were attending a non-charter public school. Lodestar shall maintain student immunization, health examination, and health screening records on file.

Suicide Prevention Policy (Grades 7-12)

Lodestar shall adopt, at a regularly scheduled meeting, a policy on pupil suicide prevention in Grades 7 through 12 inclusive, that meets the requirements of Education Code section 215, if it serves any of those grade levels. The policy shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts and shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, and shall specifically address the needs of high-risk groups, including, but not limited to, all of the following: 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.

Employee Training

Lodestar shall ensure that all staff members receive annual training on Lodestar's health, safety, and emergency procedures, including but not limited to training on blood borne pathogens, and shall maintain a calendar for, and conduct, emergency response drills for students and staff. Lodestar shall also ensure that its employees receive the required sexual harassment training under Govt. Code 12950.1.

Lodestar shall provide all employees, and other persons working on behalf of Lodestar who are mandated reporters, with annual training on child abuse detection and reporting, which shall occur within the first six weeks of each school year, or within the first six weeks of a person's employment if employed after the beginning of the school year, in accordance with the requirements of Education Code section 44691.

Employee Screening Requirements

Criminal Background Clearances and Fingerprinting

Lodestar shall comply with all requirements of Education Code sections 44237, 44830.1 and 45125.1. Lodestar shall designate and maintain at all times at least one Custodian of Records duly authorized by the California Department of Justice.

Lodestar shall maintain on file and available for inspection evidence that (1) Lodestar has performed criminal background checks and cleared for employment all employees prior to employment; (2) Lodestar has obtained certification from each of its contracting entities/independent contractors that the entity/contractor has conducted required criminal background clearances for its employees prior to provision of school site services and/or any contact with students and has requested subsequent arrest notification service; and (3) Lodestar has performed criminal background checks and cleared for service all volunteers not directly supervised by staff and who may have contact with students. Lodestar shall also ensure that it requests and receives subsequent arrest notifications from the California Department of Justice for all employees and volunteers not directly supervised by staff. Upon request, Lodestar shall provide a copy of Department of Justice confirmation of Custodian of Records status for each Custodian of Records.

Tuberculosis Screening

Lodestar shall require all employees, and any volunteer or vendor/contracting entity employee who may have frequent or prolonged contact with students, to undergo a risk assessment and/or be examined and determined to be free of active tuberculosis (TB) within the period of 60 days prior to employment/service, in accordance with Education Code section 49406. Lodestar shall maintain TB clearance records and certifications on file.

To protect the health and well-being of our community, Lighthouse Community Public Schools has adopted and implemented a comprehensive set of health, safety, and risk management procedures and/or policies. These procedures and policies have been developed in consultation with our insurance carriers and risk management experts. These policies are reviewed annually and updated as necessary to insure the health and safety of our students and staff. A summary of these procedures and policies is distributed to all staff and families annually.

STUDENT AND STAFF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROVISIONS

Procedures for Background Checks

LCPS and Lodestar will comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding the background checks and clearance and all State and Federal laws concerning the maintenance and disclosure of employee records. Employees and contractors of LCPS will be required to submit to a criminal background check and furnish a criminal record summary as required by Education Code Sections 44237 and 45125.1. Applicants for employment must submit two sets of fingerprints to the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining a criminal record summary. Lodestar shall not hire any person, in either a certificated or classified position, who has been convicted of a violent or serious felony except as otherwise provided by law, pursuant to Education Code Sections 44830.1 and 45122.1. The Director of Talent and Human Resources shall monitor compliance with this policy and report to the Board of Directors on a regular basis. Volunteers who will volunteer outside of the direct supervision of a credentialed employee or supervised for more than seven (7) days if a community member and more than ten (10) days if a parent or guardian, shall be fingerprinted and receive background clearance prior to volunteering without the direct supervision of a credentialed employee.

The following are the legal requirements before the first day of employment at the Charter School:

- The Commission on Teacher Credentialing certificate, permit or other document equivalent required for a teacher's certificated assignment
- State and federal fingerprint clearance as required by law
- Criminal record summaries, which will be maintained by the Human Resources Department in a confidential secured file separate from personnel files, as required under the law, if applicable
- I-9 Proof of American citizenship form with a copy of driver's license and social security card, or other acceptable identification

- A completed Employment Application for all staff
- Complete W-4 & DE-4 Income Tax forms
- Proof of Tuberculosis risk assessment or examination

Role of Staff as Mandated Child Abuse Reporters

All Lodestar employees, including non-certificated and certificated staff, shall be mandated child abuse reporters and follow all applicable reporting laws. The Charter School shall provide all employees, and other persons working on behalf of Charter School who are mandated reporters, with annual training on child abuse detection and reporting, which shall occur within the first six weeks of each school year, or within the first six weeks of a person's employment if employed after the beginning of the school year, in accordance with Education Code Section 44691.

Tuberculosis Risk Assessment and Examination

The Charter School shall require all employees, and any volunteer or vendor/contracting entity employee who may have frequent or prolonged contact with students, to undergo a risk assessment and/or be examined (if necessary) and determined to be free of active tuberculosis (TB) within the period of 60 days prior to commencing employment/service and working with students, and for employees at least once each four years thereafter, or otherwise meet the requirements of Education Code section 49406. The Charter School shall maintain TB records and certificates on file.

Immunizations

The Charter School adheres to all law related to immunizations for entering students and staff pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 120325–120375 and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Sections 6000–6075, as they are currently and as they may be amended in the future.

Medication in School

LCPS has adopted a policy regarding the administration of medication in school in accordance with Education Code 49423.

Emergency Epinephrine Auto-injectors

The Charter School shall stock and maintain the required number and type of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors onsite and provide training to office staff and volunteers in the storage and use of the epinephrine auto-injector as required by Education Code section 49414 and section 4119.2 of the Business and Professions Code, as they may be amended from time to time.

Vision/Hearing/Scoliosis

The Charter School shall comply with all federal and state legal requirements, including but not limited to the requirements of Education Code Section 49450 et seq., related to student immunization,

health examination, and health screening, including but not limited to screening for vision, hearing, and scoliosis, to the same extent as would be required if the students were attending a non-charter public school as applicable to the grade levels served by the Charter School. The Charter School shall maintain student immunization, health examination, and health screening records on file.

Blood-Borne Pathogens

The Charter School will meet state and federal standards for dealing with blood-borne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials in the workplace. The LCPS Board of Directors has established a written Exposure Control Plan designed to protect employees and students from possible infection due to contact with blood-borne viruses, including human immunodeficiency virus (“HIV”) and hepatitis B virus (“HBV”). A draft of this policy is included as an appendix.

Whenever exposed to blood or other bodily fluids through injury or accident, staff and students shall follow the latest medical protocol for disinfecting procedures.

Drug Free / Smoke Free Environment

The Charter School maintains a drug and alcohol and smoke free environment.

Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policies and Procedures

LCPS and the Charter School are committed to providing a school that is free from discrimination and sexual harassment, as well as any harassment based upon the actual or perceived characteristics of race, religion, creed, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, national origin, ancestry, ethnic group identification, genetic information, age, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, sex and pregnancy, physical or mental disability, childbirth or related medical conditions, military and veteran status, denial of family and medical care leave, or on the basis of a person’s 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. LCPS has a comprehensive policy to prevent and immediately remediate any concerns about discrimination or harassment at the Charter School (including employee to employee, employee to student, and student to employee misconduct).

Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the CEO or designee shall be responsible for investigation, remediation, and follow-up on matters submitted to the Charter School through this procedure. A copy of the policy shall be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new and continuing pupils at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or summer session, as applicable, and to each faculty member, all members of the administrative staff, and all members of the support staff at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year, or at the time that there is a new employee hired. The Charter School shall create a poster that notifies students of the applicable policy on sexual harassment in accordance with Education Code Section 231.6, and shall prominently and conspicuously display the poster in each bathroom at the schoolsite and in public areas at the

schoolsite that are accessible to, and commonly frequented by, pupils. The Comprehensive Policy and Complaint Forms are annually distributed through the Employee Handbook and the Student and Family Handbook, which are available in the appendices.

Suicide Prevention Policy

LCPS has adopted a policy on pupil suicide prevention that meets the requirements of Education Code Section 215. The Charter School shall review, at minimum every fifth year, its policy on pupil suicide prevention and, if necessary, update its policy. The Policy is included in Appendix 6.1.

Emergency Preparedness

LCPS has adopted an extensive Emergency Preparedness Handbook, that outlines policies and procedures for response to natural disasters and emergencies. This includes seating a schoolwide emergency team that includes administrators and counselors. LCPS requires that instructional and administrative staff receive training in emergency and first aid response, including appropriate "first responder" training or its equivalent. The training will be conducted by a certified instructor and provided during a regularly scheduled staff development meeting. The training occurs at least bi-annually. Emergency plans are maintained on file and available for inspection. ACE adheres to these plans to address the needs of each school site. Emergency drills are held periodically and as required for fire, earthquake and lockdown scenarios. The Emergency Preparedness Handbook describes procedures for most conceivable emergencies and is included as Appendix 6.2.

Prevention of Human Trafficking

The Charter School shall identify and implement the most appropriate methods of informing parents and guardians of students in grades 7 through 12 of human trafficking prevention resources.

Feminine Hygiene Products

The Charter School will stock at least 50% of its restrooms with feminine hygiene products, and shall not charge students for these products, pursuant to Education Code Section 35292.6.

Nutritionally Adequate Free or Reduced-Price Meal

The Charter School shall provide each needy student, as defined in Education Code Section 49552, with one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal, as defined in Education Code Section 49553(a), during each school day.

California Healthy Youth Act

The Charter School shall teach sexual health education and HIV prevention education to students in grades 9-12, at least once, pursuant to the California Healthy Youth Act (Education Code Section 51930, et seq.).

Bullying Prevention

The Charter School shall adopt procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying. The Charter School shall annually make available the online training module developed by the CDE pursuant to Education Code Section 32283.5(a) to certificated school site employees and all other school site employees who have regular interaction with children.

FACILITY SAFETY

Facility

The charter shall comply with Education Code Section 47610 by either utilizing facilities that are compliant with the Field Act or facilities that are compliant with the California Building Standards Code, including provisions for seismic safety. Toward that end, the Charter School:

- Will be housed in a facility that has received state Fire Marshal approval and that have been evaluated by a qualified structural engineer who has determined that the facilities present no substantial seismic safety hazard.
- Will be housed in a facility that complies with the Asbestos requirement as cited in the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (“AHERA”), 40 CFR 763. AHERA requires that any building leased or acquired that is to be used as a school or administrative building shall maintain an asbestos management plan.
- Will maintain a valid Certificate of Occupancy.
- Agrees to test sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, and fire alarms annually at its facilities to ensure that they are maintained in an operable condition at all times.