

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO STATUTORILY *MANDATED* NOTIFICATIONS AND
STATUTES DIRECTLY AFFECTING PUPILS
2019-2020¹**

MANDATED

EC §215.5	Suicide prevention (added): Requires districts that issue pupil ID cards to print the telephone number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on either side of the ID card.
EC §221.51	Pregnant and parenting pupils (added): Prohibits districts from treating pupils differently based on sex concerning a pupil's actual or potential parental, family, or marital status.
EC §§222.5 & 46015	Pupil rights (added): Requires districts to notify pregnant and parenting pupils that they are entitled to eight weeks of parental leave from school, as specified; absences taken shall be excused absences until the pupil returns to school. Violations are subject to the Uniform Complaint Procedure.
EC §46600.2	Interdistrict attendance (added): Requires the school district of residence and school district of proposed enrollment to post on its Web site the procedures and timelines and a link to the policy regarding a request for an interdistrict transfer permit that is accessible without a password.
EC §48205	Excused absences (amended): Absences to care for a sick child are considered excused absences for which a school shall not require a note from a doctor.
EC §48206.3	Individual instruction (amended): Requires districts to notify pupils with temporary disabilities annually of the availability of individual instruction including eligibility information and duration of individual instruction.
EC §48207.3	Temporary disability (amended): Pupils receiving individual instruction who is well enough to return to school during the school year in which individual instruction was initiated shall be allowed to return to the school last attended prior to receiving individual instruction.

¹ This document includes a summary of changes to statutes affecting *Mandated* notifications as well as *Statutes* directly affecting pupils. Revisions to the model Annual Notice and attachments reflect new legislation enacted in the 2018 legislative session only affecting *mandatory* annual notifications. The 2019-2020 model Annual Notice was revised using the model Annual Notice developed by Legal Services.

MANDATED (cont'd)

- EC §48207.5 Individual instruction (added): Individual instruction in a pupil's home for pupils with temporary disabilities must commence no later than five working days after the district determines a pupil shall receive this instruction.
- EC §48980 Annual notice (amended): Requires districts to notify parents annually of the leave rights of pregnant and parenting pupils under §46015.
- EC §49428 Mental health services (added): Requires district to notify parents and students twice a year of available mental health services on campus or in the community, or both, by posting on the school's website and including in a student handbook.

STATUTES

- EC §234.4 Bullying and cyberbullying prevention (added): Requires governing boards to adopt, on or before December 31, 2019, procedures for preventing acts of bullying and cyberbullying.
- EC §§35179.4 & 35179.6 Interscholastic athletics (added): Requires districts that offer any interscholastic athletic program to acquire at least one Automatic External Defibrillator available to athletic trainers and coaches, and that there is a written emergency action plan in place, posted in compliance with current guidelines of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- EC §35183.1 Dress code (added): Pupils may wear traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of religious significance as an adornment at school graduation ceremonies.
- EC §§46600 & 46603 Interdistrict attendance agreements (amended/added): Includes transitional kindergarten in the permit process. Requires districts to notify parents in writing, as specified, of their final decision within 30 calendar days from the date the permit request was received and if denied of their right to appeal to the county board within 30 calendar days from the date of the district's final denial. A district of proposed enrollment may provisionally admit for not more than two months a pupil who resides in another school district, pending a decision by the two schools districts, or by the county board.

STATUTES

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- EC §48204.6 Military families (added): Extends school of origin rights for the duration of a pupil's status as a child of a military family.
- EC §§49005.2 thru 49006.4 Restraint and seclusion (added): Prohibits district from using seclusion and behavioral restraints of any form on all pupils as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation by staff, unless there is a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others. Requires districts to collect and report to CDE.
- EC §49014 Debt owed to school or school district (added): Prohibits schools and districts from taking negative action, as specified, against a pupil or former pupil because of a debt owed. Does not apply to debt owed by a pupil as a result of vandalism or to cover the replacement cost of books, supplies, or property loaned to a pupil and is not returned, but does not apply to foster youth and homeless children and youth.
- EC §49073.2 Directory and personal information (added): Upon written request of a parent prohibits the inclusion of directory information or the personal information of a pupil or a parent in the minutes of a meeting of its governing board.
- EC §49077 Disclosure of pupil information (amended): If a court order or subpoena is issued to obtain pupil contact information, districts must make a reasonable effort to enter into an agreement with the entity that obtained the court order or subpoena requiring that the pupil contact information be maintained in a confidential manner.
- EC §49120 Permits to work (added): Prohibits districts from denying a work permit to a pupil based on a pupil's grades, grade point average, or school attendance if the work permit is for purposes of participating in a government-administered employment and training program during summer recess or vacation of the school of attendance.
- EC §51220 Courses of Study (amended): Extends the exemption to pupils currently identified as migratory children, and to newly arrived immigrant children participating in a newcomer program from local graduation requirements who transfers into a school in the 3rd or 4th year of high school.

EC §51225.5 Disabled persons (amended): Permits governing boards to confer an honorary high school diploma upon a pupil who is terminally ill.

EC §51225.8 FAFSA (added): Starting in the 2020-21 school year, requires governing boards to ensure that each of its pupils receives information, as specified, on how to properly complete and submit the FAFSA or the CA Dream Act Application at least once before a pupils enters 12th grade.