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### UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (UCP) ANNUAL NOTICE 2024-2025

# For stakeholders including students, employees, parents/guardians of its pupils, school and district advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties of the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) process.

The Fontana Unified School District (FUSD) has the primary responsibility for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations. The District has established Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) to address allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and complaints alleging violation of state or federal laws governing educational programs, the charging of unlawful pupil fees, and the non-compliance of our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The UCP Annual Notice is also available on our website at <u>www.fusd.net</u>.

The district requires that school personnel take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so when he or she witnesses an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying. The District will investigate all allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group as identified in Education Code Sections 200 and 220 and Government Code Section 11135, including any actual or perceived characteristics as set forth in Penal Code section 422.55 or on the basis or a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics in any program or activity conducted by the District, which is funded directly by, or that receives or benefits from any state financial assistance.

The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in:

- Accommodations for Pregnant and Parent Pupils
- Adult Education
- After School Education and Safety
- Agricultural Career Technical Education
- Career Technical and Technical Education and Career Technical and Technical Training Programs
- Child Care and Development Programs
- Compensatory Education
- Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs
- Course Periods without Educational Content
- Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying against any protected group as identified under sections 200 and 220 and Section 11135 of the Government Code, including any actual or perceived characteristic as set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any program or activity conducted by an educational institution, as defined in Section 210.3, that is funded directly by, or that receives or benefits from, any state financial assistance

- Educational and graduation requirements for pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, pupils from military families and pupils formerly in Juvenile Court now enrolled in a school district
- Every Student Succeeds Act
- Local Control and Accountability (LCAP)
- Migrant Education
- Physical Education Instructional Materials
- Pupil Fees
- Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil
- Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
- School Plans for Student Achievement
- School Safety Plans
- Schoolsite Councils
- State Preschool
- State Preschool Health and Safety Issues in LEAs Exempt from Licensing

Additionally, any other state or federal education program the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) or designee deems appropriate.

#### Filing a UCP Complaint

A UCP complaint shall be filed no later than one year from the date the alleged violation occurred.

For complaints relating to Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP), the date of the alleged violation is the date when the reviewing authority approves the LCAP or annual update that was adopted by the district.

A pupil enrolled in any of our public schools shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity.

A pupil fee complaint may be filed with the principal of a school or our superintendent or their designee.

A pupil fee or LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously, that is, without an identifying signature, if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance.

#### Responsibilities of FUSD

Fontana Unified School District will post a standardized notice, in addition to this notice, with educational and graduation requirements for pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, pupils from military families, and pupils formerly in Juvenile Court now enrolled in the school district.

We advise complainants of the opportunity to appeal an Investigation Report regarding programs within the scope of the UCP to the California Department of Education (CDE).

We advise complainants of civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state and federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying laws, if applicable.

Copies of our UCP procedures shall be available free of charge.

## UCP Complaints Regarding State Preschool Health and Safety Issues Pursuant to Section 1596.7925 of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC)

In order to identify appropriate subjects of state preschool health and safety issues pursuant to Section 1596.7925 of the California *Health and Safety Code (HSC)* a notice shall be posted in each California state preschool program classroom operated in any school in FUSD.

The notice is in addition to this UCP annual notice and addresses parents, guardians, students, and teachers of (1) health and safety requirements under Title 5 of the California *Code of Regulations* (5 CCR) that apply to California state preschool programs pursuant to Section 1596.7925 of the *HSC*, and (2) the location at which to obtain a form to file a complaint.

#### Contact Information

Complaints within the scope of the Uniform Complaint Procedures are to be filed with the person responsible for processing complaints:

Equity Office Associate Superintendent, Student Services 9680 Citrus Avenue Fontana, CA 92335 (909) 357-5000, ext. 29194 TITLEIX@fusd.net Title IX Officer Executive Director, Certificated Human Resources 9680 Citrus Avenue Fontana, CA 92335 (909) 357-5000, ext. 29045 <u>TITLEIX@fusd.net</u>

The above contacts are knowledgeable about the laws and programs they are assigned to investigate in Fontana Unified School District.

A copy of the District's UCP policies and procedures is available free of charge at the District Office or on the District website: <u>www.fusd.net</u>.