

Personnel

Unauthorized Release Of Confidential/Privileged Information

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of keeping confidential information confidential. Staff shall maintain the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of their employment. Confidential/privileged information shall be released only to the extent authorized by law.

Disclosure of Closed Session Information

An employee shall not disclose confidential information acquired by being present during a closed session to a person not entitled to receive such information, unless the Board authorizes disclosure of that information. (Government Code 54963)

Confidential information means a communication made in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the Board to meet lawfully in closed session. (Government Code 54963)

(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

An employee who willfully discloses confidential information acquired during a closed session may be subject to disciplinary action if he/she has received training or notice as to the requirements of this policy. (Government Code 54963)

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform all employees who attend closed sessions of this policy. New employees who may attend closed sessions shall also be informed of this policy.

Other Disclosures

An employee who willfully releases confidential/privileged information about the district, students or staff shall be subject to disciplinary action.

No employee shall disclose confidential information acquired in the course of his/her official duties. Confidential information includes information that is not a public record subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, information that by law may not be disclosed, or information that may have a material financial effect on the employee.

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- (cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
- (cf. 4112.62/4212.62/4312.62 - Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records)
- (cf. 4143/4243 - Negotiations/Consultation)
- (cf. 5125 - Student Records)
- (cf. 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information)
- (cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Reporting Procedures)
- (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

Any action by an employee which inadvertently or carelessly results in release of confidential/privileged information shall be recorded, and the record shall be placed in the employee's personnel file. Depending on the circumstances, the Superintendent or designee may deny the employee further access to any privileged information and shall take any steps necessary to prevent any further unauthorized release of such information.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

35146 Closed sessions

35160 Authority of governing boards

44031 Personnel file contents and inspection

44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employees

44933 Other grounds for dismissal

45113 Rules and regulations for classified service

49060-49079 Pupil records

GOVERNMENT CODE

1098 Public officials and employees: confidential information

6250-6270 Inspection of public records

54950-54963 Brown Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

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