The Yolo County Governing Board is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in Yolo County Office of Education programs and activities. County Office programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination against an individual or group based on race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

All individuals shall be treated equitably in the receipt of County Office and school/program services. Personally identifiable information collected in the implementation of any County Office program, including, but not limited to, student and family information for the free and reduced-price lunch program, transportation, or any other educational program, shall be used only for the purposes of the program, except when the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee authorizes its use for another purpose in accordance with law. Resources and data collected by the County Office shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status or any other category identified above.

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NONDISCRIMINATION IN COUNTY OFFICE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

County Office programs and activities shall be free of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

The County Superintendent or designee shall annually review County Office programs and activities to ensure the removal of any derogatory or discriminatory name, image, practice, or other barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing County Office programs and activities. He/she shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier. The County Superintendent or designee shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the County Board after each review.

(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in County Office programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 34 CFR 106.9, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admission and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the County Office policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in the annual parental notification distributed pursuant to Education Code 48980 and, as applicable, in announcements, bulletins, catalogs, handbooks, application forms, or other materials distributed by the County Office. The notification shall also be posted on the County Office's web site and social media and in County Office schools/programs and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and other prominent locations as appropriate.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In addition, the annual parental notification shall inform parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, including information on educational rights issued by the California Attorney General. Alternatively, such information may be provided through any other cost-effective means determined by the County Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 234.7)

The County Office’s nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parents/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or
more of a school's/program's students speak a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be translated into that other language.

**Access for Individuals with Disabilities**

County Office programs and facilities, viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any implementing standards and/or regulations. When structural changes to existing County Office facilities are needed to provide individuals with disabilities access to programs, services, activities, or facilities, the County Superintendent or designee shall develop a transition plan that sets forth the steps for completing the changes.

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the County Office provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services when necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, assistive technologies or other modifications to increase accessibility to County Office and County Office web sites, notetakers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large-print materials. Individuals with disabilities shall notify the County Superintendent or site administrators if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to a County Office-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The individual identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the employee responsible for coordinating the County Office's response to complaints and for complying with state federal civil rights laws is hereby designated as the County Office's ADA coordinator. He/she shall receive and address requests for accommodation submitted by individuals with disabilities, and shall investigate and resolve complaints regarding their access to County Office programs, services, activities, or facilities.

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Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs and Activities

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
48980 Parental notifications
48985 Notices to parents in language other than English
51007 Legislative intent: state policy

GOVERNMENT CODE
8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act
11000 Definitions
11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
54953.2 Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act

PENAL CODE
422.55 Definition of hate crime
422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act
1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX
2301-2414 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
6311 State plans
6312 Local education agency plans

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended
2000h-2000h-6 Title IX
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act
36.303 Auxiliary aids and services

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
100.1-100.13 Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI
104.1-104.39 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
106.1-106.61 Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:
106.9 Dissemination of policy
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Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Updated Legal Guidance:  Protecting Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students Against Sex Discrimination, July 2016
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Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California’s K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS
Dear Colleague Letter:  Title IX Coordinators, April 2015
Dear Colleague Letter, May 26, 2011
Dear Colleague Letter:  Harassment and Bullying, October 2010
Notice of Non-Discrimination, Fact Sheet, August 2010
Dear Colleague Letter:  Electronic Book Readers, June 29, 2010
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, September 2010
Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities, June 2003
WORLD WIDE WEB CONSORTIUM PUBLICATIONS
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, December 2008
WEB SITES
CSBA:  http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education:  http://www.cde.ca.gov
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing:  http://www.dfeh.ca.gov
Safe Schools Coalition:  http://www.casafeschools.org
Pacific ADA Center:  http://www.adapacific.org
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights:  http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Americans with Disabilities Act:  http://www.ada.gov

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