

ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS  
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DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

California Education Code section 48980 requires that, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, the governing board of each school district must notify parents/guardians of a minor of their rights or responsibilities under certain provisions of the Education Code. Other provisions of California and United States law also require notification of parents/guardians.

Education Code section 48982 requires that acknowledgment of this notice be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to your child's school. Your signature at the end of Data Confirmation is an acknowledgment that you have received the notice and have been informed of your rights, but the signature does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has been either given or withheld.

California and federal law require certain other notices in the event that specific circumstances should arise, affecting your child's education and attendance at school. If any such circumstances should arise, the District will provide notice as required by law.

KEY TO LEGAL REFERENCES

**Abbreviation**

**Complete Title**

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| B&PC  | Business and Professions Code                 |
| CCR   | California Code of Regulations                |
| CFR   | Code of Federal Regulations                   |
| EC    | Education Code                                |
| ESSA  | Every Student Succeeds Act                    |
| FERPA | Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act     |
| H&SC  | Health & Safety Code                          |
| IDEA  | Individuals with Disabilities Education Act   |
| LC    | Labor Code                                    |
| PC    | Penal Code                                    |
| § 504 | Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 |
| USC   | United States Code                            |
| W&IC  | Welfare and Institutions Code                 |

### PUPIL DISCIPLINE

RULES PERTAINING TO PUPIL DISCIPLINE (EC §§ 35291, 48980): The District Governing Board has prescribed rules for the government and discipline of the schools under the Board's jurisdiction. Rules pertaining to pupil discipline are available at [hbcasd.k12.ca.us](http://hbcasd.k12.ca.us) under Departments > Student Services > Student Discipline.

DUTY CONCERNING CONDUCT OF PUPILS (EC § 44807): Every District teacher has a responsibility to hold pupils to a strict account for their conduct on the way to and from school, on the playgrounds, or during recess.

DUTIES OF PUPILS (EC § 48908, 5 CCR § 300): Every pupil must attend punctually and regularly, conform to the regulations of the school, obey promptly all the directions of his/her teacher and others in authority, observe good order and propriety of deportment, be diligent in study, be respectful to his/her teacher and others in authority, be kind and courteous to schoolmates, and refrain entirely from the use of profane and vulgar language.

SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS (EC §§ 48980, 48986, 49392): Please refer to Attachment #1 for information regarding child firearm access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms.

DRESS CODE (EC §§ 35183, 35183.5, 51101): The District Governing Board has approved a dress code policy adopted by your child's school. A copy of the dress code is available in the school's Student Handbook.

ATTENDANCE OF SUSPENDED CHILD'S PARENT/GUARDIAN (EC § 48900.1, LC § 230.7): The District Governing Board has adopted a policy authorizing teachers to require the parent/guardian of a pupil who has been suspended by a teacher, to attend a portion of a school day in the child's classroom. No employer may dismiss or in any manner discriminate against an employee for taking time off from work to comply with this requirement.

TRANSFERS (EC §§ 48929, 48980): As stated in its policy, the governing board may transfer to another school within the District a pupil enrolled who has been convicted of a violent felony, as defined in Penal Code (PC) 667.5(c), or convicted of a misdemeanor listed in PC § 29805 if the pupil to be transferred and the victim of the crime for which the pupil was convicted are enrolled at the same school.

CIVILITY POLICY (EC § 44050): A written copy of the district's section on employee interactions with pupils in its code of conduct is included in Data Confirmation documents.

### PUPIL RECORDS

- PUPIL RECORDS/NOTICE OF PRIVACY RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS (EC § 49063 et seq., § 49069.7, § 49073, 34 CFR 99.30, 34 CFR 99.34, and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act): *Types of Pupil Records*: A pupil record is any item of information directly related to an identifiable pupil, other than directory

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information, which is maintained by the District or required to be maintained by a District employee in the performance of his/her duties, whether recorded by handwriting, print, tapes, film, microfilm or other means. Pupil records include a pupil's health record.

- *Responsible Officials.* Your child's Principal is responsible for the maintenance of pupil records located at your child's school. For pupil records maintained at the District Office, the responsible official is Megan Kempner, Executive Director, Student Services.
- *Location of Log/Record:* The law requires that a log or record be maintained for each pupil's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record and the legitimate interests therefore. For records maintained at your child's school, the log is in your child's file located in the Principal's office.
- *School Officials and Employees/Legitimate Educational Interests:* School officials and employees who are authorized to review pupil records are school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, certificated employee, or support staff member (including, but not limited to, paraeducator, health or medical staff and school law enforcement personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, educational consultant or therapist); a vendor, contractor, or other party to whom the District has outsourced institutional services or functions; an agency caseworker of a state or local child welfare agency that has legal responsibility for the care and protection of a pupil, other public agencies providing services to pupils, as well as employees of other public schools or school systems where educational programs leading to high school graduation are provided or where a District pupil intends to or is directed to enroll; a minor's counsel of record. Access to pupil records is permitted only for records that are relevant to the legitimate educational interests of the requester. Upon request, the District discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school district in which the pupil seeks or intends to enroll. Individuals or entities who have legitimate educational interests include those described in California Education Code section 49076.
- *Right of Access and Review/Expungement:* You have an absolute right to access to any and all pupil records related to your child, which are maintained by the District. A homeless child or youth or an unaccompanied youth who is 14 years of age or older may access his/her pupil records. If you wish to review records located at your child's school, please contact the Principal's office, or submit a written request that identifies the record(s) you wish to inspect. If you wish to review records located at the District Office, please contact Megan Kempner, Executive Director, Student Services. The Principal or District Office has five (5) business days from the day of the receipt of a request to provide access to the records. Upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation assignment of a pupil whose expulsion has been suspended by the District Governing Board, the Board may order the expungement of any or all records of the expulsion

proceedings. If the Orange County Board of Education enters an order reversing the decision of the District Governing Board to expel a pupil, the County Board may direct the District Governing Board to expunge the record of the pupil and records of the District of any references to the expulsion action. When you submit a written revocation of consent after the initial provision of special education and related services for your child, the District is not required to amend the education records of your child to remove any reference to your child's receipt of special education and services.

- Challenging the Content of Records (EC § 49070): You have the right to challenge the content of any pupil record by filing a written request with the District Superintendent to correct or remove any information recorded in the written records concerning your child which you allege to be any of the following: (1) inaccurate, (2) an unsubstantiated personal conclusion or inference, (3) a conclusion or inference outside the observer's area of competence, (4) not based on the personal observation of a named person with the time and place of the observation noted, (5) misleading, or (6) in violation of the privacy or other rights of the pupil.
- Copying Costs: You may receive copies of your child's pupil records, at a cost of \$0.10 per page.
- Transfer of Records: The District is required to transfer a copy of your child's permanent pupil records within 10 schooldays to the school your child intends to enroll.
- Complaints: You have the right to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education, concerning an alleged failure by the District to comply with the provisions of the federal United States Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC § 1232g).
- Prospectus of School Curriculum: The curriculum for your child's school is compiled at least once annually in a prospectus which is available at the District Office.
- Statement or Response to Disciplinary Actions: Whenever information is included in a pupil record concerning any disciplinary action taken in connection with your child, you have the right to include a written statement or response concerning the disciplinary action in your child's pupil record.
- Destruction of Pupil Records: The Governing Board of the District is required to retain indefinitely the original or an exact copy of mandatory permanent pupil records (Class 1 - Permanent Records) which schools have been directed to compile by California regulations; maintain for stipulated periods of time mandatory interim pupil records (Class 2 - Optional Records) until the information is no longer needed to provide educational services to a child and are retained until reclassified as Class 3 – Disposable Records, and then destroyed as per California regulations (5 CCR 432). Prior to destroying pupil records of a child who has received special education services, the IDEA requires parental notification when the District decides that personally identifiable information is no longer needed to provide educational services to a child. Once parents/guardians have been notified that personally identifiable information is no longer needed, they have the option of requesting access to and/or copies of pupil records prior

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to destruction, and to request that pupil records be destroyed, unless the District determines that the information could be needed to provide educational services in the future or is needed for auditing purposes (34 CFR 300.624, 5 CCR 16026). Unless classified as permanent records, all other pupil records are destroyed five years after the information is no longer needed to provide educational services (5 CCR 16027).

**RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION** (EC § 49073): The District has designated the following items as “Directory Information”: Pupil’s name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent public or private school attended by the pupil; not pictures. The District has determined that the following individuals, officials, or organizations may receive directory information: PTA/PTSA, Classroom Directories, and Yearbook providers. Directory information may also be disclosed to outside organizations without your prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks; a playbill, showing your pupil’s role in a drama production; Honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs and sports activity sheets. However, no information may be released to a private profit making entity other than employers, prospective employers and representatives of the news media, including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations. The names and addresses of pupils enrolled in grade 12 or who have terminated enrollment prior to graduation may be provided to a private school or college. No directory information regarding your child may be released if you notify the District that the information shall not be released. Please submit a written notice to the Principal of your child’s school if you wish to deny access to directory information concerning your child. Release of directory information of a homeless child or youth is prohibited unless a parent or eligible pupil has given written consent that such information may be released.

**FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT** (“FERPA” 20 USC § 1232g): Federal law set forth in FERPA grants parents certain rights with respect to their student’s records. Please refer to Attachment #2 for the Model FERPA Notice.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**REFUSAL TO CONSENT TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** (EC §§ 49451, 48980): You may file an annual written statement with the Principal of your child’s school, stating that you will not consent to a physical examination of your child. However, whenever there is good reason to believe that the child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child shall be sent home and shall not be permitted to return until school authorities are satisfied that any contagious or infectious disease does not exist.

**PUPIL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINES** (EC §§ 215.5, 48980): The telephone number to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) and telephone number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233 is printed on the back of student identification cards.

PUPIL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (EC §§ 49428, 48980): Information on how to initiate access to available mental health services on campus or in the community, or both, is available on the school's website and the student handbook.

CONTINUED MEDICATION REGIMEN FOR NON EPISODIC CONDITION (EC § 49480):

If your child is on a continuing medication regimen for a non-episodic condition, you are required to inform the school nurse or other designated certificated school employee of: (1) the medication being taken, (2) the current dosage, and (3) the name of the supervising physician. With your consent, the school nurse may communicate with your child's physician and may counsel with school personnel regarding the possible effects of the drug on your child's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of adverse side effects, omission, or overdose. If your child is on a continuing medication regimen, please complete the Consent to Administer Medication form which you may obtain from your school office.

ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZING AGENTS (EC §§ 49403, 48980): The District Governing Board may permit any person licensed as a physician and surgeon, any person licensed as a registered nurse, or other licensed healthcare practitioners acting under the direction of a supervising physician and surgeon, to administer an immunizing agent to a pupil. You have the right to consent in writing to the administration of an immunizing agent to your child.

ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIBED MEDICATION (EC §§ 49423, 49423.1, 48980): If your child is required to take prescription medication during the regular school day, you may request assistance for your child by the school nurse or other designated school personnel. If you wish such assistance, you must provide both a written statement from the physician and surgeon or physician assistant detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and your own written statement indicating your desire that the District assist your child in the matters set forth in the physician's statement. Your child may also carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine or asthma medication if the District receives written statements from you and the child's physician, in the form required by law.

PLEDGE NOT TO USE ANABOLIC STEROIDS OR PROHIBITED DIETARY

SUPPLEMENTS (EC § 49030 et seq.): A pupil is prohibited from participating in interscholastic high school sports, unless the pupil signs a pledge not to use anabolic steroids without a prescription from a licensed healthcare practitioner, or a dietary supplement listed in the United States Guide to Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping. As a condition of participation, both the pupil-athlete and his/her parent/guardian must sign a notification form regarding these restrictions.

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY (H&SC § 104420): The District Governing Board has adopted and enforces a tobacco-free campus policy. The policy prohibits the use of tobacco products, at any time, in District-owned or leased buildings, on District property and in District vehicles.



**MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL SERVICES NOT PROVIDED** (EC §§ 49471, 48980): The District Governing Board does not provide or make available medical and hospital services for District pupils who are injured while participating in athletic activities.

**CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES** (EC § 49475): Requires districts who elect to offer athletic programs to immediately remove for the remainder of the day an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury during the activity and prohibits the return of the athlete to that activity until he/she is evaluated by and receives written clearance from, completes a graduated return-to-play protocol or not less than seven days in duration under the supervision of a licensed health care provider, and requires district to provide annually a concussion and head injury information sheet to be signed and returned by the athlete and his/her parent before the athlete initiates practice or competition.

**INSURANCE NOTICE FOR OPERATION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC TEAM(S)** (EC § 32221.5): School districts that operate an interscholastic athletic team(s) are required to include the following statement, printed in boldface type of prominent size, in offers of insurance coverage that are sent to members of school athletic teams: “Under state law, school districts are required to ensure that all members of school athletic teams have accidental injury insurance that covers medical and hospital expenses. This insurance requirement can be met by the school district offering insurance or other health benefits that cover medical and hospital expenses. Some pupils may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost local, state, or federally sponsored health insurance programs. Information about these programs may be obtained by calling (800) 977-2273 (Medi-Cal) or (800) 880-5305 (California Healthy Families). The statement must also be incorporated into any other letters or printed materials, in boldface type of prominent size, that contain the name or logo, or both, of the school district and are sent to members of school athletic teams to inform them of insurance protection.

**OPIOID FACTSHEET** (EC 49476): Requires districts that elect to offer athletic programs to annually provide the “Opioid Factsheet for Patients” to each athlete, to be signed and returned by the athlete and his/her parent. Please refer to Attachment #3 for the Opioid Factsheet.

**INSTRUCTION FOR PUPILS WITH TEMPORARY DISABILITIES** (EC §§ 48206.3, 48207.3, 48207.5, 48980): If your child should suffer a temporary disability which makes attendance in regular day classes or an alternative education program in which the child is enrolled impossible or inadvisable, your child shall receive individual instruction provided by the district in which he/she is deemed to reside. Individual instruction includes instruction provided in your home, in a hospital or other residential health facility, excluding state hospitals, or under other circumstances prescribed by state law. If your child is well enough to return to school during the school year in which individual instruction began, he/she must be allowed to return to the school that he/she attended prior to receiving individual instruction. Individual instruction in your home must commence no later than five working days after the district determines your child shall receive this instruction.

**PUPILS WITH TEMPORARY DISABILITIES** (EC §§ 48207, 48208, 48980): In the event that your child has a temporary disability and is confined in a hospital or other residential health facility located outside this District, you shall be deemed to have complied with the residency

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requirements for school attendance in the school district in which the hospital is located. In such circumstances, it is your responsibility to notify the school district in which you are deemed to reside of your child's presence in a qualifying hospital.

TYPE 1 DIABETES (EC § 49452.6): Please refer to Attachment #4 for information required to be provided to parents regarding type 1 diabetes.

TYPE 2 DIABETES (EC § 49452.7): Please refer to Attachment #5 for information required to be provided to parents of 7<sup>th</sup> grade pupils regarding type 2 diabetes.

PROOF OF ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT (EC § 49452.8): Your child must have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) by no later than May 31 of the first year entering kindergarten or first grade. Dental check-ups in the 12 months before starting school meet this requirement. Ask your dentist to fill out the Oral Health Assessment Form provided by the school. You may be excused from complying with the dental checkup requirement by completing a Waiver of Oral Health Assessment Requirement Form.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS (EC §§ 49510, et seq., 48980; 49501.5): The District is required to provide two nutritionally adequate meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day to students requesting a meal, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility. Information concerning this program is available at [www.hbcasd.us/foodservices](http://www.hbcasd.us/foodservices).

NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE USE (EC §§ 17611.5, 17612, 48980.3): A copy of the school's integrated pest management plan is posted on the school's website. Please refer to Attachment #15 for a list of all pesticide products expected to be applied at your child's school during the upcoming year.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN (40 CFR § 763.93): The District's updated asbestos management plan for each school is available for inspection at the District Office.

CANCER PREVENTION ACT (EC § 48980.4; H&SC § 120336): The parents and guardians of pupils admitted or advancing to the sixth grade level are hereby notified that the State of California advises that pupils adhere to current immunization guidelines, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians, regarding full human papillomavirus (HPV) immunization before admission or advancement to the eighth grade level. HPV vaccination can prevent over 90 percent of cancers caused by HPV. HPV vaccines are very safe, and scientific research shows that the benefits of HPV vaccination far outweigh the potential risks. Please refer to attachment #6 for a model notice providing information required to be provided to parents of students admitted or advancing to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade regarding HPV immunization.

DANGERS OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS (EC § 48985.5): The District is required to share information annually about the dangers associated with using synthetic drugs that are not prescribed by a physician (such as fentanyl), and the possibility that dangerous synthetic drugs can be found in counterfeit pills. There is also a risk that social media platforms may be used as a way to market and sell synthetic drugs, such as fentanyl. Additional information regarding the



dangers of synthetic drugs, counterfeit pills and the risk of social media being used to sell such drugs can be found on the District's website as well as each individual school's website.

### ATTENDANCE

STATUTORY ATTENDANCE OPTIONS (EC §§ 35160.5, 46600, 48204, 48300, 48980): The District is required to advise each parent/guardian of all existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the District. These are options for attending schools other than the school designated for the local attendance area in which the parent/guardian resides. The options include intradistrict transfer, interdistrict transfer, transfer based on parental employment and "district of choice" if established by Governing Board resolution. You may access interdistrict transfer permit information and policy at [hbcasd.k12.ca.us](https://hbcasd.k12.ca.us) under Enrollment > Student Transfers. Please refer to Attachment #7 for a complete summary of these attendance options.

EXCUSED ABSENCES (EC §§ 48205, 48980): Your child may be excused from school when the absence is for medical or justifiable personal reasons. Your child will be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during such an excused absence. Please refer to Board Policy 5113 for the full text of Education Code section 48205.

GRADE REDUCTION/LOSS OF ACADEMIC CREDIT (EC §§ 48205, 48980): Your child may not have his/her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences excused under Education Code section 48205, when missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. Please refer to Board Policy 5121 for the full text of section 48205.

ABSENCES FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES (EC §§ 46014, 48980): With your written consent, your child may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or to receive moral and religious instruction at your child's place of worship or at other suitable place or places away from school property designated by the religious group. Your child may not be excused from school for this purpose on more than four days per school month.

EXCUSE TO OBTAIN CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL SERVICES (EC § 46010.1): Pupils in grades 7 and 8 may be excused from school for the purpose of obtaining confidential medical services, without the consent of the pupil's parent/guardian.

PREGNANT AND PARENTING PUPILS (EC §§ 222.5, 46015, 48980): Districts may not exclude nor deny any pupil from any educational program or activity on the basis of the pupil's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom, and shall treat these conditions in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disabling condition. A pregnant or parenting pupil is entitled to 8 weeks of parental leave, or additional leave if deemed medically necessary by the pupil's physician. During parental leave, absences shall be excused and the pupil shall not be required to complete academic work or other school requirements. After return from parental leave, a pupil may resume the course of study in which he/she was previously enrolled, is entitled to make up work missed, and to take a fifth year of high school instruction if necessary to complete graduation requirements. A pupil may elect to attend an alternative education option instead of returning to

the school in which he or she was enrolled prior to parental leave. Schools shall provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating pupil on a school campus to express breast milk, breast-feed an infant child, or address other needs related to breast-feeding. A pupil shall not incur an academic penalty as a result of his or her use of these accommodations.

SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM DAYS AND PUPIL-FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (EC § 48980): The District is required to advise all parents/guardians of the schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days. Please refer to the District's schedule which is Attachment #11 to this notice. If any minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled following the distribution of this notice, the District will notify you as early as possible, but not later than one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day.

### NON-DISCRIMINATION

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION (EC §§ 200, 220; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973): The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, sex/gender (gender identity, gender expression) physical/mental disability or immigration status. Your child has a right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status. Please refer to Board Policy 0410 regarding nondiscrimination policies. Additional resources for immigrant students and family members developed by the California Attorney General are accessible at <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources>. The District will take steps to assure that the lack of English will not be a barrier to admission and participation in District programs. Complaints alleging noncompliance with the District's policy of nondiscrimination should be directed to Robert Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, at 714-964-8888 ext. 2020. A copy of the District's nondiscrimination policy is available from the District Office.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY (EC §§ 231.5, 48980; 5 CCR § 4917): The District's written sexual harassment policy is Attachment #12 to this notice.

### PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

SPECIAL EDUCATION (EC § 56000 et seq.; 20 USC §1401 et seq.): Both California and federal law require that a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE) be offered to qualified pupils with disabilities. Information on pupil eligibility, procedural safeguards, and additional matters is available on our district website at [hbcasd.k12.ca.us](http://hbcasd.k12.ca.us) under Departments > Student Services > Special Education.

CHILD FIND (EC §§ 56300, 56301): The District has a duty to identify, locate and assess children with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services. If you believe that your child is in need of special education and related services, you may initiate a referral for assessment by contacting the Student Services Department at 714-964-8888 ext. 2046.

MISCELLANEOUS

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH AND/HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION (EC §§ 51938, 48980): The District will provide instruction in comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention education and research on student health behaviors and risks for the coming school year. Written and audiovisual educational materials used in this education are available for your inspection at the Principal's office. The education will be taught by school district personnel. A copy of the California Healthy Youth Act is available from: [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=51930.&lawCode=EDC](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=51930.&lawCode=EDC). You have the right to request in writing that your child shall not receive comprehensive sexual health education or HIV/AIDS prevention education. The District may administer to students in grades 7 and 8 anonymous, voluntary and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure students' health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about pupils' attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex. You will be notified in writing that any such test, questionnaire or survey is to be administered, and you will be given the opportunity to review the test, questionnaire or survey and request in writing that your child not participate.

DISSECTION OR OTHERWISE HARMING OR DESTROYING ANIMALS (EC § 32255 et seq.): If your child has a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying animals, he/she has a right to notify the teacher regarding this objection and to refrain from participation in an education project involving the harmful or destructive use of animals which must be substantiated with a note from a parent/guardian.

CAASPP STATE EXAMS (EC 60615; 5 CCR 852): During the spring, students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the annual state exams. Parents may annually submit to the school a written request to excuse their child from any or all parts of the CAASPP.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (EC §§ 35256, 33126, 32286): The District Governing Board annually issues a School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for each school in the District. You may obtain a copy of the SARC from the Principal's office. The SARC includes, but is not limited to, assessment of school conditions specified in California Education Code section 33126. The SARC also includes an annual report on the status of the safety plan for your child's school, including a description of its key elements.

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS (EC § 310)

Huntington Beach City School District offers the following language and language acquisition programs for student enrollment. Parents/Guardians may choose a language acquisition program that best suits their child (EC Section 310[a]).

- Structured English Immersion (SEI) Program: A language acquisition program for English learners in which provides nearly all classroom instruction in English, but with curriculum and a presentation designed for pupils who are learning English. HBCSD's Structured English Immersion Program (SEI) includes Integrated and Designated ELD instruction on the state-adopted academic content and ELD standards. Designated ELD is instruction provided during a time set aside in the regular school day for focused instruction on the state-adopted ELD

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standards to assist English learners to develop critical English language skills necessary for academic content learning in English. Integrated ELD is instruction in which the state-adopted ELD standards are used in tandem with the state-adopted academic content standards. Integrated ELD includes specially designed academic instruction in English (SDAIE). Education Code (EC) sections 305(a)(2) and 306(c)(3).

- **Newcomer Program:** A language acquisition program for English learners who are new to the country, with less than 12 months of schooling in the United States. Instruction and/or support may be provided in the students' native language and is part of a school day and/or offered after-school. EC Section 306(c)(2).

### *How to Enroll Your Child in a Language Acquisition Program:*

A letter will be sent home requesting you to select the language program for your student to be enrolled.

### *How to Request the Establishment of a New Program at a School:*

Schools in which the parents or legal guardians of 30 pupils or more per school or the parents or legal guardians of 20 pupils or more in any grade request a language acquisition program that is designed to provide language instruction shall be required to offer such a program to the extent possible. (EC Section 310[a].)

Parents may submit a verbal or written request to the office at your local school. The school will maintain records of parent requests. When parent requests for the establishment of a new program has reached 30 pupils or more per school or 20 pupils or more in any grade level, the school site administrator will notify Educational Services Division, who will then notify parents, teachers, administrators and the District English Learner Advisory Committee of the parents' requests for a language acquisition program. The Educational Services Division will identify costs and resources necessary to implement the requested language acquisition program. Within 60 calendar days of reaching the threshold to establish a new language acquisition program, the Educational Services Division will provide written notification to parents attending the school, the school's teachers, and administrators of its determination to implement or not implement the requested program.

### About Language Acquisition Programs and Language Programs

| Program Type                                    | Characteristics  |
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| Language Acquisition Program (English Learners) | <p>The California Code of Regulations section 11309 requires that any language acquisition program provided by a school, district, or county shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be designed using evidence-based research and include both Designated and Integrated English Language Development;</li> <li>• Be allocated sufficient resources by the local educational agency (LEA) to be effectively implemented, including, but not limited to, certificated teachers with the appropriate</li> </ul> |

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|   | <p>authorizations, necessary instructional materials, pertinent professional development for the proposed program, and opportunities for parent and community engagement to support the proposed program goals; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within a reasonable period of time, lead to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade-level proficiency in English, and, when the program model includes instruction in another language, proficiency in that other language; and</li> <li>○ Achievement of the state-adopted academic content standards in English, and when the program model includes instruction in another language, achievement of the state-adopted academic content standards in that other language.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Language Program (non-English Learners) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language programs offer students who are not English learners opportunities to be instructed in languages other than English</li> <li>• May lead to proficiency in languages other than English</li> </ul>   |

### HEALTH INSTRUCTION/CONFLICTS WITH RELIGIOUS TRAINING AND BELIEFS

(EC § 51240): If any part of the school's instruction in health conflicts with your religious training and beliefs, you may submit a written request that your child be excused from the part of the instruction that conflicts with your religious training and beliefs.

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS (EC § 58501): The law requires the District to provide parents/guardians with a notice of alternative schools. Please refer to [www.hbcasd.us](http://www.hbcasd.us) for a copy of the notice specified in Education Code section 58501.

SEX EQUITY IN CAREER COUNSELING AND COURSE SELECTION (EC § 221.5): You have the right to participate in counseling sessions and decisions concerning career counseling and course selection, commencing with course selection for grade 7.

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (5 CCR § 4622): The District has adopted policies and procedures for the filing, investigation and resolution of complaints regarding alleged violations of federal or state law or regulations governing educational programs, including allegations of unlawful discrimination. A copy of the District's Uniform Complaint Procedures is available from the District Office. Please refer to [hbcasd.k12.ca.us](http://hbcasd.k12.ca.us) for the District's Notice of Uniform Complaint Procedures.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) ("ESSA", 20 USC § 6301 *et seq.*; EC §§ 313.2, 440):

- Limited English Proficient Children: The ESSA requires the District to inform the parent or parents of a limited English proficient (LEP) child identified for participation or participating in a language instruction educational program, of the following:

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- (1) the reasons for the identification of the child as LEP and in need of placement in a language instruction educational program;
- (2) the child's level of English proficiency, how such level was assessed and the status of the child's academic achievement;
- (3) the methods of instruction used in the program in which the child is or will be participating, and the methods of instruction used in other available programs;
- (4) how the program in which the child is or will be participating, will meet the educational strengths and needs of the child;
- (5) how such program will specifically help the child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation;
- (6) the specific exit requirements for the program;
- (7) in the case of a child with a disability, how such program meets the objectives of the individualized education program (IEP) of the child; and
- (8) information pertaining to parental rights that includes written guidance detailing the right that parents have to have their child immediately removed from such program upon their request, and the options that parents have to decline to enroll their child in such program or to choose another program or method of instruction, if available; and assisting parents in selecting among various programs and methods of instruction, if more than one program or method is offered by the District.

If your child is LEP and has been identified for participation or is participating in the language instruction educational program, please contact Danielle Phillips, Ed.D., Director of Educational Services, at (714) 964-8888 ext. 2032 for the above information that is specific to your child.

- *Right to Information Regarding the Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals:* The ESSA grants parents the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the children's classroom teachers, including the following:

- (1) whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- (2) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;



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- (3) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- (4) whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

This information is available at Human Resources. The District will provide timely notice if your child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not highly qualified.

- Information on Child's Level of Achievement: The District will provide timely information on the level of achievement of your child in each of the state academic assessments.
- Homeless Liaison: Homeless pupils have certain rights under California and federal law. For information concerning these rights, please contact the District's liaison for homeless children and youths, Megan Kempner, Executive Director, Student Services, who may be contacted at 714-964-8888 ext. 2045.
  - Information regarding homeless education, resources, and referrals may be accessed at [hbcasd.k12.ca.us](https://hbcasd.k12.ca.us) at Departments > Student Services > Homeless Education.
  - Students have the right to continue to:
    - Attend the school in which they were last enrolled, even if the student has moved away from that school's attendance zone or district.
    - Immediate enrollment
    - Enroll even if you do not have a permanent address. Proof of residency is not required.)
    - Enroll even if you do not have a school or immunization records.
    - May receive transportation from your current residence back to your school of origin.
    - May receive special programs and services.
    - Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students.
    - Qualify automatically for school nutrition programs.
  - Parents responsibilities are to:

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- Make sure your child gets to school on time and ready to learn.
- Stay informed of school rules, regulations, and activities.
- Contact the homeless liaison for assistance in removing barriers to your child's education.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences, Back-to-School Nights, and other school-related activities.
- Resources available:
  - Call 2-1-1 or 1-888-600-4357 to link you to all the help you'll need, including meals, employment resources, shelters, healthcare, substance abuse, and much more. Service is free, multi-lingual, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  - CA Youth Crisis: 800-843-5200
  - Domestic Violence: 800-799-7233
  - Suicide Prevention Center: 800-273-8255 or 988
- Release of Pupil Information to Military Recruiters: Please see entry under Pupil Records.