



Lemon Grove

SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

The Lemon Grove School District (LGSD) is required to annually notify pupils, parents, and guardians of their rights and responsibilities, pursuant to California Education Code (EC) 48980.

An acknowledgment of receipt of this notice must be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the school as required by EC 48982.

2020-2021 School Year
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ANNUAL NOTIFICATION 2020-21

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Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

State law requires the Lemon Grove School District (LGSD) to provide annual notification to students, parents and guardians of their rights and responsibilities pertaining to their child's education. Please read this Annual Notification. The parent or guardian is required to acknowledge their receipt of this notice by signing and returning the signature page to their child's school. The parent's or guardian's signature is an acknowledgment that they have been informed of their rights and does not indicate the parent's or guardian's consent for their child to participate or not participate in any particular program listed within the Annual Notification.

Some legislation requires additional notification to the parents or guardians during the school term prior to a specific activity. A separate letter will be sent to the parents or guardians prior to any of these specified activities or classes, and the student will be excused whenever the parents or guardians file with the principal of the school a statement in writing requesting that their child not participate. Other legislation grants certain rights that are to be spelled out in this Annual Notification.

The District and its Board recognize that parent or guardian involvement in their child's education promotes student achievement and contributes greatly to the student's success. This Annual Notification contains information on the various ways parental involvement is both permitted and encouraged by federal and state laws, as well as the district's policies. The District commits to providing a quality education to all of its students in a safe and healthy environment. The District looks forward to a successful and positive school year, made possible by the dedicated efforts of its administrators, teachers, paraeducators, support staff, students, and parents and guardians.

Please read this Annual Notification carefully and sign using the Google link as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Erica Balakian

Superintendent

Lemon Grove School District

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RULES AND PROCEDURES ON SCHOOL DISCIPLINE-EC 35291

ALL STUDENTS

A. Suspension and Expulsion

1. Suspension-EC 48900

A pupil shall not be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion, unless the superintendent of the school district or principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed an act as defined pursuant to any of subdivisions (a) to (r) inclusive:

- a. (1) Caused, attempted to cause or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; (2) Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self-defense.
- b. Possessed, sold or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object, unless in the case of possession of an object of this type, the pupil had obtained written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, which is concurred in by the principal or designee of the principal.
- c. Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.
- d. Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to a person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant.
- e. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- f. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- g. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- h. Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets and betel. However, this section does not prohibit use or possession by a pupil of his or her own prescription products.
- i. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- j. Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia, as defined in Section 11014.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
- k. (1) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. (2) Except as provided in Section 48910, a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 3,

inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts enumerated in paragraph (1), and those acts shall not constitute grounds for a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to be recommended for expulsion. This paragraph is inoperative on July 1, 2020. (3) Except as provided in Section 48910, commencing July 1, 2020, a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 5, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts specified in paragraph (1), and those acts shall not constitute grounds for a pupil enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to be recommended for expulsion. (4) Except as provided in Section 48910, commencing July 1, 2020, a pupil enrolled in any of grades 6 to 8, inclusive, shall not be suspended for any of the acts specified in paragraph (1). This paragraph is inoperative on July 1, 2025.

- l. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- m. Possessed an imitation firearm. As used in this section “imitation firearm” means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm.
- n. Committed or attempted to commit sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 287, 288, or 289 of, or former Section 288a of, the Penal Code or committed a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.
- o. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness or a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness, or both.
- p. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- q. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in hazing. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” is any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current or prospective pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, “hazing” does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- r. Engaged in an act of bullying. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - i. “Bullying” means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils as defined in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, or 48900.4, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:
 1. Placing a reasonable pupil or pupils in fear of harm to that pupil’s or those pupils’ person or property.
 2. Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantially detrimental effect on the pupil’s physical or mental health.

3. Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with the pupil's academic performance.
 4. Causing a reasonable pupil to experience substantial interference with the pupil's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.
- ii. (A) "Electronic act" means the creation or transmission originated on or off the school site, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer, pager, of a communication including, but not limited to, any of the following:
1. A message, text, sound, video, or image.
 2. A post on a social network Internet website, including but not limited to: a) Posting to or creating a burn page. "Burn page" means an Internet website created for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (i); b) creating a credible impersonation of another actual pupil for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (i). "Credible impersonation" means to knowingly and without consent impersonate a pupil for the purposes of bullying the pupil and such that another pupil would reasonably believe, or has reasonably believed, that the pupil was or is the pupil who was impersonated; c) Creating a false profile for the purpose of having one or more of the effects listed in paragraph (i). "False profile" means a profile of a fictitious pupil or a profile using the likeness or attributes of an actual pupil other than the pupil who created the false profile.
 3. An act of cyber sexual bullying. For purposes of this clause, "cyber sexual bullying" means the dissemination of, or the solicitation or incitement to disseminate, a photograph or other visual recording by a pupil to another pupil or to school personnel by means of an electronic act that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the effects described in subparagraphs (1)-(4), inclusive of paragraph (i). A photograph or other visual recording, as described in this subclause, shall include the depiction of a nude, semi-nude, or sexually explicit photograph or other visual recording, or other electronic act. For purposes of this clause, "cyber sexual bullying" does not include a depiction, portrayal, or image that has any serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value or that involves athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
- (B) Notwithstanding paragraph (i) and subparagraph (A), an electronic act shall not constitute pervasive conduct solely on the basis that it has been transmitted on the internet or is currently posted on the internet.

- iii. “Reasonable pupil” means a pupil, including, but not limited to, a pupil with exceptional needs, who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct for a person of that age, or for a person of that age with the pupil’s exceptional needs.
- s. A pupil shall not be suspended or expelled for any of the acts enumerated in this section, unless that act is related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district or principal or occurring within any other school district. A pupil may be suspended or expelled for the acts that are enumerated in this section and related to school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including but not limited to, any of the following:
 - i. While on school grounds;
 - ii. While going to or coming from school;
 - iii. During the lunch period whether on or off the campus;
 - iv. During, or while going to or coming from, a school sponsored activity.
- t. A pupil who aides or abets, as defined in Section 31 of the Penal Code, the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may be subject to suspension, but not expulsion, pursuant to this section, except that a pupil who has been adjudged by a juvenile court to have committed, as an aider and abettor, a crime of physical violence in which the victim suffered great bodily injury or serious bodily injury shall be subject to discipline pursuant to subdivision (a).
- u. As used in this section, “school property” includes, but is not limited to electronic files and databases.
- v. For a pupil subject to discipline under this section, a superintendent of the school district or principal is encouraged to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion, using a research-based framework with strategies that improve behavioral and academic outcomes, that are age appropriate and designed to address and correct the pupil’s misbehavior as specified in Section 48900.5.
- w. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that alternatives to suspension or expulsion be imposed against a pupil who is truant, tardy, or otherwise absent from school activities. (2) It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Multi-Tiered System of Supports, which includes restorative justice practices, trauma-informed practices, social and emotional learning, and schoolwide positive behavior interventions and support, may be used to help pupils gain critical social and emotional skills, receive support to help transform trauma-related responses, understand the impact of their actions, and develop meaningful methods for repairing harm to the school community.

2. Expulsion

A student may be recommended for expulsion for any of the reasons enumerated in Education Code section 48915, and pursuant to the expulsion procedures identified in Education Code sections 48918 and 48918.5.

**B. Attendance of Suspended Child’s Parent or Guardian for Portion of School Day-
EC 48900.1**

Pursuant to board policy, a teacher may require a parent or guardian of a pupil who has been suspended by a teacher pursuant to Section 48910 for either committing an obscene act, engaging in habitual profanity or vulgarity or disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties, to attend a portion of a school day in the classroom of his or her child or ward.

C. Sexual Harassment Policy-EC 231.5, 48980(g), 48900.2

LGSD will not tolerate sexual harassment by anyone participating in any LGSD program or activity. This includes student-to-student or peer sexual harassment as well as harassment between a student and any LGSD participant. LGSD takes all complaints of sexual harassment seriously, investigates and addresses identified sexual harassment, and if the investigation results in the determination that sexual harassment has occurred, takes reasonable, immediate corrective action to stop the harassment, eliminate a hostile environment, and prevent future sexual harassment. Alleged pupil sexual harassment in violation of LGSD policy or federal or state law will be handled pursuant to LGSD policy and procedures which can be found online at www.lemongrovesd.net. A pupil in grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed sexual harassment as defined below.

California Education Code section 212.5 defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by someone from or in the work or educational setting, under any of the following conditions:

- a. Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or a condition of an individual’s employment, academic status, or progress.
- b. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of employment or academic decisions affecting the individual.
- c. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual’s work or academic performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment.
- d. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the educational institution.

D. Hate Violence-EC 48900.3

A pupil in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled

determines that the pupil has caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause, or participated in an act of, hate violence, as defined in EC 233(e).

E. Harassment, Intimidation or Threats-EC 48900.4

A pupil enrolled in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against school district personnel or pupils, that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to have the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting classwork, creating substantial disorder, and invading the rights of either school personnel or pupils by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment.

F. Terroristic Threats Against School Officials, School Property or Both-EC 48900.7

A pupil may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has made terroristic threats against school officials or school property, or both. A “terroristic threat” includes any statement, whether written or oral, by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for their own safety or for their immediate family’s safety, or for the protection of school district property, or the personal property of the person threatened or their immediate family.

G. Suspension/Expulsion: Alternative and Other Means of Correction-EC 48900, 48900.5, 48911

Generally, suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct. LGSD may document other means of correction short of suspension and expulsion and place the documentation in the pupil’s record. Other means of correction may include: a conference between school personnel, the pupil’s parent or guardian and the pupil; referrals to the school counselor or psychologist; study teams, guidance teams or other intervention-related teams that assess behavior and develop and implement behavior plans; referral for psycho-educational assessment; after-school programs that address specific behavioral issues; and community service on school grounds during non-school hours. A pupil may be suspended, for any of the reasons enumerated in Section 48900 upon a first offense, if the principal or superintendent of schools determines that the pupil violated subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), or (e) of Section 48900 or that the pupil’s presence causes a danger to persons. A suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference between the principal, the principal’s designee, or the district’s superintendent of schools and the pupil, and whenever practicable, the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who referred the

student to the principal. At this conference, the pupil shall be informed of the reason for the disciplinary action and other means of correction that were attempted before the suspension.

RIGHTS AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PREGNANT AND PARENTING PUPILS- EC 46015

A pregnant or parenting pupil is defined as any pupil who gives or expects to give birth, or any parenting pupil who identifies as the parent of an infant. Pregnant and parenting pupils are entitled to at least eight weeks of parental leave, which can be taken before birth of the pupil's infant if there is a medical necessity, or after childbirth during the school year in which the birth takes place, inclusive of any mandatory summer instruction. The pupil is neither required to take time off nor notify their school that they are doing so; this is a guaranteed minimum right that can be expanded if deemed medically necessary. Parental leave will be considered an excused absence, and the pregnant or parenting pupil is not required to complete any academic work during this period.

A pregnant or parenting pupil may return to their previous school and course of study, and is entitled to make up opportunities for any work missed during the leave. These students are allowed to enroll in a fifth year of high school in order to complete any state or local graduation requirements, except when the school finds that the pupil is reasonably able to complete these requirements in time to graduate high school by the end of their fourth year.

A pregnant or parenting pupil who does not wish to reenroll in his or her previous school is entitled to alternative education options offered by the local educational agency. If so enrolled, the pupil shall be given educational programs, activities, and courses equal to those they would have been in if participating in the regular program. Furthermore, a school may not penalize a student for using any of the accommodations mentioned above.

If a student believes that his or her school is discriminating on the basis of sex in opposition to the rights and entitlements listed above, that student can file a complaint through the standard Uniform Complaint Procedures of *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5 Sections 4600, et. seq.

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY YOUTH ACT-EC 51934, 51938

Students enrolled in LGSD programs or activities may receive instruction in personal health and public safety, which may include accident prevention, first aid, fire prevention, conservation of resources, and health education including comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention.

LGSD plans to provide comprehensive sexual health education and/or HIV prevention education during the 2020-21 school year. The instruction shall include, among other things, information about sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and human trafficking. Information on human trafficking shall include both of the following:

- Information on the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely seek assistance; and

- Information on how social media and mobile device applications are used for human trafficking.

Students will be taught by Lemon Grove School District. If LGSD decides to arrange for an outside consultant to provide comprehensive sexual health education and/or HIV prevention education, LGSD will provide notice to parents no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is delivered by mail or another form of communication.

A pupil's parent or guardian has the right to request from LGSD, a copy of the California Healthy Youth Act, Education Code section 51930, *et. seq.* A pupil's parent or guardian also has the right to inspect and review the written and audiovisual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education.

A pupil's parent or guardian may submit a written request to excuse the pupil from participation in any class involving comprehensive sexual education or HIV prevention education by submitting their request in writing to LGSD.

LGSD may administer for pupils in grades 7 to 12 inclusive, 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. A parent or guardian may excuse their child from the test, questionnaire, or survey by opting out of their student's participation in the tests, questionnaires or surveys. An opt-out form is provided within these notifications. Parents or guardians have a right review the test, questionnaire, or survey if they wish.

The excused pupil shall 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.

PUPIL SAFETY: HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION RESOURCES-EC 49381

The governing board of LGSD will work with their schools that maintain any grades 6 to 12, inclusive, to identify the most appropriate methods of informing parents and guardians of pupils in those grades of human trafficking prevention resources and to implement the identified methods in those schools by January 1, 2020.

PUPIL NUTRITION-EC (IF CHARTER, 47613.5) 49510-49520; 49564-49564.5, 49557.5

Free or reduced-priced meals are available for pupils in receipt of public assistance. The federal National School Lunch Program and the federal School Breakfast Program ensure that pupils whose parents or guardians have unpaid school meal fees are not shamed, treated differently, or

served a meal different from the pupil's choice because of the fact that the pupil's parent or guardian has unpaid meal fees. Meal program details are provided at the pupil's school site. All parents and guardians receive a letter with the application form upon enrollment. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or apply online at www.lemongrovesd.net.

RIGHT TO REFRAIN FROM HARMFUL USE OF ANIMALS-EC 32255-32255.6

Pupils may choose to refrain from participating in educational projects involving the harmful or destructive use of animals based on moral objections, and may complete an alternative educational project acceptable to the teacher. In order to refrain from participation, a parent or guardian must submit a written note of the objections to participating in an educational project involving the harmful or destructive use of animals. An opt-out form is provided within this notice.

IMMUNIZATION AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES-EC 48216, 49403

LGSD shall follow all laws, rules, and regulations regarding immunizations required for students to enroll. LGSD shall not admit any student until the student is properly immunized as required by law. If there is good cause to believe a student has been exposed to a disease and their proof of immunization does not show proof of immunization against that disease, LGSD may temporarily exclude the child from school until the local health officer is satisfied that the child is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

If the parent or guardian files with the governing authority a written statement by a licensed physician to the effect that the physical condition of the child is such, or medical circumstances relating to the child are such, that immunization is not considered safe, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization, that child shall be exempt from the immunization requirements.

Effective January 1, 2016: The California Legislature eliminated the exemption from specified immunization requirements based upon personal beliefs. A pupil who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit on file with LGSD stating beliefs opposed to immunization shall be allowed enrollment to any LGSD school until the pupil enrolls in the next grade span. Grade span means (1) from birth to preschool; (2) Kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, including transitional kindergarten; and (3) grades 7 to 12 inclusive.

MEDICATION-EC 49423

Any student who must take prescribed medication at school and who desires assistance of school personnel must submit a written statement of instructions from the physician or physician assistant and a parental request for assistance in administering the medications. Any student may carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine only if the student submits a written statement of instructions from the physician or physician assistant and written parental consent authorizing the self-administration of medication, providing a release for the school nurse or other personnel to consult with the child's health care provider as questions arise, and

releasing the district and personnel from civil liability if the child suffers any adverse reaction as a result of the self-administration of medication.

CONTINUING MEDICATION REGIMEN-EC 49480

The parent or legal guardian of any pupil on a continuing medication regimen for a non-episodic condition shall inform the school nurse or other contact person of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With the consent of the parent or legal guardian of the pupil, the school nurse may communicate with the physician and may counsel with the school personnel regarding the possible effects of the drug on the child's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR PUPILS-EC 49471, 49472

LGSD does not provide medical or hospital services through non-profit membership corporations or insurance policies for pupil injuries arising out of school-related activities. LGSD will notify each parent or guardian of each pupil participating in athletic activities that such medical or hospital services are not provided.

PUPILS WITH TEMPORARY DISABILITIES; INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION- EC 48206.3, 48207, 48207.3, 48207.5, 48208

Special individual instruction (as distinct from independent study) is available for students with temporary disabilities that make attendance at school impossible or inadvisable. Parents or guardians should first contact the principal to determine services.

DISABLED PUPILS-SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 USC 12101, et seq.) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. Section 504 requires school districts to identify and evaluate children with disabilities in order to provide them a free, appropriate public education. Individuals with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including seeing, hearing, walking, breathing, working, performing manual tasks, learning, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, reading, concentrating, thinking, speaking, are eligible to receive services and aids designed to meet their needs as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students are met.

- Name and contact information of LGSD's designated individual for implementing Section 504: Rebecca Burton rburton@lemongrovesd.net
- Screening and evaluation procedures used by LGSD when there is a reason to believe a student has a disability under Section 504: Rebecca Burton rburton@lemongrovesd.net

IDENTIFICATION AND REFERRAL PROCEDURES

1. Any student may be referred, in writing, by parent, guardian, teacher, counselor, related service provider, other school staff, and/or community agency to the school's Section 504 Site Chairperson.
2. Based upon a review of relevant and available information regarding the student referred or based upon a meeting of the school site's Student Study Team or Section 504 Service Plan team, the District shall determine whether an evaluation under Section 504 is appropriate. The District shall evaluate any student who, because of disability, needs, or is believed to need, regular or special education or related aids and services that are designed to meet the needs of each disabled student as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students.
3. If the request for evaluation is denied, the District or the school site's Student Study Team or Section 504 Service Plan team will inform the parent/guardian of the decision through prior written notice in writing and provide him/her with a copy of his/her parent/guardian rights and procedural safeguards under Section 504.
4. If the District or the school site's Section 504 Service Plan team determines an evaluation under Section 504 is appropriate, the team will forward a letter and/or an assessment plan requesting consent for evaluation for the student to the parent/guardian, along with a copy of the District's notice of parent/guardian rights and procedural safeguards under Section 504.
 - A student has the right to a written accommodation plan if the student qualifies for services under Section 504.
 - A student has the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate based on the student's needs.
 - A copy of the parents or guardians legal safeguard can be obtained at www.lemongrovesd.net.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: CHILD FIND SYSTEM-IDEA; EC 56301

Federal and state law require that a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment be offered to qualified pupils with disabilities ages 3 through 21 years. Any parent suspecting a child has exceptional needs due to a disability may request an assessment for eligibility for special education services. LGSD's child find policy 6164.4 and procedures are available at www.lemongrovesd.net.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: COMPLAINTS-EC 56500.2

Parents or guardians have a right to file a written complaint with the school if they believe the school is in violation of federal or state law governing the identification or placement of special education students, or similar issues. State regulations require the party filing the complaint to forward a copy of the complaint to LGSD at the same time the party files the complaint with the California Department of Education. Procedures are available from your school principal.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: DUE PROCESS HEARINGS-EC 56502

The State Superintendent is required to develop a model form to assist parents and guardians in filing requests for due process. Available at www.dgs.ca.gov/oah/SpecialEducation.aspx is the model form for parents who wish to initiate due process hearings relating to special education rights.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: INSPECTION OF RECORDS-EC 56043(n)

Upon request, parents or guardians of children with exceptional needs may examine and receive copies of the student's records within five business days after a request is made and prior to any Individualized Education Program meeting, hearing, or resolutions session regarding their child.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION; PARENT REFUSAL TO CONSENT-EC 49451

A parent or guardian may, by written statement filed annually, refuse to consent to the physical examination, including the vision, hearing and scoliosis screening, of his/her child; however, a child may be sent home if, for good reasons, the child is believed to be suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease. Schoolchildren are examined for vision, hearing, and curvature of the spine at selected grade levels. An opt-out form is included within this notification.

Non-emergency, physical examination or screening is scheduled in the early part of the school year, when it is 1) required as a condition of attendance; 2) administered by the school; and 3) is not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the pupil or other pupils.

Education Code section 49455 requires a pupil's vision to be appraised by the school nurse or other authorized person during kindergarten or upon first enrollment or entry in a California school district of a pupil at an elementary school, and in grades 2, 5, and 8, unless a pupil's first entry or enrollment occurs in grade 4 or 7.

CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITIES PREVENTION PROGRAM-HSC 124085, 124105

Before a child enters first grade, their parents must obtain a waiver or health screening for the child and complete the provided certificate or sign a waiver. The screening should take place before (within the prior six months) or during the kindergarten year. Parents are encouraged to obtain the health screening simultaneously with required immunizations. Parents may inquire in the school office about free health screenings for low-income children provided under the Child Health and Disabilities Prevention Program.

FOSTER YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS-EC 48853; 48853.5; 49069.5; 51225.1; 51225.2

"Pupil in foster care" means a child who has been removed from their home pursuant to Section 309 of the Welfare and Institutions Code ("WIC"), is the subject of a petition filed under Section 300 or 602 of the WIC, or has been removed from their home and is the subject of a petition filed under WIC section 300 or 602.

A pupil in foster care who is placed in a licensed children's institution or foster family home shall attend programs operated by the local educational agency in which that licensed children's institution or foster family home is located, unless one of the following applies:

1. The pupil is entitled to remain in their school of origin;
2. The pupil has an individualized education program requiring placement in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school, or in another local educational agency.
3. The parent or guardian, or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil pursuant to Section 361 or 726 of the WIC or Section 56055 ("educational rights holder"), determines that it is in the best interests of the pupil to be placed in another educational program and has submitted a written statement to the local educational agency that they have made that determination. This statement shall include a declaration that the parent, guardian, or educational rights holder is aware of all of the following:
 - a. The pupil has a right to attend a regular public school in the least restrictive environment.
 - b. The alternate education program is a special education program, if applicable.
 - c. The decision to unilaterally remove the pupil from the regular public school and to place the pupil in an alternate education program may not be financed by the local educational agency.
 - d. Any attempt to seek reimbursement for the alternate education program may be at the expense of the parent, guardian, or educational rights holder.

The parent or guardian, or educational rights holder shall first consider placement in the regular public school before deciding to place the pupil in foster care in a juvenile court school, a community school, or another alternative educational setting.

A pupil in foster care may still be subject to expulsion under applicable law and board policy.

Pupils in foster care are subject to other laws governing the educational placement in a juvenile court school, of a pupil detained in a county juvenile hall, or committed to a county juvenile ranch, camp, forestry camp, or regional facility, notwithstanding the rights contained in this notice.

Children in foster care living in emergency shelters (as referenced in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301, et seq.)), may receive educational services at the emergency shelter as necessary for short periods of time for either of the following reasons:

1. For health and safety emergencies.

2. To provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet the child's unique needs if a decision regarding whether it is in the child's best interests to attend the school of origin cannot be made promptly, it is not practical to transport the child to the school of origin, and the child would otherwise not receive educational services.

The educational services may be provided at the shelter pending a determination by the educational rights holder regarding the educational placement of the child.

All educational and school placement decisions shall be made to ensure that the child is placed in the least restrictive educational programs and has access to academic resources, services, and extracurricular and enrichment activities that are available to all pupils. In all instances, educational and school placement decisions shall be based on the best interests of the child.

LGSD has designated Rebecca Burton - Executive Director of Student Services (rburton@lemongrovesd.net) as the educational liaison for pupils in foster care. The role of educational liaison is advisory with respect to placement decisions and determination of school of origin and does not supersede the role of the parent or guardian retaining educational rights, a responsible adult appointed by the court, a surrogate parent or a foster parent exercising their legal rights with respect to the education of the child in foster care. The educational liaison serves the following roles:

1. Ensures and facilitates proper educational placement, enrollment in school, and checkout from school for children in foster care;
2. Assists children in foster care when transferring from one school to another school or from one school district to another school district in ensuring proper transfer of credits, records and grades.
3. When designated by the Superintendent, notifies a child in foster care's attorney and child welfare agency representative(s) of pending disciplinary proceedings and pending manifestation determination proceedings if they are also eligible to receive special education and related services under the IDEA.

At the initial detention or placement by the Juvenile Court, or any subsequent change in placement of a child in foster care by the Court, the local educational agency serving the child shall allow them to continue their education in the school of origin for the duration of the jurisdiction of the court. If the jurisdiction of the court is terminated prior to the end of the academic year:

1. Former children in foster care in grades kindergarten, or 1 to 8, inclusive, shall be allowed to continue their education in the school of origin through the duration of the academic year;
2. Former children in foster care in high school shall be allowed to continue their education in the school of origin through graduation;

3. Transportation is not required unless the former child in foster care has an IEP and the IEP team determines transportation is a necessary related service, required by the unique educational needs of the pupil in order to benefit from their special education program. Transportation may be provided at the local educational agency's discretion. The rights of these youth do not supersede any other law governing special education for eligible children in foster care.
4. To ensure that children in foster care have the benefit of matriculating with their peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school districts, if a child in foster care is transitioning between school grade levels, they shall be allowed to continue in the school district of origin in the same attendance area, or, if they are transitioning to a middle school or high school, and the school designated for matriculation is in another school district, to the school designated for matriculation in that school district.

In consultation with the child in foster care and educational rights holder, the educational liaison may recommend that they waive their right to attend the school of origin and enroll in a public school within their attendance area. The educational liaison's recommendation must be accompanied by a written explanation for the basis of the recommendation and how it serves the child in foster care's best interests.

1. If the educational liaison, child in foster care, and educational rights holder agree it is in the best interest of the child to waive their right to attend the school of origin and attend the recommended school, the child in foster care shall immediately be enrolled within the recommended school.
2. The recommended school shall immediately enroll the child in foster care regardless of any outstanding fees, fines, textbooks or moneys due to any previous schools of attendance or if the child in foster care is unable to produce clothing or records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, including proof of immunization, proof of residency or other documentation.
3. Within two business days of the request for enrollment, the educational liaison for the new school shall contact the school last attended by the child in foster care to obtain all academic and other records. The last school attended by the child in foster care shall provide all required records to the new school regardless of any outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or moneys owed to the school last attended. The educational liaison for the school last attended shall provide a complete copy of their education record to the new school within two business days of receiving the request.

If any dispute arises as to the school placement of a pupil under this section, the pupil has the right to remain in their school of origin, pending resolution of the dispute.

"School of origin" means the school that the child in foster care attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child in foster care was last enrolled. If the school the child in foster care attended when permanently housed is different from the school in which they were last enrolled, or if there is some other school that they attended with which they are connected and that they attended within the immediately preceding 15 months, the educational liaison,

in consultation with, and with the agreement of, the child and the educational rights holder, shall determine, in the best interests of the child, the school that shall be deemed the school of origin.

If the child in foster care is absent from school due to a decision by a court or placing agency to change their placement, the grades and credits of the child in foster care will be calculated as of the date they left school and no lowering of grades will occur as a result of the absence of the child under these circumstances. If the child in foster care is absent from school due to a verified court appearance or related court ordered activity, no lowering of their grades will occur as a result of the absence of the pupil under these circumstances.

A child in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless youth who transfers between schools any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school shall be exempt from all coursework and other graduation requirements adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements, unless the local educational agency makes a finding that they are 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.

Within 30 days of the child's transfer into a school, the local educational agency should determine whether a child in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless youth is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within the pupil's fifth year of high school. If the pupil is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, the local educational agency shall do all of the following:

1. Inform the pupil of their option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements.
2. Inform the pupil, and the educational rights holder, about how remaining in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements will affect the pupil's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution.
3. Provide information to the pupil about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.
4. Permit the pupil to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements upon agreement with the pupil, if the pupil is 18 years of age or older, or, if the pupil is under 18 years of age, upon agreement with the educational rights holder.

If the local educational agency fails to provide timely notice of the exemption, the pupil shall be eligible for the exemption, once notified, even if that notification occurs after the termination of the court's jurisdiction of the pupil or after the pupil is no longer considered homeless.

If a child in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless youth is exempt from local graduation requirements pursuant to this section and completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of their fourth year of high school and that pupil would otherwise be entitled to

remain in attendance at the school, a school or local educational agency shall not require or request that the pupil graduate before the end of their fourth year of high school, nor shall they be required to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in courses for which they are otherwise eligible.

If a child in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless youth is not exempt from local graduation requirements or has previously declined the exemption pursuant to this section, a local educational agency shall exempt the pupil at any time if an exemption is requested by the pupil and the pupil qualifies for the exemption. The exemption shall apply after termination of the court's jurisdiction or after the pupil is no longer considered homeless.

A transfer shall not be requested solely to qualify for an exemption under this section.

The local educational agency shall accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a child in foster care or a pupil who is a homeless youth while attending another public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school even if the pupil did not complete the entire course and issue that pupil full or partial credit for the coursework completed.

The local educational agency may not require a child in foster care or pupil who is a homeless youth to retake a course if the pupil has satisfactorily completed the entire course in a public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school. If the pupil did not complete the entire course, the local educational agency may not require the pupil to retake the portion of the course the pupil completed unless the local educational agency in consultation with the educational rights holder, finds that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the child in foster care or pupil who is a homeless youth shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the pupil may continue and complete the entire course. The pupil shall not be prevented from taking or retaking a course to meet eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or University of California.

A complaint of noncompliance with the requirements of this section may be filed with the local educational agency under the Uniform Complaint Procedures set forth in Chapter 5.1 (commencing with Section 4600) of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

A complainant not satisfied with the decision of a local educational agency may appeal the decision to the CDE and shall receive a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of the CDE's receipt of the appeal.

If a local educational agency finds merit in a complaint, or the Superintendent finds merit in an appeal, the local educational agency shall provide a remedy to the affected pupil.

CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES AND OTHER PROTECTED PUPILS-EC 49701, 51225.1, 51225.2

A pupil who is a "child of a military family" is defined as a school-aged child enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, in the household of an active duty member. "Active duty" means full-time status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including a member

of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. sections 1209 and 1211.

Children of military families who transfer between schools any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school shall be exempt from all coursework and other graduation requirements adopted by the governing board of the local educational agency that are in addition to the statewide coursework requirements, unless the local educational agency makes a finding that the child of a military family 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.

Within 30 days of the transfer of a child of a military family into a school, the local educational agency should determine whether the child of a military family is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within the pupil's fifth year of high school. If the pupil is reasonably able to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, the local educational agency shall do all of the following:

1. Inform the pupil of his or her option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements.
2. Inform the pupil, and the educational rights holder, about how remaining in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements will affect the pupil's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution.
3. Provide information to the pupil about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges.
4. Permit the pupil to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the local educational agency's graduation requirements upon agreement with the pupil, if the pupil is 18 years of age or older, or, if the pupil is under 18 years of age, upon agreement with the educational rights holder.

Within 30 calendar days of the date that a pupil who is a child of a military family who may qualify for the exemption from local graduation requirements transfers into a school, the school district shall notify the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian of the availability of the exemption and whether the pupil qualifies for an exemption.

If the District fails to provide timely notice, the pupil shall be eligible for the exemption from local graduation requirements, even if that notification occurs after the pupil no longer meets the definition of "a child of a military family."

If a child of a military family is exempt from local graduation requirements pursuant to this section and completes the statewide coursework requirements before the end of his or her fourth year of high school and that pupil would otherwise be entitled to remain in attendance at the school, a school or local educational agency shall not require or request that the pupil graduate before the end of his or her fourth year of high school, nor shall the child of a military family be

required to accept the exemption or be denied enrollment in courses for which they are otherwise eligible.

If a child of a military family is not exempt from local graduation requirements or has previously declined the exemption pursuant to this section, a local educational agency shall exempt the pupil at any time if an exemption is requested by the pupil and the pupil qualifies for the exemption. The exemption shall apply after the pupil no longer meets the definition of “a child of a military family” while the pupil is enrolled in school or if the pupil transfers to another school or school district.

A school district shall not require and a parent or guardian shall not request a child of a military family to transfer schools solely to qualify the pupil for an exemption under this section.

The local educational agency shall accept coursework satisfactorily completed by a pupil who is a child of a military family while attending another public school (including schools operated by the United States Department of Defense), a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency even if the pupil did not complete the entire course and issue that pupil full or partial credit for the coursework completed.

The local educational agency may not require a child of a military family to retake a course if the pupil has satisfactorily completed the entire course in a public school, a juvenile court school, or a nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency. If the pupil did not complete the entire course, the local educational agency may not require the pupil to retake the portion of the course the pupil completed unless the local educational agency in consultation with the educational rights holder, finds that the pupil is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate from high school. When partial credit is awarded in a particular course, the child of a military family shall be enrolled in the same or equivalent course, if applicable, so that the pupil may continue and complete the entire course. The pupil shall not be prevented from taking or retaking a course to meet eligibility requirements for admission to the California State University or University of California.

A complaint of noncompliance with the requirements of this section may be filed with the local educational agency under the Uniform Complaint Procedures set forth in Chapter 5.1 (commencing with Section 4600) of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

A complainant not satisfied with the decision of a local educational agency may appeal the decision to the CDE and shall receive a written decision regarding the appeal within 60 days of the CDE's receipt of the appeal.

If a local educational agency finds merit in a complaint, or the Superintendent finds merit in an appeal, the local educational agency shall provide a remedy to the affected pupil.

The above protections shall also apply to pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, former juvenile court school pupils, migratory children, and pupils participating in a newcomer program, as defined in Education Code section 51225.2(a).

ASBESTOS-40 C.F.R. 763.93

LGSD has a current management plan for asbestos containing materials for all district portables.

USE OF PESTICIDES-EC 17612, 48980.3

The name of all pesticides products expected to be applied at the school facilities during the upcoming year can be found at www.lemongrovesd.net. Persons wishing to be notified in advance of individual pesticide applications may register with LGSD for that purpose. To register, contact the District Maintenance Office at 619-825-5625. Additional information on pesticides is made available by the Department of Pesticide Regulation at www.cdpr.ca.gov. Pesticides used by the school district: Alpine WSG/Dinotefuran for roaches, ants, insects. Pesticides used by the City of Lemon Grove: Quikpro for weed control.

SCHOOL BUS AND PASSENGER SAFETY-EC 39831.5

Bus safety regulations, including a list of school bus stops near each pupil's home, general rules of conduct at school bus loading zones, red light crossing instructions, school bus danger zone, and walking to and from school bus stops can be found at Student Support Services Department 619-825-5623.

WILLIAMS COMPLAINT POLICY AND PROCEDURES-EC 35186

LGSD has adopted a uniform complaint process to help identify and resolve deficiencies related to instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health and safety of pupils or staff and teacher vacancy or mis-assignment. Notice of the complaint process and the location at which to obtain a complaint form is posted in all classrooms.

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS-EC 58501

“California State law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. The Education Code defines alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school, which is operated in a manner designed to:

- Maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility, and joy.
- Recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of his desire to learn.
- Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his own time to follow his own interests. These interests may result in whole or in part from a presentation by his teachers of choices of learning projects.
- Maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous, permanent process.

- Maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers, and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including but not limited to the community in which the school is located.

In the event any parent, pupil, or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, the county superintendent of schools, the administrative office of this district, and the principal's office in each attendance unit have copies of the law available for your information. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs in each district.”

A copy of the notice shall also be posted in at least two places normally visible to pupils, teachers, and visiting parents in each attendance unit for the entire month of March in each year.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination in education programs is prohibited by state and federal law. Education Code section 200, et seq. requires school district to afford all pupils regardless of gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, race, color, religion, natural origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or the perception of one or more of such characteristics, equal rights and opportunities in accessing educational programs, activities and facilities.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex. The Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. Also, pursuant to EC 212.1, “race” is inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles and textures.

LGSD will take the required steps to assure that the lack of English will not be a barrier to admission and participation in district programs. This policy applies to all students insofar as participation in programs and activities is concerned, with few exceptions such as contact sports. In accordance with federal law, complaints alleging non-compliance with this policy are investigated through the Uniform Complaint Process.

ATTENDANCE-EC 48980(h)

A. Residency Requirements-EC 48200, 48204, 48204.3, 48204.4, 48204.6, 48204.7

Each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years (and not exempted) is subject to compulsory full-time education. Each person subject to compulsory full-time education and not exempted shall attend the public full-time day school or continuation school or classes and for the full time designated as the length of the school day by the governing board of the school district in which the residency of either the parent or legal guardian is located.

A pupil may alternatively comply with the residency requirements for school attendance in a school district, if they meet any of the following:

1. Placed within the boundaries of the school district in a foster home or licensed children's institution as defined in Section 56155.5 or a family home within the boundaries of the school district pursuant to a commitment or a placement under the Welfare and Institutions Code;
2. A pupil who is in foster care who remains in their school of origin.
3. A pupil for whom interdistrict transfer has been approved;
4. An emancipated pupil who resides within the boundaries of the school district;
5. A pupil who lives in the home of a care giving adult that is located within the boundaries of the school district;
6. A pupil residing in a state hospital located within the boundaries of the school district.
7. A pupil whose parent or legal guardian resides outside of the boundaries of that school district but is employed and lives with the pupil at the place of their employment within the boundaries of the school district for a minimum of three days during the school week;
8. One or both of the parents or legal guardians of the pupil are physically employed within the boundaries of the school district for a minimum of 10 hours during the school week;
9. A school district shall allow a pupil who is a child of a military family to continue their education in the school of origin, regardless of any changes of residence of the military family during that school year, for the duration of the pupil's status as a child of a military family;
10. A school district shall allow a pupil who is a migratory child to continue attending their school of origin, or a school within the school district of origin regardless of any change of residence of the pupil; and
11. A pupil whose parent or parents were residents of this state and have departed California against their will, and if the pupil seeks admission to a school of a school district, shall be admitted, regardless of their current residency, provided the pupil has:
 - a. Official documentation evidencing the departure of their parent or legal guardian;
 - b. Moved outside of California as a result of their parent or legal guardian departing against their will and the pupil lived in California immediately before moving outside of California; and,
 - c. Provides documentation that the pupil was enrolled in a California public school immediately before moving outside of California.

B. Statutory Attendance Options

1. **Intradistrict Choice Policy (EC 35160.5(b)):** Residents of the school district may apply to other schools within the school district for their child to attend on a space available basis.
- **Interdistrict Attendance (EC 46600, et seq.):** The parent or guardian of a pupil may seek release from the home district to attend a school in any other school district. Each school district of resident and school district of proposed enrollment shall post on its Internet Web site the procedures and timelines, including a link to the policy of the governing board of the school district, regarding a request for an interdistrict transfer permit in a manner that is accessible to the public without a password. The information posted on the Internet Web site shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- a. The date upon which the school district will begin accepting and processing interdistrict transfer requests for the subsequent school year.
 - b. The reasons for which the school district may approve or deny a request, and any information or documents that must be submitted as supporting evidence.
 - c. If applicable, the process and timelines by which denial of a request may be appealed within the school district before the school district renders a final decision.
 - d. That failure of the parent to meet any timelines established by the school district shall be deemed an abandonment of the request.
 - e. Applicable timelines for processing a request, including statements that the school district shall do both of the following:
 - i. Notify a parent submitting a current year request, as defined in Section 46600.1, of its final decision within 30 calendar days from the date the request was received.
 - ii. Notify a parent submitting a future year request, as defined in Section 46600.1, of its final decision as soon as possible, but not later than 14 calendar days after the commencement of instruction in the school year for which interdistrict transfer is sought.
 - f) The conditions under which an existing interdistrict transfer permit may be revoked or rescinded.
- **Open Enrollment Act (EC 48350, et seq.):** When a student is attending a school on the Open Enrollment List as identified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the student may request a transfer to another school with a higher Academic Performance Index that is either within or outside of the district.
 - **District of Choice (EC 48300, et seq.):** Some school districts may choose to become a district of choice: a district that accepts transfer students from outside the district under the terms of a resolution. A school board that decides to become a district of choice must determine the number of transfers it is willing to accept and make sure that students are selected through a random and unbiased process.

C. Absence for Religious Instruction-EC 46014

Permissive absence may be granted for governing board-approved religious exercises or instruction if a pupil has attended at least the minimum school day and for not more than four days per school month.

D. Absence for Confidential Medical Services-EC 46010.1

Students in grades 7 to 12 may be excused for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services without consent of the pupil's parent or guardian.

E. Notification of Minimum Days and Pupil Free Staff Development Day-EC 48980(c)

A schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days will be made available online at www.lemongrovesd.net at the beginning of the school year or as early as possible, but no later than one month prior to the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day.

F. Grade Reduction/Loss of Academic Credit-EC 48980(j)

No pupil shall have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any excused absence pursuant to EC 48205 for missed assignments/tests that can reasonably be provided/completed.

G. Excused Absence; Justifiable Personal Reasons; Credit (EC 48205); Truancy (EC 48260, et seq.)

State law permits students to be absent for justifiable reasons and allows for completion of missed assignments. Students who are absent without valid excuse, and their parents/guardians, may be subject to truancy and/or criminal proceedings under Education Code section 48260, et seq.

● **Excused Absences:**

- a. Notwithstanding Section 48200, a pupil shall be excused from school when the absence is:
 - i. Due to the pupil's illness.
 - ii. Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
 - iii. For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
 - iv. For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of their 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.
 - v. For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
 - vi. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.
 - vii. 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 their religion, attendance at religious retreats, or attendance at an employment conference, when the pupil's absence has been requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
 - viii. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to Section 12302 of the Elections Code.
 - ix. For the purpose of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in EC § 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has

immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for *a* period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.

- x. For the purpose of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
 - xi. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.
- b. A pupil absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefore. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.
 - c. For purposes of this section, attendance at religious retreats shall not exceed four hours per semester.
 - d. Absences pursuant to this section are deemed to be absences in computing average daily attendance and shall not generate state apportionment payments.
 - e. "Immediate family," as used in this section, means the parent or guardian, brother or sister, grandparent, or any other relative living in the household of the pupil.

- **Truancy:**

- b. The first time a truancy report is issued, the pupil and, as appropriate, the parent or legal guardian, may be requested to attend a meeting with a school counselor or other school's designees to discuss attendance issue and develop plan to improve attendance.
- c. The second time a truancy report is issued within the same school year, the pupil may be given a warning by a peace officer pursuant to Penal Code section 830.1. The pupil may also be assigned to an afterschool or weekend study program located within the same county as the pupil's school.
- d. The third time a truancy report is issued within the same school year, the pupil shall be classified as a habitual truant and may be required to attend an attendance review board or a truancy mediation program pursuant to EC 48263.
- e. The fourth time truancy is issued within the same school year, the pupil may be within jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court that may adjudge the pupil to be a ward of the court pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 601.

FINGERPRINTING PROGRAM-EC 32390

LGSD does not offer a voluntary fingerprinting program. Fingerprinting requires written parental consent as well as payment by the parent or guardian of any applicable fees.

SEX EQUITY IN CAREER COUNSELING AND COURSE SELECTION-EC 221.5(d)

Commencing in Grade 7, school personnel shall assist pupils with course selection or career counseling, affirmatively exploring the possibility of careers, or courses leading to careers based on the interest and ability of the pupil and not on the pupil's gender. Parents or legal guardians are notified so that they may participate in such counseling sessions and decisions.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT FEES-EC 48980(j), 52242

A school district may help pay for all or part of the costs of one or more advanced placement examinations charged to economically disadvantaged pupils.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents or guardians of all pupils may request specified professional qualifications of the student's classroom teacher(s) and assigned paraprofessional(s).

EMPLOYEE INTERACTIONS WITH PUPILS-EC 44050

The Governing Board expects the District employees to maintain the highest ethical standards, behave professionally, follow the District policies and regulations, abide by state and federal laws, and exercise good judgment when interacting with students and other members of the school community. Employees shall engage in conduct that enhances the integrity of the District, advances the goals of the District's educational programs, and contributes to a positive school climate. Board Policy 4119.21 may also be accessed at www.lemongrovesd.net

This information may also be accessed at

<http://www.gamutonline.net/district/lemongrovesd/DisplayPolicy/1100979/4>

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES-5 C.C.R. 4622

LGSD has adopted a Uniform Complaint Procedure. LGSD shall follow uniform complaint procedures when addressing complaints involving adult education programs, categorical aid programs, migrant child education, career technical education training programs, child care and development programs, allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, lactation accommodations, non-compliance with school safety planning requirements, pupil fees, courses of study, instructional minutes for physical education, local control accountability plans, any deficiencies related to preschool health and safety issues for a California state preschool program, and matters pertaining to the right of foster youth, homeless youth, former juvenile court school pupils, and children of military families. Information regarding the Uniform Complaint Procedure, including the individual responsible for processing a Uniform Complaint can be found online at www.lemongrovesd.net.

PARENT ATTENDANCE OF SUSPENDED STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL DAY-EC 48900.1

LGSD does have a policy authorizing teachers to require the parent or guardian of a suspended pupil to attend a portion of a school day in the class of the suspended pupil.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR SUSPENDED STUDENTS-EC 48913.5

Upon request of a parent, a legal guardian, or other person holding the right to make educational decisions for the pupil, a teacher shall provide to a pupil in any of grades 1 to 12 who has been suspended from school or two or more schooldays the homework that the pupil would otherwise have been assigned. If a pupil turns in a homework assignment requested in the above manner to the teacher upon the pupil's return to school from suspension, or within the timeframe originally prescribe by the teacher (whichever is later), and it is not graded before the end of the academic term, then that assignment shall not be included in the calculation for that pupil's overall grade.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION-EC 35178.4

LGSD will notify each parent or guardian of a pupil in a school that has lost its accreditation status and the potential consequences of the school's loss of status, in writing or by posting the information on the school district's or school's internet website, or by any combination of these methods.

PUPIL HEALTH-ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT-EC 49452.8

By May 31 of the school year, pupils when first enrolled in public school are required to provide proof of an oral health assessment (conducted within 12 months before enrollment) by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional or provide written notice why an oral health assessment by a licensed dentist or other registered dental health professional cannot be completed. Additional information regarding the importance of oral health is included within this Annual Notification.

PUPIL RECORDS; NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS-20 U.S.C. 1232g; EC 49063, 49068, 49069.7, 49073

Parents, pupils 18 and over, pupils 14 and over that are both homeless and an unaccompanied youth, and individuals who have completed and signed a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit, have rights concerning pupil records under Education Code section 49063. These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within five (5) business days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will forward requests to the Custodian of Records. The Custodian of Records will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request

for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request from officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, LGSD shall disclose education records without parental consent.
- When a student moves to a new district, LGSD will forward the student's records upon the request of the new school district within 10 school days.

A foster family agency with jurisdiction over a currently enrolled or former pupil, a short-term residential treatment program staff responsible for the education or case management of a student, and a caregiver who has direct responsibility for the care of a pupil may access the current or most recent records of grades, transcripts, attendance, discipline, online communications on school platforms, any IEPs or Section 504 plans maintained by the responsible LEA of that pupil. The above-referenced individuals may access the pupil records listed above solely for the purpose of monitoring the pupil's educational progress, updating and maintaining the pupil's education records as required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 16010, and to ensure the pupil has access to educational services, supports and activities, including enrolling the pupil in school, assisting the pupil with homework, class assignments, and college and scholarship applications, and enrolling the pupil in extracurricular activities, tutoring and other afterschool or summer enrichment programs.

“Student Records” do not include:

- Instructional, supervisory or administrative notes by LGSD staff that are made only for that staff member or his/her substitute
- Records of a law enforcement unit that were created for use by the law enforcement unit
- Employee records made for personnel use
- Records of a doctor, psychologist, psychiatrist or other treatment provider and/or assistant regarding a student who is 18 or older or who is attending a postsecondary educational institution. In this case, “treatment” does not include remedial instructional measures.

Parents have a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920

SAFE PLACE TO LEARN ACT-EC 234, 234.1

LGSD has adopted policies pertaining to the following:

- Prohibition of discrimination and harassment based on characteristics set forth in EC § 220 and Penal Code 422.55;
- Process for receiving and investigating complaints of discrimination and harassment;
- Maintenance of documentation of complaints and their resolution;
- Process to ensure complainants are protected from retaliation and the identity of a complainant is kept confidential if appropriate; and
- Identification of a responsible LEA officer to ensure compliance.

LGSD's antidiscrimination and anti-harassment policies are posted in schools and offices and available online at www.lemongrovesd.net.

PUPIL PROTECTIONS RELATING TO IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP STATUS-EC 234.7

Except as required by state or federal law or as required to administer a state or federally supported educational program, LGSD shall not collect information or documents regarding citizenship or immigration status of pupils or their family members.

Should any request be made for information or access to a school-site by an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing immigration laws, LGSD's Superintendent shall report to the governing board any such requests in a timely manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information.

If LGSD becomes aware that a pupil's parent or guardian is not available to care for the pupil, LGSD staff shall first exhaust any parental instruction relating to the pupil's care in the emergency contact information it has for the pupil to arrange for the pupil's care. LGSD will not contact Child Protective Services to arrange for the pupil's care unless it is unable to arrange care through the use of emergency contact information provided by the parents or other information provided by the parent or guardian.

All children have a right to a free public appropriate education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs. Therefore, LGSD has fully adopted model policies published by the Attorney General's Office entitled "Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues" (<https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/bcj/school-guidance-model-k12.pdf>). These policies include, but are not limited to, refraining from collecting national origin information during the school enrollment process, accepting all forms of evidence listed in California Education Code section 48002 for the purpose of verifying student age, and not including citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or any other information indicative of national origin as directory information. Please visit the State of California's Attorney General's "Know Your Rights" page for more information at <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant/rights>.

AVAILABILITY OF PROSPECTUS-EC 49091.14

Each school site shall create a prospectus which includes the curriculum, including titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered. The prospectus shall be made available upon request by parent or guardian.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION-EC 49073

“Directory Information” includes one or more of the following items: student’s name, address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent public or private school attended by the student. LGSD has determined that the following individuals, officials, or organizations may receive directory information:

- Certain school publications
- Outside organizations including, but not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks
- Military recruiters
- Post-secondary educational institutions
- Outside governmental agencies

No information may be released to a private profit-making entity other than employers, prospective employers and representatives of the news media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations. Directory information may be disclosed without prior consent from the parent or legal guardian unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written notice to the school to deny access to his/her pupil’s directory information. However, directory information related to homeless and unaccompanied youth will not be released without the express written consent for its release by the eligible pupil, his/her parent or guardian.

LGSD may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" as specified herein without written consent unless advised to the contrary in accordance with procedures.

Parents/guardians must notify LGSD in writing every year if they do not want LGSD to disclose directory information from their child's education records without prior written consent.

Also, in accordance with Section 49073.2, the LEA shall not include the directory information or the personal information of a pupil or of a parent or guardian of a pupil in the minutes of a meeting of its governing body, except as required by judicial order or federal law, if a pupil who is 18 years of age or older or a parent or guardian of a pupil has provided a written request to the secretary or clerk of the governing body to exclude their personal information or the name of their minor child from the minutes of a meeting of the governing body.

Personal information includes a person's address, telephone number, date of birth, and email address.

SURVEYS-EC 51513; 20 U.S.C. 1232h

LGSD will notify parents or guardians of the need for their written permission before any test, questionnaire, survey or examination containing any questions about their child's personal beliefs or practices (or the pupil's family's beliefs or practices) in sex, family life, morality and religion, may be administered to any pupil in kindergarten, or grades 1-12, inclusive. Notification will include specific or approximate dates of when any survey containing sensitive, personal information is to be administered and provide an opportunity for parents to opt pupils out of participating in the survey. Upon request, parents or guardians will be given the opportunity to inspect any third-party survey.

PUPIL FEES-EC 49010

LGSD maintains a policy concerning the provision of a free education to pupils and for filing a complaint of non-compliance pursuant to the Uniform Complaint Procedures with the principal of the school alleged to be in non-compliance.

RIGHTS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO INFORMATION-EC 51101

Parents/guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity, as mutually supportive and respectful partners in the education of their children within the public schools, to be informed by the school, and to participate in the education of their children, as follows:

- Within a reasonable period of time following making the request, to observe the classroom or classrooms in which their child is enrolled or for the purpose of selecting the school in which their child will attend pursuant to intra-district or inter-district pupil attendance policies or programs.
- Within a reasonable time of their request, to meet with their child's teacher or teachers and the principal of the school in which their child is enrolled.
- To volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs under the supervision of district employees, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher. Although volunteer parents may assist with instruction, primary instructional responsibility shall remain with the teacher.
- To be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission.
- To receive the results of their child's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests and information on the performance of the school that their child attends on standardized statewide tests.
- To request a particular school for their child, and to receive a response from the school district. This paragraph does not obligate the school district to grant the parent's request.
- To have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning.
- To examine the curriculum materials of the class or classes in which their child is enrolled.
- To be informed of their child's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child.
- To have access to the school records of their child.

- To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their child is expected to accomplish.
- To be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures, attendance policies, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school.
- To receive information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test.
- To participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school-site council, or site-based management leadership team, in accordance with any rules and regulations governing membership in these organizations. In order to facilitate parental participation, school-site councils are encouraged to schedule a biannual open forum for the purpose of informing parents about current school issues and activities and answering parents' questions. The meetings should be scheduled on weekends, and prior notice should be provided to parents.
- To question anything in their child's record that the parent feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school.
- To be notified, as early in the school year as practicable pursuant to EC 48070.5, if their child is identified as being at risk of retention and of their right to consult with school personnel responsible for a decision to promote or retain their child and to appeal a decision to retain or promote their child. Parents and guardians of pupils, including those parents and guardians whose primary language is not English, shall have the opportunity to work together in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership with schools, and to help their children succeed in school. Each governing board of a school district shall develop jointly with parents and guardians, and shall adopt, a policy that outlines the manner in which parents or guardians of pupils, school staff, and pupils may share the responsibility for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of pupils at each school-site.
- The policy shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:
 1. The means by which the school and parents or guardians of pupils may help pupils to achieve academic and other standards of the school.
 2. A description of the school's responsibility to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all pupils to meet the academic expectations of the school.
 3. The manner in which the parents and guardians of pupils may support the learning environment of their children, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Monitoring attendance of their children.
 - b. Ensuring that homework is completed and turned in on a timely basis.
 - c. Participation of the children in extracurricular activities.
 - d. Monitoring and regulating the television viewed by their children.
 - e. Working with their children at home in learning activities that extend learning in the classroom.
 - f. Volunteering in their children's classrooms, or for other activities at the school.
 - g. Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their own child or the total school program.

CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS-EC 52052, 60640

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System was established on June 1, 2014. Commencing with the 2014-2015 school year, the CAASPP System includes Smarter Balanced summative assessments in English language arts and math in grades 3 through 8 and 11 and California Alternate Assessments (CAA) in English language arts and math in grades 3 through 8 and 11 for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The California Science Test (CAST) for science is required for all students in grades 5, 8 and once in high school unless the student's IEP indicates administration of the CAA. LGSD may administer a standards-based test in Spanish for reading/language arts in grades 2 through 11 for Spanish-speaking English learners who either receive instruction in their primary language or have been enrolled in a school in the United States for less than 12 months. A parent or guardian may make a written request to excuse their child from any or all parts of the assessment.

DRESS CODE/GANG APPAREL-EC 35183

Students are expected to come to school appropriately dressed. Students failing to dress appropriately will be asked to change.

SUN PROTECTIVE CLOTHING/USE OF SUNSCREEN-EC 35183.5

LGSD allows for outdoor use of sun-protective clothing and the use of sunscreen by students during the day.

BILINGUAL EDUCATION-EC 52173

LGSD will notify the parents or guardians of pupils who will be enrolled in a bilingual education program. The notice will contain a simple description of the program, inform the parent or guardian they have the right and are encouraged to visit the class in which their pupil will be enrolled and to have a school conference to explain the purpose of such an education, and that they have the right not to have their pupil enrolled in the program. Notice shall be in English and the primary language of the pupil.

MARKETING: DISCLOSURE OF STUDENT INFORMATION-20 U.S.C. 1232g

LGSD makes student directory information available in accordance with state and federal laws. This means that each student's name, birthday, address, telephone number, major course of study, participation in school activities, dates of attendance, awards, and the previous school attendance may be released to agencies such as the local PTA or Parent Club, or the military services. If you do not wish this information released, sign and return to the school the Student Signature Verification Form provided for this purpose.

ENGLISH IMMERSION PROGRAM-EC 310

In order to facilitate parental choice of program, LGSD will inform any parent or guardian of a pupil who is to be placed in a structured English immersion program and will notify the parent or guardian of an opportunity to apply for a parental exception waiver.

GATE PROGRAMS-5 C.C.R. 3831

LGSD's written plan for its GATE program includes procedures to inform parents or guardians of their pupil's participation or non-participation in the GATE program.

MIGRANT EDUCATION-EC 54444.2

LGSD may receive migrant education funds and services and will actively solicit parental involvement in the planning operation and evaluation of its programs through the establishment of a parent advisory council. Parents have the sole authority to determine the composition of the council.

TITLE 1-20 U.S.C. 6311

Permits parents to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including the following:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request regarding their child's teacher, parents may also request:

- Information on the level of achievement of the parent's child in each of the state academic assessments, and
- Timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Parents may obtain this information by logging on to www.ctc.ca.gov/ and looking up the child's teacher's credentials by entering the first and last name.

The law also requires that parents be notified when a teacher who is not *highly qualified* is hired and teaches the child *four consecutive weeks or more*.

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS-HSC 104420, 104495

LGSD may receive Tobacco Use Prevention funding to adopt and enforce a tobacco-free campus policy. Health and Safety Code section 104495 prohibits smoking and use of any tobacco-related products and disposal of any tobacco-related waste within 25 feet of a school playground. The prohibition does not apply to a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of a playground.

UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE-5 C.C.R. 11993(k); 20 U.S.C. 7912

Students shall be allowed to attend a safe school. LGSD shall notify parents or guardians of pupils in elementary and/or secondary schools considered to be "persistently dangerous" pursuant to California Department of Education guidelines and of available options for attendance at a safe school. "Any firearms violations" is an event which must be considered in determining whether a school site is at risk of being classified as persistently dangerous.

TRANSFER OF PUPILS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR-EC 48929, 48980(m)

The governing board of LGSD has adopted a policy to allowing the governing board of LGSD to transfer students convicted of violent felonies or misdemeanors to other schools in the district if the pupil to be transferred and the victim of the crime for which the pupil was convicted are enrolled at the same school. A copy of LGSD Board Policy 5116.2 is available at www.lemongrovesd.net.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD-EC 35256, 35258

The School Accountability Report Card provides parents and other interested members of the community a variety of information about the school, its resources, its successes, and the areas where it needs improvement. On or before February 1 of each year, an updated copy of the School Accountability Report Card for each LGSD operated school can be found on LGSD's website at www.lemongrovesd.net. A hard copy will also be provided upon request to any student's parent or guardian.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN-EC 32286, 32288

Each school is required to develop a school safety plan, which includes a comprehensive disaster preparedness plan. Copies of the school safety plan are available to read at the District Office during normal business hours.

DUTY CONCERNING CONDUCT OF PUPILS-EC 44807

All students participating in LGSD programs or activities will comply with LGSD policies, rules and regulations, pursue their studies and obey the valid authority of LGSD staff. Any student who feels another participant is disrupting the student's learning environment is strongly encouraged to report that misconduct to a LGSD staff member. The LGSD staff member will, in turn, report to the designated LGSD staff member in charge of handling student complaints. LGSD staff expects all students enrolled in LGSD programs or activities to conduct themselves in a manner that enriches the educational environment and does not disrupt the learning process. LGSD believes all students enrolled in LGSD programs or activities should experience a positive

learning environment. All students participating in LGSD programs or activities are expected to cooperate by respecting the rights of other participants, which includes the right to a learning environment free from disruptions. Student conduct includes conduct on school grounds, going to and from school and during recess and lunch periods.

Every teacher has a duty to hold pupils accountable for their conduct on the way to and from school, and on the playground, or during recess. A teacher, vice principal, principal or any other certificated employee of a school district, shall not be subject to criminal prosecution or criminal penalties for the exercise, during the performance of his duties, of the same degree or physical control over a pupil that a parent would be legally privileged to exercise but which in no event shall exceed the amount of physical control 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.

DANGEROUS OBJECTS-PENAL CODE 417.27

LGSD prohibits dangerous objects on campus, such as laser pointers and B.B. guns, unless possession is for valid instructional or other school-related purpose.

INVESTING FOR FUTURE EDUCATION-EC 48980(d)

LGSD encourages the investment by parents or guardians for higher education for their children and of considering appropriate investment options, including, but not limited to, United States savings bonds.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING-PENAL CODE 11164

LGSD staff is required by law to report cases of child abuse and neglect to the appropriate law enforcement agency when they have a reasonable suspicion that a child has been a victim of child abuse and/ or neglect. Reasonable suspicion does not require certainty that the child abuse and/or neglect has occurred. The reporting staff member's name and report are confidential. The fact that a child is homeless or an unaccompanied minor is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect.

DISRUPTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL OR MEETING-EC 32210

Any person who willfully disturbs any public school or public school meeting is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

MEDICAL RECORD SHARING-HSC 120440

Medical information may be shared with local health departments and the State Department of Public Health. Any information shared shall be treated as confidential medical information. The student or parent or guardian has the right to examine any immunization-related information shared in this manner and to correct any errors in it; and the student or parent or guardian may refuse to allow this information to be shared in the manner described, or to receive immunization reminder notifications at any time, or both.

MEGAN'S LAW-PENAL CODE-290

Information about registered sex offenders in California and how to protect their families can be found at <http://meganslaw.ca.gov/>.

LIABILITY OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR WILLFUL PUPIL MISCONDUCT-EC 48904

The parent or guardian of any minor may be held financially liable for the pupil's willful misconduct which results in injury or death to any pupil or person employed or volunteering for LGSD or injury to real or personal property belonging to LGSD or a LGSD employee. The parent or guardian of a minor shall be liable to LGSD for all property belonging to LGSD loaned to the minor and not returned upon demand of an employee of LGSD authorized to make the demand. LGSD shall notify the parent or guardian of the pupil in writing of the pupil's alleged misconduct before withholding the pupil's grades, diploma or transcript pursuant to this Section.

CHILDREN IN HOMELESS SITUATIONS-42 U.S.C. 11432

LGSD has appointed a liaison for homeless children responsible for ensuring the dissemination of public notice of the educational rights of students in homeless situations.

- Liaison contact information: Rebecca Burton rburton@lemongrovesd.net
- Circumstances for eligibility are posted at each school office.
- Right to immediate enrollment in school of origin or school where currently residing without proof of residency, immunization records or tuberculosis skin-test results, schools records, or legal guardianship papers;
- Right to education and other services including to participate fully in all school activities and programs for which child is eligible, to qualify automatically for school meal programs, to receive transportation services, and to contact liaison to resolve disputes that arise during enrollment;
- That no homeless youth shall be required to attend a separate school for homeless children or youth; and
- That homeless youth shall not be stigmatized by school personnel.

HOMELESS YOUTH IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS-EC 8483.1

LGSD currently operates an afterschool program pursuant to the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002. LGSD provides priority enrollment to students as follows. First priority shall go to pupils who are identified by the program as homeless youth, as defined by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Section 11434a), at the time that they apply for enrollment or at any time during the school year, and to pupils who are identified by the program as being in foster care. For programs serving middle and junior high school pupils, second priority shall go to pupils who attend daily. LGSD does not require pupils applying for or participating in the program to verify they are homeless or foster youth. Eligible students may receive priority through self-certification or through the district liaison for

homeless children if LGSD maintains a waiver on file allowing for the release of this information.

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

LGSD policy on the acceptable use of technology on school campuses and access by pupils to the Internet and on-line sites is available at www.lemongrovesd.net.

Distance Learning Agreements:

In the 2020-21 school year, LGSD schools may be operating in a full-distance learning phase. Parent and school partnership will be essential for student success.

Parents/Guardians:

- **Live teacher sessions (synchronous):** Monitor daily Zoom meeting attendance as absences will be documented. Access student's Google Classroom to receive login information for the Zoom sessions. Try to provide a quiet learning space with necessary materials and an appropriate background for the live meetings. Continue to monitor your child's online behavior. Participate in provided ZOOM trainings regarding how to's and expectations. **Protect the privacy of all participants by not recording, posting on social media, or taking screenshots** with school or personal equipment.
- **Working independently (asynchronous):** Assist your child as needed to log in to Clever and Google Classroom, and monitor completion of weekly assignments.
- Sign up for and check Class Dojo and Google Classroom for weekly teacher communication and assignments.
- Contact your child's teacher(s), school site administrator, social worker, or counselor with any questions or concerns.
- Be supportive, but encourage independence while completing assignments.

Students:

- **Live teacher sessions (synchronous):** Participate in daily Zoom meetings with cameras on. Follow the online classroom expectations set by your teacher and school. Access your Google Classroom to receive login information for live meetings. Your behavior, including chat comments or breakout room interactions, will be monitored and subject to all school rules. Join Zoom meetings with a positive attitude and be ready to learn in a distraction free zone! If you have any concerns regarding a Zoom meeting, inform your teacher as soon as possible. **Protect the privacy of all participants by not recording, posting on social media, or taking screenshots** with school or personal equipment.
- **Working independently (asynchronous):** Log in to Clever and check Google Classroom before your first live session on Monday for your weekly assignments and Zoom links.
- Complete all assignments so that your teacher(s) can provide feedback and grades on your work to track progress.
- Reach out to your teacher(s) if you have any questions or encounter any problems.

CUSTODY ISSUES

Schools are not a forum to settle custody disputes and the school has no legal jurisdiction to refuse a biological parent access to his or her child and the child's school records unless a signed

restraining order or proper divorce papers specifically setting forth limitations are on file at the school office. Custody disputes must be handled by the courts.

SCHOOL VISITING PROCEDURES-EC 51101(a)(12)

LGSD policy concerning visiting procedures may be found online at www.lemongrovesd.net. Penal Code section 627.6: requires schools to post at every entrance a notice of visitor registration requirements, registration hours, registration location, and penalties for the violation of the registration requirements.

WALKING OR RIDING A BIKE TO SCHOOL-VC 21212

LGSD requests that parents or guardians of children who walk or ride their bike to school plan a safe route to school with their children. The route shall not involve shortcuts through private property and all students are expected to exhibit good behavior. Furthermore, a student under 18 years of age may be fined for not wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet, and the parent or legal guardian of a minor who violates this section shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for the fine.

MATHEMATICS PLACEMENT POLICY-EC 51224.7

LGSD utilizes a fair, objective and transparent mathematics placement policy that takes multiple objective academic measures of pupil performance into consideration, annually examines aggregate pupil placement data to ensure pupil qualification for progressing through mathematics courses and offers clear and timely recourse for any pupil or parent or guardian who questions the placement.

CYBER SEXUAL BULLYING-EC 234.2

LGSD may suspend or expel students who engage in cyber sexual bullying consistent with the LGSD'S disciplinary procedures described above. The California Department of Education has developed information regarding cyber sexual bullying available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/bullyingprev.asp>.

LOCAL SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY-EC 49432

The local school wellness policy for each LGSD school is available at www.lemongrovesd.net.

ILLEGAL RECORDING OF CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION-PC 632, EC 51512

It is unlawful to intentionally eavesdrop or record the confidential communication between two or more parties without the consent of all parties to the confidential communication. The eavesdropping or recording of a confidential communication includes by means of any electronic amplifying or recording device whether the communication is carried on among the parties in the presence of one another or by means of a telegraph, telephone, or other device, except a radio. Such an act is punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or in the state prison, or by both that fine

and imprisonment. Additionally, pursuant to Education Code section 51512, the use by any person, including a student, of any electronic listening or recording device in any classroom without prior consent of the teacher and the principal is prohibited. Any person, other than the student, willfully in violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any pupil in violation is subject to LGSD's disciplinary procedures.

PUPIL COLLECTION OF DEBT-EC 49014

A pupil or former pupil, unless emancipated at the time the debt is incurred, shall not owe or be billed for a debt owed to an LEA.

An LEA cannot take negative action against a pupil or former pupil for a debt owed, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- Denying full credit for any assignments for a class;
- Denying full and equal participation in classroom activity;
- Denying access to on-campus educational facilities, including, but not limited to, the library;
- Denying or withholding grades or transcripts;
- Denying or withholding a diploma;
- Limiting or barring participation in an extracurricular activity, club, or sport; and
- Limiting or excluding from participation in an educational activity, field trip, or school ceremony.

ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS OR SERVICES THAT DISSEMINATE ADVERTISING-EC 35182.5

If LGSD enters into a contract for electronic products or services that requires the dissemination of advertising to students, the district must provide written notice to the parents or guardians of the students that the advertising will be used in the classroom or other learning centers.

ACCESS TO STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES-EC 49428

LGSD shall notify pupils and parents or guardians of pupils no less than twice during the school year on how to initiate access to available pupil mental health services on campus or in the community, or both.

To notify parents or guardians, a school shall use at least two of the following methods:

- Distribute the information in a letter (electronic or hardcopy)
- Include the information in the annual parent notification
- Post the information on the school's internet website or page

To notify pupils, a school shall use at least two of the following methods:

- Distribute the information in a document or school publication

- Include the information in pupil orientation materials or in a pupil handbook at the beginning of the year
- Post the information on the school’s internet website or page

If a school decides to notify parents through distributing the information in a letter and posting the information on the school’s internet website or page, then it need not also include the information in the annual parent notification.

PUPIL SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICIES-EC 215

Before the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, the governing board or body of a local educational agency that serves pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6 shall adopt a policy on pupil suicide prevention for the above grade levels. The age appropriate policy shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, the county mental health plan, school-employed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts. The policy shall also, at minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT PREVENTION INFORMATION-EC 234.6

Commencing with the 2020-21 academic year, each county office of education, school district, and charter school – or LEA (“local education agency”) for the purpose of this section – shall ensure that all of the following information is readily accessible in a prominent location on the local educational agency’s existing website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents or guardians and pupils:

1. The LEA’s policy on pupil suicide prevention in grades 7 to 12
2. The LEA’s policy on pupil suicide prevention in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, including reference to the age appropriateness of that policy
3. The definition of discrimination and harassment based on sex, and the rights derived from the Sex Equity in Education Act
4. The Title IX information included on a LEA’s internet website
5. A link to the Title IX information included on the department’s internet website
6. The LEA’s written policy on sexual harassment, as it pertains to pupils
7. The LEA’s policy, if it exists, on preventing and responding to hate violence
8. The LEA’s anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, anti-intimidation, and anti-bullying policies
9. The LEA’s anti-cyberbullying procedures
10. A section on social media bullying that includes all of the following references to possible forums for social media bullying:
 - a. Internet websites with free registration and ease of registration
 - b. Internet websites offering peer-to-peer instant messaging
 - c. Internet websites offering comment forums or sections
 - d. Internet websites offering image or video posting platforms
11. A link to statewide resources, including community-based organizations, compiled by the department

12. Any additional information the LEA deems important for preventing bullying and harassment

LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 INFORMATION SHEET

COVID-19, also known as the novel coronavirus, is a respiratory illness that is spread mainly from person to person, or via surfaces or objects. Person to person spread from or to children and adults is thought to occur mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Reported symptoms of the illness include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and or sore throat. It is important to note that people who are infected but do not have symptoms play a role in the spread of COVID-19.

Recognizing that those infected with COVID-19 may have mild to severe symptoms, it is important for the LGSD community to take precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The best community defense against the virus is washing hands frequently, avoiding touching the face, and avoiding being around sick people and physical distancing.

Parents and guardians should adhere to the following recommendations to protect the health of their student and others in the community:

Keep your student home if they are sick

If your student has a fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell, they should self-isolate and seek medical advice to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19. Your student should stay home for at least 10 days from when the symptoms first appeared and at least 3 days after the fever and respiratory symptoms have improved.

Additionally, a student who was in close contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected to have COVID-19 is to home quarantine for 14 days from the date of the exposure. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes with someone who has tested positive of COVID-19 or is suspected to have COVID-19.

Requirement for students to wear face covering to school

The use of a cloth face covering by students in the school setting during the COVID-19 pandemic can help reduce the transmission of the virus. Their primary role is to reduce the release of infectious particles in the air when someone speaks, coughs, or sneezes, including those who have COVID-19 but feel well. The face covering should be a material that covers the nose and mouth, secured to the head with ties or straps, or wrapped about the lower face. The covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand or can be improvised from household items. Face coverings not required to be worn by children under two 2)years of age. Face coverings are strongly encouraged, but not required to be worn by students from 2 years of age through the second grade. Face coverings ***are*** required to be worn by students in grades 3 through 8 on campus, particularly in indoor environments, on school buses, and areas where physical distancing alone is not sufficient to prevent disease transmission.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to send their students to school with a cloth face covering to wear.

The face covering should be washed frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily. Face coverings that no longer cover the nose or mouth, have stretched out or have damaged straps, or have holes in the fabric should be discarded. Students who do not have face coverings may be provided with them at no cost.

Establish plan if your student must be picked up from school

In the event your student begins to display symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they may need to be placed in an adult-supervised isolation room until they are picked up by an authorized adult. Please ensure that the emergency contacts for your student are updated with the appropriate individuals permitted to pick up your student if they are sick.

Daily Symptom Check

Parents and guardians should ask themselves the following questions and perform a check of symptoms (based on current CDC symptoms) daily before bringing their student to school:

- Does your student have any of the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - A fever of 100 or higher (per local public health guidance) or a sense of having a fever
 - Sore throat
 - Chills
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
 - Congestion/running nose not related to seasonal allergies
 - Unusual fatigue
- Does anyone in your household have any of the above symptoms?
- Has your student been in close contact with anyone suspected of having or diagnosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Has your student had any medication to reduce a fever before coming to school?

If the answers to any of the above questions is “yes,” they cannot attend in-person classes and the school should be notified. Please note that a representative from your student’s school will likely perform a similar symptom check before allowing your student to attend class.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, its symptoms, or how to treat the illness, please contact the district nurse.