# **AGREEMENT**

between the

# CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER #406

An Affiliate of the California School Employees Association of the Tehama County Department of Education

and the

# TEHAMA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

Tehama County Department of Education

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1		Article 1. AGREEMENT
2 3 4 5 6	1.1	This agreement is made and entered into by and between the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools/Tehama County Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the Department; and California School Employees Association (CSEA) Tehama County Chapter No. 406, hereinafter referred to CSEA.
7 8	1.2	This agreement is entered into pursuant to G.C. Chapter 10.7, Sections 35403549, Educational Employment Relations Act.
9 10	1.3	The term of this agreement shall be from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2026.
11 12	1.4	Each party shall have the option of opening articles on Salary and Benefits each year for negotiations and two other articles of choice.
13		Article 2. RECOGNITION
14	The De	partment recognizes CSEA as the exclusive representative for the unit.
15 16 17	2.1	Positions in the Unit shall include all instructional and operational support employees. All other classified positions designated as management, supervisory, confidential, or office/technical shall be excluded.
18 19	2.2	Disputed positions may be submitted to the Public Employment Relations Board for resolution.
20 21	2.3	New unit positions added during the duration of this agreement shall be noticed to the Unit.
22		Article 3. SEVERABILITY
23 24 25 26 27 28 29	3.1	It is understood and agreed that the specific provisions contained in this Agreement shall prevail over Department practices and procedures and over federal and state laws where the provisions exceed federal and state laws and that in the absence of specific provisions in this Agreement, such practices and procedures are within the discretion of the County Superintendent, unless they are mandatory subjects of bargaining, then both parties agree to meet and negotiate on the subject.
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	3.2	If, during the life of this Agreement, there exists any applicable law or any applicable rule, regulations, or order issued by governmental authority other than the Department which shall render invalid or restrain compliance with or enforcement of any provision of this Agreement, such provision shall be immediately suspended and of no effect hereunder so long as such law, rule, regulations, or order shall remain in effect. Such invalidation of a part or portion of this Agreement shall not invalidate any remaining portions which shall continue in full force and effect.

3.3 In the event of suspension or invalidation of any article or section of this 1 Agreement, the parties agree to meet and negotiate within thirty (30) 2 days after such determination for the purpose of arriving at a mutually 3 satisfactory replacement for such article or section. 4 5 Article 4. **COMPLETION OF MEET AND NEGOTIATE** 4.1 If either party desires to alter or amend this Agreement, it shall provide, 6 7 not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the termination date set forth under the Agreement Article, written notice and a proposal to 8 the other party of said desire and the nature of the amendments and 9 cause the public notice provisions of law to be fulfilled. 10 4.2 Within thirty (30) days of satisfaction of the public notice requirements, 11 negotiations shall commence at a mutually acceptable time and place 12 for the purpose of considering changes in this Agreement. 13 4.3 The Unit shall designate three (3) representatives who shall have the right 14 to receive reasonable periods of release time without loss of 15 compensation when meeting and negotiating. The Unit may also 16 designate one (1) alternate who shall have the right to receive 17 reasonable periods of release time without loss of compensation when 18 19 he/she replaces one of the representatives. 4.4 Employees shall submit the necessary form in sufficient time prior to a 20 negotiations session so that suitable Department approved substitutes 21 can be obtained. If the Department is unable to obtain substitutes for the 22 scheduled meeting, the meeting shall be rescheduled at a mutually 23 agreeable time and place. 24 25 4.5 The Unit shall present its initial letter of intent to the Superintendent in sufficient time to be placed on an agenda no later than the August board 26 meeting. 27 4.6 All public disclosure legal requirements shall be complied with. 28 Article 5. **CONCERTED ACTIVITIES** 29 5.1 The Unit recognizes the duty and obligation of its representative to comply 30 with the provisions of this Agreement and to make every effort toward 31 inducing all employees to do so. In the event of a strike, work stoppage, 32 slowdown, or other interference with the operations of the Department 33 by employees who are members of the Unit, the Association agrees to 34 35 advise and direct those employees to cease such action. It is agreed

the Department will not cause or engage in a lockout.

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and understood that any employee violating this Article may be subject

to discipline or discharge by the Department, and it is further agreed that

# Article 6. ORGANIZATIONAL SECURITY

- 6.1 The Department and the Unit recognize the right of employees to form, join, and participate in activities of employee organizations and the right of employees to refuse to form, join, and participate in any such activities.
- 6.2 With respect to all sums deducted by the department, whether for membership dues or equivalent fees, the department agrees to remit promptly such monies to the association together with an alphabetical list of unit members for whom such deductions have been made, categorizing them as a membership or non-membership in the association, and indicating any changes in personnel from the list previously furnished.
- 6.3 The Department shall not be obligated to put into effect any new or changed deductions that are received after the fifteenth of the month for that month's payroll.
- The Department shall pay to California School Employees Association the members' dues and fees deducted, within thirty (30) days.
- Maintenance of Membership. Eligible employees of the Department of Education may choose to join or not join the Unit. If a member does choose to join the Unit, he/she shall be required, as a condition of employment, to maintain membership and pay monthly dues for the duration of this contract. However, no such arrangement shall deprive the employee of the right to terminate his obligation to the Unit within a period of thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement. If his/her employment with the Department ceases prior to the expiration of the contract, he/she will not be required to pay membership dues beyond the termination date.
- 6.6 Any employee who is not a member of the association or who does not make application for membership at the effective date of this agreement or within thirty (30) days from the date of commencement of duties, shall as a condition of continued employment, become a member of the association or pay to the association a fee in the same manner as provided in paragraph 6.2 of this article. In the event that an employee shall not pay such fee directly to the association or authorize payment through payroll deductions, as provided in paragraph 6.2, the association shall so inform the department, and the department shall immediately begin automatic payroll deductions as provided in Education Code 45168 (Appendix 1) and in the same manner as set forth in paragraph 6.2 of this article. There shall be no charge to the association for such mandatory agency fee deduction.
- 6.7 Religious Beliefs Exemptions
  - 6.7.1 Unit members claiming religious exemptions must file a written request for exemption with CSEA. If the request is granted then an

employee who is a member of a religious body whose traditional 1 tenets or teaching include objections to joining or financially 2 supporting employee organizations shall not be required to join or 3 financially support Chapter #406 of the California School Employees 4 Association as a condition of employment; except that such 5 employee shall pay in lieu of service fee, sums equal to such service 6 7 fee to a nonreligious, non-labor organization charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 503/c (3) of Title 26 of the Internal 8 Revenue Code. 9 10 Proof of payment pursuant to paragraph 6.1 above shall be made on an annual basis to the department as a condition of continued 11 exemption from the provisions of paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of this 12 article. Such proof shall be in the form of receipts and/or cancelled 13 checks indicating the amount paid, date of payment, and to whom 14 payment in lieu of the service fee has been made. Such proof shall 15 be presented on or before October 15 of each school year. The 16 association shall have the right of inspection in order to review said 17 proof of payment. 18 6.7.3 Any employee making payments as set forth in paragraph 6.7.1 and 19 above, and who requests that the grievance or arbitration provisions 20 of this agreement be used in his or her behalf, shall be responsible 21 for paying the reasonable cost of using said grievance or arbitration 22 procedures. 23 6.8 Association Responsibilities 24 The association agrees to furnish any information needed by the 25 department to fulfill the provisions of this article. 26 6.9 Indemnification and Hold Harmless 27 Chapter #406 of the California School Employees Association agrees 28 to pay to the department all reasonable legal fees and legal costs 29 incurred by the department in defending against any court action 30 and/or administrative action before the Public Employment 31 32 Relations Board challenging the legality or constitutionality of the agency fee provisions of this agreement of their implementation. 33 The association agrees that payments under this provision shall be 34 made on a semiannual basis. 35 6.9.2 Chapter #406 of the California School Employees Association agrees 36 to indemnify and hold the department harmless from any award or 37 judgment which may result from a court action or administrative 38 action referenced in 6.9.1. 39

The association shall have the exclusive right to decide and

determine whether any such action or proceeding referred to in

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1 2		paragraph 6.9.1 or 6.9.2 shall or shall not be compromised, resisted, defended, tried or appealed.
3		Article 7. ORGANIZATIONAL RIGHTS
4 5 6	7.1	The Department agrees to furnish to all CSEA employees a copy of this contract at no cost. The Department will make the contract available on the website. Copies will be provided to current employees upon request.
7 8 9 10 11	7.2	CSEA shall have the right to access at reasonable times to areas in which employee's work, the right to use Department bulletin boards, mailboxes, and other means of communication, subject to reasonable regulation, and the right to use Department facilities at reasonable times for the purpose of meetings concerned with the exercise of the rights guaranteed by this chapter.
13 14	7.3	The Department agrees to make a computer station available to current unit members for work-related purposes.
15 16	7.4	Orientation. Chapter President or his/her designee shall be part of the orientation process.
17		Article 8. NONDISCRIMINATION
18 19 20	8.1	Neither the Department nor the Association shall interfere with, threaten, restrain, coerce, or discriminate against employees or the Department because of the exercise of their rights under this Agreement.
21		Article 9. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
22 23 24	9.1	The Department agrees to provide the full cost of any medical examination required as a condition of continued employment. Such examination shall be by a physician designated by the Department.
25		Article 10. PERSONAL PROPERTY
26 27 28 29 30	10.1	The Department will pay the costs of replacing or repairing eyeglasses, hearing aids, other prosthetics, and/or clothing necessarily worn or carried by the Unit member when any such property is damaged in the line of duty without fault of the Unit member. Limit of payment shall be \$500.
31 32 33 34 35 36	10.2	The Department will also reimburse any Unit member for the loss, destruction, damage by arson, burglary, accident, or vandalism of personal property used in the special education classrooms or any Department facility, including administrative offices only under the following conditions: Prior written approval to use and determination of value of the Unit member's property must be made by the program director before use of such personal property.

10.3 The Department shall be responsible for the payment costs for replacing 1 or repairing personal property of Unit members only under the following 2 conditions: 3 10.3.1 Reasonable precautions should be taken by the Unit member to 4 5 protect property. 10.3.2 Prior use of personal property in the performance of any Unit 6 7 member's duties must be authorized in writing by the superintendent or his designee. Exceptions to this rule would be clothing, dentures, 8 eyeglasses, hearing aids, and prosthetics. 9 10.3.3 If, during the performance of his/her duties, a Unit member incurs 10 11 damage of personal property while defending him/herself from attack on a school or Department site during work hours. 12 10.3.4 Value of the property must be determined by the superintendent or 13 14 his designee in writing prior to the use of the property. 10.3.5 Reimbursement by the Department shall augment and not replace 15 The combination of personal personal insurance coverage. 16 insurance reimbursement and Department reimbursement shall not 17 exceed the total current value of the personal property in question. 18 10.3.6 Claims for reimbursement of personal property damaged or stolen 19 while the Unit member is on duty shall be limited to \$500. Claims must 20 be filed within thirty (30) days of occurrence. 21 10.3.7 Any reimbursement by the Department for damages or theft of 22 personal property shall be subject to approval by the County 23 Superintendent. 24 Article 11. **SAFETY** 25 11.1 The Department shall furnish equipment and a place of employment 26 which is safe and healthful for all Unit employees. 27 Unit employees shall assist in holding pupils accountable for their conduct. 11.2 28 Unit employees shall not be subject to disciplinary action from the 29 Department for exercising physical control over a pupil during the 30 performance of his/her duties, but which in no event shall exceed the 31 amount of physical control that complies with SELPA policies (Appendix 32 2) and State and Federal laws. 33 34 11.3 If a Unit employee is attacked, assaulted, or menaced by any pupil, it shall be the duty of such Unit employee, and the duty of any person under 35 whose direction or supervision such Unit member is employed in the 36 Department who has knowledge of such incident, to promptly report the 37

1 2		me to the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county or city which the same occurred.
3 4 5 6 7	ur Aı w	ny condition in a facility utilized by the Department deemed to be a safe by a Unit employee shall be reported in writing to the Department. In action or response in writing shall be provided within twenty (20) orking days by the Department, who shall maintain records of safety ports and subsequent actions.
8		Article 12. EVALUATION
9 10 11	su	written evaluation on the form (Appendix 3) shall be made by the direct pervisor on or before May 15, each year for permanent employees and least twice during the probationary period for new employees.
12 13 14	12.1	.1 Probationary employees shall be evaluated as frequently as necessary and at least once during the first two months and again after five months of service.
15 16	12.1	.2 The normal probationary period for employees shall be at least six months or 130 work days.
17 18 19	er	ne evaluation shall be made in duplicate with one copy to the mployee, and one copy placed in the employee's personnel file llowing a conference between supervisor and employee.
20 21 22 23	or de	ny unsatisfactory evaluation for permanent employees shall include rec- mmendations for how improvement can be accomplished and ocumentation regarding how the unsatisfactory performance had een addressed with the employee prior to the evaluation.
24 25 26 27	12.3	3.1 Any evaluation indicating unsatisfactory shall include specific deficiencies and specific recommendations for improvement and provisions for assisting the employee in implementing any recommendations made.
28 29 30 31 32	12.3	3.2 If the employee feels that the evaluation might lead to discipline at any meeting to discuss an evaluation, the bargaining unit member is entitled to the right to representation by CSEA. Such representation shall have the right to speak on behalf of the employee.
33 34		ny employee shall have the right to respond in writing to any asatisfactory comment.
35 36		ny employee may, if he/she wishes, discuss the evaluation at the next dministrative level(s) within 30 calendar days.

12.6 Matters to be evaluated shall not go beyond the last evaluation unless an 1 employee has been rated unsatisfactory or it was not applicable at the 2 time. 3 12.7 Matters to be evaluated shall not include activities based on an 4 5 employee's participation in California School Employees Association. 12.8 No evaluation shall be based on statements or events which cannot be 6 7 substantiated. Evaluations shall be made based upon the professional judgment, including direct observation, and cumulative knowledge of 8 the evaluator. 9 12.9 The signing of an evaluation by an employee only means that the 10 11 employee has received a copy of the evaluation, not that the employee agrees with the contents of the evaluation. 12 Article 13. **EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL FILE** 13 13.1 Inspection. An employee may inspect material in his/her personnel file 14 except for materials which: 15 a) are obtained prior to his/her employment; 16 b) were prepared by identifiable examination committee members; or 17 c) were obtained in connection with a promotional examination. 18 13.2 Procedures. An employee may inspect such materials in his/her 19 personnel file, with the exception of the above specified items, during 20 normal business hours of the Department office at times other than when 21 the employee is required to render service. Such inspection shall take 22 place under the supervision of a Department Administrator or designee. 23 24 Unit representatives may so inspect an employee's personnel file in the company of the employee or with the written authorization of the 25 employee. 26 13.3 File Contents 27 13.3.1 No materials of a derogatory nature, except the above specified 28 items, may be placed in an employee's personnel file without 29 allowing employee an opportunity to review and comment thereon 30 during a ten (10) working day period. 31 13.3.2 An employee shall have the right to enter, and have attached to 32 any derogatory statement, his/her own comments thereon. The 33 review and comment upon materials of derogatory nature shall take 34 place during the normal business hours of the Department office 35 and times when the employee can be spared from duty, as 36

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determined by the supervisor. The employee shall be released from

duty without loss of pay. The employee shall submit a request in 1 advance to the supervisor to leave the normal place of work during 2 assigned duty times for such review and comment. 3 13.3.3 All materials placed in an employee's personnel file shall be dated 4 5 and signed by the contributor. 13.3.4 Non-verifiable or unsubstantiated (hearsay) materials may not be 6 7 placed in an employee's personnel file. Article 14. **LEAVES** 8 14.1 Leave of Absence. The County Superintendent of Schools may grant 9 leaves of absence, with or without pay, to Unit members. 10 14.2 Jury Duty. When employees are called for jury duty, such absence shall 11 12 be without loss of pay. A copy of the jury summons shall be attached in The employee shall endorse the jury duty check to the 13 Department and will be reimbursed by the Department for mileage, if 14 any, that is included in the check. A unit member whose work shift 15 assignment starts at 2:00 or after shall not be required to return to work 16 17 after fulfilling his/her obligation for jury duty. 14.3 Family Leave. The Department shall grant leave of absence to unit 18 members according to law and per Department policy. 19 14.4 Bereavement Leave. Per Education Code a unit member is entitled to 20 paid leaves of absence, not to exceed three days, or five days if out of 21 state travel is required, on account of the death of any member of his/her 22 immediate family. The immediate family is defined as mother, father, 23 grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or grandchild of 24 the employee or the spouse of the employee; or the spouse, son, stepson, 25 son-in-law, daughter, stepdaughter, daughter-in-law, brother or sister, 26 27 brother-in-law or sister-in-law, of the employee or any relative living in the immediate household of the employee. (Mother and father are defined 28 29 to include stepmother and stepfather.) 14.5 Military Leave. Members of the Unit shall be granted any military leave to 30 which they are entitled, under law, as classified Department employees. 31 Industrial Accident and Illness Leave. Unit members who are absent 14.6 32 because of industrial (job-related) accident or illness shall be granted up 33 to sixty (60) working days in any one fiscal year for the same accident. 34 35 This leave will commence on the first day of absence due to industrial accident or illness. Payment for wages lost on any day shall not, when 36 added to an award granted the Unit member under the workers' 37 compensation laws of this state, exceed the normal wage for the day. 38 Industrial accident leave will be reduced by one day for each day of 39

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authorized absence regardless of a compensation award made under

workers' compensation. When an industrial accident or illness occurs at a time when the full sixty (60) days will overlap into the next fiscal year, the Unit member shall be entitled to only that amount remaining at the end of the fiscal year in which the injury or illness occurred for the same illness or injury.

When a Unit member is absent because of a job-related illness or injury, he/she shall receive full salary for sixty (60) days. (Workers' Compensation plus the amount necessary to equal his daily pay.) If the sixty (60) day industrial leave is exhausted, the Unit member shall be put on regular sick leave. If he is still unable to return to work after exhausting sixty (60) days industrial leave and regular sick leave, he shall be put on vacation leave. Anytime an employee on industrial accident or illness leave is able to return to work, he/she shall be restored to a position within the class to which he/ she was assigned and, if at all possible, to his position with all the rights, benefits, and burdens of a permanent employee. employee shall have served six months before becoming eligible for industrial leave, sick leave, and vacation.) Industrial accident or illness leave is to be used in lieu of normal sick leave benefits. When entitlement to industrial accident or illness leave under this section has been exhausted, entitlement to other sick leave, vacation, or other paid leave will be used. If, however, an employee is still receiving temporary disability payments under the workers' compensation laws of this state at the time of the exhaustion of benefits under this section, he/she shall be entitled to use only as much as his/her accumulated and available normal sick leave and vacation leave, which, when added to the workers' compensation award, provides for a day's pay at the regular rate of pay.

- 14.7 Family Care and Medical Leave. Unit members may be granted unpaid leave consistent with the federal (Appendix 4) and state law (Appendix 5), and Department Policy (Appendix 6).
  - 14.7.1 During this unpaid leave, the Department will continue its regular payment of group insurance premiums for up to 12 weeks. Employee is responsible for their portion of the premium.
- 14.8 Sick Leave. Every Unit member employed five days a week by the Department shall be entitled to twelve (12) days leave of absence for illness or injury and such additional days, in addition thereto, as the governing board may allow for illness or injury, exclusive of all days he is not required to render service to the Department, with full pay for a fiscal year of service. A unit member, employed five days a week, who is employed for less than a full fiscal year is entitled to that proportion of 12 days leave of absence for illness or injury as the number of months he/she is employed bears to 12 and the proportionate amount, thereto, authorized by the governing board for Unit employees employed five days a week for a full fiscal year of service.

A Unit member employed less than five days per week shall be entitled,

for a fiscal year of service, to that proportion of 12 days leave of absence for illness or injury as the number of days he/she is employed per week bears to five and is entitled to the proportionate amount, consistent with this formula, of such additional days, in addition thereto, authorized by the governing board for Unit employees employed five days a week for a full fiscal year of service. When such persons are employed for less than a full fiscal year of service, this and the preceding paragraph shall determine that proportion of leave of absence for illness or injury to which they are entitled. Pay for any day of such absence shall be the same as the pay which would have been received had the employee served during the day. Credit for leave of absence need not be accrued prior to taking such leave by the employee and such leave of absence may be taken at any time during the year. However, a new employee of the Department shall not be eligible to take more than six days, or the proportionate amount to which he/she may be entitled under this section, until the first day of the calendar month after completion of six months of active service with the Department.

If a Unit member does not take the full amount of leave of absence in any year under this section, the amount not taken shall be accumulated from year to year with such additional days as the governing board may allow. The governing board shall adopt rules and regulations requiring and prescribing the manner of proof of illness or injury for the purpose of this section. Such rules and regulations shall not discriminate against evidence of treatment and the need therefore by the practice of the religion of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization.

When a Unit member is absent from his/her duties on account of illness or accident for a period of five months or less, whether or not the absence arises out of or in the course of employment, the employee shall be compensated at 50 percent of the employee's regular salary, regardless if a substitute is provided as per EC 45916. Such additional sick leave shall be exclusive of any other paid leave, holidays, vacation, or compensating time to which the employee may be entitled.

- 14.9 Personal Necessity Leave. Personal Necessity Leave may be granted to Unit members in compliance with the Education Code (Appendix 7) and Department Policy (Appendix 8).
- 14.10 Additional Use of Sick Leave. During any fiscal year, unit members are entitled to use up to one-half of their annual entitlement to sick leave described in Section 14.8 to attend to an illness of a child, parent, or spouse of the employee. For the purposes of this provision, the term "child" is as defined in the labor code (Appendix 9). All conditions and restrictions regarding the use of sick leave shall also apply to this section.
- 14.11 Leave for Study and Training. Leaves without pay for study and training may be granted subject to the approval of the Superintendent and the governing board.

#### Article 15. **TRANSFERS** 1 15.1 A transfer is a lateral move from one position to another that requires the 2 same classification and identical job description. A transfer may be unit 3 member initiated (voluntary) or Department initiated (involuntary). A 4 transfer may occur as a result of a reassignment by the Department or 5 assignment of an employee returning from leave (involuntary) or when a 6 vacancy is posted by the personnel office (voluntary). 7 15.1.1 VOLUNTARY. The Department shall offer the opportunity to transfer 8 to unit employees who shall be interviewed with other current 9 employee applicants for a position that requires the same 10 classification and identical job description. 11 The job will be awarded based on all of the following: Seniority, 12 qualifications of the employee, approval of the vacant 13 position's supervisor, and subject to final approval of the 14 Superintendent. 15 Any employee assigned to work in a work location other than 16 the employee's normal work site for a period in excess of five 17 working days may present a written request for review of the 18 assignment by the immediate supervisor. 19 Notice of vacancy will be posted for a period of five (5) working 20 days prior to filling the position. Posting shall be on the 21 Department's bulletin board and by personal notice to off-site 22 classified employees. 23 If a voluntary transfer is not requested, the 15.1.2 INVOLUNTARY. 24 superintendent or designee may elect to initiate an administrative 25 transfer. Such a transfer shall be based exclusively on the legitimate, 26 educationally-related needs of the Department. These needs shall 27 be stated in writing to the Unit member. Involuntary transfers shall 28 not be made arbitrarily or capriciously or for punitive or disciplinary 29 purposes. If the Unit member desires, a conference shall be held 30 with the superintendent or designee. Notice of at least five (5) 31 32 working days shall be provided for an involuntary transfer. Upon conclusion of interviews, should two or more applicants be 33 equally qualified, the internal applicant will be given hiring 34 preference. 35 **HOURS WORKED** Article 16. 36

16.1 For the purpose of computing the number of hours worked, time during which an employee is excused from work because of holidays, sick leave, vacation, compensating time off, or other paid leave of absence shall be considered as time worked by the employee.

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16.2 Probationary employees will become permanent employees after the employee has been employed 6 months or 130 work days. At that time the employee shall be considered permanent and a member of the classified service.

- 16.3 Probationary employees may be terminated without cause and without thirty (30) day notice.
- 16.4 If a classroom, program, or student requires additional staff time and the Department determines it is feasible to do so, the additional time may be first offered to one or more of the current employees in that program on a short-term basis for up to 90 calendar days. If the employee(s) accepts the offer of additional time and the need for the additional time ceases to exist prior to 90 calendar days, the increased work day shall be reduced to its original level, with one week prior notice. If the need for additional time ceases to exist after 90 calendar days, the reduction in the work day shall be pursuant to the layoff procedures in Section XXV.

# Article 17. WORK DAY, WEEK, MONTH, AND YEAR

- 17.1 Work day, work week, work month, and work year shall be designated by the Superintendent.
- 17.2 Meal Period. A non-compensated, scheduled, uninterrupted meal period between thirty (30) to sixty (60) minutes shall be provided all Unit employees who render service of at least six (6) hours. The length of the meal period shall be determined by the Supervisor. The Supervisor shall assign the meal period to be taken at or about the midpoint of each work shift. The meal period for six-hour Unit employees may be waived by written mutual agreement between the Unit employee and supervisor with approval of the appropriate administrator.
- 17.3 Rest Period. A fifteen (15) minute compensated rest period shall be provided members of the Unit for each four (4) hour period of service.
- 17.4 Overtime. Overtime pay or compensatory time off shall be provided employees who are directed by their supervisor to work in excess of eight (8) hours in any one (1) day, or in excess of forty (40) hours in any workweek. Employees with a work week of five (5) consecutive workdays averaging four (4) hours or more per day shall receive overtime compensation for work directed and authorized by the immediate site administrator to be performed on the sixth (6th) and seventh (7th) day following the commencement of the workweek. Employees whose average workday is less than four (4) hours shall receive overtime compensation for work directed and authorized by the site administrator to be performed on the seventh (7th) day following the commencement of the workweek. Upon request of the Unit member, the Department may grant compensatory time equal to time and one-half of the employee's

regular rate of pay or compensatory time off at time and one-half of the employee's regular rate of pay. Employees authorized by the Department to work overtime shall take the compensatory time off or be paid, as approved by the Department. If the employee is unable to take the time, or if the Department rejects the employee's request for compensatory time, the Unit member shall be compensated. All overtime shall be recorded on the Unit member's regular time card within the month earned.

17.5 Extra Time. Extra time is any time worked within the five-day workweek by a part- time Unit member over and above her/his normal part-time work assignment, up to eight (8) hours per day, as directed by the immediate supervisor. Extra time shall be paid at the regular rate of pay, or shall be taken as time off on an hour for hour basis at the request of the Unit member and as approved by the immediate supervisor. All extra time shall be recorded on the Unit member's extra time tracking sheet within the month earned.

### Article 18. SALARIES

- 18.1 The classified salary schedule for CSEA shall be increased 7.5% effective July 1, 2023.
  - 18.1.1 Unit members may elect to be paid 11 checks or 12 checks (11 checks with a July arrears check) per year. A Payroll Election Form must be received in the payroll office prior to August 15. Election will stay in effect until a new form is submitted. Unit members who do not submit an election form will default to 11 paychecks.
- All step movements on the salary schedule shall be on July 1. Employees hired between July 1 and December 31 shall have their first step movement on the next July 1. Employees hired between January 1 and June 30 will have their first step movement on the following July 1, i.e., employee hired on September 1, 2014 will receive step movement on July 1, 2015; employee hired on February 3, 2015 will receive step movement on July 1, 2016.
- 18.3 Effective July 1, 2014, longevity steps will become salary steps included on the salary schedule
- 18.4 Beginning on 7/1/2014, Teresa L. Estes will be grandfathered and continue to receive Educational Incentive for as long as they are employed with TCDE.

with the following schedule (only one stipend at the highest level earned 2 will be given): 3 \$300 A.A. 4 5 \$500 B.A. \$1250 M.A. 6 \$1500 Ph.D. 7 18.6 Effective Date. Verification of a degree must be received in the Human 8 Resources Department by August 15 for the annual degree stipend to be 9 implemented in the current school year's payroll. 10 Mileage Reimbursement and Insurance Stipend 11 18.7 18.7.1 Mileage reimbursement. An itinerant employee is someone: 12 whose assignment requires him/her to serve more than one 13 school site per day on a regularly scheduled basis, or 14 15 who is given a special assignment by the director which qualifies them for mileage reimbursement under this policy. 16 Unit members shall receive mileage at the rate specified in the Tehama 17 18 County Department of Education policy. Mileage will be paid according to any or all of the following conditions: 19 a) for miles driven between school sites. 20 b) for miles driven by employees whose base of operations 21 originates from the Tehama County Department of Education. 22 (To be mutually determined in the beginning of the school year 23 24 by the director, the employee, and a designated unit representative.) 25 Mileage will be paid based upon the County Office mileage chart. 26 27 18.7.2 Insurance Stipend. A stipend shall be paid for automobile insurance reimbursement for maintaining insurance coverage at the 28 recommended level of the department's insurance carrier. 29 stipend shall be \$400.00 per year for full-year itinerant service. For 30 purposes of the insurance stipend, an itinerant employee is a unit 31 32 member whose assignment requires him/her to serve more than one school site per day on a regularly scheduled basis or on a given day 33 serves a school site which is in excess of 25 miles distance from the 34 County Office. Any change in assignment may result in a proration. 35 Schedules subject to changes within the school year will be 36 reviewed by the Department, the employee, and the designated 37

Degree Incentive. Stipends will be earned for degrees in accordance

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unit representative by April 30. The parties will review the log of the

year's assignment and calculate the itinerant proration. Payment shall be made as a lump sum with the June payroll. In order to receive the insurance stipend, a unit member serving in an itinerant status and using any privately-owned vehicle, shall be annually required to provide the Human Resource Services office proof of insurance and coverage, on the Privately-Owned Vehicle Insurance Certification Form with a copy of the declaration sheet, or insurance card on or before August 15. This form shall cover all privately-owned vehicles driven by the employee during the course of their duties. A revised form shall be submitted within 30 days of any change in insurance coverage.



# Tehama County Department of Education CSEA Unit Positions

# 2023-24

Range	Position
22	Braille Transcriber - Entry Level Car Driver
25	Deaf Mentor Paraeducator - Alternative Education
27	Day Custodian/Light Maintenance Paraprofessional - Special Education
28	Educational Sign Language Interpreter - Entry Level Night Custodian/Light Maintenance
30	Bus Driver
32	Braille Transcriber I Educational Sign Language Interpreter I
35	Braille Transcriber II Educational Sign Language Interpreter II
36	Intensive Behavior Interventionist Skilled Maintenance Worker
38	Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
41	Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Mechanic
44	Braille Transcriber III Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant Educational Sign Language Interpreter III Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant
46	Lead Intepreter
49	Mechanic



#### **Tehama County Department of Education** Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) 2023-24 Salary Schedule

Approved & Effective: 7/1/2023

Below Roy

									STEP								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-13	14-16	17-19	20-22	23-25	26-28	29-31
22	516.21	\$16.62	517.04	517,46	\$17.90	518.35	\$18.81	\$19.28	\$19.76	\$20,26	\$20.86	\$21.49	\$22.13	522.80	523,48	524.19	524.9
23	\$16.62	\$17.04	\$17,46	\$17.90	\$18.34	\$18.80	\$19.27	\$19.75	\$20.25	\$20,75	\$21.37	\$22.02	\$22.68	\$23,36	\$24.06	\$24.78	\$25.5
24	517.04	\$17.47	\$17.89	518.35	\$18.80	519.27	\$19.75	\$20.25	\$20,75	\$21.27	522.02	\$22,68	\$23.36	524.06	\$24.78	\$25.52	526.2
25	\$17.46	\$17.90	\$18.34	\$18.80	\$19.28	\$19.76	520.26	520.76	521.28	\$21.81	\$22,47	\$23,14	\$23.84	\$24.55	\$25.29	\$26.05	\$26.8
26	\$17.90	\$18.34	518.80	\$19.28	\$19.75	\$20.24	\$20.75	521.27	\$21.80	\$22.34	523.01	\$23.70	524.41	\$25.15	\$25.90	526.68	527.4
27	\$18,34	\$18.80	519.28	\$19,75	\$20.25	\$20.76	521.28	\$21.81	\$22,35	\$22,91	\$23.60	\$24,31	\$25.04	\$25.79	\$26,56	\$27.36	528.1
28	\$18.79	\$19.27	519.75	\$20.25	\$20.75	\$21.27	\$21.80	522.35	\$22.91	\$23.48	524.19	\$24.91	\$25.66	\$26.43	\$27.22	528.04	\$28.8
29	\$19.27	\$19.75	\$20.25	\$20,75	\$21.26	\$21.79	522.34	\$22.90	523.47	\$24.05	\$24.78	\$25,52	\$26,29	\$27.07	\$27.89	\$28.72	\$29.5
30	\$19.75	\$20.25	520.75	\$21.27	\$21.80	522.35	\$22.91	\$23.48	524.07	\$24.67	525.41	\$26.17	\$26.96	527.77	\$28.60	\$29.46	530.3
31	\$20.25	\$20.74	\$21.26	\$21.80	\$22.33	\$22.88	\$23.46	\$24.04	\$24.64	\$25.26	\$26.02	\$26.80	\$27.60	\$28.43	\$29.28	\$30.16	\$31.0
32	\$20.74	\$21.25	521.80	\$22.33	522.89	523.46	\$24.05	524.65	\$25.26	\$25.90	526.67	\$27.47	\$28.30	\$29.15	\$30.02	\$30.92	\$31.8
33	\$21.25	\$21.80	\$22.33	\$22.89	\$23.46	\$24.05	\$24.65	\$25.26	\$25.90	\$26.54	\$27.34	\$28.16	\$29.00	\$29.87	\$30.77	\$31.69	\$32.6
34	\$21.80	\$22.33	\$22.90	\$23.46	\$24.05	\$24.65	\$25.26	\$25.89	\$26.54	\$27.21	\$28.02	\$28.86	\$29.73	\$30.62	\$31.54	\$32.48	\$33.4
35	\$22,33	\$22.89	523,46	524.06	\$24.65	\$25.26	\$25.90	\$26.54	\$27,21	\$27.89	\$28.72	\$29,58	\$30,47	\$31.39	\$32,33	\$33,30	\$34.3
36	522.89	\$23.46	\$24.06	\$24.65	\$25.28	\$25.91	\$26.56	527.22	\$27.90	\$28.60	529.46	\$30.34	\$31.25	\$32.19	\$33.15	\$34.15	\$35.1
37	\$23.46	\$24.06	\$24.65	\$25.28	\$25.91	\$26.56	\$27.22	\$27.90	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.19	\$31.10	\$32.03	\$32.99	\$33.98	\$35.00	\$36.0
38	\$24.06	\$24.65	\$25.28	\$25.91	\$26.56	\$27.22	\$27.90	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.05	\$30.95	\$31.88	\$32.83	\$33.82	\$34.83	\$35.88	\$36.9
39	\$24.65	\$25.28	\$25.91	\$26.56	\$27.22	\$27.90	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.05	\$30.80	\$31.72	\$32.67	\$33.65	\$34.66	\$35.70	\$36.77	\$37.8
40	\$25.28	\$25.91	\$26.56	\$27.22	\$27.91	\$28.61	\$29.32	\$30.05	\$30.81	\$31.58	\$32.52	\$33.50	\$34.50	\$35.54	\$36.60	\$37.70	\$38.8
41	\$25.90	\$26.56	\$27.22	\$27.90	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.05	\$30.80	\$31.57	\$32.36	\$33.33	\$34.33	\$35.36	\$36.42	\$37.51	\$38.63	\$39.7
42	526.56	\$27.22	\$27.90	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.05	\$30.80	\$31.57	\$32.36	\$33.16	\$34.16	\$35.18	\$36.24	\$37.33	\$38.45	\$39.60	\$40.7
43	\$27.21	\$27.90	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.05	\$30.80	\$31.57	\$32.36	\$33.16	\$33.99	\$35.01	\$36.06	\$37.15	\$38.26	\$39.41	\$40.59	\$41.8
44	\$27.90	\$28.60	\$29.31	\$30.05	\$30.80	\$31.57	\$32.36	\$33.16	\$33.99	\$34.84	535.89	536.97	\$38.07	\$39.22	\$40.39	541.60	\$42.8
45	\$28.59	\$29.31	\$30.05	\$30.80	\$31.57	\$32.36	\$33.16	\$33.99	\$34.84	\$35.71	\$36.79	\$37.89	\$39.03	\$40.20	\$41.40	\$42.65	\$43.9
46	\$29.31	\$30.04	\$30.79	\$31.56	\$32.36	\$33.17	\$34.00	\$34.85	\$35.72	\$36.61	\$37.71	\$38.84	\$40.01	\$41.21	\$42.45	\$43.72	\$45.0
47	\$30.04	\$30.79	\$31.56	\$32.36	\$33.15	\$33.98	\$34.83	\$35.70	\$36.60	\$37.51	\$38.64	\$39.80	\$40.99	\$42.22	\$43.49	\$44.79	\$46.1
48	\$30.79	\$31.56	\$32.35	\$33.16	\$33.98	\$34.83	\$35.70	\$36.59	\$37.50	\$38.44	\$39.60	\$40.78	\$42.01	\$43.27	\$44.56	\$45.90	547.2
49	\$31.56	\$32.37	\$33.16	\$33.99	\$34.84	\$35.71	\$36.60	\$37.52	\$38.45	\$39.41	\$40.60	\$41.81	\$43.07	\$44.36	\$45.69	\$47.06	\$48.4
50	532.36	533,15	533.98	534.84	\$35.71	536.60	\$37.52	538.46	539.42	\$40.40	541.62	542.86	\$44.15	\$45.47	\$46.84	548.24	549.6

Stipends

\$300 A.A. \$500 B.A. \$1,250 M.A. \$1,500 Ph.D.

Only one stipend at the highest level will be awarded.

TCDE contributes a maximum of \$17.760 per year for full-time (8 hours/12 months) employees towards health benefits for family coverage. TCDE contribution is prorated for employees less than full-time.

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<sup>\*</sup> Ranges and steps above marked with \* will be paid at current State Minimum wage levels per SB3 \*
\*Due to SB3, California State Minimum Wage Order, MW-2017, TCDE is required to comply with the minimum wage increases.
The wages highlighted above will be paid at least minimum wage levels indicated below effective January 1 of any given year.

Scheduled Wage Increases (If no increases are paused\*\*)

January 1, 2024 \$16.00

January 1, 2025 Estimate \$16.50

\*\*A pause would occur if negative economic or state budgetary conditions present themselves

1		Article 19. FF	RINGE BENEFITS
2	19.1		penefits a full-time employee is an employee 2 months per year (260 days per year).
4 5	19.2	For each full-time employee toward the monthly health a	the Department will contribute the following and welfare premium benefits:
6		Employee only	\$544
7		Employee plus one	\$1,082
8		Employee and family	\$1,480
9	F	For part-time employees, the D	epartment's contribution will be prorated.
10	19.3	The monthly contribution will I	pe applied to benefits in the following order:
11		Medical insurance pre	mium
12		Dental insurance prem	nium
13		Vision insurance premi	um
14		Life insurance premiun	ו
15 16	19.4	All Unit members are eligib protection at their own exper	le to purchase American Fidelity incomense.
17 18 19	19.5		s agree to have the balance of the monthly ntal, vision, and life insurance benefits warrant.
20 21 22	19.6		artment employees in the medical, dental, ograms shall be in compliance with all ed benefit providers.
23 24 25 26	19.7	needed, for the purpose of st	it agree to convene a joint committee, as udying benefit options and containing costs partment. The committee shall study options ealth care environment.
27		Article 20. CAL	ENDAR/HOLIDAYS
28 29 30 31	20.1	support personnel and other	I consist of at least 182 days for instructional runit members who work a school year. mined by the Supervisor of Special Schools a district sites.

1 2			e November 1, 2018 the Bus Driver position work days will be 202 work days.
3 4 5	20.2	addition	embers shall be entitled to the following paid holidays and any hal mandated paid holidays that may be declared by the ure, government or President:
6		Legal	New Year's Day
7		Legal	Martin Luther King Day
8		Legal	Lincoln Day
9		Legal	Washington Day
10		Legal	Memorial Day
11		Legal	Juneteenth
12		Legal	Independence Day
13		Legal	Labor Day
14		Legal	Veteran's Day
15		Legal	Thanksgiving Day
16		Local	Day after Thanksgiving Day
17 18		Legal	Admissions Day: to be determined by the individual Unit member with prior Department approval
19		Local	Day before Christmas Day
20		Legal	Christmas Day
21		Local	Day before New Year's Day
22 23 24	20.3	on the	to qualify for a paid holiday, the employee must be in paid status working day before or the working day after the designated or recess period as defined in the Education Code (Appendix 10).
25 26 27 28	20.4	individu	ons Day for Unit employees shall be determined by each all Unit member with prior Department approval. Unit members sed in section 20.1 shall receive an extra day's pay in lieu of the
29			Article 21. ANNUAL VACATIONS
30 31 32 33 34 35 36	21.1	permar year. N time wit Superin beyond	e approval of the superintendent, vacation may be taken by nent full-time and part-time employees at any time during the to more than fifteen (15) days vacation shall be taken at any one shout the approval of the Associate Superintendent or the County tendent. No more than ten days of vacation may be carried August 31 without prior written approval of the County tendent. Earned vacation shall not become a vested right until

completion of the initial six months of employment. Vacation shall not be 1 earned by substitute, short-term, or limited-term employees unless such 2 employees are specifically included by the Superintendent. 3 21.2 Vacation is earned at the rate of 1-1/4 days for each month in which the 4 5 employee is in paid status for more than one-half the working days in the month and is regularly employed for five days per week, seven to eight 6 hours a day (i.e., an 8 hour/12 month employee would earn 15 days of 7 vacation per year). Vacation will be prorated for employees who work 8 less than one-half the working days per month at the rate of .06073 per 9 each hour of paid service. 10 11 Hours Worked Amount Earned Monthly 8 10 hours 12 7 8 hours and 45 minutes 13 Regular employees who work less than seven to eight hours per day shall 14 earn vacation at the rate of .06073 for each hour of paid service. (i.e., a 6 15 hour/10 month employee would earn 10.93 days of vacation per year) 16 Employees who follow a school calendar will have their vacation pay 17 included in their monthly salary and not available for use during the school 18 19 year. 21.3 Longevity Benefit. A longevity benefit of one additional vacation day per 20 each five year period of continuous employment shall be granted by the 21 Superintendent to permanent full-time and permanent part-time, 22 calendar year classified employees up to a maximum of six (6) additional 23 days per year. The effective date shall be based on the anniversary date 24 of the employee. 25 Article 22. **WORK IN HIGHER CLASSIFICATION** 26 22.1 Any employee in the Unit who works in a higher paid classification at 27 his/her supervisor's request for a period which exceeds five (5) working 28 days during a fifteen (15) calendar day period shall have his or her pay 29 adjusted upward for that period of time working in the higher 30 classification. The adjusted pay shall be to the beginning step of the 31 higher classification except in no event shall it be lower than the Unit 32 member's present pay. 33 Article 23. **FLEXIBLE WORK SITES** 34 Within the work day, work site assignments of instructional personnel shall 23.1 35 be flexible to accommodate changing program needs. 36 Article 24. **SENIORITY** 37 Seniority shall be based on hire date within the classification. 24.1 38

Department shall provide California School Employees Association with a

1 2 3	shall provide California School Employees Association with an updated list of classifications affected forty-five (45) days prior to layoff.
4	Article 25. LAYOFF
5	5.1 Layoff procedure shall follow the Education Code (Appendix 11).
6 7 8 9	5.2 Order of Layoff. In the event of a layoff, the order of layoff within the class shall be determined by seniority. The employee who has been employed the shortest time in the class, plus higher classes, shall be laid off first (Appendix 12).
10	Article 26. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
11	6.1 Section 1: Definitions
12 13 14	26.1.1 Grievance—A grievance is a complaint by an employee or the Association alleging there has been a violation, misapplication, or misinterpretation of specific provision(s) of this Agreement.
15 16 17	26.1.2 Employee—An employee is an employee of either the Tehama County Superintendent of Schools/Tehama County Board of Education who is a member of the Unit covered by this contract.
18 19	26.1.3 Grievant—A grievant is an employee or the Association who has filed a grievance.
20 21 22	26.1.4 Immediate Supervisor—An immediate supervisor is the person designated by the superintendent as having immediate jurisdiction over the grievant.
23 24	26.1.5 Day—A day is any day in which the office of the Department of Education is open for business.
25	6.2 Section 2: Conditions
26 27 28 29	26.2.1 If a grievance arises from any action of a person at a level higher than the employee's immediate supervisor, the grievant may begin such grievance at Level Two of this procedure. The grievant shall observe the time lines of Level One.
30 31	26.2.2 All documents dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.
32 33 34	26.2.3 No employee shall use this grievance procedure to dispute any action which is governed by the Education Code's permanent employee laws.

26.2.4 Time limits provided in this grievance procedure may be extended 1 2 by mutual written agreement. 26.2.5 Until final disposition of a grievance, the grievant shall comply with 3 the original directive of his or her supervisor. 4 26.2.6 A conference may be requested by either party at each level of the 5 6 procedure. 26.3 Section 3: Appearance and Representation 7 26.3.1 Hearings under this procedure shall be conducted at a time and 8 place which will afford a fair and reasonable opportunity for all 9 persons, including witnesses entitled to attend. If any grievance 10 meeting or hearing must be scheduled during the work day, any 11 employee required by either party to participate as a grievant, 12 witness, or representatives of a grievant in such meeting or hearing 13 14 shall be released from his/her duties without loss of pay for a reasonable amount of time. 15 26.3.2 A grievant may be represented at any step of the grievance 16 17 procedure by the exclusive representative. 18 26.3.3 Any employee may present grievances without the intervention of the Association provided the resolution of the grievance is not 19 inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. The Board, the 20 Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, or immediate 21 Supervisor(s) shall not agree to the resolution of a grievance until the 22 Association exclusive representative has received a copy of the 23 grievance and the proposed resolution and has been given the 24 25 opportunity to file a response. If the Association chooses to respond, it shall do so within ten (10) days. 26 27 26.3.4 At any level of the grievance procedure the grievant may elect in writing to represent himself/herself rather than have California 28

26.4 Section 4: Procedures

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26.4.1 Informal Level. An employee who believes he/she has a grievance may discuss the situation with his/her immediate supervisor with the objective of resolving the matter informally.

School Employees Association provide representation.

grievant elects to represent himself/herself at any step, California

School Employees Association shall be relieved of any further

obligation of representation and shall be relieved of any further

obligation to share in any further expense of the grievance

procedure including the costs of arbitration.

- satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level One, or if no written decision has been given in ten (10) days after presentation of the grievance, he/she may within ten (10) days file the grievance with the next level supervisor.

  26.4.3 Level Two. (a) If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level One, he/she may file the grievance in writing with
  - grievance at Level One, he/she may file the grievance in writing with the Associate Superintendent according to Level One, (b). (b) If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at level Two, or if no written decision has been given in ten (10) days after the presentation of the grievance, he/she may within ten (10) days thereafter, file the grievance with the County Superintendent.

26.4.2 Level One. (a) The formal grievance procedure shall begin with the

presentation in writing of the grievance on the grievance form to the

immediate supervisor or submit pursuant to Section 26.2.1 of this

article by the employee within fifteen (15) days after the employee

knew of the grievable situation. (b) If the aggrieved person is not

- 26.4.4 Level Three. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Two, or if no written decision has been given in ten
- 26.4.5 (10) days after the presentation of the grievance, he/she may within ten (10) days thereafter file the grievance in writing to the County Superintendent.
- 26.4.6 Level Four: Option A—If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Three, or if no written decision has been given in ten (10) days after the presentation of the grievance, he/she may within ten (10) days thereafter file the grievance with the County Board of Education. The grievant shall notify the County Superintendent by 1 p.m. Wednesday preceding the monthly board meeting and shall be placed on the agenda. The board shall then hold a hearing at the board meeting. Within ten (10) days after the hearing, the board will issue its decision in writing to the grievant.
- 26.4.7 Level Four. Option B—In the event the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted with the County Superintendent, the grievant may within ten (10) days request in writing to the County Superintendent that the grievance be submitted to advisory arbitration. The parties shall immediately attempt to select a mutually acceptable arbitrator either from lists to be developed by the parties, or request the State Conciliation Service to supply a list of five persons. Each party shall alternately strike a name until one remains who shall become the arbitrator. After a hearing of the evidence and after both parties have had an opportunity to make written arguments, the arbitrator shall submit his recommendations containing findings and facts to

the grievant and the County Board. The County Board shall give its 1 decision at the first regular board meeting after receiving the 2 arbitrator's recommendations provided a minimum of ten (10) days 3 can elapse between receipt of the recommendations and the 4 board meeting. Advisory arbitration is not mandatory and does not 5 prohibit the grievant from pursuing the grievance to the County 6 7 Board. If the grievant chooses to proceed directly to the County Board, he/she shall waive his/her right to advisory arbitration. The 8 cost of the arbitration and his/her miscellaneous costs shall be born 9 equally by the parties. 10 CLASSIFICATION, RECLASSIFICATION AND ABOLITION OF POSITIONS Article 27. 11 27.1 Placement in Classification. Every bargaining unit position shall be placed 12 in a classification. 13 27.2 New Positions or Classification of Positions. All newly created positions, 14 unless specifically exempted by law, shall be assigned to the bargaining 15 unit if the job descriptions describe duties performed by employees in the 16 bargaining unit or which by the nature of the duties should reasonably be 17 assigned to the bargaining unit. Any disputes over positions shall be 18 submitted to the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB). 19 27.3 Reclassification. Either party may propose a reclassification at any time 20 during the life of the Agreement for any position. If a reclassification is 21 proposed, California School Employees Association shall be notified of the 22 request and of the Superintendent's intent prior to final action. 23 27.4 Abolition of a Position or Classification. If the Superintendent proposes to 24 abolish a Unit position the Association shall be notified in writing and the 25 parties shall meet and negotiate. 26 Article 28. **EXTENDED YEAR** 27 Extended year special education positions shall be considered optional-28.1 28 29 30

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- voluntary, short-term employment and not as an extension of the regular work year assignment. For example, employees working during the extended year session may be assigned to work more or less hours than they work during the regular year.
- 28.2 Extended year special education positions will be announced. Announcements will, to the degree possible, specify the daily number of hours, or the range of possible hours, for each position.
- 28.3 Current Department applicants for Extended Year assignments shall be considered prior to any non-Department applicants. Assignments within the program will be determined by the designated special education administrator based upon: enrollment, student needs, and type of program. The Department shall develop assignment procedures for

selection of unit members for extended year. Those procedures shall be 1 made available to every current unit member. If an excess of current 2 employee applications for an assignment are received, selection shall be 3 rotated from year to year. Seniority shall not serve as a basis for extended 4 year assignments. 5 28.4 The overall staffing level for special education extended year will be 6 adjusted annually to ensure consistency with state and federal financial 7 support of the program. 8 Article 29. **BUS DRIVERS** 9 29.1 Unit members on special trips, including but not limited to athletic events, 10 11 field trips, and curricular trips, who are required to remain on standby for the duration of the event for which the special trip is made, shall be paid 12 for all standby hours at their regular rate of pay. Whenever any 13 combination of driving and standby hours in a day exceed the eight hour 14 day, all additional hours, which shall not exceed sixteen hours (total), shall 15 be compensated at the appropriate overtime rate pursuant to Article 16 17.4: Overtime. 17 29.2 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, if a special trip 18 required an overnight stay, the Department shall be relieved of the 19 obligation of payment for any hours between the time a bus driver is 20 relieved of duties for the evening and the time duties resume the following 21 morning. 22 29.3 Bus Driver Trainer to be paid at Range 40, at the employee's current step 23 only while giving training at the request of the Department. 24 29.4 25 Permanent a.m. and p.m. bus routes shall be assigned within three (3) weeks after the beginning of the school year with consideration for 26 Department efficiency. If a driver selects a shorter route than his/her 27 seniority entitles, that driver will be paid for the shorter route. 28 29.5 All additional daily hours, (example: lunch runs, inter-school movement, 29 etc.) shall be offered to the drivers on the basis of seniority and with 30 consideration for Department efficiency. 31 29.6 All field trips shall be offered on a rotation basis, to all drivers, beginning 32 with the most senior driver and with consideration for Department 33 efficiency. 34 29.7 If all offers of routes, additional hours, and field trips are declined, they 35 shall be assigned at the discretion of the supervisor. 36 29.8 Any new bus driver will be paid for actual hours worked effective 37

November 13, 1989.

# Article 30. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

2	30.1	It is understood and agreed that the County Superintendent of Schools
3		and the County Board of Education retain all their powers and authority
4		to direct, manage, and control to the full extent of the law including: the
5		right to exercise their powers, rights and authorities, duties, and
6		responsibilities; the right to develop and set budget priorities; the right to
7		adopt policies, rules, regulations, and practices which shall be limited only
8		by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the
9		extent such specific and express terms are in conformance with the law
10		and the right to amend, modify, or rescind policies of the Department ir
11		cases of officially declared emergencies or damaging natural events
12		over which the parties have no control.

- 1 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement upon completion of the
- 2 negotiations for the 2023 -2024 school year:

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For the Department of Education:

For the Association:

RICHARD DUVARNEY

County Superintendent of Schools

7/24/29

Date

01-09-202

Date

CSEA Labor Representative

Date

# **APPENDIX**

The following are the materials as referenced in the 2023 – 2024 Agreement between CSEA and the Department:

APPENDIX 1	Education Code 45168 Deduction of Fees
APPENDIX 2	SELPA Policy and State and Federal Law: Physical Control
APPENDIX 3	Classified Employee Performance Evaluation Report
APPENDIX 4	Code of Federal Regulations, Title 29: Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993
APPENDIX 5	California Family Rights Act of 1991; Government Code 12945.2: Fair Employment and Housing Act; Discrimination Prohibited
APPENDIX 6	Tehama County Department of Education Superintendent Policy AR #4161.8
APPENDIX 7	Education Code 45191: Leaves; illness or injury
APPENDIX 8	Tehama County Department of Education Superintendent Policy AR #4161.2
APPENDIX 9	Labor Code #233 Additional use of sick leave
APPENDIX 10	Education Code 45203: Holidays
APPENDIX 11	Education Code 45117: Notice of lay off
APPENDIX 12	Education Code 45298: Reemployment rights



# State of California

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

Section 45168

- 45168. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the governing board of each public school employer when drawing an order for the salary or wage payment due to a classified employee of the employer may, without charge, reduce the order by the amount that it has been requested in a revocable written authorization by an employee who is a member of the bargaining unit to deduct for the payment of dues in, or for any other service provided by, any employee organization or bona fide association, whose membership consists, in whole or in part, of employees of that employer, and that has as one of its objectives improvements in the terms or conditions of employment for the advancement of the welfare of those employees. Any revocation of a written authorization shall be in writing and shall be effective provided the revocation complies with the terms of the written authorization.
- (2) The revocable written authorization shall remain in effect until expressly revoked in writing by the employee in accordance with the terms of the authorization. Whenever there is an increase in the amount required for the payment to the employee organization, the employee organization shall provide the employee with adequate and necessary data on the increase at a time sufficiently before the effective date of the increase to allow the employee an opportunity to revoke the written authorization, if desired and permitted by the terms of the written authorization. The employee organization shall provide the school district with notification of the increase at a time sufficiently before the effective date of the increase to allow the employer an opportunity to make the necessary changes and with a copy of the notification of the increase that has been sent to all concerned employees.
- (3) Upon receipt of a properly signed authorization for payroll deductions by a classified employee pursuant to this section, the governing board shall reduce the employee's pay warrant by the designated amount in the next pay period after the governing board receives the notification.
- (4) The governing board shall, on the same designated date of each month, draw its order upon the funds of the employer in favor of the employee organization designated by the employee for an amount equal to the total of the respective deductions made with respect to the employee organization during the pay period.
- (5) The governing board shall not require the completion of a new deduction authorization when a dues increase has been effected or at any other time without the express approval of the concerned employee organization.
- (6) The governing board shall honor the terms of the employee's written authorization for payroll deductions. Employee requests to cancel or change authorizations for payroll deductions for employee organizations shall be directed to

the employee organization rather than to the governing board. The employee organization shall be responsible for processing these requests. The governing board shall rely on the information provided by the employee organization to cancel or change authorizations, and the employee organization shall indemnify the public school employer for any claims made by the employee for deductions made in reliance on that information.

- (7) A classified or recognized employee organization that certifies that it has and will maintain individual employee authorizations shall not be required to submit to the governing board of a public school employer a copy of the employee's written authorization in order for the payroll deductions described in this section to be effective, unless a dispute arises about the existence or terms of the written authorization. The employee organization shall indemnify the public school employer for any claims made by the employee for deductions made in reliance on its notification.
- (b) The governing board of each public school employer when drawing an order for the salary or wage payment due to a classified employee of the employer may, without charge, reduce the order for the payment of dues to, or for any other service provided by, the certified or recognized employee organization of which the classified employee is a member, or for the payment of service fees to the certified or recognized employee organization as required by an organizational security arrangement between the exclusive representative and a public school employer as provided under Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code. However, the organizational security arrangement shall provide that any employee may pay service fees directly to the certified or recognized employee organization in lieu of having the service fees deducted from the salary or wage order.
- (c) This section shall apply to public school employers that have adopted the merit system in the same manner and effect as if it were a part of Article 6 (commencing with Section 45240).

(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 53, Sec. 2. (SB 866) Effective June 27, 2018.)

#### SELPA Guideline

# Behavior Intervention Procedures for Special Education Students

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes his or her learning or that of others, IEP Teams are to consider, if appropriate, strategies, including appropriate positive behavior interventions, strategies and supports to address the behavior, including the implementation of a behavior plan. Procedures relative to behavior assessments and behavior plans are addressed in both federal and state statutes and regulations. Decisions regarding the implementation of behavior intervention procedures are the responsibility of the IEP Team.

# Federal Requirements for Behavior Interventions (IDEA)

The IDEA requires that schools provide "functional behavior assessments" and "behavior intervention plans" for students, but offers little guidance in terms of definitions or procedures. Specifically, the statute requires that students must "receive, as appropriate, a functional behavior assessment, behavior intervention services and modifications that are designed to address the behavior so that it does not recur."

Following are generally accepted principles regarding the provision of behavior assessments and behavior plans referred to in the federal statutes and regulations:

- A functional behavior assessment and the behavior plan resulting from that assessment shall be based on methodology individually designed for the individual with exceptional needs and the behavior being addressed. A functional behavior assessment may utilize review of records, interviews, behavior assessment scales, and may include observation of pupil behavior and/or environmental conditions, to analyze retrospectively the function a specific behavior, often having occurred only once, may have served for the pupil.
- A functional behavior assessment shall be conducted for behavior that has resulted in disciplinary suspensions beyond 10 cumulative days in a school year or disciplinary removal to an interim alternative educational setting and when recommended by an IEP Team as a result of a manifestation determination.
- 3. A behavior intervention plan shall be considered by the individualized education program team whenever behavior is present that the team believes is impeding the learning of the pupil or his or her peers, including following a functional behavioral assessment in which the individualized education program team finds that instructional and/or behavioral approaches are warranted to address problem behavior.
- 4. A behavior intervention plan shall be part of a pupil's individualized education program and shall specify environmental and instructional changes and other techniques and strategies including positive behavioral interventions, strategies and supports. If a behavior intervention plan is not effective, the individualized education program (IEP) team will meet and consider modification to the plan. A behavior plan that only specifies consequences for infractions shall not be considered either a behavior intervention plan or a supplementary aid and support service.

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All staff working with the pupil shall have access to the pupil's behavior intervention plan.

Note: Procedural Guidelines and sample forms for conducting functional behavior assessments and for writing behavior intervention plans are available from the PENT website.

# Definitions

<u>Serious Behavioral Problems</u> - are behaviors that are self-injurious, assaultive or cause property damage, and other severe behavior problems that are pervasive and maladaptive for which instructional/behavioral approaches specified in the student's individualized education program (IEP) are found to be ineffective.

A continuum of behavioral interventions is included in the appendix (See Appendix A).

Behavior Intervention Plan - is a written document that is developed when the student exhibits a serious behavior problem that significantly interferes with the implementation of the student's IEP.

## Functional Behavior Assessment

When a special education student's serious behavioral problem significantly interferes with implementing the goals and objectives of his/her IEP, the student's IEP team should determine whether the instructional/behavioral approaches specified in the student's IEP have proven ineffective.

Functional behavior assessment personnel should gather information from three sources: direct observation, interviews with significant others, and review of available data such as assessment reports prepared by other professionals and other individual records.

- Systematic observation and analysis of the targeted behavior to obtain:
  - Definition of targeted behavior in observable, measurable terms
  - · Description of frequency, duration, and intensity
  - Immediate antecedent events
  - · Consequences following the targeted behavior
  - Determine function
  - Determine communicative intent
  - · Replacement behavior serving same function as targeted behavior

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- Ecological analysis of the settings in which the behavior occurs:
  - Physical setting
  - Social setting
  - · Nature and variety of activities
  - · Nature of instruction
  - Scheduling
  - · Quality of interactions and communication
  - · Degree of independence
  - · Degree of participation
  - Degree of choice
- 3. Review of records for health and medical factors which may influence behaviors.
- Review of the history of the behavior to include the effectiveness of previously used interventions.
- 5. Determine possible reinforcers.

Following the assessment, a written report of the assessment results should be prepared and a copy shall be provided to the parent. The report should include all of the following:

- 1. Statement of age, handicapping condition(s) and current class placement(s)
- 2. Reason for referral
- 3. Developmental, cognitive, and communication abilities specified
- Description of nature and severity of the targeted behavior in objective and measurable terms (from direct observation). Also, include information gained from other sources (e.g. parent /staff interview).
  - · Baseline frequency
  - Analysis and summary of antecedent and consequence data
  - Hypothesis of function and communicative intent
- Description of nature of alternative behaviors (from direct observation). Also include information gained from other sources (e.g., parent /staff interview).
  - Baseline frequency
  - Analysis and summary of antecedent and consequence data
- 6. Reinforcers specific to the student identified
- 7. Ecological Analysis of the settings in which the behavior occurs
- 8. Review of the history of the behavior and previous Interventions
- 9. Health and medical considerations
- Recommendations for consideration by the IEP team which may include a proposed behavior intervention plan

#### Behavioral Intervention Plan

Based on the functional behavior assessment, the IEP team shall meet to determine whether a behavioral intervention plan is needed. If such a plan is needed, the IEP team should be

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expanded to include qualified staff knowledgeable of the student's individual and health needs, and others with expertise as deemed necessary by the parent/guardian, or district team. This team shall develop a written behavioral intervention plan that includes:

- A summary of relevant and determinative information gathered from the information gathered from the functional analysis assessment.
- An objective and measurable description of the targeted maladaptive behavior(s) and replacement positive behavior(s).
- The student's goals and objectives specific to the behavioral intervention plan.
- 4. A detailed description of interventions to be used and the circumstances for their use.
- Specific schedules for recording the frequency of intervention use and the frequency
  of the targeted and replacement behaviors, including specific criteria for discontinuing
  an intervention for lack of effectiveness or replacing it with a specified and identified
  alternative.
- Criteria by which the procedure will be faded or phased-out, or less intense/restrictive intervention schedules or techniques that will be used.
- Those behavioral interventions that will be used in the home, residential facility, work site or other non-educational settings.
- 8. Specific dates when the IEP team will periodically review the efficacy of the program.
- The frequency of the consultation to be provided by the behavioral intervention case manager to the staff and parents/guardians who are responsible for implementing the plan.

Based on the results of the assessment, interventions specified in the plan may include:

- 1. Altering the identified antecedent event to prevent the occurrence of the behavior.
- Teaching the student alternative behaviors that produce the same consequences as the inappropriate behavior.
- Teaching the student adaptive behaviors that ameliorate negative conditions that promote the display of inappropriate behaviors.
- Manipulating the consequences for the display of inappropriate behaviors and alternative, acceptable behaviors, so that the alternative behaviors more effectively produce desired outcomes.

Note: A continuum of interventions is included in the appendix.

Acceptable responses to targeted behavior may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- The behavior is ignored, but not the student.
- 2. The student is verbally, or verbally and physically, redirected to an activity.
- 3. The student is provided with feedback.
- 4. The message of the behavior is acknowledged.

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A brief physical prompt is provided to interrupt or prevent aggression, self-abuse or property destruction.

The behavior intervention plan shall become a part of the student's IEP and shall be sufficiently detailed so as to direct the plan's implementation.

A copy of the behavioral intervention plan shall be provided to the person or agency responsible for implementation in non-educational settings.

#### Evaluation/Review

At intervals scheduled by the IEP team, parent/guardian and others as appropriate, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the behavioral intervention plan according to the schedule in the IEP and through the following procedures:

- Baseline data of the targeted behavior taken during the functional analysis behavioral assessment shall serve as the standard for comparison
- Current measures of the target behavior shall serve as the measurement of change
- Documentation of behavior interventions as specified in the IEP shall serve as evidence of program implementation

If the IEP team determines that changes in the behavioral intervention plan are necessary, the teacher and/or other assessors shall, if necessary, conduct additional assessments and, based on the outcomes, propose changes to the plan.

#### Modifications

The parent/guardian and the teacher may make minor modifications without an IEP team meeting. The parent/guardian shall be notified of the need for modification and shall be able to review the existing program evaluation data prior to implementing the modification. Parent/guardians shall be informed of their right to question any modification to the plan through the IEP procedures. The IEP team also may include in the plan contingency schedules for altering specified procedures, their frequency or their duration, without reconvening the IEP team.

#### **Emergency Interventions**

Whenever a student exhibits a serious behavior problem, which has not been previously observed and for which a BIP has not been written, or for which a previously designed BIP is not effective, properly trained staff may apply emergency interventions. Emergency interventions may only be used when necessary to control unpredictable, spontaneous behavior which poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the student or others, and which cannot be

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immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. Emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for systematic behavioral intervention plans.

Only emergency interventions approved by the SELPA may be used (See Appendix B). Only staff with documented training in SELPA approved techniques may administer emergency interventions. No emergency intervention shall be used for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior. Upon prolonged use of an emergency intervention, staff shall seek assistance of the principal or law enforcement agency, as applicable to the situation.

# Reporting Procedures

Parents/guardians shall be notified within one school day whenever an emergency intervention is used or serious property damage occurs. A behavior incident/emergency report shall immediately be completed, placed in the student's confidential file, and a copy forwarded to the SELPA office.

This report shall include:

- 1. The name and age of the student.
- 2. The setting and location of the incident.
- 3. The name of the staff or other persons involved.
- A description of the incident and the non-violent physical crisis and/or team intervention used.
- A statement of whether the student is currently engaged in a systematic behavioral intervention plan.
- Details of any injuries sustained by students or others, including staff, as a result of the incident.

If the behavior emergency report is for a student who does not have a behavioral intervention plan, the designated responsible administrator shall, within two days, schedule an IEP team meeting to review the emergency report, determine the necessity for a functional analysis assessment, and determine the necessity for an interim behavioral intervention plan. The IEP team shall document the reasons for not conducting an assessment and/or not developing an interim plan.

If the behavior emergency report is for a student who has a behavioral intervention plan, any incident involving a previously unseen serious behavior problem, or where a previously designed intervention is not effective, shall be referred to the IEP team. The IEP team shall review the incident and determine whether the student's plan needs to be modified.

Note: A sample report form is included in the Appendix.

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#### Prohibited Interventions

The following interventions are prohibited:

- 1. Any intervention designed or likely to cause physical pain.
- Releasing noxious, toxic or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists or substances near the student's face.
- Any intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort or access to the bathroom.
- Any intervention that subjects the student to verbal abuse, ridicule, humiliation or excessive emotional trauma.
- Use of any material or objects that simultaneously immobilize all hands and feet, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained staff as a limited emergency intervention.
- Locked seclusion, unless in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by law to use a locked room.
- 7. Any intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the student.
- 8. Any intervention that deprives the student of one or more of his/her senses.
- 9. Force exceeding what is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances.

# Legal References:

# CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE:

EC 49001 Prohibition of corporal punishment

EC 56500-56508 Procedural safeguards, including due process rights

EC 56521.1-.2 Behavioral emergency interventions

# CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

5 CCR 3001 Definitions

5 CCR 3052 Designated positive behavioral interventions

# FEDERAL STATUTE

20 USC Section 1412 State eligibility

20 USD Section 1415 Procedural safeguards

# CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

34 CFR 300.1 - 300.756 Assistance to states for the education of students with disabilities

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# Appendix A

## Continuum of Interventions

Systematic, positive behavioral management strategies must always be implemented before moving to a more restrictive method of intervention. The educational environment should be evaluated in terms of the meaningfulness, appropriateness and accessibility of learning. It is important to remember that each student's perception of what is restrictive is unique. What may be highly restrictive to one student may not be very restrictive to another. The goal should always be to use strategies which enhance the student's life in the least intrusive and most natural way and to plan for the use of less restrictive procedures as soon as possible.

A restrictive procedure is different from a general classroom procedure which is used with all students in the class as part of the routine educational program. With a general classroom procedure, no student is singled out and treated differently from their classmates.

Some students may require special programming because they exhibit maladaptive or severely aggressive behaviors. The programs designed to modify maladaptive behaviors must emphasize the development of desirable and adaptive behaviors, rather than merely the elimination or suppression of undesirable behaviors. Goals relative to behavioral management, like other aspects of a pupil's individualized educational program, must reflect evaluation and decision by the IEP team. Methods utilized in behavioral management must be designed so that the least restrictive means of management are employed. Behavioral interventions respect the pupil's human dignity and personal privacy. Such interventions shall assure the pupil's physical freedom, social interaction and individual choice. Special attention must be directed to assuring protection of the rights of the students.

# Intervention in General

- A. Behavior Change Strategies
  - 1. Determine meaning and purpose of a behavior;
  - 2. Teach a new behavior or class of behaviors;
  - 3. Replace the inappropriate behaviors with more appropriate behaviors; and
  - 4. Enhance positive self-image/self-esteem.
- B. General Considerations
  - 1. Intervention procedures should be implemented to:
    - a. minimize or prevent reinforcing inappropriate behaviors
    - minimize or prevent antecedents to inappropriate behaviors (particularly for high-rate inappropriate behaviors);
    - c. intervene at the antecedent level in order to teach alternative response;
    - d. minimize or prevent incidence of inappropriate behaviors;
    - allow for reinforcement of appropriate behaviors (particularly for high-rate inappropriate behaviors);

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- f. draw the pupil's attention to the inappropriate behavior to show that the behavior is inappropriate, and it will not be reinforced (be careful not to reinforce by drawing attention to it);
- g. encourage the pupil not to engage in the inappropriate behavior in order to avoid the consequence;
- h. teach natural consequences of taking responsibility; and,
- i. teach methods and identify places for self-control of inappropriate behavior.
- 2. All procedures should be done in a calm and consistent manner.
- If minimal exclusion procedures are used, the pupil must be returned to the original activity immediately and reinforced as soon as possible for appropriate behavior.
- 4. The following should be considered when selecting a procedure to be used:
  - a. Individual learning style
  - b. Age/developmental level
  - c. Effect on pupil within peer group
  - d. Effect on peers
  - e. Community standards

#### C. Medical Considerations

- Prior to the consideration or implementation of any restrictive procedure, medical problems
  must be reviewed as a possible cause of the behavior problem. Also, any possible harm
  from a procedure must be considered. The school nurse must be consulted regarding any of
  the following:
  - Medication
  - · Recent physical examination
  - Allergies
  - Seizures
  - Shunts
  - Wetting, soiling, vomiting, spitting, biting
  - Control of communicable diseases (disinfecting, use of gloves, etc.)

#### Mild Interventions

#### Acknowledgment

The message of the student's behavior is acknowledged e.g. "You are having a hard time with your work."

# Positive Reinforcement

A stimulus or response is presented following a desired behavior to increase the likelihood of its frequency - may be tangible, intangible or social.

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#### Feedback

The student is provided with feedback regarding their behavior e.g. "You are talking too loudly."

#### Redirection

The student is verbally redirected to an activity.

# Prompting

An extra stimulus is presented to bring about a desired response, which is then positively reinforced.

# Fading

This procedure gradually decreases the prompts or reinforcers.

# Shaping

This systematic technique is based on reinforcing successive approximations to the desired behavior.

# Premack Principle

A behavior the pupil performs frequently is used to reinforce a behavior the pupil infrequently performs. (Grandma's rule: First you work, then you play).

#### Voice Control

A loud, flat, firm command is used, i.e., a loud "No." A verbal reprimand is not yelling or ridiculing. The purpose is to interrupt the behavior with a verbal prompt.

# Differential Reinforcement of Other Behaviors - DRO

Reinforcement is given on a regular schedule providing the undesired behavior has not occurred.

# Differential Reinforcement of Low Rates of Behavior - DRL

Reinforcement is given on a regular schedule or when the undesired behavior occurs at or less than the target number.

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# Differential Reinforcement of Alternative Responses - ALT-R

Reinforcement is given for specific desired behaviors or specific behaviors incompatible with the undesired behavior.

# Contingency Contracting

A mutually agreeable arrangement is established between parties that is based on expectations and outcome. If expectations are met, the outcome is delivered.

- Desired behavior is in observable terms.
- ~ Frequency or duration of behavior provides baseline.
- Contract is fair and clear to both parties.
- Contract has reasonable chance for success.

# Self Relaxation

A student is directed without physical prompts to an area where he is to be quiet and relax. The student is allowed to return when he feels ready to resume participation in the activity.

# Self Correction

The pupil cleans up "mess" after throwing or spilling items, or after incidents of willfully wetting, soiling pants, or vomiting. The pupil does this after being directed by staff. No more than intermittent partial manual physical prompting is to be used. The purpose is to teach that this is a natural consequence - to clean up a mess that has been made intentionally.

If wetting/soiling pants or vomiting is the targeted behavior, site committee should first consult the school nurse to rule out possibility of any medical problems and to discuss health and safety issues for pupil and others. Also, the pupil should wear gloves while cleaning and should wash hands afterwards.

#### Response Cost

The pupil earns tokens throughout the day or activity. The tokens are withdrawn contingent upon a specific inappropriate behavior. One or more times a day, the pupil cashes in any remaining tokens for a predetermined set of reinforcers. The dual purposes are to provide a concrete, visual representation to the pupil that inappropriate behaviors limit reinforcement and to allow the pupil to self-monitor own behavior.

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#### Extinction

The pupil is no longer reinforced for behavior which has been reinforced in the past. This procedure is often used to eliminate undesirable attention-getting behaviors. For example, extinction might be used with a pupil who constantly disrupts class activities with loud noises and grabbing at items. By ignoring this behavior, the desired reinforcement of attention is withheld. When paired with reinforcement of a positive alternative, the pupil's undesirable actions can be eliminated. Extinction is not appropriate if the behaviors are potentially harmful because the danger of someone being hurt outweighs the usefulness of the procedure. Also, extinction can only be used when the adult has control over the stimulus that is reinforcing the undesirable behavior.

# Time out from Positive Reinforcement - non-isolated:

- a. Same place (at or near table observing peers);
- b. Same area (further away from table observing peers);
- c. Same room (even further away, but in same room observing peers);
- d. Head down on table without prompt;
- e. Student turned away from the activity;
- f. Removed from the activity in the same room, i.e. chair facing corner of room.

## Moderate Interventions

#### Redirection

The student is verbally and physically redirected to an activity.

#### Loss/Removal of Privilege

Removal of privilege contingent upon a specific inappropriate behavior. The plan must include a method for the student to get this privilege back within a reasonable amount of time. It must not include loss of basic rights, such as food, drink, personal possessions, and use of bathroom. School must pay for the privilege so that it is not the personal property of the students.

#### **Environmental Restrictions**

This refers to minor modifications of the environment to contain pupil who would otherwise be out of the chair. This also allows the pupil to participate in the activity (e.g., table as a barrier, sitting in a chair turned backwards). This does not include restraints and should allow for the movement of all extremities.

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#### Time Out from Positive Reinforcement

Contingent upon a specific inappropriate behavior, this procedure involves removing a pupil from the activity area and separating the pupil from activity. The pupil is not being positively reinforced during this time. The purpose is to remove the pupil from the reinforcing situation and from attention of staff and peers. The pupil must be continually monitored visually by staff, through open door, windows, or over/around barrier. The IEP team needs to determine whether this procedure is appropriate for a pupil who is self-abusive, engages in self-stimulatory behaviors, or has health/medical or physical problems.

#### Time Out areas include:

- a. Same place of activity with a barrier
- b. Same area of activity with a barrier
- c. In another connecting room with consistent staff sight of supervision
- d. Outside with consistent staff supervision
- e. Quiet time out without work or activity, in a supervised neutral safe space, with direct, inperson supervision.

# Appendix B

# **Approved Crisis Prevention Institute Interventions**

# Personal Safety Techniques (Non-emergency Interventions)

- cpi. Kick Block
- cpi. One-Hand Wrist Grab Release
- · cpi Two-Hand Wrist Grab Release
- cpi One-Hand Hair Pull Release
- · cpi. Two-Hand Hair Pull Release
- cpi. Back Choke Release
- cpi. Front Choke Release
- · cpi. Bite Release
- · cpi, Children's Control Position

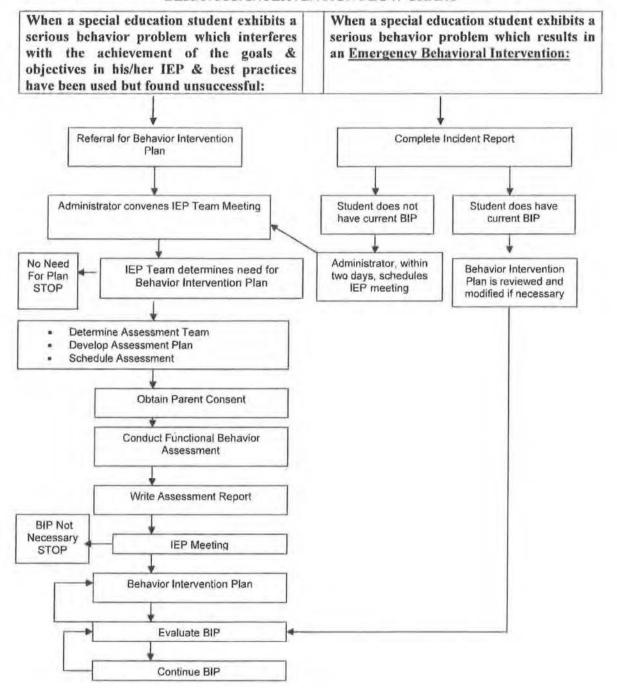
Note: it is not necessary to file a report when these interventions are used.

# Team Approved Emergency Interventions

- · cpi. Team Control Position
- · cpi. Transport Position
- · cpi. Interim Control Position

Note: Staff must file a report and initiate the mandated procedures whenever one or more of these interventions are used.

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# TEHAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

# Performance Review

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# Part 825—The Family And Medical Leave Act Of 1993. Subpart A—Coverage Under the Family and Medical Leave Act. The Family and Medical Leave Act.

- (a) The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, (FMLA or Act) allows "eligible" employees of a covered employer to take job-protected, unpaid leave, or to substitute appropriate paid leave if the employee has earned or accrued it, for up to a total of 12 workweeks in any 12 months (see Section 825.200(b)) because of the birth of a child and to care for the newborn child, because of the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care, because the employee is needed to care for a family member (child, spouse, or parent) with a serious health condition, because the employee's own serious health condition makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her job, or because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a covered military member on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty) in support of a contingency operation. In addition, "eligible" employees of a covered employer may take job-protected, unpaid leave, or substitute appropriate paid leave if the employee has earned or accrued it, for up to a total of 26 workweeks in a "single 12-month period" to care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness (see Section 825.127(c)). In certain cases, FMLA leave may be taken on an intermittent basis rather than all at once, or the employee may work a part-time schedule.
- (b) An employee on FMLA leave is also entitled to have health benefits maintained while on leave as if the employee had continued to work instead of taking the leave. If an employee was paying all or part of the premium payments prior to leave, the employee would continue to pay his or her share during the leave period. The employer may recover its share only if the employee does not return to work for a reason other than the serious health condition of the employee or the employee's covered family member, the serious injury or illness of a covered servicemember, or another reason beyond the employee's control.
- (c) An employee generally has a right to return to the same position or an equivalent position with equivalent pay, benefits, and working conditions at the conclusion of the leave. The taking of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any benefit that accrued prior to the start of the leave.
- (d) The employer generally has a right to advance notice from the employee. In addition, the employer may require an employee to submit certification to substantiate that the leave is due to the serious health condition of the employee or the employee's covered family member, due to the serious injury or illness of a covered servicemember, or because of a qualifying exigency. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a delay in the start of FMLA leave. Pursuant to a uniformly applied policy, the employer may also require that an employee present a certification of fitness to return to work when the absence was caused by the employee's serious health condition (see Sections 825.312 and 825.313). The employer may delay restoring the employee to employment without such certificate relating to the health condition which caused the employee's absence.

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#### State of California

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

#### Section 12945.2

- 12945.2. (a) It shall be an unlawful employment practice for any employer, as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b), to refuse to grant a request by any employee with more than 12 months of service with the employer, and who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the employer during the previous 12-month period or who meets the requirements of subdivision (r), to take up to a total of 12 workweeks in any 12-month period for family care and medical leave. Family care and medical leave requested pursuant to this subdivision shall not be deemed to have been granted unless the employer provides the employee, upon granting the leave request, a guarantee of employment in the same or a comparable position upon the termination of the leave. The council shall adopt a regulation specifying the elements of a reasonable request.
  - (b) For purposes of this section:
- (1) "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, a child of a domestic partner, or a person to whom the employee stands in loco parentis.
- (2) "Designated person" means any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. The designated person may be identified by the employee at the time the employee requests the leave. An employer may limit an employee to one designated person per 12-month period for family care and medical leave.
- (3) "Domestic partner" has the same meaning as defined in Section 297 of the Family Code.
  - (4) "Employer" means either of the following:
- (A) Any person who directly employs five or more persons to perform services for a wage or salary.
  - (B) The state, and any political or civil subdivision of the state and cities.
  - (5) "Family care and medical leave" means any of the following:
- (A) Leave for reason of the birth of a child of the employee or the placement of a child with an employee in connection with the adoption or foster care of the child by the employee.
- (B) Leave to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, domestic partner, or designated person who has a serious health condition.
- (C) Leave because of an employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of the position of that employee, except for leave taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.
- (D) Leave because of a qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of an employee's spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent

in the Armed Forces of the United States, as specified in Section 3302.2 of the Unemployment Insurance Code.

- (6) "Employment in the same or a comparable position" means employment in a position that has the same or similar duties and pay that can be performed at the same or similar geographic location as the position held prior to the leave.
- (7) "FMLA" means the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-3).
  - (8) "Grandchild" means a child of the employee's child.
  - (9) "Grandparent" means a parent of the employee's parent.
  - (10) "Health care provider" means any of the following:
- (A) An individual holding either a physician's and surgeon's certificate issued pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 2080) of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, an osteopathic physician's and surgeon's certificate issued pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 2099.5) of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, or an individual duly licensed as a physician, surgeon, or osteopathic physician or surgeon in another state or jurisdiction, who directly treats or supervises the treatment of the serious health condition.
- (B) Any other person determined by the United States Secretary of Labor to be capable of providing health care services under the FMLA.
- (11) "Parent" means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a parent-in-law, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child.
  - (12) "Parent-in-law" means the parent of a spouse or domestic partner.
- (13) "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either of the following:
  - (A) Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential health care facility.
  - (B) Continuing treatment or continuing supervision by a health care provider.
- (14) "Sibling" means a person related to another person by blood, adoption, or affinity through a common legal or biological parent.
- (c) An employer shall not be required to pay an employee for any leave taken pursuant to subdivision (a), except as required by subdivision (d).
- (d) An employee taking a leave permitted by subdivision (a) may elect, or an employer may require the employee, to substitute, for leave allowed under subdivision (a), any of the employee's accrued vacation leave or other accrued time off during this period or any other paid or unpaid time off negotiated with the employer. If an employee takes a leave because of the employee's own serious health condition, the employee may also elect, or the employer may also require the employee, to substitute accrued sick leave during the period of the leave. However, an employee shall not use sick leave during a period of leave in connection with the birth, adoption, or foster care of a child, or to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, domestic partner, or designated person with a serious health condition, unless mutually agreed to by the employer and the employee.
- (e) (1) During any period that an eligible employee takes leave pursuant to subdivision (a) or takes leave that qualifies as leave taken under the FMLA, the

employer shall maintain and pay for coverage under a "group health plan," as defined in Section 5000(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, for the duration of the leave, not to exceed 12 workweeks in a 12-month period, commencing on the date leave taken under the FMLA commences, at the level and under the conditions coverage would have been provided if the employee had continued in employment continuously for the duration of the leave. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall preclude an employer from maintaining and paying for coverage under a "group health plan" beyond 12 workweeks. An employer may recover the premium that the employer paid as required by this subdivision for maintaining coverage for the employee under the group health plan if both of the following conditions occur:

- (A) The employee fails to return from leave after the period of leave to which the employee is entitled has expired.
- (B) The employee's failure to return from leave is for a reason other than the continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition that entitles the employee to leave under subdivision (a) or other circumstances beyond the control of the employee.
- (2) Any employee taking leave pursuant to subdivision (a) shall continue to be entitled to participate in employee health plans for any period during which coverage is not provided by the employer under paragraph (1), employee benefit plans, including life insurance or short-term or long-term disability or accident insurance, pension and retirement plans, and supplemental unemployment benefit plans to the same extent and under the same conditions as apply to an unpaid leave taken for any purpose other than those described in subdivision (a). In the absence of these conditions an employee shall continue to be entitled to participate in these plans and, in the case of health and welfare employee benefit plans, including life insurance or short-term or long-term disability or accident insurance, or other similar plans, the employer may, at the employer's discretion, require the employee to pay premiums, at the group rate, during the period of leave not covered by any accrued vacation leave, or other accrued time off, or any other paid or unpaid time off negotiated with the employer, as a condition of continued coverage during the leave period. However, the nonpayment of premiums by an employee shall not constitute a break in service, for purposes of longevity, seniority under any collective bargaining agreement, or any employee benefit plan.

For purposes of pension and retirement plans, an employer shall not be required to make plan payments for an employee during the leave period, and the leave period shall not be required to be counted for purposes of time accrued under the plan. However, an employee covered by a pension plan may continue to make contributions in accordance with the terms of the plan during the period of the leave.

(f) During a family care and medical leave period, the employee shall retain employee status with the employer, and the leave shall not constitute a break in service, for purposes of longevity, seniority under any collective bargaining agreement, or any employee benefit plan. An employee returning from leave shall return with no less seniority than the employee had when the leave commenced, for purposes of layoff, recall, promotion, job assignment, and seniority-related benefits such as vacation.

- (g) If the employee's need for a leave pursuant to this section is foreseeable, the employee shall provide the employer with reasonable advance notice of the need for the leave.
- (h) If the employee's need for leave pursuant to this section is foreseeable due to a planned medical treatment or supervision, the employee shall make a reasonable effort to schedule the treatment or supervision to avoid disruption to the operations of the employer, subject to the approval of the health care provider of the individual requiring the treatment or supervision.
- (i) (1) An employer may require that an employee's request for leave to care for a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, domestic partner, or designated person who has a serious health condition be supported by a certification issued by the health care provider of the individual requiring care. That certification shall be sufficient if it includes all of the following:
  - (A) The date on which the serious health condition commenced.
  - (B) The probable duration of the condition.
- (C) An estimate of the amount of time that the health care provider believes the employee needs to care for the individual requiring the care.
- (D) A statement that the serious health condition warrants the participation of a family member to provide care during a period of the treatment or supervision of the individual requiring care.
- (2) Upon expiration of the time estimated by the health care provider in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1), the employer may require the employee to obtain recertification, in accordance with the procedure provided in paragraph (1), if additional leave is required.
- (j) (1) An employer may require that an employee's request for leave because of the employee's own serious health condition be supported by a certification issued by the employee's health care provider. That certification shall be sufficient if it includes all of the following:
  - (A) The date on which the serious health condition commenced.
  - (B) The probable duration of the condition.
- (C) A statement that, due to the serious health condition, the employee is unable to perform the function of the employee's position.
- (2) The employer may require that the employee obtain subsequent recertification regarding the employee's serious health condition on a reasonable basis, in accordance with the procedure provided in paragraph (1), if additional leave is required.
- (3) (A) In any case in which the employer has reason to doubt the validity of the certification provided pursuant to this section, the employer may require, at the employer's expense, that the employee obtain the opinion of a second health care provider, designated or approved by the employer, concerning any information certified under paragraph (1).
- (B) The health care provider designated or approved under subparagraph (A) shall not be employed on a regular basis by the employer.
- (C) In any case in which the second opinion described in subparagraph (A) differs from the opinion in the original certification, the employer may require, at the

employer's expense, that the employee obtain the opinion of a third health care provider, designated or approved jointly by the employer and the employee, concerning the information certified under paragraph (1).

- (D) The opinion of the third health care provider concerning the information certified under paragraph (1) shall be considered to be final and shall be binding on the employer and the employee.
- (4) As a condition of an employee's return from leave taken because of the employee's own serious health condition, the employer may have a uniformly applied practice or policy that requires the employee to obtain certification from the employee's health care provider that the employee is able to resume work. Nothing in this paragraph shall supersede a valid collective bargaining agreement that governs the return to work of that employee.
- (k) It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to refuse to hire, or to discharge, fine, suspend, expel, or discriminate against, any individual because of any of the following:
- (1) An individual's exercise of the right to family care and medical leave provided by subdivision (a).
- (2) An individual's giving information or testimony as to the individual's own family care and medical leave, or another person's family care and medical leave, in any inquiry or proceeding related to rights guaranteed under this section.
- (*l*) This section shall not be construed to require any changes in existing collective bargaining agreements during the life of the contract, or until January 1, 1993, whichever occurs first.
- (m) The amendments made to this section by Chapter 827 of the Statutes of 1993 shall not be construed to require any changes in existing collective bargaining agreements during the life of the contract, or until February 5, 1994, whichever occurs first.
  - (n) This section shall be construed as separate and distinct from Section 12945.
- (o) Leave provided for pursuant to this section may be taken in one or more periods. The 12-month period during which 12 workweeks of leave may be taken under this section shall run concurrently with the 12-month period under the FMLA, and shall commence the date leave taken under the FMLA commences.
- (p) Leave taken by an employee pursuant to this section shall run concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the FMLA, except for any leave taken under the FMLA for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. The aggregate amount of leave taken under this section or the FMLA, or both, except for leave taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, shall not exceed 12 workweeks in a 12-month period. An employee is entitled to take, in addition to the leave provided for under this section and the FMLA, the leave provided for in Section 12945, if the employee is otherwise qualified for that leave.
- (q) It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right provided under this section.

- (r) (1) An employee employed by an air carrier as a flight deck or cabin crew member meets the eligibility requirements specified in subdivision (a) if all of the following requirements are met:
  - (A) The employee has 12 months or more of service with the employer.
- (B) The employee has worked or been paid for 60 percent of the applicable monthly guarantee, or the equivalent annualized over the preceding 12-month period.
- (C) The employee has worked or been paid for a minimum of 504 hours during the preceding 12-month period.
- (2) As used in this subdivision, the term "applicable monthly guarantee" means both of the following:
- (A) For employees described in this subdivision other than employees on reserve status, the minimum number of hours for which an employer has agreed to schedule those employees for any given month.
- (B) For employees described in this subdivision who are on reserve status, the number of hours for which an employer has agreed to pay those employees on reserve status for any given month, as established in the collective bargaining agreement or, if none exists, in the employer's policies.
- (3) The department may provide, by regulation, a method for calculating the leave described in subdivision (a) with respect to employees described in this subdivision.

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#### FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE

The Tehama County Department of Education shall not interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right for family care and medical leave provided to an eligible employee, as defined below, under the law. In addition, the Department shall not discharge or discriminate against any employee for opposing any practice made unlawful by, or because of, his/her involvement in any inquiry or proceeding related to the family care and medical leave. (29 USC 2615; Government Code 12945.2)

#### **Definitions**

Any word or phrase defined below shall have the same meaning throughout this administrative regulation except where otherwise specifically defined.

Child means a biological, adopted, or foster child; a stepchild; a legal ward; or a child of a person standing in loco parentis as long as the child is under 18 years of age or an adult dependent child. (29 USC 2611; Government Code 12945.2)

Eligible employee means an employee who has been employed with the Department for at least 12 months and who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the Department during the previous 12-month period. (29 USC 2611; 29 CFR 825.110; Government Code 12945.2)

Parent means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent; a stepparent; a legal guardian; or another person who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child. Parent does not include a spouse's parents. (29 USC 2611; 29 CFR 825.122; Government Code 12945.2; 2 CCR 7297.0)

Serious health condition means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either of the following: (29 USC 2611; 29 CFR 825.113, 825.114, 825.115; Government Code 12945.2)

- 1. Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential health care facility
- 2. Continuing treatment or continuing supervision by a health care provider, including one or more of the following:
  - a. A period of incapacity of more than three consecutive full days
  - b. Any period of incapacity or treatment for such incapacity due to a chronic serious health condition
  - c. For purposes of leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), any period of incapacity due to pregnancy or for prenatal care.

- d. Any period of incapacity which is permanent or long term due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective
- e. Any period of absence to receive multiple treatments, including recovery, by a health care provider

Spouse means a partner in marriage as defined in Family Code 300 or 1 USC 7. In addition, for purposes of rights under the California Family Rights Act (CFRA), a registered domestic partner shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as a spouse and protections provided to a spouse's child shall also apply to a child of a registered domestic partner. (1 USC 7; 29 CFR 825.122; Family Code 297.5, 300; 2 CCR 7297.0)

# Eligibility

The Department shall grant family care and medical leave to eligible employees for the following reasons: (29 USC 2612; 29 CFR 825.112; Family Code 297.5; Government Code 12945.2)

- 1. Because of the birth of a child of the employee or placement of a child with the employee in connection with the employee's adoption or foster care of the child
- 2. To care for the employee's child, parent, or spouse with a serious health condition
- Because of the employee's own serious health condition that makes him/her unable
  to perform one or more essential functions of his/her position, except that CFRA
  leave shall not cover an employee's disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth,
  or related medical conditions
- Because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, child, or parent is a covered military member on covered active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to covered active duty)
- To care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness if the employee is the spouse, child, parent, or next of kin, as defined, of the servicemember

In addition to FMLA leave for disability on account of a pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions pursuant to item #3 above, a female employee disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions may be entitled to take leave for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed four months. (Government Code 12945)

#### **Terms of Leave**

An eligible employee shall be entitled to a total of 12 work weeks of family care and medical leave during any 12-month period, except in the case of leave to care for a covered service member as provided under "Military Caregiver Leave" below. (29 USC 2612; Government Code 12945.2)

This 12-month period shall be a rolling year which shall be counted backward from the date the family leave is taken. (29 CFR 825.200)

Leave taken pursuant to the CFRA shall run concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the FMLA, except in the following circumstances:

- 1. Leave taken to care for a registered domestic partner or a child of a domestic partner. Such leave shall count as leave under the CFRA only. (Family Code 297.5)
- 2. Leave taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. FMLA leave taken for these purposes shall run concurrently with the California pregnancy disability leave granted pursuant to Government Code 12945. CFRA leave related to the birth of a child shall not commence until the expiration of the pregnancy disability leave. (Government Code 12945, 12945.2; 2 CCR 7297.6)

Leave taken for the birth or placement of a child must be concluded within the 12-month period beginning on the date of the birth or placement of the child. Such leave does not need to be taken in one continuous period of time. The basic minimum duration of the leave for birth or placement of a child shall be two weeks. However, the Department shall grant a request for leave of less than two weeks' duration on any two occasions. (29 USC 2612; 2 CCR 7297.3)

If both parents of a child work for the Department, their family care and medical leave related to the birth or placement of the child shall be limited to a combined total of 12 weeks. This restriction shall apply whether or not the parents are married, not married, or registered domestic partners. (29 USC 2612; Government Code 12945.2)

#### Use/Substitution of Paid Leave

During the period of family care and medical leave or pregnancy disability leave, the employee may elect to use his/her accrued vacation leave, other accrued time off, or any other paid or unpaid time off negotiated with the Department. If the leave is because of the employee's own serious health condition, the employee shall use accrued sick leave pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement and/or County Board policy. (29 USC 2612; Government Code 12945.2)

# Intermittent Leave/Reduced Leave Schedule

Leave related to the serious health condition of the employee or his/her child, parent, or spouse may be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule when medically necessary, as determined by the health care provider of the person with the serious health condition. However, the Department may limit leave increments to the shortest period of time that the Department's payroll system uses to account for absences or use of leave. (29 USC 2612; 2 CCR 7297.3)

If an employee needs intermittent leave or leave on a reduced work schedule that is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment for the employee or a family member, the Department may require the employee to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position. This alternative position must have equivalent pay and benefits, the employee must be qualified for the position, and the position must better accommodate recurring periods of leave than the employee's regular job. Transfer to an alternative position may include altering an existing job to better accommodate the employee's need for intermittent leave or a reduced leave schedule. (29 USC 2612; 2 CCR 7297.3)

# Request for Leave

An employee shall provide at least verbal notice sufficient to make the Department aware that he/she needs family care and medical leave and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. The employee need not expressly assert or mention FMLA/CFRA to satisfy this requirement; however, he/she must state the reason the leave is needed (e.g., birth of child, medical treatment). If more information is necessary to determine whether the employee is eligible for family care and medical leave, the County Superintendent or designee shall inquire further and obtain the necessary details of the leave to be taken. (2 CCR 7297.4)

Based on the information provided by the employee, the County Superintendent or designee shall designate the leave, paid or unpaid, as FMLA/CFRA qualifying leave and shall give notice of such designation to the employee. (2 CCR 7297.4)

When the need for the leave is foreseeable based on an expected birth, placement for adoption or foster care, or planned medical treatment for a serious health condition of the employee or a family member, the employee shall provide the Department with at least 30 days advance notice before the leave. The employee shall consult with the Department and make a reasonable effort to schedule, subject to the health care provider's approval, any planned medical treatment or supervision so as to minimize disruption to Department operations. (Government Code 12945.2; 2 CCR 7297.4)

When the 30 days notice is not practicable because of a lack of knowledge of approximately when leave will be required to begin, a change in circumstances, or a medical emergency, the employee shall provide the Department with notice as soon as practicable. (2 CCR 7297.4)

# **Certification of Health Condition**

At the time of the employee's request for leave for his/her own or his/her child's, parent's, or spouse's serious health condition, or within five business days of the request, the County Superintendent or designee shall request that the employee provide certification by a health care provider of the need for leave. Upon receiving the Department's request, the employee shall provide the certification within 15 days, unless either the County Superintendent or designee provides additional time or it is not practicable under the particular circumstances, despite the employee's diligent, good faith efforts. (29 CFR 825.305; 2 CCR 7297.4)

The certification shall include the following: (29 USC 2613; Government Code 12945.2; 2 CCR 7297.0)

- 1. The date on which the serious health condition began
- 2. The probable duration of the condition
- 3. If the employee is requesting leave to care for a child, parent, or spouse with a serious health condition, both of the following:
  - a. Statement that the serious health condition warrants the participation of a family member to provide care during a period of the treatment or supervision of the child, parent, or spouse

- b. Estimated amount of time the health care provider believes the employee needs to care for the child, parent, or spouse
- 4. If the employee is requesting leave because of his/her own serious health condition, a statement that due to the serious health condition, he/she is unable to work at all or is unable to perform one or more essential functions of his/her job
- 5. If the employee is requesting leave for intermittent treatment or is requesting leave on a reduced leave schedule for planned medical treatment, a statement of the medical necessity for the leave, the dates on which treatment is expected to be given, the duration of such treatment, and the expected duration of the leave

The County Superintendent or designee shall not request any genetic information, as defined in 42 USC 2000ff, from any employee or his/her family member except as necessary to comply with a certification requirement for FMLA/CFRA leave purposes or with the prior written authorization of the employee. Any such genetic information received by the Department shall be kept confidential in accordance with law. (42 USC 2000ff-1, 2000ff-5)

When an employee has provided sufficient medical certification to enable the Department to determine whether the employee's leave request is FMLA-eligible, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify the employee within five business days whether the leave is FMLA-eligible. The County Superintendent or designee may also retroactively designate leave as FMLA/CFRA as long as there is no individualized harm to the employee. (29 CFR 825.301)

If the County Superintendent or designee doubts the validity of a certification that accompanies a request for leave for the employee's own serious health condition, he/she may require the employee to obtain a second opinion from a Department-approved health care provider, at Department expense. If the second opinion is contrary to the first, the County Superintendent or designee may require the employee to obtain a third medical opinion from a third health care provider approved by both the employee and the Department, again at Department expense. The opinion of the third health care provider shall be final and binding. (29 USC 2613; Government Code 12945.2)

If additional leave is needed when the time estimated by the health care provider expires, the Department may require the employee to provide recertification in the manner specified in items #1-5 above. (29 USC 2613; Government Code 12945.2)

# Fitness for Duty Upon Return to Work

Upon expiration of leave taken for his/her own serious health condition, an employee shall present certification from his/her health care provider that he/she is able to resume work.

The certification from the employee's health care provider shall address the employee's ability to perform the essential functions of his/her job.

# Rights to Reinstatement and Maintenance of Benefits

Upon granting an employee's request for family care and medical leave, the County Superintendent or designee shall guarantee to reinstate the employee in the same or a comparable position when the leave ends. (29 USC 2614; Government Code 12945.2)

However, the Department may refuse to reinstate an employee returning from leave to the same or a comparable position if all of the following apply: (29 USC 2614; Government Code 12945.2)

- 1. The employee is a salaried "key employee" who is among the highest paid 10 percent of those Department employees who are employed within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.
- 2. The refusal is necessary to prevent substantial and grievous economic injury to Department operations.
- 3. The Department informs the employee of its intent to refuse reinstatement at the time it determines that the refusal is necessary, and the employee fails to immediately return to service.

During the period when an employee is on family care and medical leave, he/she shall maintain his/her status with the Department and the leave shall not constitute a break in service for purposes of longevity, seniority under any collective bargaining agreement, or any employee benefit plan. (29 USC 2614; Government Code 12945.2)

For a period of 12 work weeks, the Department shall continue to provide an eligible employee on family care and medical leave the group health plan coverage that was in place before he/she took the leave. The employee shall reimburse the Department for premiums paid during the family care and medical leave if he/she fails to return to Department employment after the expiration of the leave and the failure is for any reason other than the continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition or other circumstances beyond his/her control. (29 USC 2614; 29 CFR 825.213; Government Code 12945.2)

In addition, during the period when an employee is on family care and medical leave, he/she shall be entitled to continue to participate in other employee benefit plans including life insurance, short-term or long-term disability insurance, accident insurance, pension and retirement plans, and supplemental unemployment benefit plans to the same extent and under the same conditions as apply to an unpaid leave taken for any other purpose. However, for purposes of pension and retirement plans, the Department shall not be required to make plan payments for an employee during the leave period and the leave period shall not be counted for purposes of time accrued under the plan. (Government Code 12945.2)

# Military Family Leave Resulting from Qualifying Exigencies

An eligible employee may take up to 12 work weeks of unpaid leave during the 12-month period established by the Department while a covered military member is on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status for one or more qualifying exigencies. (29 USC 2612)

Covered military member means an employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status. (29 CFR 825.126)

Covered active duty means duty during the deployment of a member of the regular Armed Forces to a foreign country or duty during the deployment of a member of the National Guard or Reserves to a foreign country under a call or order to active duty. (29 USC 2611)

Qualifying exigencies include time needed to: (29 CFR 825.126)

- 1. Address issues arising from short notice deployment (up to seven calendar days from the date of receipt of call or order of short notice deployment)
- 2. Attend military events and related activities, such as any official ceremony or family assistance program related to the active duty or call to active duty status

- 3. Arrange childcare or attend school activities arising from the active duty or call to active duty, such as arranging for alternative childcare, enrolling or transferring a child to a new school, or attending meetings
- 4. Make or update financial and legal arrangements to address a covered military member's absence
- 5. Attend counseling provided by someone other than a health care provider
- 6. Spend time (up to five days of leave per instance) with a covered military member who is on short-term temporary rest and recuperation leave during deployment
- 7. Attend to certain post-deployment activities, such as arrival ceremonies or reintegration briefings
- 8. Address any other event that the employee and Department agree is a qualifying exigency

The employee shall provide the County Superintendent or designee with notice of the need for the qualifying exigency leave as soon as practicable, regardless of how far in advance such leave is foreseeable. (29 CFR 825.302)

An employee who is requesting such leave for the first time shall provide the County Superintendent or designee with a copy of the covered military member's active duty orders, or other documentation issued by the military, and the dates of the service. In addition, the employee shall provide the County Superintendent or designee with certification of the qualifying exigency necessitating the leave. The certification shall contain the information specified in 29 CFR 825.309.

The employee's qualifying exigency leave may be taken on an intermittent or reduced leave schedule basis. (29 CFR 825.302)

During the period of qualified exigency leave, the Department's rule regarding an employee's use of his/her accrued vacation leave and any other accrued paid or unpaid time off, as specified in "Use/Substitution of Paid Leave" above, shall apply.

# Military Caregiver Leave

The Department shall grant up to a total of 26 work weeks of leave during a single 12-month period, measured forward from the first date of leave taken, to an eligible employee to care for a covered service member with a serious illness or injury. In order to be eligible for such military caregiver leave, an employee must be the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of the covered service member. This 26-week period is not in addition to, but rather is inclusive of, the 12 work weeks of leave that may be taken for other FMLA qualifying reasons. (29 USC 2611, 2612; 29 CFR 825.127)

Covered service member may be either: (29 USC 2611)

- 1. A member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; is otherwise in outpatient status; or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list for a serious injury or illness
- 2. A veteran who, within the five years preceding his/her undergoing of medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a serious injury or illness, was a member of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserves

Son or daughter of a covered service member means the biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, legal ward, or a child of any age for whom the covered service member stood in loco parentis. (29 CFR 825.127)

Parent of a covered service member means the covered service member's biological, adopted, step or foster parent, or any other individual who stood in loco parentis to the covered service member (except "parents in law"). (29 CFR 825.127)

Next of kin means the nearest blood relative to the covered service member, or as designated in writing by the covered service member. (29 USC 2611, 2612)

Outpatient status means the status of a member of the Armed Forces assigned to a military medical treatment facility as an outpatient or a unit established for the purpose of providing command and control of members of the Armed Forces receiving medical care as outpatients. (29 USC 2611; 29 CFR 825.127)

Serious injury or illness means: (29 USC 2611; 29 CFR 825.127)

1. For a member of the Armed Forces, an injury or illness incurred or aggravated by the member's service in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces that may render the member medically unfit to perform the duties of the member's office, grade, rank, or rating

2. For a veteran, an injury or illness incurred or aggravated by the member's service in the line of duty on active duty in the Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserves, that manifested itself before or after the member became a veteran

The employee shall provide reasonable and practicable notice of the need for the leave in accordance with the procedures in the section entitled "Request for Leave" above.

An employee requesting leave to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness shall provide the County Superintendent or designee with certification from an authorized health care provider of the service member that contains the information specified in 29 CFR 825.310.

The leave may be taken intermittently or on a reduced schedule when medically necessary. An employee taking military caregiver leave in combination with other leaves pursuant to this administrative regulation shall be entitled to a combined total of 26 work weeks of leave during a single 12-month period. When both spouses work for the Department and both wish to take such leave, the spouses are limited to a maximum combined total of 26 work weeks during a single 12-month period. (29 USC 2612)

During the period of military caregiver leave, the Department's rule regarding an employee's use of his/her accrued vacation leave and other accrued paid or unpaid time off, as specified in "Use/Substitution of Paid Leave" above, shall apply.

#### **Notifications**

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide the following notifications about state and federal law related to FMLA/CFRA:

1. **General Notice:** Information explaining the provisions of the FMLA/CFRA and employee rights and obligations shall be posted in a conspicuous place on Department premises, or electronically, and shall be included in employee handbooks. (29 USC 2619; 2 CCR 7297.9)

The general notice shall also explain an employee's obligation to provide the County Superintendent or designee with at least 30 days notice of the need for the leave, when the need for the leave is reasonably foreseeable. (2 CCR 7297.4)

- 2. **Eligibility Notice:** When an employee requests leave or when the County Superintendent or designee acquires knowledge that an employee's leave may be for an FMLA/CFRA qualifying reason, the County Superintendent or designee shall, within five business days, provide notification to the employee of his/her eligibility to take such leave. (29 CFR 825.300)
- 3. **Rights and Responsibilities Notice:** Each time the eligibility notice is provided to an employee, the County Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification explaining the specific expectations and obligations of the employee, including any consequences for a failure to meet those obligations. Such notice shall include, as appropriate: (29 CFR 825.300)
  - a. A statement that the leave may be designated and counted against the employee's annual FMLA/CFRA leave entitlement and the appropriate 12-month entitlement period, if qualifying
  - b. Any requirements for the employee to furnish medical certification of a serious health condition, serious injury or illness, or qualifying exigency arising out of active duty or call to active duty status and the consequences of failing to provide the certification
  - c. The employee's right to substitute paid leave, whether the Department will require substitution of paid leave, conditions related to any substitution, and the employee's entitlement to take unpaid leave if the employee does not meet the conditions for paid leave
  - d. Any requirements for the employee to make any premium payments to maintain health benefits, the arrangement for making such payments, and the possible consequences of failure to make payments on a timely basis
  - e. If applicable, the employee's status as a "key employee," potential consequence that restoration may be denied following the FMLA leave, and explanation of the conditions required for such denial
  - f. The employee's right to maintenance of benefits during the leave and restoration to the same or an equivalent job upon return from leave
  - g. The employee's potential liability for health insurance premiums paid by the Department during the employee's unpaid FMLA leave should the employee not return to service after the leave

Any time the information provided in the above notice changes, the County Superintendent or designee shall, within five business days of his/her receipt of an employee's first notice of need for leave, provide the employee with a written notice referencing the prior notice and describing any changes to the notice. (29 CFR 825.300)

4. **Designation Notice:** When the County Superintendent or designee has information (e.g., sufficient medical certification) to determine whether the leave qualifies as FMLA/CFRA leave, he/she shall, within five business days, provide written notification designating the leave as FMLA/CFRA qualifying or, if the leave will not be so designated, the reason for that determination. (29 CFR 825.300)

If the amount of leave needed is known, the notice shall include the number of hours, days, or weeks that will be counted against the employee's FMLA/CFRA entitlement. If it is not possible to provide that number at the time of the designation notice, notification shall be provided of the amount of leave counted against the employee's entitlement upon request by the employee and at least once in every 30-day period if leave was taken in that period. (29 CFR 825.300)

If the Department requires paid leave to be substituted for unpaid family care and medical leave, the notice shall so specify. If the Department requires an employee to present a fitness-for-duty certification that addresses the employee's ability to perform the essential functions of the job, the notice shall also specify that requirement.

Any time the information provided in the designation notice changes, the County Superintendent or designee shall, within five business days, provide the employee with written notice referencing the prior notice and describing any changes to the notice. (29 CFR 825.300)

#### Records

The County Superintendent or designee shall maintain records pertaining to an individual employee's use of family care and medical leave in accordance with law. (29 USC 2616; 42 USC 2000ff-1; 29 CFR 825.500; Government Code 12946)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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297-297.5 Rights, protections and benefits under law; registered domestic partners

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12940 Unlawful employment practices

12945 Pregnancy; childbirth or related medical condition; unlawful practice

12945.1-12945.2 California Family Rights Act

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TEHAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Red Bluff, California

### EDUCATION CODE

### Section 45191

- 45191. (a) (1) Every classified employee employed five days a week by a school district shall be entitled to 12 days leave of absence for illness or injury and such additional days, in addition thereto, as the governing board may allow for illness or injury, exclusive of all days the classified employee is not required to render service to the school district, with full pay for a fiscal year of service.
- (2) A classified employee, employed five days a week, who is employed for less than a full fiscal year is entitled to that proportion of 12 days leave of absence for illness or injury as the number of months the classified employee is employed bears to 12 and the proportionate amount, consistent with this formula, of such additional days, in addition thereto, authorized by the governing board for classified employees employed five days a week for a full fiscal year of service.
- (3) A classified employee employed less than five days per week shall be entitled, for a fiscal year of service, to that proportion of 12 days leave of absence for illness or injury as the number of days the classified employee is employed per week bears to five and is entitled to the proportionate amount, consistent with this formula, of such additional days, in addition thereto, authorized by the governing board for classified employees employed five days a week for a full fiscal year of service. When such persons are employed for less than a full fiscal year of service this and the preceding paragraph shall determine that proportion of leave of absence for illness or injury to which they are entitled.
- (4) Pay for any day of absence described in paragraphs (1) to (3), inclusive, shall be the same as the pay which would have been received had the employee served during the day. Credit for leave of absence need not be accrued before taking such leave by the employee and such leave of absence may be taken at any time during the year. However, a new employee of a school district shall not be eligible to take more than six days, or the proportionate amount to which the employee may be entitled under this section, until the first day of the calendar month after completion of six months of active service with the district.
- (b) If the employee does not take the full amount of leave allowed in any year under this section the amount not taken shall be accumulated from year to year with such additional days as the governing board may allow.
- (c) The governing board of each school district shall adopt rules and regulations requiring and prescribing the manner of proof of illness or injury for the purpose of this section. Such rules and regulations shall not discriminate against evidence of treatment and the need therefor by the practice of the religion of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization.

- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a school district or districts, governed by the same governing board, in which the combined average daily attendance of all school districts is in excess of 250,000, provided those school districts maintain sick leave policies not less than those in effect in those school districts on January 1, 1961.
- (e) This section shall apply to school districts that have adopted the merit system in the same manner and effect as if it were a part of Article 6 (commencing with Section 45240) of this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 920, Sec. 9. (SB 913) Effective January 1, 2023.)

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## PERSONAL LEAVES

For the purpose of any personal leave offered pursuant to state law, a registered domestic partner shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as a spouse and protections provided to a spouse's child shall also apply to a child of a registered domestic partner. (Family Code 297.5)

Whenever possible, employees shall request personal leaves in advance and prepare suitable lesson plans or instructions for a substitute employee.

### Bereavement

Employees are entitled to a leave not to exceed three days, or five days if out-of-state travel is required, upon the death of any member of the employee's immediate family. No deduction shall be made from the employee's salary, nor shall such leave be deducted from any other leave to which the employee is entitled. (Education Code 44985, 45194) If additional absence is required beyond the bereavement allowance, additional time off shall be designated as personal necessity leave up to a maximum of seven days. Leave beyond personal necessity availability shall be charged against the employees vacation time, or if there is no accrued vacation time, the employee's salary will be deducted.

Members of the immediate family include: (Education Code 44985, 45194)

- 1. The mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or grandchild of the employee or of the employee's spouse. Mother and father are defined to include stepmother and stepfather.
- 2. The employee's spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law. Son and daughter are defined to include stepson and stepdaughter.
- 3. Any relative living in the employee's immediate household

At the employee's request, bereavement leave may be extended under personal necessity leave provisions as provided below. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

# **Personal Necessity**

Employees may use a maximum of seven days of their accrued personal illness/injury leave during each school year for reasons of personal necessity. (Education Code 44981, 45207) Absence for personal necessity must be taken in increments of not less than one hour.

Acceptable reasons for the use of personal necessity leave include:

1. Death of a member of the employee's immediate family when the number of days of absence exceeds the limits set by bereavement leave provisions (Education Code 44981, 45207)

- 2. An accident involving the employee's person or property or the person or property of a member of the employee's immediate family (Education Code 44981, 45207)
- 3. A serious illness of a member of the employee's immediate family (Education Code 44981)
- 4. An employee's appearance in any court or before any administrative tribunal as a litigant, party, or witness under subpoena or other order (Education Code 45207)
- 5. Other compelling reason as approved by the employee's supervisor and the County Superintendent or designee.

Members of the immediate family means the mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, or grandchild of the employee or the spouse of the employee; the spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother or sister of the employee, or other person(s) living in the immediate household of the employee. Mother and father are defined to include stepmother and stepfather; son and daughter are defined to include stepson and stepdaughter.

Advance permission shall not be required of any employee in cases involving the death or serious illness of a member of the employee's immediate family or an accident involving the employee's person or property or the person or property of a member of his/her immediate family. (Education Code 44981, 45207)

An employee may use up to three days per year, which will be charged to his/her accumulated sick leave as personal necessity leave without stating a reason due to the confidential nature of the circumstances. Pre-approval must be obtained from the employee's supervisor prior to sue of confidential personal necessity leave.

No such leave shall be granted for purposes of personal convenience, for the extension of a holiday or vacation, or for matters which can be taken care of outside of working hours. The County Superintendent or designee shall have final discretion as to whether a request reflects personal necessity.

After any absence in which advance permission is not required due to personal necessity, the employee shall verify the absence by submitting a completed and signed Tehama County Department of Education absence form to his/her immediate supervisor.

## **Legal Duties**

Classified employees called for jury duty shall be granted leave with pay up to the amount of the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any amount received for jury fees. (Education Code 44037)

Certificated employees also shall be granted leave for jury duty with pay up to the amount of the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any amount received as juror's fees.

Employees shall be granted leaves to appear in court as witnesses other than litigants or to respond to an official order from another governmental jurisdiction for reasons not brought about through the connivance or misconduct of the employee. Such employees shall receive pay up to the amount of the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any amount received for witness fees.

An employee may take time off work in order to: (Labor Code 230)

- 1. Serve on an inquest jury or trial jury
- 2. Comply with a subpoena or other court order to appear as a witness

Notices, summons, and subpoenas for court appearances shall be submitted to the Department office when requesting leave.

## **Leaves for Crime Victims**

An employee may be absent from work in order to attend judicial proceedings related to a crime when he/she is a victim, immediate family member of a victim, registered domestic partner of a victim, or child of a registered domestic partner of a victim of the following crimes: (Labor Code 230.2)

- 1. A violent felony as defined in Penal Code 667.5(c)
- 2. A serious felony as defined in Penal Code 1192.7(c)
- 3. A felony provision of law proscribing theft or embezzlement

For these purposes, the employee may use vacation, personal leave, personal illness/injury leave, compensatory time off that is otherwise available to the employee, or unpaid leave. (Labor Code 230.2)

Prior to taking time off, an employee shall give his/her supervisor a copy of the notice of each scheduled proceeding that is provided by the responsible agency, unless advance notice is not feasible. When advance notice is not feasible or an unscheduled absence occurs, the employee shall, within a reasonable time after the absence, provide documentation evidencing the judicial proceeding from the court or government agency setting the hearing, the district attorney or prosecuting attorney's office, or the victim/witness office that is advocating on behalf of the victim. (Labor Code 230.2)

The Department shall keep confidential any records pertaining to the employee's absence from work. (Labor Code 230.2)

## Leaves for Victims of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault

An employee who is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault as defined by law may take time off work to obtain or attempt to obtain any relief including, but not limited to, a temporary restraining order, restraining order, or other injunctive relief to help ensure the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or his/her child. (Labor Code 230)

In addition, an employee who is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault may take time off work to attend to the following activities: (Labor Code 230.1)

- 1. Seek medical attention for injuries caused by domestic violence or sexual assault
- 2. Obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, or rape crisis center as a result of domestic violence or sexual assault
- 3. Obtain psychological counseling related to an experience of domestic violence or sexual assault
- 4. Participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future domestic violence or sexual assault, including temporary or permanent relocation

An employee who is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault may use vacation, personal leave, or compensatory time off that is otherwise available to the employee under the applicable terms of employment. (Labor Code 230, 230.1)

Prior to taking time off, an employee shall give reasonable notice to his/her supervisor, unless advance notice is not feasible. When an unscheduled absence occurs, the employee shall provide, within a reasonable period of time, certification of the absence in the form of any of the following documents: (Labor Code 230, 230.1)

- 1. A police report indicating that the employee was a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault
- 2. A court order protecting or separating the employee from the perpetrator of an act of domestic violence or sexual assault, or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that the employee has appeared in court

 Documentation from a medical professional, domestic violence advocate or advocate for victims of sexual assault, health care provider, or counselor that the employee was undergoing treatment for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting from an act of domestic violence or sexual assault

The Department shall maintain the confidentiality of such an employee to the extent authorized by law. (Labor Code 230, 230.1)

### Personal Leave for a Child's School Activities

Any employee who is a parent/guardian, or grandparent having custody of one or more children who are enrolled in grades K-12, or who attend a licensed day care facility, may use up to 40 hours of personal leave, vacation, or compensatory time off each school year in order to participate in school or day care activities. Such leave shall not exceed eight hours in any month of the year, and the employee shall give reasonable advance notice of the absence. (Labor Code 230.8)

If both parents/guardians of a child are employed at the same work site, this leave shall be allowed for the first parent/guardian who applies. Simultaneous absence by the second parent may be granted by the County Superintendent or designee. (Labor Code 230.8)

Upon request by the County Superintendent or designee, the employee shall provide documentation from the school or licensed day care facility that he/she participated in school or licensed day care facility activities on a specific date and at a particular time. (Labor Code 230.8)

# Service on Education Boards, Committees, and State or Employee Organizations

Upon request, certificated employees shall be granted up to 20 school days of paid leave per school year for service performed within the state on any education boards, commissions, committees, or groups authorized by Education Code 44987.3 provided that all of the following conditions are met: (Education Code 44987.3)

- 1. The service is performed in the state of California.
- The board, commission, organization, or group informs the Department in writing of the service.
- The board, commission, organization, or group agrees, prior to service, to reimburse the Department, upon the Department's request, for compensation paid to the employee's substitute and for actual related administrative costs.

Upon request, certificated and classified employees shall be granted a leave of absence without loss of compensation to serve as an elected officer of a Department employee organization or any statewide or national employee organization with which the local organization is affiliated. The leave shall include, but is not limited to, absence for purposes of attending periodic, stated, special, or regular meetings of the body of the organization. (Education Code 44987, 45210)

# Religious Leave

The County Superintendent or designee may grant employees up to three days of leave per year for religious purposes, provided that the leave is requested in advance and that it does not cause additional Department expenditures, the neglect of assigned duties, or any other unreasonable hardship on the Department.

The County Superintendent or designee shall deduct the cost of a substitute, when required, from the wages of the employee who takes religious leave.

No employee shall be discriminated against for using this leave or any additional days of unpaid leave granted for religious observances at the discretion of the County Superintendent or designee.

## Spouse on Leave from Military Deployment

An employee who works an average of 20 hours or more per week and whose spouse is a member of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserves may take up to 10 days of unpaid leave during a period that his/her spouse is on leave from deployment during a military conflict, as defined in Military and Veterans Code 395.10. (Military and Veterans Code 395.10)

The employee shall provide the County Superintendent or designee with notice, within two business days of receiving official notice that his/her spouse will be on leave from deployment, of his/her intention to take the leave. The employee shall submit written documentation certifying that his/her spouse will be on leave from deployment during the time that the leave is requested. (Military and Veterans Code 395.10)

## Leave for Emergency Duty

An employee may take time off to perform emergency duty as a volunteer firefighter, a reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel. (Labor Code 230.3)

An employee who is a volunteer firefighter shall be permitted to take temporary leaves of absence, not to exceed an aggregate total of 14 days per calendar year, for the purpose of engaging in fire or law enforcement training. (Labor Code 230.4)

## Civil Air Patrol Leave

An employee may take up to 10 days of unpaid leave per calendar year, beyond any leave otherwise available to employees, to respond to an emergency operational mission of the California Civil Air Patrol, provided that the employee has been employed by the Department for at least a 90-day period immediately preceding the leave. Such leaves shall not exceed three days for a single emergency operational mission, unless an extension is granted by the governmental entity authorizing the mission and is approved by the County Superintendent or designee. (Labor Code 1501, 1503)

The employee shall give the Department as much advance notice as possible of the intended dates of the leave. The County Superintendent or designee may require certification from the proper Civil Air Patrol authority to verify the eligibility of the employee for the leave and may deny the leave if the employee fails to provide the required certification. (Labor Code 1503)

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# Regulation

# TEHAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### LABOR CODE

Section 233

- 233. (a) Any employer who provides sick leave for employees shall permit an employee to use in any calendar year the employee's accrued and available sick leave entitlement, in an amount not less than the sick leave that would be accrued during six months at the employee's then current rate of entitlement, for the reasons specified in subdivision (a) of Section 246.5. The designation of sick leave taken for these reasons shall be made at the sole discretion of the employee. This section does not extend the maximum period of leave to which an employee is entitled under Section 12945.2 of the Government Code or under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2601 et seq.), regardless of whether the employee receives sick leave compensation during that leave.
  - (b) As used in this section:
- (1) "Employer" means any person employing another under any appointment or contract of hire and includes the state, political subdivisions of the state, and municipalities.
  - (2) "Family member" has the same meaning as defined in Section 245.5.
- (3) (A) "Sick leave" means accrued increments of compensated leave provided by an employer to an employee as a benefit of the employment for use by the employee during an absence from the employment for any of the reasons specified in subdivision (a) of Section 246.5.
- (B) "Sick leave" does not include any benefit provided under an employee welfare benefit plan subject to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-406, as amended) and does not include any insurance benefit, workers' compensation benefit, unemployment compensation disability benefit, or benefit not payable from the employer's general assets.
- (c) An employer shall not deny an employee the right to use sick leave or discharge, threaten to discharge, demote, suspend, or in any manner discriminate against an employee for using, or attempting to exercise the right to use, sick leave to attend to an illness or the preventive care of a family member, or for any other reason specified in subdivision (a) of Section 246.5.
- (d) Any employee aggrieved by a violation of this section shall be entitled to reinstatement and actual damages or one day's pay, whichever is greater, and to appropriate equitable relief.
- (e) Upon the filing of a complaint by an employee, the Labor Commissioner shall enforce this section in accordance with Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 79) of Division 1, including, but not limited to, Sections 92, 96.7, 98, and 98.1 to 98.8, inclusive. Alternatively, an employee may bring a civil action for the remedies provided

by this section in a court of competent jurisdiction. If the employee prevails, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees.

(f) The rights and remedies specified in this section are cumulative and nonexclusive and are in addition to any other rights or remedies afforded by contract or under other law.

(Amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 211, Sec. 1. (AB 2017) Effective January 1, 2021.)

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### Section 45203

45203. All probationary or permanent employees that are a part of the classified service shall be entitled to the following paid holidays provided they are in a paid status during any portion of the working day immediately preceding or succeeding the holiday: January 1, February 12 known as "Lincoln Day," the third Monday in February known as "Washington Day," the last Monday in May known as "Memorial Day," July 4, the first Monday in September known as "Labor Day," November 11 known as "Veterans Day," that Thursday in November proclaimed by the President as "Thanksgiving Day," December 25, every day appointed by the President, or the Governor of this state, as provided for in paragraphs (11) and (12) of subdivision (a) of Section 37220 for a public fast, thanksgiving, or holiday, or any day declared a holiday under Section 1318 or 37222 for classified or certificated employees. School recesses during the Christmas, Easter, and mid-February periods shall not be considered holidays for classified employees who are normally required to work during that period. However, this shall not be construed as affecting vacation rights specified in this section. For purposes of this section, "appointed by the President" includes the President signing into law legislation that creates a nationwide federal holiday, including the legal public holidays listed in subsection (a) of Section 6103 of Title 5 of the United States Code, but does not include Columbus Day. This definition is declaratory of existing law.

Regular employees of the district who are not normally assigned to duty during the school holidays of December 25 and January 1 shall be paid for those two holidays provided that they were in a paid status during any portion of the working day of their normal assignment immediately preceding or succeeding the holiday period.

When a holiday listed in this section falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed to be the holiday in lieu of the day observed. When a holiday listed in this section falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be deemed to be the holiday in lieu of the day observed. When a classified employee is required to work on any of these holidays, they shall be paid compensation, or given compensating time off, for such work, in addition to the regular pay received for the holiday, at the rate of time and one-half the employee's regular rate of pay.

The provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Section 37220) of Chapter 2 of Part 22 shall not be construed to in any way limit the provisions of this section, nor shall anything in this section be construed to prohibit the governing board from adopting separate work schedules for the certificated and the classified services, or from providing holiday pay for employees who have not been in paid status on the days specified herein. Notwithstanding the adoption of separate work schedules for the

certificated and the classified services, on any schoolday during which pupils would otherwise have been in attendance but are not and for which certificated personnel receive regular pay, classified personnel shall also receive regular pay whether or not they are required to report for duty that day.

In addition to the other paid holidays specified in this section, the classified service may be entitled to a paid holiday on March 31 known as "Cesar Chavez Day," a paid holiday on April 24 known as "Genocide Remembrance Day," and a paid holiday on the fourth Friday in September known as "Native American Day," provided they are in a paid status during any portion of the working day immediately preceding or succeeding the holiday, if the governing board, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding reached pursuant to Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, agrees to the paid holiday.

This section shall apply to districts that have adopted the merit system in the same manner and effect as if it were a part of Article 6 (commencing with Section 45240).

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 761, Sec. 4.5. (AB 1801) Effective January 1, 2023.)



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## Section 45117

- 45117. (a) When, as a result of the expiration of a specially funded program, classified positions must be eliminated at the end of any school year, and classified employees will be subject to layoff for lack of funds, the employees to be laid off at the end of the school year shall be given written notice on or before April 29 informing them of their layoff effective at the end of the school year and of their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights. However, if the termination date of any specially funded program is other than June 30, the notice shall be given not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of their layoff.
- (b) When, as a result of a bona fide reduction or elimination of the service being performed by any department, classified employees shall be subject to layoff for lack of work, affected employees shall be given notice of layoff not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, and informed of their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights.
- (c) (1) A classified employee may not be laid off if a short-term employee is retained to render a service that the classified employee is qualified to render. This subdivision does not create a 60-day layoff notice requirement for any individual hired as a short-term employee, as defined in Section 45103, for a period not exceeding 60 days.
- (2) This subdivision does not apply to the retention of a short-term employee, as defined in Section 45103, who is hired for a period not exceeding 60 days after which the short-term service may not be extended or renewed.
- (d) This section does not preclude the governing board of a school district from implementing either of the following actions without providing the notice required by subdivision (a) or (b):
- (1) A layoff for a lack of funds in the event of an actual and existing financial inability to pay the salaries of classified employees.
- (2) A layoff for a lack of work resulting from causes not foreseeable or preventable by the governing board.
- (e) This section shall apply to districts that have adopted the merit system in the same manner and effect as if it were a part of Article 6 (commencing with Section 45240).

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 860, Sec. 1. (AB 1908) Effective January 1, 2013.)



## **EDUCATION CODE**

Section 45298

45298. (a) A person laid off because of lack of work or lack of funds shall be eligible for reemployment for a period of 39 months as follows:

- (1) The person's reemployment shall take preference over new applicants.
- (2) The person shall have the right to participate in promotional examinations within the district during the period of 39 months.
- (3) If the person is reemployed in a new position and fails to complete the probationary period in the new position, he or she shall be returned to the reemployment list for the remainder of the 39-month period. The remaining time period shall be calculated as the time remaining in the 39-month period as of the date of reemployment.
- (b) An employee who takes a voluntary demotion or a voluntary reduction in assigned time in lieu of layoff or to remain in his or her present position rather than be reclassified or reassigned, shall be granted the same rights as persons laid off and shall retain eligibility to be considered for reemployment for an additional period of up to 24 months, provided that the same tests of fitness under which the employee qualified for appointment to the class still apply. The personnel commission shall make the determination of the specific period eligibility for reemployment on a class-by-class basis.
- (c) An employee who takes a voluntary demotion or a voluntary reduction in assigned time in lieu of layoff shall be, at the option of the employee, returned to a position in his or her former class or to a position with increased assigned time as vacancies become available, and without limitation of time, but if there is a valid reemployment list the employee shall be ranked on that list in accordance with his or her proper seniority.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 586, Sec. 1. (AB 2307) Effective January 1, 2013.)

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### Section 45194

45194. Every person employed in the classified service of any school district shall be granted necessary leave of absence, not to exceed three days, or five days if out-of-state travel is required, on account of the death of any member of his immediate family. No deduction shall be made from the salary of such employee nor shall such leave be deducted from leave granted by other sections of this code or provided by the governing board of the district. The governing board may enlarge the benefits of this section and may expand the class of relatives listed below as members of the immediate family. Members of the immediate family, as used in this section, means the mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, or a grandchild of the employee or of the spouse of the employee, and the spouse, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, brother, or sister of the employee, or any relative living in the immediate household of the employee.

This section shall apply to districts that have adopted the merit system in the same manner and effect as if it were a part of Article 6 (commencing with Section 45240) of this chapter.

(Enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)