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ANNUAL NOTICE TO
PARENT OR GUARDIAN REGARDING
YOUR RIGHTS

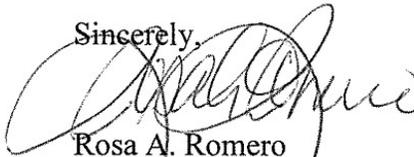
2020-2021

**Annual Notice To Parents/Guardians
Concerning Their Rights and Responsibilities
2020 - 2021**

Each school district must notify parents and guardians of their legal rights and obligations at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school year. The following summarizes those rights and responsibilities.

Please sign and return the attached acknowledgment indicating that you have received and reviewed these materials. Also, please check the appropriate box below which will allow the district to send future versions of the Annual Notice to you electronically instead of a hard copy.

If you have any questions, please contact the district office.

Sincerely,

Rosa A. Romero
Interim Superintendent

PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

E.C section 48982 requires parents to sign and return this acknowledgment.

By signing below I am neither giving nor withholding my consent for my student(s) to participate in any program. I am merely indicating that I have received and read the attached notice regarding my rights relating to activities which might affect my student(s).

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Mark the School(s) your child(ren) attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Redwood Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Richland Junior High |

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Dear Parents,

First, let me thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community, responded to the unexpected invasion of COVID-19 in March. I am very proud of the way our RSD students, parents, employees, and community leaders handled the demands we were faced with to protect everyone as we continued to educate and feed our students during the most unusual of circumstances. As you know, there continues to be concerns and questions related to how schools plan to reopen in August 2020. While we are in the business of educating, our first priority is the safety of our students and our employees. Be assured, we have been working diligently on an RSD 2020- 2021 Plan. Due to all the factors and information needed to plan as COVID-19 issues unfold, Our RSD Plan will be released on or before Friday, July 24th. Our desire is to return to school as normal (traditional) with enhanced safety and cleaning procedures. However, we must be proactive and be prepared during these ever-changing times to continue educating our students if and when circumstances change, as predicted, throughout the year related to the health and safety of our students and employees.

RSD is currently planning to return on August 6th.

We are gathering input from parents, employees, community stakeholders, administrators, state leaders, the California Department of Education, Superintendents throughout Kern County, and medical professionals via surveys, committees, zoom meetings, and a task force. Administrators and department leaders have been planning for increased safety procedures that can be taken at every location. We are working on three scenarios:

- 1.Enhanced Traditional Plan- We would continue school as normal with enhanced safety precautions in place such as increased hand sanitizer availability, increased frequency of cleaning of high touch areas, limited visitation to campuses, etc., in order to possibly prevent the transition to a hybrid or full distance learning option. (Again, this is our plan for August pending more restrictive guidance from the Governor.)
2. Social Distancing/Hybrid Plan- Hybrid would be a combination of distance and face-to-face instruction with increased safety and disinfecting measures as listed above, which could be done in a variety of configurations. This would only be enacted if the Governor's Executive Order required us to maintain a social distance (six feet), to limit the number of people in groups, etc.
3. Full Distance Learning Plan- All students would participate in the learning of new material, continued standard pacing, interactive lessons, graded assignments, and assessments. This is an option being considered and would be enacted if the Governor's Executive Order closed schools again due to health concerns.

I encourage our parents to frequently visit our webpage for up to date and accurate information. Everyone must understand there is no way for us to please all as we make these decisions. Our priority is to keep everyone safe while not making life more difficult for our parents. Each family situation is uniquely different. We fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety, distance learning, the importance of face-to-face instruction, parents needing to work, the economy, and all of the other unexpected consequences of not being in school or being in school in a traditional method. If for some reason, we can't be in a traditional school situation, our goal is to find the best way to have our students safely in our buildings as frequently as possible to ensure the health and well-being of all.

Thank you for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is best for ALL of our students and employees during these challenging times.

Serving you,

Rosa A. Romero
Interim Superintendent
Richland School District

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EXCUSED ABSENCES

According to law (E.C. section 48205), your child will be excused for absence when it is:

- a. Due to his or her illness.
- b. Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- c. For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic services rendered.
- d. For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of his or her immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside California.
- e. For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided by law.
- f. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent.
- g. For justifiable personal reasons, including but not limited to an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, attendance at an employment conference, or attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization when the pupil's absence is requested in writing by the parent/guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
- h. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.
- i. For the purpose of spending time with a member of his/her immediate family, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in E.C. section 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Such absences will be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent of the school district.
- j. For the purpose of attending his/her naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
- k. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.

Obtaining Confidential Medical Services (E.C. section 46010.1)

A pupil may be excused from the school for the purpose of obtaining medical services that are private in nature and scheduled confidentially, that is, without the consent of the pupil's parent or guardian.

Absence for Religious Purposes (E.C. section 46014)

With your written permission, your child may be excused to attend religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction away from school. However, your child will be required to complete a certain number of minutes for that day. Such absences are limited to four days per month.

Absence to Care for a Sick Child (E.C. section 46015)

Absence to care for a sick child is an excused absence and the school is prohibited from requiring a note from a doctor for such an absence.

No Grade Reduction or Loss of Academic Credit for an Excused Absence (E.C. section 48205)

Your child shall not have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence(s) if missed assignments and tests can be reasonably provided and are satisfactorily completed in a reasonable time.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

Enrollment in Neighborhood School (E.C. section 48980)

Generally, children may attend a school run by the district in which their parents reside. Districts usually enroll children in their neighborhood school. Their neighborhood school is the school which the district has designated to serve the area in which their parents reside.

In addition, the district tries to provide options so that parents who reside in one attendance area may choose to enroll their child in a school that is designated to serve another attendance area. Further, families may choose to enroll their child at a school run by another school district all-together instead of attending a school run by their own school district.

The rules governing enrollment/attendance options are designed to not only address the diverse needs and interests of district families, but also balance enrollment in order to maximize the efficient use of district facilities. There are limitations and requirements associated with each such option and transportation assistance to and from the receiving school receiving the student is generally not provided.

Intradistrict Open Enrollment (E.C. section 35160.5(b))

The parents/guardians of any student who is residing within a district's boundaries may apply to enroll their student in any district run school instead of their neighborhood school. However, no student currently residing within a school's attendance area may be displaced by another student transferring from outside the attendance area.

Enrollment priority is given to:

- The victim of an act of bullying (if there is no available school for an intradistrict transfer, the district cannot prohibit the student's interdistrict transfer). (E.C. section 46600(d)(2).)
- Students whose neighborhood school has been classified as “persistently dangerous.” (20 USC 7912; 5 CCR 11992-11993.)
- Any student who is a victim of a violent crime while on school grounds. (20 USC 7912; 5 CCR 11992-11993.)
- Any student enrolled in a district school receiving Title I funds that has been identified for program improvement (PI), corrective action, or restructuring. (20 USC 6316.)
- Any student enrolled in a district school that has been identified on the state’s Open Enrollment List. (E.C. sections 48350-48361; 5 CCR 7400-4705.)

Additional priorities are set forth in the school district’s intradistrict open enrollment policy (BP and AR 5116.1).

The district determines the number of spaces available for each grade level and/or program at each district school to which a student attending another district school may transfer. Except for priorities listed above, the school district uses a random, unbiased selection process to determine who shall be admitted whenever the school receives enrollment requests that are in excess of the school’s capacity at the pertinent grade level or in the pertinent program.

The application and selection process is more fully explained in the school district’s intradistrict open enrollment policy (BP and AR 5116.1) and the Open Enrollment Act transfers policy (BP and AR 5118).

Interdistrict Transfers (E.C. sections 46600(a)(b) and 46601)

A. Interdistrict Attendance Agreements and Permits

A student who resides in one district may transfer to and enroll at a school in another district pursuant to a permit issued under an interdistrict attendance agreement between the two school districts. Both districts must consent to the transfer.

The victim of an act of bullying, committed by a pupil of the district of residence, is given priority for interdistrict attendance. Unless the interdistrict attendance agreement expressly provides otherwise, the student does not have to reapply annually, or at all, and must be allowed to continue to attend the school in which he or she first enrolls. Neither the sending nor receiving districts are required to consent to the transfer. There is an appeal process if an application is denied. The appeal is to the county board of education with jurisdiction over the district denying the transfer.

The application and selection process is more fully explained in the school district’s interdistrict enrollment policy (BP and AR 5117).

B. Open Enrollment Act Transfers Pursuant to an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement (E.C. sections 48350-48361; 5 CCR 7400-4705)

A student may enroll in a school outside the district under an interdistrict attendance agreement in conjunction with the Open Enrollment Act. A student in a school on California's list of 1,000 lowest achieving schools may transfer to another school with a higher API in the school district or, if none, in a nearby district. Once enrolled at a school pursuant to an interdistrict transfer, the transferring student may remain at that school unless the interdistrict attendance agreement between the two school districts expressly provides otherwise. The sending district may not deny the transfer request. The receiving district, however, may deny the transfer request. The county board of education may overrule a denial.

The application and selection process is more fully explained in the school district's Open Enrollment Act transfer policy (BP and AR 5118).

C. School District of Choice Program (E.C. sections 48300-48317)

A school district may enact the School District of Choice Program. The program allows the receiving district to enroll non-district students without the agreement of their district of residence. Under this program, priority must be given to siblings of children already in attendance and the receiving district may also give priority to children of military personnel.

Once enrolled pursuant to the School District of Choice Program, the transfer is renewed automatically unless the governing board withdraws the program. However, the student does not have a regulatory right to stay at the same school as in the case of a Section 46600 interdistrict attendance agreement. Additionally, the district of residence may impose a statutorily-set cap on the total number of students transferring out of the district, and the district of choice is required to give certain notices to districts of residence.

If a district has not chosen to become a School District of Choice, then a parent may not choose to transfer under the provisions of the program. The process is more fully explained in the school district's interdistrict enrollment policy (BP and AR 5117).

Employment-Based Residency (E.C. section 48204(b))

A school district may adopt a policy which permits non-district students to enroll, without the agreement of their district of actual residence, if the student's parent or guardian is physically employed for a minimum of at least 10 hours per week within the geographical boundaries of the school district. A district adopting such a policy is not required to enroll every such student.

Once a student has enrolled pursuant to the employment-based residency rule, the student must be allowed to continue to attend a school within the district. However, there is no regulatory requirement that the student be allowed to continue to attend any particular school as in the case of a Section 46600 interdistrict attendance agreement.

The process is more fully explained in the school district's interdistrict enrollment policy (BP and AR 5111.12(a)).

Students Residing with a Care-giving Adult (E.C. section 48204(a)(5))

A student who lives in the home of a caregiving adult within the boundaries of the school district is a resident of the school district. If the caregiver provides an affidavit under penalty of perjury, pursuant to the California Family Code (commencing with Section 6550), that is a sufficient basis for determining the pupil lives in the home of the caregiver, unless the school district determines from actual facts that the pupil is not living in the caregiver's home.

The process is more fully explained in the school district's residency policy (BP and AR 5111.1).

Students Residing in a Licensed Children's Institution (E.C. section 48204(a)(1))

A student placed in a regularly established licensed children's institution, or a licensed foster home, or a family home pursuant to a commitment or placement under Welfare and Institutions Code, located within the boundaries of the school district may attend a school run by the district.

The process is more fully explained in the school district's residency policy (BP and AR 5111.1).

Foster Youth (E.C. sections 48204(a)(2) and 48853.5)

Students who are or become "Foster" children must be permitted to continue their education at their "school of origin" through the end of the academic year and maybe longer if that placement is in their best interests. This rule applies as long as they remain "Foster" children. On the other hand, if the district's Educational Liaison and the Foster family agree that enrollment in a "new" school is in the best interest of the "Foster" child, the new school must immediately enroll the child. Foster children must be allowed to matriculate with their peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of the school district when transitioning to middle school or high school.

The process is more fully explained in the school district's education for foster youth policy (BP and AR 6173.1).

Emancipated Youth (E.C. section 48204(a)(4); Fam. Code section 7000 and following)

An emancipated student whose residence is located within the boundaries of a school district is considered a resident of that district and may attend the district's schools. An emancipated student is a minor whose parent or legal guardian has been relieved of responsibility, control, and authority through an emancipation procedure in court.

The process is more fully explained in the school district's residency policy (BP and AR 5111.1).

Students Residing in a State Hospital (E.C. section 48204(a)(6))

A student residing in a state hospital located within the boundaries of a school district is deemed a resident of that district.

The process is more fully explained in the school district's residency policy (BP and AR 5111.1).

“Homeless” Students (42 USC 11413-114350)

A student whose parents come within the McKinney-Vento criteria for homelessness may, if they so choose, continue enrollment in the school they were attending prior to becoming homeless even if now living elsewhere in or outside of the district’s boundaries. Note that they may also choose the neighborhood school in their new district instead.

Also note that McKinney-Vento gives homeless students transportation rights. The new district and old district, together, must make transportation arrangements for the student.

The process is more fully explained in the school district’s education for homeless children policy (BP and AR 6173).

Students Receiving Special Education Services Pursuant to an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a 504 Plan (20 USC 1400 and following; 34 CFR 300.114-300.118)

IEP teams and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), not district administrators and/or other federal/state legislation, determine the placement of IDEA eligible students. The requirements of IDEA necessitate placement where the student can receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). LRE tends to create a preference favoring sites in relatively close proximity to the student’s home provided that the student can receive FAPE at that site.

The same is generally true of students receiving special education services pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794; CFR 104.33 and 104.34).

The process is more fully explained in the school district's policies on Identification and Education Under Section 504 and on Individualized Education Programs (BP and AR 6164.6 and 6159).

Individualized Instruction (E.C. sections 48206.3 and 48980(b))

If your child has a temporary disability which prevents him/her from attending regular classes, the district will provide individual instruction when possible.

Students in Hospitals Outside of School District (E.C. sections 48206.3, 48207 and 48208)

If, due to a temporary disability, your child is in a hospital or other residential health facility which is located outside your school district, he/she may be eligible to attend the school district in which the hospital is located. If this situation should arise, you should notify both the district where you reside and the district where the hospital is located so that individualized instruction, if possible, can be provided.

Alternative School or Class Group Within the District

A school district may establish and maintain an “alternative” school or a separate class group within the district, pursuant to E.C. section 58500 that is designed to maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, self-motivation, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility, and joy.

Charter Schools (E.C. sections 47600-47663; 5 CCR 11963)

Charter Schools are governed by the Education Code, but free of most of the code's restrictions. The two main forms of charter schools are classroom-based or non-classroom-based instruction. Non-classroom-based instruction, commonly referred to as "independent study," takes place primarily at home or outside the traditional classroom-based school setting.

Private Schools

Children may be instructed in a private full-time day school by persons qualified to teach in the State of California (E.C. sections 33190 and 33195). Private schools are selected and paid for by the student's parents.

Mentally Gifted Students (E.C. section 48223)

Children who are mentally gifted may be taught in a private full-time day school by persons qualified to teach in the State of California. Parents bear the costs of such schools.

Private Tutors (E.C. section 48224)

As an alternative to a private school, children may be instructed by a private tutor, who must hold a valid state credential for the applicable grade level. Private tutors are selected and paid for by student's parents.

Homeschooling

Homeschooling in California is either performed by a parent who files a private school affidavit, a parent who qualifies as a private tutor, or untrained parents who simply teach their child at home.

STUDENT MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

The Obligations of a Student While at School (5 CCR 300)

Every student must:

- Attend school punctually and regularly;
- Conform to the regulations of the school;
- Obey promptly all the directions of his teacher and others in authority;
- Observe good order and propriety of deportment;
- Be diligent in study; respectful to his/her teacher and others in authority; kind and courteous to schoolmates; and refrain entirely from the use of profane and vulgar language.

Teachers Are Required to Hold Students to Strict Account for Misconduct (E.C. section 44807)

Every teacher must hold students to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, or during recess. Teachers may exercise the amount of physical control that is reasonably necessary to maintain order, protect property, or protect the health and safety of pupils, or to maintain proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning.

Rules of the District Pertaining to Student Discipline (E.C. section 35291)

Student discipline is regulated by the California legislature and by board policy and procedures. The student discipline rules are detailed and exhaustive. Their purpose is to give school officials the legal authority to impose student discipline and also provide accused students with due process. The rules governing student discipline are more fully explained in board policies BP and AR 5144 and 5144.1.

Prohibited Behavior (E.C. section 48900 and following)

If a student engages in prohibited behavior, in addition to other forms of corrective action, he/she may be disciplined, including in school suspension, suspension from school and expulsion from the school district, depending on the circumstances.

Prohibited behavior includes volitional conduct amounting to or related to: assault, battery, threat, alcohol, drugs including Soma, firearms, knives, explosives, other dangerous objects, drug paraphernalia, robbery, extortion, destruction of property, stealing, receiving stolen property, tobacco, obscene acts, habitual profanity, disrupting school activities, defying the valid authority of teachers, administrators, or other school personnel, possessing an imitation firearm, sexual battery, sexual assault, intimidation of student witnesses, hazing, bullying sexual harassment, hate violence, harassment, intimidation and terroristic threats.

Classroom Correction and Non-Punitive in School Correction Preferred When Appropriate (E.C. sections 48900.5, 48900.6 and 48900.9)

Other means of correction are always preferred over in-school suspension, suspension from school, expulsion and any other form of exclusionary discipline that results in a pupil being removed from his/her regular classroom.

Suspension from School (E.C. section 48911)

A school principal (or the principal's duly assigned designee or the Superintendent) may suspend a pupil from school for any conduct prohibited by Section 48900. The maximum duration of any single suspension is five school days.

Expulsion from the School District (E.C. section 48918)

When appropriate, the governing board may expel a student from the school district for any conduct proscribed by the Education Code, except 48900(k) disruption/defiance. The student is entitled to a hearing and due process. If expelled, the student is to receive a Rehabilitation Plan and a copy of the procedures to apply for readmission to the district.

Discipline of a Disabled Student Who Is Eligible for Special Education Pursuant to IDEA or Section 504 (E.C. section 48915.5 and 20 USC 1415(k))

Federal law governs the authority of school districts to suspend and expel disabled children from school. If the misconduct is a manifestation of the student's disability, after 10 days of suspension, the student must be returned to the pre-suspension placement unless his/her IEP team and parents agree otherwise. A disabled student may not be expelled for misconduct which is a manifestation of the student's disability. The rules governing the discipline of students with disabilities are more fully explained in board policy AR 5144.2.

Student Searches (*New Jersey v. T.L.O.* (1985) 469 U.S. 325)

A warrant or probable cause is not necessary for searches of students by school officials and the level of suspicion to justify the search need not rise to the level of probable cause. Rather, such a search by school officials must be:

- Justified in its inception - it must be reasonable to suspect the items searched contain evidence of prohibited conduct;
- Reasonably related in scope to the circumstances which justified the search in the first place. That is, the measures adopted are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

The rules governing search and seizure are more fully explained in board policy BP and AR 5145.12.

Law Enforcement Notification (E.C. section 48902)

The Education Code requires that the school principal to notify law enforcement in cases of student misbehavior involving:

- Assault with a deadly weapon or other instrument;
- Assault by means of force likely to produce serious bodily injury;
- Use, possession or sale of drugs and alcohol;
- Arranging for the sale of a substance represented to be drugs or alcohol;
- Possession of a firearm within a school zone;
- Possession of other weapons such as dirks or daggers at school; and
- Possession or furnishing of a firearm or an explosive at school.

Release of a Student to a Peace Officer (E.C. section 48906)

If a school official releases your student from school to a peace officer for the purpose of removing him/her from the school premises, the school official will take immediate steps to notify you or a responsible relative of your child, except when a student has been taken into custody as a victim of suspected child abuse. In those cases, the peace officer will notify the parent or responsible relative that the child is in custody and the place where the child is being held, unless the child would be endangered by disclosure of the place.

Property Damage or Personal Injury - Parents Liable (E.C. section 48904(a) and Civ. Code section 1714.1)

Parents are liable for property damage or personal injuries caused by their child's willful misconduct in an amount up to \$25,000.00.

Damaged Library Materials - Parents Liable (E.C. section 19910)

The parent or guardian of a minor who willfully and maliciously cuts, tears, defaces, breaks, or injures any book, map, chart, picture, engraving, statue, coin, model, apparatus, or other work of literature, art, mechanics, or object of curiosity, deposited in any public library, gallery, museum, collection, fair, or exhibition is liable for all damages so caused by the minor.

Over Due Library Materials - Parents Liable (E.C. section 19911)

The parent or guardian of a minor who willfully and maliciously detains any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript, or other property belonging to any public or incorporated library, reading room, museum, or other educational institution, for 30 days after notice in writing to return the article or property, given after the expiration of the time for which by the rules of the institution the article or property may be kept, is liable for all damages so caused by the minor.

Withholding Grades, Diploma, or Transcript (E.C. section 48904(b))

When your child willfully damages school property or if school property is loaned to your child and he/she refuses to return it when due, grades, diplomas and transcripts may be withheld. A voluntary work program in lieu of the payment of money may be arranged.

Attendance by Parent for a Portion of the School Day (E.C. 48900.1)

If your student willfully defies the authority of his/her teacher, disrupts classroom activity, commits an obscene act or habitually uses profanity or vulgarity, you may be required to attend school with your student for a portion of the school day.

Dress Code or Uniforms (E.C. section 35183(d))

If your district adopts a dress code or requires uniforms, parents are entitled to at least six months' notice and notice of the availability of resources to assist economically disadvantaged students.

Student Sexual Harassment (E.C. section 231.5; 5 CCR 4917)

The district takes allegations of sexual harassment seriously. The district prohibits, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sexual harassment targeted at any student by anyone. The district also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who reports, files a complaint or testifies about, or otherwise supports a complainant in alleging sexual harassment. Students in grades 4 through 12 may be suspended or expelled for engaging in sexual harassment.

The district strongly encourages any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult, or who has experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus, to immediately contact his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the principal or a district compliance officer. Once notified, the principal or compliance officer shall take the steps to investigate and address the allegation, as specified in BP and AR 5145.7.

A copy of the district's policy on student sexual harassment can be requested at the Richland School District Office or it can be viewed at the following website: <http://www.gamutonline.net/district/richland/>

Involuntary Transfer of a Student Convicted of a Violent Felony or Misdemeanor Where Victim Enrolled at Same School (E.C. section 48929)

Pursuant to board policy, a student perpetrator who has been convicted of a violent felony or a misdemeanor involving a firearm may be involuntarily transferred to another school site if the victim of the offense is enrolled at the same school as the perpetrator. District policy provides that (i) the school first attempt to resolve their conflict using restorative justice or counseling, if the victim will participate; (ii) the student perpetrator be notified of his/her right to request a meeting with the school principal before the principal makes a recommendation; (iii) the Superintendent or his/her designee make a recommendation to the governing board; and (iv) the board deliberate in closed session as may be necessary to maintain the confidentiality of student information. The board's decision will be final.

STUDENT SERVICES

Special Education Services for Disabled Pupils (E.C. sections 56020 and following and 56301; 34 CFR 104.36)

If you have reason to believe that your child (ages 0 through 21 years) has a disability which requires special services or accommodations, bring this to the attention of the school office. You may request an assessment for eligibility for special education instruction or services through the school principal. Your child will be evaluated to determine whether he/she is eligible for special instruction or services.

Any request for assessment must be made in writing and received by the district. If a request for assessment is made via e-mail, the request will be considered received by the district when the e-mail is opened.

You will be notified in writing of all district decisions regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of your student if he/she has a disability or suspected disability. All such notifications will include a statement regarding procedural safeguards, including but not limited to your

rights to (1) examine relevant records, (2) have an impartial hearing with an opportunity for participation by you and your counsel, and (3) a review procedure.

The rules governing the rights and obligations associated with Special Education are more fully explained in board policy BP and AR 6159-6259.4.

Prospectus of School Curriculum (E.C. sections 49063 and 49091.14)

The curriculum of every course offered by the schools of the district is compiled annually by each school in a prospectus which contains the titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by each school. Each school prospectus is available for review upon request at each school site.

Fingerprinting (E.C. section 32390)

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

Sex Equity in Course Selection and Career Counseling; Advance Notice (E.C. section 221.5)

Commencing with the 7th grade, parents must be notified in advance of Course Selection and Career Counseling. Parents may participate in such counseling along with their child. Recommendations by counselors cannot differentiate between students on the basis of the student's sex and shall affirmatively explore with each student the possibility of careers and courses leading to careers that may be considered nontraditional for that student's sex.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Immunizations (E.C. sections 49403, 48216 and 48853.5; Health and Safety Code sections 120335, 120370, 120372, 120372.05 and 120375; 17 CCR 6025-6051, 6055 and 6070; 42 USC 11431.)

In order to protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the school district cooperates with state and local public health agencies to encourage and facilitate immunization of all district students against preventable diseases. Accordingly, parents must provide documentation of full immunization, in accordance with the age/grade and dose required by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), against the following diseases:

1. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR);
2. Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) (DTP, DTaP, or Tdap);
3. Poliomyelitis (polio);
4. Hepatitis B;
5. Varicella (chickenpox);
6. Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib meningitis); and
7. Any other disease designated by the CDPH.

Any first time newly admitted student who has not obtained the required immunization(s) within 10 school days following the parent/guardian's receipt of notice, must be excluded from school unless the student is exempt from immunization for medical reasons.

A medical exemption requires a written statement from a licensed physician to the effect that the physical condition or the medical circumstances of the child are such that immunization is not safe. The physician's statement must indicate the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances for which the physician does not recommend immunization.

If it is determined, however, that a child has been exposed to one of the 10 diseases named in the immunization requirements and does not have proof of immunization, the child may be temporarily kept out of school.

A student may also be exempt from the state immunization requirements if he/she is enrolled in an independent study program pursuant to Education Code sections 51745-51749.6 and does not receive any classroom-based instruction.

The "personal beliefs" exemption to the immunization requirements requires that parent submit a letter stating that they object to immunizations based on their personal beliefs and that letter must have been submitted no later than January 1, 2016. As most newly enrolling students were not born by January 1, 2016, this exemption is not available to them. For any continuing student, note that any personal beliefs exemption granted prior to January 1, 2016 is only effective until the student enters the next grade span. For this purpose, Health and Safety Code 12335 defines three grade spans: birth through preschool, grades K-6 (including TK), and grades 7-12. For example, a student granted a personal beliefs exemption in preschool must be immunized when entering kindergarten, and a student granted such an exemption in grade 4 must be immunized when entering grade 7.

If the student has not been granted a valid exemption, the student must remain excluded from school until an immunization record is provided that certifies that he/she has received a dose of each required vaccine due at that time.

An immunization record must be either a personal record with entries made by a physician or agency performing the immunizations or a school record from the student's previous school documenting the student's immunizations.

A special education student who is not fully immunized must nevertheless continue to receive all his/her special education and related services. That is, the IEP must continue to be fully implemented.

Homeless children and foster youth must be immediately enrolled even if they are unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, including medical records.

Military families must be given 30 days from the date of enrollment to show that their children are fully immunized before being excluded. A transfer student must be given 30 days while his/her records are being transferred from a previous school before being excluded.

The rules governing the rights and obligations associated with immunizations and exclusion from school are more fully explained in board policy BP and AR 5141.31 and AR 5112.2.

If you have questions or concerns, you may contact and discuss those questions and concerns with the school nurse. If you are having financial difficulty fully immunizing your child or difficulty locating a medical provider, contact the school nurse for guidance. If you need a short extension of this timeline, also contact the school nurse.

Table A, “California Immunization Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten,” sets forth, according to age or grade, the required immunizations and number of doses for admission to and attendance at a pre-kindergarten facility.

TABLE A: CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN¹

AGE WHEN ADMITTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION^{2 3}				
2 through 3 months	1 Polio	1 DTaP	1 Hep B	1 Hib	
4 through 5 months	2 Polio	2 DTaP	2 Hep B	2 Hib	
6 through 14 months	2 Polio	3 DTaP	2 Hep B	2 Hib	
15 through 17 months	3 Polio	3 DTaP	2 Hep B	1 Hib ⁴	1 Varicella
	On or after the 1st birthday:				1 MMR
18 through 5 years	3 Polio	4 DTaP	3 Hep B	1 Hib ⁴	1 Varicella
	On or after the 1st birthday:				1 MMR

¹ A pupil's parent or guardian must provide documentation of a pupil's proof of immunization to the governing authority no more than 30 days after a pupil becomes subject to any additional requirement(s) based on age, as indicated in Table A.

² Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.

³ Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.

⁴ One Hib dose must be given on or after the first birthday regardless of previous doses. Required only for children who have not reached the age of five years.

Table B, “California Immunization Requirements for Grades K-12,” sets forth, according to age or grade, the required immunizations and number of doses for admission to and attendance at a school.

TABLE B: CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADES K-12

GRADE ADMITTED	NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED OF EACH IMMUNIZATION^{1 2 3}				
K-12 Admission (7th-12th)⁸	4 Polio⁴	5 DTaP⁵	3 Hep B⁶	2 MMR⁷	2 Varicella
7th Grade Advancement^{9 10}	2 Varicella¹⁰	1 DTaP⁸			

¹ Requirements for K-12 admission also apply to transfer pupils.

² Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.

³ Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.

⁴ Three doses of polio vaccine meet the requirement if one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.

⁵ Four doses of DTaP meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the seventh birthday. One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the seventh birthday count towards the requirement.

⁶ For 7th grade admission, refer to [Health and Safety Code section 120335](#), subdivision (c).

⁷ Two doses of measles, two doses of mumps, and one dose of rubella vaccine meet the requirement, separately or combined. Only doses administered on or after the first birthday meet the requirement.

⁸ For 7th through 12th graders, at least one dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after the seventh birthday.

⁹ For children in ungraded schools, pupils 12 years and older are subject to the 7th grade advancement requirements.

¹⁰ The varicella requirement for seventh grade advancement expires after June 30, 2025.

Control of Communicable Disease (E.C. section 49403)

The district cooperates with the local health office in the control and prevention of communicable disease in school-age children. If you consent in writing, the district may permit any person licensed as a physician and surgeon, or any person licensed as a registered nurse, to administer an immunizing agent to your child. You will be advised in writing before any immunization program is instituted.

Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions (E.C. sections 49414.1, 49414.5, 49423 and 49423.1; 5 CCR 600-611; *American Nurses Association v. Torlakson* (2013) 57 Cal. 4th 570)

The district recognizes that during the school day, some students may need to take medication prescribed or ordered by an authorized health care provider to be able to fully participate in the educational program. Upon your written request and with the approval of your child's authorized health care provider, together with a release by parents, foster parents, or guardians of civil liability for such self-administration, a student with a medical condition who requires frequent treatment, monitoring, or testing (including but not limited to diabetes and asthma) may be allowed to self-administer, self-monitor, and/or self-test. Your child must observe universal precautions in handling blood and other bodily fluids.

Any medication prescribed by an authorized health care provider, including an emergency anti-seizure medication for a student with epilepsy, may be administered by the school nurse or other designated school personnel only when the Superintendent or designee has received a written statement from you indicating your desire for the district to assist your child in taking the medication and a written statement from your child's authorized health care provider detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken. If the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes at some point in the year, you must provide a new written statement from your child's authorized health care provider.

When unlicensed personnel are authorized by law to administer a medication, such as emergency anti-seizure medication, epinephrine auto-injector, glucagon, or insulin, the Superintendent or designee will ensure that school personnel designated to administer it to students receive appropriate training from qualified medical personnel before any medication is administered. Additionally, such unlicensed personnel will be supervised by, and provided immediate communication access to, a school nurse or physician. In an emergency situation, such as a public disaster or epidemic, a trained, unlicensed district employee may administer medication to a student.

If your child is on a continuing medication regime for a non-episodic condition, you must inform the school nurse or other designated employee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. Necessary medications must be provided in properly labeled, original containers, along with the authorized health care provider's instructions. For prescribed or ordered medication, the container must have the name and phone number of the pharmacy, the student's identification, and the name and phone number of the authorized health care provider. With your consent, the school nurse or other designated employee, may communicate with your child's physician regarding the medication and its effects and may counsel school personnel regarding the possible effects of the medication on the student.

The District's BP 5141.21 more fully explains rights, obligations and policy regarding administering medication and monitoring health conditions.

Use of Sunscreen Permitted (E.C. section 35183.5)

Students may carry and use sunscreen without a doctor's note or prescription, and may also wear sun-protective clothing.

Physical Examinations (E.C. section 49451; 20 USC 1232h)

Physical examinations and screenings may be conducted at various times throughout the year. If you want your child to be exempt from physical examinations at school, file a written statement signed by you with the school refusing such an exam. However, when there is a good reason to believe that your child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, he/she may be sent home and shall not be permitted to return to school until the contagious or infectious disease does not exist.

Medical and Hospital Services (E.C. section 49472)

The school district, through its Property and Liability carrier, does provide up to a maximum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) of individual student accident coverage. This coverage is secondary to any medical or health insurance a family may have. However, you may purchase accident insurance through the district's Property and Liability carrier, Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) for medical and hospital services covering your child. The insurance provides coverage for your child while on school grounds or in school buildings during the time your child is required to be there because of his/her attendance during a regular school day of the district, or while being transported by the district to and from school or other place of instruction, or while at any other place as an incident to school-sponsored activities and while being transported to, from, and between such places. Information is available at the District Office.

Scoliosis Screening (E.C. section 49452.5)

If your child is enrolled in grades 7 through 12 and is suspected of having curvature of the spine, please notify the school office. The district may screen female students in grade 7 and male students in grade 8 for the condition known as scoliosis. If the initial screening indicates the student may have scoliosis, additional screening may be required. You may request in writing that your student not be screened. If your child is identified at school as having this condition, you will be notified in accordance with the law.

Sight and Hearing Test (E.C. section 49452)

The district is required to provide for testing the sight and hearing of each student enrolled in its schools unless you submit a written denial of consent.

Information for Use in Emergencies (E.C. section 49408)

For protection of your child's health and welfare, we ask that you fill out and return the Emergency Information Card provided to you by your school site as soon as possible.

Confidential Medical Services Without Parental Consent (E.C. section 46010.1)

According to the law, school authorities may excuse any student in grades 7 through 12 from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without the consent of the pupil's parents.

Management Plan for Asbestos-Containing Material (40 CFR 763.84 and 40 CFR 763.93)

A complete, updated management plan for asbestos-containing material in school buildings is available at each school office.

To: Staff, Students, Parents, Guardians and School Organizations

Re: Notification of Availability of the District Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40CFR Part 763), the Richland School District is required to give annual notification of the availability for inspection of the Asbestos Management Plan for each building in the District.

The EPA requires the District to maintain an Asbestos Management Plan to identify and manage any asbestos containing building materials including visual inspections, response actions, post response actions, periodic re-inspections and surveillance activities that are planned or in progress. In addition, before the start of any asbestos removal project, the District will make sure all building occupants are properly notified and all signage will indicate the scope of work. The District performs visual inspections and periodic surveillance of any existing asbestos every six months, as well as an in-depth detailed triennial inspection. Periodic surveillance is conducted in January and July of each year. The latest triennial inspection was completed in February 2019.

The Asbestos Management Plan for each building is kept in the main office of each building and is available for review during regular school business hours or by making a special appointment. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is also kept in the District Office. Questions regarding the Asbestos Management Plan can be addressed to Yuriana Torres, Operations and Facilities Planning Secretary, by telephone at (661) 746-8621 or by email at ytorres@rsdshafter.org

Pesticide Warnings (E.C. sections 17612 and 48980.3)

The district has implemented an integrated pest management program designed to effectively control pests using a combination of techniques. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment may be used according to established regulations and treatment thresholds.

The Healthy Schools Act requires all California school districts to notify parents and guardians of pesticides they expect to apply during the year. We expect to use the following pesticides during this school year at Redwood Elementary, Sequoia Elementary, Golden Oak Elementary and Richland Junior High:

<u>Name of Pesticide</u>	<u>Active Ingredient</u>
<u>Speed Zone-Herbicide</u>	<u>2,4-D, 2-ethylhexyl ester</u>
<u>Ranger Pro-Herbicide</u>	<u>Isopropylamine salt of glyphosate</u>
<u>Raid Ant Bait</u>	<u>Avermectin B1</u>
<u>Lesco Bandit-Insecticide</u>	<u>Imidacloprid</u>
<u>Monterey Insect Control-Insecticide</u>	<u>Imidacloprid</u>
<u>Suspend SC Insecticide</u>	<u>Deltamethrin</u>
<u>Tempo Ultra WP Insecticide</u>	<u>Beta-Cyfluthrin</u>
<u>Vendetta Nitro-Cockroach Bait</u>	<u>Clothianidin and Pyriproxyfen</u>

If you wish to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school facility, please complete the attached registration form. You will receive notification at least 72 hours prior to the application.

You may view a copy of the district’s integrated pest management plan in the Facilities, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation Office. It is also located online at:

https://www.rsdshafter.org/district/public_notices

Information regarding pesticides may be obtained at the California Department of Pesticide Regulation website: <http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/>

If you have any questions, please contact: Yuriana Torres at 661-746-8621.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION REGISTRATION

Name of Student: _____

Parent/Guardian/Staff Member: _____

Address: _____

Name of Student: _____

School Site/Facility: _____

Please notify me by: U.S. Mail phone # _____ email address _____

School Safety Plans (E.C. section 32280 and following)

Each school site has established a Safety Plan. Details of the Safety Plan are available to the public through the district office on request, and copies are provided to local law enforcement.

School Buses and Passenger Safety (E.C. section 39831.5)

The school district provides all new students the safety rules and information concerning all bus stops, rules of conduct and bus danger zones. Bus routes and availability is to be determined and provided by school site.

BUS RIDER RULES

Parents and students should be advised riding a school bus is a privilege extended to students by the Richland School District and is NOT a requirement by law.

The following rules apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including when on school activity trips:

1. Riders shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.
2. Riders should arrive at their designated bus stop on time and stand in a safe place at the stop to wait quietly for the bus.
3. Riders shall enter the bus in an orderly manner and go directly to their seats.
4. Riders shall sit down and fasten any passenger restraint systems. Riders shall remain seated while the bus is in motion.
5. Riders shall not block the aisle or emergency exit with their body or personal belongings. Riders may bring large or bulky items, such as class projects or musical instruments, on the bus only if the item does not displace any other rider or obstruct the driver's vision.
6. Riders should be courteous to the driver and to fellow passengers. Vulgarity, rude, or abusive behavior is prohibited.
7. Any noise or behavior that could distract the driver, such as loud talking, scuffling or fighting, throwing objects, or standing or changing seats, no weapons or dangerous instruments, is prohibited and may lead to suspension of riding privileges.
8. Riders shall not use tobacco products, eat, chew gum or drink while riding the bus.
9. Riders shall not yell out of the window.
10. Riders shall not chew, smoke or light matches on the bus.
11. Riders shall not bring balloons, glass, skateboards or gum onto the bus.
12. Large objects such as science projects or musical instruments will only be allowed at the bus driver's discretion.
13. Riders may bring electronic devices onto the bus only if such devices are permitted at school. If the use of cellular telephones or similar devices disrupts the safe operation of the school bus, the bus driver may direct the student to no longer use the device on the bus.
14. Riders shall not put any part of the body out of the window nor throw any item from the bus.
15. Riders shall help keep the bus and the area around the bus stop clean. Riders shall not damage or deface the bus or tamper with bus equipment.
16. Service animals are permitted on school transportation services; all other animals are prohibited. **(Education Code 39839; 13 CCR 1216)**
17. Upon reaching their destination, riders shall remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop and upon the signal from the driver, unfasten any restraint system, enter the aisle, and go directly to the exit.

18. Riders should be alert for traffic when leaving the bus and shall follow the district's transportation safety plan when crossing the road and exiting the bus.
19. Riders shall not use any other bus if they have been suspended from their regular bus.
20. Riders must use their assigned bus stop unless they have a written permission from the Parent/Guardian and the school principle.

The driver or any passenger shall report any violation of the district's bus rules to the principal or designee. The principal or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian of the misbehavior, determine the severity of the misconduct, and take action accordingly. In instances of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time determined appropriate by the principal or designee.

Bus drivers shall not deny transportation services except as directed by the principal or designee.

Sex Offender Information: "Megan's Law" (Penal Code section 290.4)

The California Department of Justice operates a website that lists designated registered sex offenders in California. The district does not disseminate this information but you may visit <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov> to learn more and find helpful information for you and your family.

Tobacco-Free Schools/No Smoking Policy (Health and Safety Code section 104420)

The district's governing board recognizes that the health hazards associated with smoking and the use of tobacco products, including breathing second-hand smoke, are inconsistent with its goal to provide a healthy environment for students and staff. The law requires that all recipients of any state and/or federal grant or contract maintain tobacco-free school sites.

Use of tobacco products at any time by students, staff, parents, or visitors, is strictly prohibited in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles. This prohibition applies to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Prohibited products include any product containing tobacco or nicotine including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, clove cigarettes, betel, and nicotine delivery devices such as electronic cigarettes. Exceptions may be made for use or possession of prescription nicotine products.

Any employee or student who violates the district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be asked to refrain from smoking and shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate. Any other person who violates the district's policy on tobacco-free schools shall be informed of the district's policy and asked to refrain from smoking. If the person fails to comply with this request, the Superintendent or designee may direct the person to leave school property, request local law enforcement assistance in removing the person from school premises, and/or prohibit him/her from entering district property for a specified period of time.

Concussion/Head Injury During Athletic Activity (E.C. section 49475)

The district offers an athletic program in which your child may wish to participate. By law we must provide you with information regarding concussions and head injuries. Please review with your child the attached information sheet about concussion and head injuries. You and your child must sign and

date the sheet where indicated and return it to your child's school prior to your child beginning practice or competition in our athletic program.

https://www.cifstate.org/sports-medicine/concussions/CIF_Concussion_Info_Sheet.pdf

https://www.cifstate.org/sports-medicine/concussions/CIF_Acute_Concussion_Notification_Form_SP.pdf

Pupil Mental Health Services Available on Campus or in the Community (E.C. section 49429.5)

The Richland School District provides mental health services for pupils upon referral through the student study team process at each school site. Schools provide a school social worker and a psychologist to all pupils if needed. The district also partners with College Community Services to provide mental health services to pupils and families as needed.

PARTICULAR EDUCATION ISSUES

Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, HIV Prevention Education, and Assessments Related to a Student's Health Behaviors and Risks Including Attitudes Concerning or Practices Relating to Sex (E.C. sections 51934-51939)

A parent or guardian of a pupil has the right to excuse their student from all or part of comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and assessments related to that education through a written "opt-out" process. You may opt out by so advising the district in writing.

The written and audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education are available for inspection.

Comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education may be taught by school district personnel or by outside consultants.

The school site will be notifying parents of the date of the instruction.

The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker is Barbara Gladden of Clinica Sierra Vista.

You may request a copy of Education Code sections 51934-51939.

If arrangements for this instruction are made after the beginning of the school year, notice shall be made by mail or another commonly used method of notification, no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered.

Anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure pupils' health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the pupil's attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex, may be administered to any pupil in grades 7 to 12, inclusive. A parent or guardian has the right to excuse their child from the test, questionnaire, or survey through a written "opt-out" process. You may opt out by so advising the district in writing.

You will be notified in writing if and when such a test, questionnaire, or survey is to be administered.

You have the right to review the test, questionnaire, or survey.

If the school has received a written request from the student's parent or guardian excusing the pupil from participation in comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and assessments related to that education, the 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 pupil health behaviors and risks.

A pupil may not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the pupil's parent or guardian declines to permit the pupil to receive comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education or to participate in anonymous, voluntary, and confidential tests, questionnaires, or surveys on pupil health behaviors and risks.

While comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, or anonymous, voluntary, and confidential test, questionnaire, or survey on pupil health behaviors and risks is being administered, an alternative educational activity shall be made available to pupils whose parents or guardians have requested that they not receive the instruction or participate in the test, questionnaire, or survey.

More information regarding sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction may be found in the district's BP and AR 6142.1.

Health Instruction Conflicting with Religious Training and Beliefs of Parent or Guardian (E.C. section 51240)

Upon written request, a parent or guardian has the right to excuse their student from any part of a school's instruction in health that may conflict with their religious training and beliefs or personal moral convictions.

Assessments Containing Questions About a Student's Personal Beliefs or Those of His/Her Family (E.C. section 51513; 20 USC 1232h)

No test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing any questions about a student's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, and religion, or any questions about the pupil's parents' or guardians' beliefs and practices in sex, family life, morality, income, political affiliations, mental/psychological problems and religion may be administered unless:

- The parent or guardian of the pupil is notified in writing that this test, questionnaire, survey, or examination is to be administered; and
- The parent or guardian of the pupil gives written permission for the pupil to take the test, questionnaire, survey, or examination.

More information regarding family privacy and questions pertaining to personal beliefs may be found in the district's BP and AR 5022.

Statewide Pupil Assessment Program (E.C. sections 60604 and 60615; 5 CCR 852)

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is a statewide assessment program that tests the degree to which pupils are achieving the academically rigorous content and performance standards, adopted by the state board, that reflect the knowledge and complex skills that student will need in order to succeed in the information-based, global economy of the 21st century.

A parent or guardian may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the test for the school year. Such a request will be granted.

Right to Refrain from Harmful Use of Animals (E.C. sections 32255-32255.6)

Your child may participate in a course during this year that utilizes live or dead animals or animal parts to help your child obtain knowledge, information, or experience required in the course. If your child chooses not to participate in the dissection of animals, and if the teacher believes that an adequate alternative education project is possible, the teacher may work with him/her to develop and agree upon an alternative education project for the purpose of providing your child an alternate avenue for obtaining the information required by the course. The school will need a signed note from you indicating your child's objection.

Homeless Youth Education (42 U.S. 11432; E. C. section 48851)

The law requires school district homeless liaisons to ensure parents of homeless students are informed of educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in education of their children.

If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact the District Office at (661) 746-8690.

Minimum Days or Pupil Free Staff Development Days (E.C. section 48980(c))

RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020-2021 STUDENT ATTENDANCE CALENDAR

SCHOOL MONTH	M	T	W	TH	F	NOTATIONS
						August 3 - New Teacher Orientation
July - September 2020	3	4	5	6*	7	August 4 - 5 - All Teachers
FIRST MONTH	10	11	12	13	14	August 6 - First Day of Instruction - Minimum Day
22 School Days	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25*	26	27*	28	August 25 - Back to School Night GO/RW/SQ - Minimum Day August
	31	1	2	3	4	27 - Back to School Night RJH Only - Minimum Day
September - October 2020	7	8*	9	10	11	September 7 - Labor Day
SECOND MONTH	14	15	16	17	18	September 8 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
19 School Days	21	22*	23	24	25	September 22 - Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
	28	29	30	1	2	
October 2020	5	6	7	8	9	October 13 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
THIRD MONTH	12	13*	14	15	16	October 16 - First Quarter Ends
20 School Days	19*	20*	21*	22*	23*	October 19 - 23 Parent/Teacher Conference - Minimum Day
	26	27*	28	29	30	October 27 - Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
November 2020	2	3	4	5	6	November 10 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
FOURTH MONTH	9	10*	11	12	13	November 11 - Veterans' Day Observance
14 School Days	16	17	18	19	20*	November 20 - Minimum Day
	23	24	25	26	27	November 23-27 - Thanksgiving Recess
November - December 2020	30	1	2	3	4	December 8 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
FIFTH MONTH	7	8*	9	10	11	December 17 - Second Quarter Ends - Minimum Day
14 School Days	14	15	16	17*	18	December 18 - January 8 - Christmas Recess
	21	22	23	24	25	
December 2020 - January 2021	28	29	30	31	1	December 31 - New Year's Eve / January 1 - New Year's Day
SIXTH MONTH	4	5	6	7	8	January 12 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
9 School Days	11	12*	13	14	15	January 18 - Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day Observance
	18	19	20	21	22	
January - February 2021	25	26*	27	28	29	January 26 - Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
SEVENTH MONTH	1	2	3	4	5	February 8 - Lincoln's Day Observance
18 School Days	8	9*	10	11	12	February 9 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
	15	16	17	18	19	February 15 - President's Day Observance
February - March 2021	22	23*	24	25	26	February 23 - Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
EIGHTH MONTH	1	2	3	4	5	March 9 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
20 School Days	8	9*	10	11	12	March 12 -Third Quarter Ends
	15	16	17	18	19	
March - April 2021	22	23*	24	25	26*	March 23 - Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
NINTH MONTH	29	30	31	1	2	March 26 - Minimum Day
14 School Days	5	6	7	8	9	March 29 - April 5 - Easter Recess
	12	13*	14	15*	16	April 13 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
April - May 2021	19	20	21	22*	23	April 15 - Open House RJH Only - Minimum Day
TENTH MONTH	26	27*	28	29	30	April 22 - Open House GO/RW/SQ Only - Minimum Day
20 School Days	3	4	5	6	7	April 27 - Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
	10	11*	12	13	14	May 11 - Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
May - June 2021	17	18	19	20	21	May 25 - Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
ELEVENTH MONTH	24	25*	26	27	28*	May 28 - Fourth Quarter Ends/Last Day of Instruction-Minimum Day
10 School Days	31	1**				May 31 - Memorial Day Observance
End of Grading Period Oct 16 - Dec 17 - March 12 - May 28						CLASSIFIED HOLIDAYS LOCAL HOLIDAY 180 Instructional Days STAFF ON DUTY *Indicates Minimum Day **June 1, 2021 is to be used only in cases of previous school closure RTA Approved: June 2, 2020 Revised: June 2, 2020 Board Approved: June 8, 2020



MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE FOR 2020 – 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

DISMISSAL TIMES

TK/Kindergarten - 3rd 12:40 p.m.
 Grades 4th - 8th 1:30 p.m.

August 6, 2020	First Day of School – Minimum Day
August 25, 2020	Back to School Night – Golden Oak, Redwood & Sequoia ONLY
August 27, 2020	Back to School Night – Richland Junior High ONLY
September 8, 2020	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
September 22, 2020	Structured Planning Time – Minimum Day
October 13, 2020	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
October 19- 23, 2020	Parent Teacher Conferences – Minimum Day
October 27, 2020	Structured Planning Time-Minimum Day
November 10, 2020	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
November 20, 2020	Minimum Day – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 8, 2020	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
December 17, 2020	Minimum Day- Winter Break
January 12, 2021	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
January 26, 2021	Structured Planning Time – Minimum Day
February 9, 2021	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
February 23, 2021	Structured Planning Time – Minimum Day
March 9, 2021	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
March 23, 2021	Structured Planning Time-Minimum Day
March 26, 2021	Minimum Day-Easter Recess
April 13, 2021	Collaborative Planning Time - Minimum Day
April 15, 2021	Minimum Day - Open House - Richland Junior High ONLY
April 22, 2021	Minimum Day – Open House – GO/RW/SQ Only
April 27, 2021	Structured Planning Time - Minimum Day
May 11, 2021	Collaborative Planning Time – Minimum Day
May 25, 2021	Structured Planning Time – Minimum Day
May 28, 2021	Minimum Day - End of School Year

****DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

****PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES****

The Rights of Pregnant and Parenting Pupils (E.C. sections 46015, 221.5, and 222.5)

Pregnant and parenting pupils have the right to the following options and accommodations:

- Absence to care for a sick child is an excused absence and the school is prohibited from requiring a note from a doctor for such an absence.
- The school may not exclude nor deny any pupil from any educational program or activity, including class or extracurricular activity, solely on the basis of the pupil's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom.
- The school may require any pupil to obtain the certification of a physician or nurse practitioner that the pupil is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in the regular education program or activity.
- The school may not require pregnant or parenting pupils to participate in pregnant minor programs or alternative education programs. Pregnant or parenting pupils who voluntarily participate in alternative education programs shall be given educational programs, activities, and courses equal to those they would have been in if participating in the regular education program.
- The school must treat pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and recovery therefrom in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disabling condition.
- Pregnant and parenting pupils are entitled to accommodations that provide them with the opportunity to succeed academically while protecting their health and the health of their children.
- A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to eight weeks of parental leave, which the pupil may take before the birth of the pupil's infant if there is a medical necessity and after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction, in order to protect the health of the pupil who gives, or expects to give, birth and the infant, and to allow the pregnant or parenting pupil to care for and bond with the infant.
- A pregnant or parenting pupil who does not wish to take all or part of the parental leave to which they are entitled shall not be required to do so.
- A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to receive more than eight weeks of parental leave if deemed medically necessary by the pupil's physician.
- When a pupil takes parental leave, the supervisor of attendance shall ensure that absences from the pupil's regular school program are excused until the pupil is able to return to the regular school program or an alternative education program.
- During parental leave, schools shall not require a pregnant or parenting pupil to complete academic work or other school requirements.
- A pregnant or parenting pupil may return to the school and the course of study in which he or she was enrolled before taking parental leave.

- Upon return to school after taking parental leave, a pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to opportunities to make up work missed during his or her leave including, but not limited to, makeup work plans and reenrollment in courses.
- Notwithstanding any other law, a pregnant or parenting pupil may remain enrolled for a fifth year of instruction in the school in which the pupil was previously enrolled when it is necessary in order for the pupil to be able to complete state and any local graduation requirements, unless the local educational agency makes a finding that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the pupil's fourth year of high school.
- A pupil who chooses not to return to the school in which he or she was enrolled before taking parental leave is entitled to alternative education options offered by the local educational agency.
- A pregnant or parenting pupil who participates in an alternative education program shall be given educational programs, activities, and courses equal to those he or she would have been in if participating in the regular education program.
- A pupil shall not incur an academic penalty as a result of his or her use of the accommodations specified in this subdivision.

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS AND AVAILABLE LANGUAGE ACQUISITION ISSUES

English Learners/Available Language Acquisition Programs (E.C. sections 310(b)(2), 313.1, 313.2 and 440)

If your child is an English learner, he/she may be offered English language development instruction targeted to their English proficiency level and designed to ensure English acquisition as rapidly and effectively as possible. Such programs are designed to be aligned with the state content standards and curriculum framework. They are based on sound instructional theory, use standard-aligned instructional materials, and will assist students in accessing the full educational program. A teacher who is assigned to provide either English language development, specially designed academic instruction in English, and/or primary language instruction to English learners, must hold an appropriate authorization from the California Teaching Commission. The district's language acquisition programs for grades K-3 comply with class size requirements.

Parents/guardians of English learners may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child. The district may offer one or more of the following language acquisition programs:

- (1) A dual-language immersion program which provides integrated language learning and academic instruction for native speakers of English and native speakers of another language, with the goals of high academic achievement, first and second language proficiency, and cross-cultural understanding.
- (2) A transitional or developmental bilingual program for English learners, which provides instruction to pupils that utilize English and a pupil's native language for literacy and academic instruction and enables an English learner to achieve English proficiency and academic mastery of subject matter content and

higher order skills, including critical thinking, in order to meet state-adopted academic content standards.

- (3) A structured English immersion program for English learners in which nearly all classroom instruction is provided in English, but with curriculum and a presentation designed for pupils who are learning English.

An English learner may transfer to an English language mainstream classroom when he/she has developed the English language skills necessary to succeed in an English-only classroom is reclassified as fluent English proficient.

SCHOOL RECORDS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Pupil Records/Notice of Privacy Rights of Parents and Students (E.C. sections 49060 - 49085; 20 USC 1232g; 20 USC 1232h; 34 CFR 99.3; 34 CFR 99.7; 34 CFR 99.30; 34 CFR 99.31; 34 CFR 99.33; 34 CFR 99.34; 34 CFR 99.35)

With certain exceptions, pupil records are confidential and will not be disclosed without your consent. If you have completed and signed a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit for the purpose of enrolling a minor student in school, you have the right to access the student records of the child for whom you provide care. If you are 14 years old or older and are identified as both homeless and an unaccompanied youth, you may access your student records without parental consent.

Pupil records are any items of information (in handwriting, print, tape, film, microfilm, or other medium) that are directly related to an identifiable student, other than “directory information,” and are maintained by the district or required to be maintained by an employee in the performance of his/her duties. Pupil records include the student’s health record. District officials responsible for maintaining your child’s records are as follows: ***Richland School District***

When your child enrolls or intends to enroll in another district, agency, or institution, we will forward his or her records to that district, agency, or institution within 10 school days of receiving a request as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student’s enrollment. Various original records or copies of those records shall be retained permanently by the district.

Additionally, your child’s records may be shared with school officials and employees of the district, and other persons connected with the district who have a legitimate educational interest, or other legally authorized purpose, and who may need your child’s records to perform his or her tasks. “School officials and employees” are individuals whose duties and responsibilities to the district, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require that they have access to student records. A “legitimate educational interest” is an interest held by a school official, employee, or person outside the district, as further defined here and in board policy, whose duties, responsibilities or contractual obligations to the district, whether routine or as a result of special circumstances, require him/her to have access to student records. Persons outside the district who may have access to particular records that are relevant to their legitimate educational interest, or other legally authorized purpose, include those with a formal written agreement or contract with the district regarding the provision of services or functions outsourced to him/her by the district, including: contractors, consultants, insurance carriers, claims adjusters, accountants, attorneys, investigators, or other parties to whom the district has outsourced institutional services or functions, including third-party vendors and service providers who provide online educational software and/or services that are part of the district’s educational program or who manage certain data stored in a secure cloud computing or web-based system for the district. The

district uses the following outside vendors and may contract in the future to add similar products or services: Aeries, Illuminate.

For additional information, please see E.C. section 49076 and 34 Code of Federal Regulations section 99.1 and following, or contact Annette Blacklock at 661-746-8600 or the Family Policy Compliance Office, U. S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Pursuant to E.C. section 49064, a log or record must be maintained for your child's records listing all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the records and legitimate interests for that information. This log can be inspected at your child's school or other at the District Office.

As a parent, you have a right to inspect and review your child's school records, including records possessed by a vendor under contract with the district to provide online services or products, and also including any information about your child collected from social media if the district is operating a social media collection program. To access individual student records, please contact your child's school. You also have a right to challenge the contents of your child's records, have an administrator assist you in interpreting the records, request amendment to ensure they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of your child's privacy rights, seek expungement of those records, have a district-level hearing to appeal the decision not to change records, and file a complaint with the state and/or United States Department of Education if the district fails to comply with state and federal law with regard to your child's records. If your child's records include information concerning any disciplinary action taken in connection with your student, you have the right to include in the record a written statement or response concerning the disciplinary action. To review policies related to the review and/or expungement of your child's records, please contact your child's school. You also have the right to inspect all instructional materials which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any applicable program. If you would like a copy of your child's records, there is no cost for duplication.

Release of Pupil Directory Information (E.C. sections 49061(c)), 49070, 49073 and 51938; 34 CFR 99.37; 20 USC 7908; 20 USC 1232h)

With certain exceptions, the law requires that the district obtain your written consent prior to disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the district may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the district that you do not wish this information to be released in accordance with district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the district to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school and/or district publications. Outside organizations to which directory information may be disclosed include but are not limited to companies that sell class rings, school photography, graduation attire, and/or publish school yearbooks; news media; including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations; nonprofit organizations; military recruiters; employers; and institutions of higher education.

Directory information is defined by district policy as information contained in a student record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Such student information may include a student's name, address, phone number, date of birth, email address, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members

of athletic teams, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous school attended by the student.

By law, the district must give notice to parents of the district's decision to release designated directory information, and must allow a parent to inform the district in writing that any or all of the information designated as directory information should not be released without parent consent. **THIS IS YOUR NOTICE.** If you do not want directory information about your student to be disclosed without your written consent, you must inform your child's school within thirty (30) days from the date of receiving this notification.

Directory information regarding a student identified as a homeless child or youth will not be released unless a parent, or student accorded parental rights, has provided written consent that directory information may be released.

School Accountability Report Card (E.C. section 35256)

The School Accountability Report Card is available on request and is accessible at the following website: <https://www.rsdshafter.org/>. This contains information regarding the quality of the district's programs and its progress toward achieving stated goals.

COMPLAINTS

Uniform Complaint Procedures (E.C. sections 32289 and 52075; 5 CCR 4600-4670)

The district annually notifies its students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, advisory committees, appropriate private school officials, and other interested parties of the Uniform Complaint Procedures ("UCP") process.

The district is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying against any protected group, and all programs and activities that are subject to the UCP.

A. Programs and Activities Subject to the UCP

- Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Pupils
- Adult Education
- After School Education and Safety
- Agricultural Career Technical Education
- American Indian Education Centers and Early Childhood Education Program Assessments
- Bilingual Education
- California Peer Assistance and Review Programs for Teachers
- Career Technical and Technical Education, Career Technical, Technical Training (state)
- Career Technical Education (federal)
- Child Care and Development
- Child Nutrition
- Compensatory Education
- Consolidated Categorical Aid

- Course Periods without Educational Content
- Economic Impact Aid
- Education of Pupils in Foster Care, Pupils Who are Homeless, former Juvenile Court Pupils now enrolled in the district and Children of Military Families
- Every Student Succeeds Act
- Local Control and Accountability Plans (“LCAP”)
- Migrant Education
- Physical Education Instructional Minutes
- Pupil Fees
- Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil
- Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
- School Plans for Student Achievement
- School Safety Plans
- School Site Councils
- Special Education
- State Preschool
- State Preschool Health and Safety Issues in LEAs Exempt From Licensing
- Tobacco-Use Prevention Education

The programs and activities subject to the UCP which the district implements are:

- Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Pupils
- Adult Education
- After School Education and Safety
- American Indian Education Centers and Early Childhood Education Program Assessments
- Bilingual Education
- California Peer Assistance and Review Programs for Teachers
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- School Safety Plans
- School Site Councils
- Special Education

The district’s UCP shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaints alleging failure to comply with federal and state laws and regulations governing any district program or activity subject to the UCP and/or alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying.

B. Pupil Fee/LCAP Complaints

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

C. Additional Information

The district shall post a standardized notice of the educational rights of pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, former juvenile court pupils now enrolled in the school district, pupils in military families, migrant students, and immigrant students enrolled in a newcomer program, as specified in E.C. sections 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2. The notice shall include complaint process information, as applicable.

In order to identify appropriate subjects of state preschool health and safety issues pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1596.7925, a notice shall be posted in each California state preschool program in each school in the district. The notice shall (1) state the health and safety requirements under Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations that apply to California state preschool programs pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1596.7925, and (2) state the location at which to obtain a form to file a state preschool health and safety issues complaint pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1596.7925.

D. Contact Information

The staff member, position, or unit responsible to receive UCP complaints in the district is:

Annette Blacklock, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services
331 N. Shafter Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
661-746-8600
ablacklock@rsdshafter.org

E. Investigation and Decision

Complaints will be investigated and a written report with a Decision will be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The person responsible for investigating the complaint shall conduct and complete the investigation in accordance with the district's UCP policies and procedures.

The complainant has a right to appeal the district's Decision to the California Department of Education by filing a written appeal within fifteen (15) days of receiving the district's Decision. The appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the originally filed complaint and a copy of the district's Decision.

The district advises any complainant of civil law remedies including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws, if applicable.

Copies of the district's UCP shall be available free of charge.

Complaints Regarding Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials, Teacher Vacancies or Mis-assignment and the Condition of School Facilities (E.C. sections 17592.72, 35186 and 35292.5; 5 CCR 4680-4687)

The district has a complaint process specifically designed to help identify and resolve insufficiencies related to textbooks and other instructional materials, teacher vacancies or mis-assignment and the condition of school facilities. The complainant is entitled to an investigation and a response from the district. Additionally, such complaints may be filed anonymously.

Complaints Regarding Employees

The district also has a process which permits the public to submit complaints against district employees in an appropriate and expeditious way which protects the rights of involved parties and holds employees accountable for their actions without disrupting the educational process.

Complaints Regarding Discrimination and Discriminatory Harassment (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 CFR 104.8, 34 CFR 106.9 and 34 CFR 110.25)

The district is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, immigration status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

You have certain rights under the law, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. The California Department of Education and the Office for Civil Rights of the U. S. Department of Education have authority to enforce these laws and all programs and activities that receive federal funds. Complaints or inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504 or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act may be directed to the district Section 504 Coordinator **Annette Blacklock, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services, 331 N. Shafter Ave., Shafter, CA., 661-746-8600** or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC.

Complaints of unlawful discrimination are investigated through the uniform complaint process. For a complaint form or additional information, please contact: **Annette Blacklock, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services, 331 N. Shafter Ave. Shafter, CA. 661-746-8600.**

Safe Place to Learn Act (E.C. sections 220, 221.5, 234.1 48900(r) and 48985)

The district is committed to providing a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination, and allows all students equal access and opportunities in the district's academic and other educational support programs, services, facilities, and activities. At any school or school-sponsored or school-related activity, the district prohibits unlawful discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any student based on the student's actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, immigration status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Students who engage in discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation will be disciplined.

The district strongly encourages any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult, or who has experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus, to immediately contact his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the principal or a district compliance officer. Once notified, the principal or compliance officer shall take the steps to investigate and address the allegation, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

For copies of the district's anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policies or to file a complaint regarding a violation of these policies using the uniform complaint procedures form, please contact the district's Coordinator for Nondiscrimination **Annette Blacklock, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services, 331 Shafter Ave., Shafter, CA 661-746-8600.**

Each student is permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities and access facilities consistent with his/her gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the student's records. To ensure that transgender and gender-nonconforming students are afforded the same rights, benefits, and protections provided to all students, the district will address each situation on a case-by-case basis in accordance with law and board policy. If any student believes his/her privacy or religious beliefs and/or practices require increased privacy he/she may contact the district's Coordinator for Nondiscrimination **Annette Blacklock, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services, 331 N. Shafter Ave. Shafter, CA., 661-746-8600**

MISCELLANEOUS

Local Control and Accountability Plan (E.C. sections 52060-52077)

The district is required to adopt a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and to update the LCAP on or before July 1 of each subsequent year. The LCAP is required to identify annual goals, and specific actions geared toward implementing those goals, and must measure progress for student subgroups across multiple performance indicators based on eight priorities set by the state. The priorities must be aligned to the district's spending plan. The LCAP must be approved before the annual district budget can be adopted. Once the budget and the LCAP are adopted at the local level, the plan will be reviewed by the county superintendent to ensure alignment of projected spending toward goals and services. The following are the eight state priorities:

1. Providing all students access to fully credentialed teachers, instructional materials that align with state standards, and safe facilities;
2. Implementation of and student access to state academic content and performance standards;
3. Parent involvement and participation;
4. Improving student achievement and outcomes along multiple measures;
5. Supporting student engagement;
6. Highlighting school climate and connectedness;
7. Ensuring all students have access to classes that prepare them for college and careers; and
8. Measuring other important student outcomes related to required areas of study.

The board of education is required to establish a parent advisory committee (PAC) and English learner parent advisory committee (ELPAC) to provide advice to the board of education and the Superintendent regarding the LCAP. (ELPACs are required if enrollment in the district includes at least 15 percent English learners and the district enrolls at least 50 pupils who are English learners. Districts are not required to establish a new ELPAC if an English learner parent committee has already been established). PACs must include parents or legal guardians of low income students, English learner students, and foster youth.

Each district is required to consult with its teachers, principals, administrators, other school personnel, local bargaining units, parents, and pupils in developing the LCAP. As part of this consultation process, districts must present their proposed plans to the PAC and ELPAC. The advisory committees can review and comment on the proposed plan. Districts must respond in writing to the comments of the PAC and ELPAC. Districts are also required to notify members of the public that they may submit written comments regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed in the LCAP.

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

Districts are required to post the LCAP approved by the board of education, and any updates or revisions to the LCAP, on the district's website, and establish policies for filing a complaint of noncompliance under E.C. section 52075 using the uniform complaint procedures. Information regarding the requirements for the LCAP and the complaint process must be provided to pupils, parents/guardians, and employees on an annual basis.

Miscellaneous Parental Rights (E.C. section 49091.10)

The Education Empowerment Act of 1998 establishes various rights for parents in addition to other rights identified in this Annual Notice. Your rights as a parent include the following:

Inspection of Instructional Materials: All primary supplemental instructional materials and assessments, including textbooks, teacher's manuals, films, audio and video recordings, and software shall be compiled and stored by the classroom instructor and made available promptly for your inspection in a reasonable time frame or in accordance with procedures determined by the district's governing board.

Observation of School Activities: You have the right to observe instruction and other school activities that involve your child in accordance with procedures determined by the district's governing board to ensure the safety of pupils and school personnel and to prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school personnel. Reasonable accommodation of parents will be considered by the district's governing board. Upon written request, school officials will arrange for observation of a requested class or classes or activities in a reasonable time frame and in accordance with procedures determined by the district's governing board.

Consent for Evaluations: Your child may not be tested for a behavioral, mental, or emotional evaluation without informed written parental consent.

Affirmation or Disavowal of Beliefs: A pupil may not be compelled to affirm or disavow any particular personally or privately held world view, religious doctrine, or political opinion. The law does not relieve pupils of any obligation to complete regular classroom assignments.

Other Parental Rights

The rights of parents of district pupils include the following:

1. To observe in your child's classroom (upon reasonable notice).
2. To meet with your child's teacher and the school principal (upon reasonable notice).
3. To volunteer your time and resources at the school.
4. To be notified on a timely basis if your child is absent from school without permission.
5. To be notified concerning your child's classroom and standardized test performance.
6. To request a specific school and teacher and to receive a response from the district. (This does not obligate the district to grant the request.)
7. To have a safe learning environment for your child.
8. To examine curriculum materials of your child's class.
9. To be informed of your child's progress and appropriate school personnel to contact in the event of problems.
10. To access student records for your child.
11. To receive information concerning expectations for student learning.

12. To be informed in advance about school rules, policies, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school.
13. To receive information about any psychological testing of your child and to deny permission for such testing.
14. To participate as a member of any school site councils or parental advisory councils at the school, in accordance with governing membership.
15. To question, and receive an answer regarding, items in your child's record that appear inaccurate, misleading, or that invade privacy.

The Professional Qualifications of Your Student's Teacher(s) (34 CFR 200.61)

Federal law requires that the district tell you about your right to request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s). The same right extends to information about any paraprofessional assigned to work with your student.

You are entitled to ask for the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met state credential or license criteria appropriate to the grade level and subject matter in the class.
- Whether the teacher serves under an emergency permit or other provisional authorization.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your student is provided services by a paraprofessional, and if so, that person's qualifications.

To submit a request for information about the qualifications of your student's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s), please contact your student's school.

Technology, Use of the Internet and/or Online Sites and Online Advertising (20 USC 6777; 20 USC 1232g and 20 USC 1232h; E.C. sections 35182.5 and 49073.1)

The district provides Internet connections for many students during the educational day, and those Internet connections are filtered using a software program or programs designed to eliminate access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. While the filters are designed to prevent connections to such material, new websites and material are added to the Internet every day and the district is unable to ensure that each and every inappropriate website or all such material will be blocked.

The district provides technology to students in many educational programs, including computers or electronic devices such as tablets or iPads or similar devices, and also provides Internet access as required for an educational program. Student use of such technology is subject to an Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement which describes acceptable and unacceptable uses of both the Internet

connections and the computers or devices. Acceptable uses include communications between teachers and students about class assignments and other classroom topics, and between students on cooperative or collaborative learning projects. During that communication, which may include the use of social media (such as a district-sponsored Facebook page or similar types of social media), personally identifiable information may be shared by your student with other students and the teacher. The district prohibits disclosure of such information outside the classroom assignment/environment but cannot ensure that recipients of the information will comply with the restrictions. Unauthorized disclosures may lead to disciplinary action. If you do not want your student to be subjected to the risk of unauthorized disclosure of personally identifiable information that is disclosed by your student in these classroom assignments/environment, you will have an opportunity to so declare when required to read and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement for your student. Refusal to sign the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement will prevent your student's participation in such educational programs and may require transfer of your student to a technology-free classroom or environment.

The district may also permit personal devices to be used at school, which is also regulated by the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement. Students' use of their personal devices may involve unintentional disclosure of personally identifiable information about your student via non-district software programs (apps) your student has on the personal device, or which other students may have on their personal devices, some of which are known to collect and use personal information for purposes having nothing to do with the district's educational program. Your permission for your student to bring and use a personal device on campus will be the subject of a written agreement and may be part of the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement. Refusal to sign the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement or other agreement will prevent your student's use of a personal device in such educational programs. If you do not consent to such disclosures via data collecting software present on the personal devices of other students, your student will not participate in such educational program and may be transferred to a technology-free classroom or environment.

The district does not intend to subject students to any advertising and will take steps to prevent advertising that targets students based on the advertiser's use of personally identifiable information. However, due to financial constraints under which the district is otherwise unable to provide the product or service which the advertising accompanies or to which it is attached, the district may be required to permit some advertising that is not targeted at individual students. Any such product or service will have been found by the district to be an integral component of pupil education. Parents/guardians of students in these programs may request that their student not be exposed to this advertising and the district will comply. This means your student will not participate in the educational program but will be required to obtain the educational benefit via a different method if the district is unable to block or otherwise avoid the advertising being presented to your student.

The district uses or contemplates using the following third-party vendors of data storage/ management products and services and educational software products and services from third-party vendors, including cloud-based services: Canvas, mCLASS, Connect ED, Think Central, CAASP, Savvas Easy Bridge, Vport, Illuminate, Renlearn, Aeries, IStation

These third-party technology vendors are considered school officials with whom students' personally identifiable information can be shared without parental consent because they have a legitimate educational interest in the education records generated by or filtered through their software.

The district's contract with third-party vendors of products and services will include legally required contractual provisions, including requirements to maintain the confidentiality of pupil information and also including parental right to review pupil records and correct erroneous information.

Distance Learning

Distance learning can be a viable alternative instructional strategy that supports student achievement of academic goals. Distance learning opportunities may be offered to students participating in independent study, credit recovery courses, enrichment courses, or other courses identified by the Superintendent or designee, or in the event that a school site is physically closed due to widespread illness, natural disaster, or other emergency condition making a school site unsafe or otherwise interrupting the district's ability to effectively conduct operations at a school site.

The district may offer distance learning through a variety of delivery methods as appropriate for the grade level and subject matter. Distance learning opportunities may include video, audio, and/or written instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the student and teacher is online interaction, instructional television, live or prerecorded video, telecourses, and other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology. They may also include the use of print materials with written or oral feedback. As appropriate, courses may be self-directed to allow students to complete assignments at their own pace and/or may involve real-time interaction among the teacher and students.

To ensure that distance learning opportunities are available to all students, the district may contract with third parties for technological devices and the internet connections and, consistent with the district's budget and technology plan, may loan devices to students to use at home and/or assist families in identifying free service providers. Students are expected to use district technology responsibly in accordance with the district's Acceptable Use Agreement. In a distance learning environment, there may not be an option for you to elect a technology-free classroom or environment and personally identifiable information may be shared by your student with other students and the teacher, and any online vendors or service providers under contract with the district.

The district reserves the right to monitor student use of district technology within the jurisdiction of the district without advance notice or consent. Students' use of district technology including, but not limited to, computer files, email, text messages, instant messaging, and other electronic communications, is not private and may be accessed by the district for the purpose of ensuring proper use. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in use of the district technology. Students' personally owned devices used with any district technology shall not be searched except in cases where there is a reasonable suspicion, based on specific and objective facts, that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of law, district policy, or school rules.

Kern Integrated Data System

The district is participating, or will participate in the future, in the Kern Integrated Data System which is a database of student and other information from educational agencies of all types in Kern County, the purpose of which is to increase the rate of student achievement for Kern County students by providing structure and a framework for sharing personally identifiable student information, consistent with the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions on sharing information by primary, secondary, and postsecondary institutions set forth in law, for the purpose of studying, analyzing, tracking, and improving student progress in a manner compliant with both state and federal law on student data privacy.

The full version of the Student Use of Technology can be found at your school site.

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**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY
ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FORM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This form is a condensed version of the Student Use of Technology Acceptable Use Agreement, which is available at the Richland School District Office and on the district website at rsdshafter.org. Below is a list of examples of acceptable and unacceptable uses for your reference. Please understand that the list is not exhaustive and simply serves as a very brief review of the full agreement.

Examples of Acceptable Use—I will...

- Use school technology systems and resources for academic endeavors.
- Be respectful of others and demonstrate responsible online behavior.
- Alert a teacher or parent if I see threatening, harmful, or offensive materials.
- Cite sources when using online websites and other resources for research.
- Recognize that the use of school technologies is a privilege and treat it as such.
- Protect the safety of myself and others by not disclosing unnecessary personal information.

Examples of Unacceptable Use—I will not...

- Try to find ways to circumvent the school's safety measures and filtering tools.
- Attempt to find inappropriate images or content.
- Engage in cyber-bullying or any abusive or harassing conduct
- Agree to meet someone I meet online in real life.
- Attempt to hack or access sites, servers, or content that isn't intended for my use.

Violations

Violations of this policy may have disciplinary repercussions, including but not limited to the following:

- Suspension of access to technology systems and resources
- Notification of parents or legal guardians
- Detention, suspension or expulsion from school and school-related activities
- Legal action and/or prosecution

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I have read and understand the Student Use of Technology Acceptable Use Agreement, including the consequences of violations listed above, and agree to abide by these policies. If I have questions, they will be discussed with my school administrator(s) and, if required, will be reported to the Technology Department for further review. As a parent I consent to my student's use of District Technology, including incidental exposure of personally identifiable information.

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Code of Conduct for Employee-Pupil Interactions (E.C. section 44050 and BP sections 4219.21, 4119.21 and 4319.21)

The district has a code of conduct for employees that includes employee interaction with pupils. Inappropriate employee conduct toward students includes, but is not limited to:

1. Engaging in any conduct that endangers students, staff, or others, including, but not limited to, physical violence, threats of violence, or possession of a firearm or other weapon.
2. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior towards students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members, or failing or refusing to intervene when an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against a student is observed.
3. Physically abusing, sexually abusing, neglecting, or otherwise willfully harming or injuring a child.
4. Engaging in inappropriate socialization or fraternization with a student or soliciting, encouraging, or maintaining an inappropriate written, verbal, or physical relationship with a student.
5. Possessing or viewing any pornography on school grounds, or possessing or viewing child pornography or other imagery portraying children in a sexualized manner at any time.
6. Using profane, obscene, or abusive language against students, parents/guardians, staff, or community members.
7. Willfully disrupting district or school operations by loud or unreasonable noise or other action.
8. Using tobacco, alcohol, or an illegal or unauthorized substance, or possessing or distributing any controlled substance, while in the workplace, on district property, or at a school-sponsored activity.
9. Being dishonest with students, parents/guardians, staff, or members of the public including, but not limited to, falsifying information in employment records or other school records.
10. Divulging confidential information about students, district employees, or district operations to persons or entities not authorized to receive the information.
11. Causing damage to or engaging in theft of property belonging to students, staff, or the district.
12. Wearing inappropriate attire.
13. An employee who observes or has evidence of another employee's inappropriate conduct shall immediately report such conduct to the principal or Superintendent or designee. An employee who has knowledge of, but fails to report, inappropriate employee conduct may also be subject to discipline.
14. The district prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a complaint against an employee or reports an employee's inappropriate conduct. Any employee who retaliates against any such complainant, reporter, or other participant in the district's complaint process shall be subject to discipline.

Know Your Rights

Your Child Has the Right to a Free Public Education

- All children in the United States have a Constitutional right to equal access to free public education, regardless of immigration status and regardless of the immigration status of the students' parents or guardians.
 - In California:
 - All children have the right to a free public education.
 - All children ages 6 to 18 years must be enrolled in school.
 - All students and staff have the right to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools.
 - All students have a right to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.
 - All students have equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity offered by the school, and cannot be discriminated against based on their race, nationality gender, religion, or immigration status, among other characteristics.

Information Required for School Enrollment

- When enrolling a child, schools must accept a variety of documents from the student's parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child's age or residency.
- You never have to provide information about citizenship/immigration status to have your child enrolled in school. Also, you never have to provide a Social Security number to have your child enrolled in school.

Confidentiality of Personal Information

- Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information.

These federal and state laws generally require that schools get written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.

- Some schools collect and provide publicly basic student "directory information." If they do, then each year, your child's school district must provide parents/guardians with written notice of the school's directory information policy, and let you know of your option to refuse release of your child's information in the directory.

Family Safety Plan if You Are Detained or Deported

- You have the option to provide your child's school with emergency contact information, including the information of secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for your child in the event you are detained or deported.

- You have the option to complete a Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person, which may enable a trusted adult to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

Right to File a Complaint

Your child has the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint to the school district if he or she is discriminated against, harassed, intimidated, or bullied on the basis of his or her actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status.

Programs to Encourage Parental Involvement/Annual Objectives (E.C. section 11503, 20 USC 6312 and 20 USC 6318)

To ensure that parents/guardians and family members of students are provided with opportunities to be involved in their children's education, each year the district endeavors to involve parents/guardians and family members by:

- Establishing district-level parent advisory committees;
- Inviting input from district committees and school site councils;
- Providing information about opportunities for parents/guardians and family engagement through the district newsletter, website, or other written or electronic means
- Providing copies of working drafts to parents/guardians;
- Providing a master calendar of district activities and district meetings;
- Ensuring that there is an opportunity at a public board meeting for public comment; and
- Assisting parents/guardians in understanding the state academic content standards and academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress.

A more complete discussion may be found in board policy BP and AR 6020 and in the district’s LCAP Annual Update posted on the district’s website.

Procedures for Preventing Acts of Bullying, including Cyberbullying (E.C. section 234.1)

Any complaint of bullying must be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory bullying, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in board policy AR 1312.3. Discriminatory bullying includes bullying on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, and/or another legally protected category. When “discriminatory bullying” is committed and the bullying is sufficiently serious to create a hostile educational environment for the alleged victim to otherwise deny or limit the student's educational benefits and services, including denial of a free appropriate public education, the a victim must be afforded the protections specified under relevant state and/or federal law.

If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

The district must develop strategies for addressing bullying in its schools and do so with the involvement of students, parents/guardians, and staff. District may also collaborate with social services, mental

health services, law enforcement, courts, and other agencies and community organizations in the development and implementation of effective strategies to promote safety in schools and the community.

For more information regarding the district's general anti-bullying policy please review board policy BP and AR 5131.2 and 5145.3.

Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (Health and Safety Code sections 124025–124110; E.C. section 49452.8)

Good health, including good oral health, is important to your child's learning and successful academic career. State law requires that students have a comprehensive health screening within 18 months prior to each child entering into the first grade or within 90 days thereafter. The parent must present evidence of the comprehensive health screening on the “Report of Health Examination for School Entry” certification form provided by the Department of Health Care Services, signed by the student’s health examiner certifying that the student has completed a comprehensive health screening within 18 months prior to entry into first grade or within 90 days thereafter. Likewise, state law requires that by May 31 of your child’s first school year in a public school, proof of an oral health assessment by a licensed dentist must be presented. You may file with the district a written objection or waiver stating the reasons if you are unable to obtain such services. Your child may be sent home if you fail to provide the certificate or waiver, or if your child is suspected to be suffering from a contagious disease. You may find it convenient to have your child immunized at the same time that the comprehensive health screening is conducted. These services may be available to you at no cost through the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (“CHDP”). For information, you may contact your child’s school.

Vision Appraisal (E.C. section 49455)

The district is required to appraise each student’s vision upon initial enrollment and in grades 2, 5, and 8, except that a student first enrolling in grade 4 or grade 7 will not be reappraised the following year. The appraisal will include tests for visual acuity and color vision; however, color vision will be appraised once and only on male students. The evaluation may be waived upon presentation of a certificate from a physician and surgeon, physician’s assistant, or optometrist setting out the results of a determination of the student’s vision, including visual acuity and color vision. The appraisal does not apply to a pupil whose parent/guardian files with the principal a written statement that they adhere to the faith or teachings of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles depend on prayer for healing in the practice of their religion.

Type 2 Diabetes (E.C. section 49452.7)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Risk Factors Associated with Type 2 Diabetes

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

Risk Factors

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

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

Warning Signs and Symptoms Associated with Type 2 Diabetes

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

- *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 in this information sheet is intended to raise awareness about this disease. Contact your student's school nurse, school administrator, or health care provider if you have questions.

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

California students take several mandated statewide tests. These tests provide parents/guardians, teachers, and educators with information about how well students are learning and becoming college and career ready. The test results may be used for local, state, and federal accountability purposes.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) tests consist of the following:

- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium Assessments**
The Smarter Balanced computer adaptive assessments are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics tests are administered in grades three through eight and grade eleven to measure whether students are on track to college and career readiness. In grade eleven, results from the ELA and mathematics assessments can be used as an indicator of college readiness.
- **California Science Tests (CAST)**
The computer-based CAST measures students' achievement of the California Next Generation Science Standards (CA NGSS) through the application of their knowledge and skills of the Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts. The CAST is administered to all students in grades five and eight.
- **California Alternate Assessments (CAAs)**
Only eligible students—students whose individualized education program (IEP) identifies the use of alternate assessments—may participate in the administration of the CAAs. Test examiners administer the computer-based CAAs for ELA, mathematics, and science one-on-one to students. Students in grades three through eight and grade eleven will take the CAA for ELA and mathematics. Test items developed for ELA and mathematics are aligned with the CCSS and are based on the Core Content Connectors.

Students in grades five and eight will take the CAA for Science. The CAA for Science embedded performance tasks are based on alternate achievement standards derived from the CA NGSS. Students taking the CAA for Science will take three embedded performance tasks in spring 2021.

- **California Spanish Assessment (CSA) for Reading/Language Arts**
The optional CSA for Reading/Language Arts in Spanish is aligned with the California Common Core State Standards en Español. This computer-based test allows students to demonstrate their Spanish skills in listening, reading, and writing mechanics.

Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 60615, parents/guardians may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all of the CAASPP assessments.

If you have any questions about CAASPP results or system, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Rosa A. Romero
Interim Superintendent
Richland School District

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE
Parent Consent and Waiver of Rights

Program or Series Title: _____

Production Date(s): _____ **Working Title:** _____

Production Location(s): _____

I hereby grant consent for the child named below ("Child") to participate and appear in a still photograph or audio-visual programming (collectively "the programming"), whether via television, film, video, audio tape or electronic media for the Richland School District and waive any right to control approval use or reuse of the Programming.

All rights of any nature which may also arise from the programming are hereby granted, worldwide and in perpetuity, to the Richland School District.

On behalf of myself and child, I hereby waive any rights to fees, royalties, or other compensation which may arise from child's participation in the programming under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, or under the laws of any other nation or jurisdiction.

On behalf of child, I grant full permission for the use of child's name, likeness, performance, voice and biography for the purpose of publicizing, advertising or promoting the programming in any medium, including the print media, radio, television, film, and audio or video tape.

I expressly represent that I have authority, either as a parent or legally appointed guardian, to execute this Consent and Release on behalf of Child.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING:

Name of Child (please print): _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (including area code): _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Richland School District

ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OPT-IN FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The law allows parents to choose to receive the Annual Notice to Parents/Guardians in an electronic format. Our Annual Notice is now placed on our district Web site at www.rsdshafter.org . We will also e-mail it to any parent/guardian wishing to receive it via e-mail.

If you have access to the web or an e-mail account, please consider the electronic notification option, which will decrease the burdensome costs of printing and distributing the Annual Notice to every parent/guardian at the start of each new school year. This simple act of electing to receive the Annual Notice by viewing our Web site or receiving it via e-mail will save tax dollars and trees. If you ever change your mind and wish to receive the Annual Notice via regular postal mail, you may easily do so by contacting the District Office at (661) 746-8600.

If you agree to receive the Annual Notice in an electronic format, please sign and date below and then return this form with your 2020-2021 Annual Notice Parental Acknowledgement form. This change will take effect for the 2021-2022 Annual Notice and you will continue to receive the Annual Notice electronically each subsequent school year, unless you notify the District Office. If you would like further information about this change, please contact the District Office at (661) 746- 8600.

I will visit the District’s Web site at www.rsdshafter.org and will review the Annual Notice to Parents/Guardians. I will also print the Parental Acknowledgement, sign and date the Acknowledgement, and will return it to my child’s school.

I would like the Annual Notice to be e-mailed to me. My e-mail address is: _____ I will review the Annual Notice to Parents/Guardians once it is emailed to me. I will also print the Parental Acknowledgement, sign and date the Acknowledgement, and will return it to my child’s school.

Date: _____

Signature of Parent

Printed Name of Student School Name Printed Name of Parent

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