

TEACH Tech Charter High School



Student and Parent Handbook 2026-2027

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I. Preliminary Matters / Introduction

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of TEACH Public Schools is a policy-making board which oversees the fundamental aspects of the School. The Board, when fully constituted shall be composed of at least five (5) and no more than nine (9) directors, including parents and community members. Board members shall have expertise in finance, law, non-profit governance, fundraising, school leadership, and academic program development. It shall consist of at least three members with career public school teaching experience, one member with legal background, one member representing the business community, one member representing parents, and one member with governmental experience. The members will have a two-year term. The TEACH Public Schools Principal and the Executive Directors shall be ex officio members of the Board. In accordance with Education Code Section 47604(b), the authority that grants the charter to a charter school to be operated by a nonprofit public benefit corporation shall be entitled to a single representative on the Board of Directors of the School. There shall be a non-voting member of LAUSD on the Board of Directors, as appointed by the District.

Annual Notification and Guidelines

This Student Family Handbook enumerates sections of the Education Code that require annual parent guardian notification. (Education Code 48980[a])

California state law governs the basic operation of public schools, and the legislature regularly passes new laws affecting the quality and availability of education, as well as laws mandating that local school districts undertake new responsibilities.

These laws often require that TEACH adequately inform parents of the opportunities and protection to which they are entitled. TEACH complies with this by providing families with this Annual Notification in the Student Family Handbook at the beginning of each school year and by issuing the same publication to new families as they enter TEACH schools during the year.

The following contains a summary of state law provisions with which all parents and guardians should be familiar. In some cases, the laws have been summarized, and the precise code number has been provided should parents require more detailed information. "Education Code" is the area of state law that affects education most directly.

The Student Family Handbook will be published annually. All registered families of TEACH Public Schools will indicate their willingness to be governed by the Student Family Handbook by signing annually a written statement to that effect. The Administration reserves the right to amend the Handbook at any time for just cause. Parents of TEACH Public Schools students will be notified of the changes, in writing, in a timely manner.

From the Principal

Dear TEACH Tech Students, Parents, Teachers and Community Members,

My name is James Cordero and I have been a member of the TEACH family since 2022, where I served as an educator and department leader, teaching United States History, AP U.S. History, Law and Journalism. I have also coached our CIF Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball teams for two years, contributing to the spirit and camaraderie of the TEACH community. Out of my 26 years in the education field, for more than a decade, I gained experience and understanding in leadership through my principal roles under the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. It is my continuing desire to bring that experience and understanding into my second year as your principal.

At TEACH Tech Charter High School, we're all about preparing our Rams to thrive—academically, professionally, and personally! We believe in the power of lifelong learning and are committed to helping every scholar succeed in college and beyond. This year, we're charging ahead with a focus on developing higher level academic skills and critical thinking, encouraging students to make strong claims and back them up with evidence—skills they'll use for life. We're also continuing student academic growth through Project-Based Learning, where students tackle real-world challenges and grow through hands-on exploration. Together, as partners, let's make this our most powerful year yet, Rise Up Rams!

I look forward to working with all of our stakeholder groups to accomplish our school's vision and mission. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is jcordero@teachps.org and my phone number is (323) 326-6065.

Mr. James Cordero, Principal
TEACH Tech Charter High School

Our Vision

TEACH Tech seeks to establish a state-of-the art community school in South Los Angeles that will equip students with skills and habits of mind needed to compete in the 21st century. TEACH Tech will reach students of all backgrounds by teaching the entire child which includes the social, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs of the student. Upon graduation, the knowledge and the experiences acquired at this school will be effectively applied to their daily life.

Our Mission

The mission of Teach Tech Charter High School is to create a high quality, innovative teaching and learning environment that focuses on literacy; integrating state-of-the-art technologies across the core curriculum to achieve academic proficiency for all students.

Our Goals

- Challenging students by moving away from traditional teaching applications in order to attain academic proficiency at grade level and above.
- Allowing each student, the freedom to learn by exploring cutting edge technologies and concepts
- Enabling students to become creative, self-motivated, competent college bound students, and lifelong learners that live responsibly as informed, and productive members of a complex social, economic, and global society

Anti-Discrimination Statement

TEACH Tech Charter High School will have a zero-tolerance policy against discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, sex, religion, race or disability. This applies to students, employees, and prospective employees.

COVID 19 Statement:

Due to previous Covid 19 situation and the nature of past policies and procedures, responses may change throughout the year and that it will be communicated with parents. However, the Parent-Student Handbook might not be updated to reflect all the continuing changes throughout the year.

Equal Educational Opportunities- Gender Equity

No student shall, on the basis of his or her identified gender, be denied equal access to programs, activities, services or benefits, or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage or opportunity. The Executive Director shall appoint a uniform complaint coordinator for nondiscrimination for the school. Students and parents shall be notified annually of their right to initiate a grievance or complaint of illegal discrimination and of the coordinator to whom such complaints shall be directed.

Within seven (7) calendar days of receiving a grievance or complaint of illegal discrimination, the coordinator shall send a copy of the school's written grievance procedure to the complainant. The coordinator shall investigate the nature and validity of the grievance with those responsible for the program or activity cited by the complainant. The coordinator may seek advice from related state agencies or legal counsel. Within sixty (60) days of receiving the grievance, the coordinator shall render a written decision, including the steps to be taken for further appeal of that decision.

Pupil Rights Act (20 U.S.C. 123H)

Parents have the right to inspect all instructional materials, including teachers' instructional manuals, films, tapes, or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation of their child. Parents have:

1. The right to inspect a survey created by a third party before it is administered and distributed to their student;
2. The right to contact the principal and request the viewing of that survey;
3. The right to know the Argenta-Oreana CUSD #1 will make arrangements to protect the privacy of their student with regard to surveys that request personal information;
4. The right to inspect any instructional material used as part of their child's educational curriculum;
5. The right to be informed of any physical examinations or screenings that the district may administer to their student (screenings for head lice will occur periodically-as needed);
6. The right to contact the Principal to have their student opt-out of the survey.

Parent's Right to Know

Right to know about your child's teacher and Paraprofessional

As a parent you have the right to know the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or paraprofessional. You may obtain information from California Department of Education by computer at www.cde.gov. You may also send an information request to the, Freedom of Information Act Office at the SED or the District can provide you with information regarding:

- Whether the teacher is certified in the area in which they are teaching,
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status
- Whether the State Qualification or certification requirements have been waived, the bachelor degree and major of the teacher, graduate certification of the teacher, the field of discipline of the certification or degree
- And whether the child is provided services of a paraprofessional and if so their qualifications

II. Academic Program

Academic Program

Our academic program offers a fully inclusive curriculum that puts all students on track for academic proficiency and eventual college success. The school's curriculum framework is developed for 9-12 grades with the explicit purpose of helping all students reach grade-level proficiency and beyond by the end of 12th grade. The school model pulls together curricular and instructional practices proven most effective with a strong emphasis on low achieving students who are struggling academically in the traditional school setting. All teaching and learning is directed toward student mastery of the California State Standards as well as key college-prep skills, learning strategies, and work habits crucial for long-term academic success.

Our students will move through an age-appropriate curriculum for English-Language Arts, Mathematics, History- Social Studies, Science, and Visual/Performing Arts at each grade level. Spanish, Yearbook and Film/TV Production will be among electives available to students who have gone through the remediation courses and subsequently need significantly less time for literacy and numeracy remediation.

Student Recruitment

Students are considered for admission without regard to ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation. With the exception of proof of immunizations (or acceptable legal alternative), an enrollment application, and birth certificate, no requirements for admission exist. There will be no test or interview as a condition to enrollment in TEACH Tech Charter High School. No Tuition will be charged. School Name is nonsectarian.

Application Process

Application and Enrollment Process

Universal Admissions Policy (Grades TK–12)

Phase 1: The Interest & Lottery Phase

Submission of the Intent to Enroll: To initiate interest in any TEACH Public Schools campus, families must first submit an Intent to Enroll form. This form serves as the official interest tracker for the school network.

Public Random Drawing (Lottery): If the number of students who submit an Intent to Enroll form exceeds the financial and spatial capacity of a specific grade level or campus, a Public Random Drawing (Lottery) will be held to fairly allocate available seats.

Centralized Processing via Avela: Once a seat becomes available or is secured through the lottery, the full, official enrollment process is managed and executed entirely within our centralized digital enrollment platform, Avela.

Phase 2: School Orientation (Informational Opportunity)

Purpose and Access: TEACH Public Schools offers scheduled School Orientations throughout the year. This is a dedicated opportunity designed for new students and families to physically walk through the campus, meet staff, and gather valuable information.

Scheduling Flexibility: Families may participate in a campus walk-through and orientation prior to, during, and/or after completing their formal enrollment process.

Non-Contingency Clause: In strict compliance with California charter school law, attendance at a school orientation is completely optional. Admissions, lottery placement, and final enrollment are never contingent upon a family attending an orientation or campus walk-through.

Phase 3: The Post-Admission Enrollment Packet

Once a student's placement is being finalized in Avela, the parent or guardian must complete and submit the following mandatory documentation to finalize registration:

Core Enrollment & Medical Forms:

Completion of the Official Student Enrollment Packet (via Avela)

Submission of Valid Proof of Immunizations (including all state-mandated age-appropriate rounds, such as the TK/K series, the 7th-grade Tdap booster, or high school transfer records)

Completion of the Emergency Medical Information Form

Completion of the Health History Questionnaire

State-Mandated Disclosures & Questionnaires:

5. Completion of the California Home Language Survey

6. Completion and Submission of the School Meal Application / Income Verification Form (May be completed digitally online via the Aeries Parent Portal, or filled out via a physical paper form in the Main Office.)

7. Completion of the Student Support Services Questionnaire (identifying prior specialized academic or language supports)

8. Completion of the Housing Questionnaire (Pursuant to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)

School Accountability Contracts & Policies:

9. Signature of the Student/Family Compact

10. Signature of the Progressive Disciplinary Consequences Acknowledgement Form

11. Signature of the Student Technology & Internet Use Agreement (Acceptable Use Policy)

Permissions & Media Authorizations:

12. Completion of the Media Release Agreement (Publicity Authorization and Release)

13. Completion of the Walking Field Trip Authorization

14. Completion of the Walking Home Alone Permission Form (Applicable only if a student is permitted by their parent/guardian to walk home independently from campus at dismissal)

Annual Supplemental and Returning Student Forms

To ensure our records remain accurate and that individual campus requirements are met, families must adhere to the following annual documentation updates:

School-Specific Supplemental Forms: Individual campus principals may require families to complete school-specific annual supplemental forms. These localized documents are tailored to the unique programming, electives, and field trip opportunities of that specific campus and are distributed after the core enrollment process is finalized in Avela.

Annual Returning Student Verification: Families of returning students do not need to re-submit an Intent to Enroll or re-enter the lottery system, but they are required to complete an annual verification package prior to the start of each new school year. This update ensures that emergency contact information, medical histories, income verifications, and technology agreements are kept current in our systems.

Applications of Admission

Applications will be accepted during a publicly advertised open enrollment period each spring for the following school year. Following the close of the open enrollment period, applications will be reviewed to determine whether the number of applicants for any grade level exceeds the number of available seats. Returning students are guaranteed enrollment for the following school year and are not included in the lottery process.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available seats in any grade level, TEACH Tech Charter High School will conduct a public random lottery for that grade level. All individuals who have expressed interest in enrollment will be notified of the date, time, and location of the lottery and will be encouraged to attend. All prospective students who have submitted a complete application during the open enrollment period will be included in the lottery.

In accordance with the School's sibling preference, a separate public random lottery will first be conducted for applicants who have a sibling currently enrolled at TEACH Tech Charter High School. Available seats will be offered to sibling applicants in the order established by that lottery until either all sibling applicants have been offered admission or all available seats have been filled. If seats remain after all sibling applicants have been considered, a second public random lottery will be conducted for all remaining applicants who do not have a sibling currently enrolled at the School.

Names will be drawn at random until all available seats for the grade level have been filled. After capacity has been reached, the remaining applicants will continue to be drawn at random to establish the waitlist in the order selected. If separate sibling and non-sibling lotteries are conducted, the waitlist will first include any remaining sibling applicants in the order established by the sibling lottery, followed by non-sibling applicants in the order established by the non-sibling lottery. Students will be offered admission from the waitlist as openings occur during the school year. Under no circumstances will a waitlist carry over to the following school year.

Our Extended Day- Extended Year

Our extended daily schedule offers additional academic programming and culture-building, character-building, personalized support systems, and activities to help students develop the personal skills and resilience they need for college and life success.

- Tutoring - After –school classes where students receive individual guided practice and homework assistance from teachers and tutors. The Tutoring period is explicitly designed to respond to student achievement data and target student areas of difficulty. Students will also be coached and given the opportunity to practice the learning strategies and work habits that they encounter in their regular course work. For those students needing further intervention, one-on-one tutoring and supplementary remedial instruction may be provided.
- Saturday Academies - students receive additional coaching and practice time to learn school culture and master key standards. The Saturday sessions will occasionally include team-building and college-related activities, along with arts and enrichment programs including practices reflecting Howard Gardner's 'eight intelligences', as well as restorative programs for behavior intervention.
- Summer Session _ Summer programs will provide critical support for struggling students as well as acceleration and enrichment opportunities for students who have reached grade-level proficiency.

Report Cards & Progress Reports

All grades can be accessed through our online grading system, and parents can contact teachers to request any one on one meeting to discuss the student's grades and assignments. Progress Reports will be prepared for each student twice a semester, with a Final Semester Report cards will be printed twice a school year.

Grading System

TEACH Tech follows standards-based grading practices to determine the student's overall final grade that is recorded at the end of each semester. Students will be evaluated on their overall proficiency of the high-priority standards associated with this course. The teacher will evaluate student work and assessments to determine their skill level and assign a score of 1-4 based on the scale below. The overall grade will be determined by averaging the scores on the high-priority standards.

Score

- 4-Advanced
- 3-Proficient
- 2-Basic
- 1-Below Basic

Grading scale

- A: 4.0-3.33
- B: 3.32-2.70
- C: 2.69-2.0
- NP: 1.0-1.99

*NP=No Progress (Student will not earn credit for the course)

Grades will be updated weekly on the Aeries website (www.aeries.com). Parents and students will receive online access to their grades and can check them at any time.

- Evidence of student learning can be captured using classroom work (formative) and benchmark tests (summative).

- Students are graded on mastery of the required California Standards. The comprehensive report cards at the end of each academic semester is information to parents about the student's performance in the core curriculum subjects and related elective courses.
- These reports should be examined by the parent/guardian. Non-custodial parents may request a copy of student reports by contacting the office in writing.

Student Records

The type of information contained in a student's permanent record will be basically identifying information including:

1. Student and parent names and addresses.
2. Date of birth, place, and gender.
3. Academic record.
4. Attendance record.
5. Health record.
6. Record of release of record information.
7. Emergency card information such as emergency address, telephone number, and doctor.
8. The types of information contained in a student's temporary record will include:
9. Family background information.
10. Intelligence test scores, both group and individual.
11. Aptitude test scores.
12. Achievement test results.
13. Teacher anecdotal records.
14. Disciplinary information.

The contents of the school's student record may be challenged by filling out the proper form. This will explain what is being challenged, and why and what is required to remediate the situation. The request is to be brought to the attention of the office manager or principal. Other school personnel, who are involved with the student and need the information, have access to the records without parental consent. The contents of the school student record will be held on file until the date that the student would have graduated. The record will then be destroyed, except for the student's name, address, grades, dates of attendance, and completion of 12th grade.

A listing of directory information, such as name of student, parent/guardian name, address, and telephone number will be made available to authorized school organizations only as needed. If the parent/guardian does not wish to have his or her name listed, he or she must indicate this in writing to the principal prior to the start of school. Student records are subject to the guidelines and regulations set forth in the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and the California School Student Records Act (Chapter 122, Article 50, California Revised Statutes 1975).

All parents, guardians, or an individual acting as a parent of a student in the absence of a parent, have the right to inspect and review educational records maintained by the school within seven days after the request has been made. Student records are kept in the school that the pupil attends. The right to inspect and review includes the right to a response from the school to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the records, and the right to obtain copies of the records at a reasonable charge. We will make every effort to comply with parental requests as quickly as possible.

No person may condition the granting or withholding of any right, privilege, or benefit, or make as a condition of employment, credit, or insurance, the securing by any individual of any information from a student's temporary record which such individual may obtain by the exercise of any right secured by California law. Individuals have the right to contact the U.S. Department of Education to report alleged failures by any school to comply with student records laws.

Make Up Work

Students are allowed to make-up missed work, assignments and assessments for partial credit within a pre-designated time period (i.e. within 3 week period). After the 3 week period, missing work will be graded as a "1" in the gradebook. Students and parents may and are encouraged to get make-up work for a child who is absent due to illness or injury. Parents are asked to call the school before 10:00 a.m. on the day the make-up work is to be picked up. This gives the teacher adequate time during the day to organize needed materials if the assignment is not available on Google Classroom. Materials may be picked up from the office at the end of the school day.

Science Laboratory Instruction

Students involved in science laboratory experiences shall be protected from contamination from body fluids of other persons and from contaminated instruments. Whenever possible, laboratory experiences involving body fluids will be conducted by way of teacher demonstration rather than by student participation.

Library/Textbooks

TEACH Tech Charter High School focuses on literacy. Excellent reading materials will be provided for students at school. Continuous efforts will be made to teach and model proper use and care of all school books, materials, equipment, and supplies. Students and parents will be held financially responsible for any willful or unnecessary damage to or loss of books, materials, equipment, and supplies belonging to TEACH Tech.

If a student should damage or lose a textbook, digital equipment, or classroom supplies, he/she will need to pay the cost of the repairs or replacement. Parent and student will meet with the Principal to go over the damage/lose as well as the repayment or replacement of the materials.

Parents are encouraged to take their children to the public library at least twice a month.

Student Supports and Protections

Section 504 Plan

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, states that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States...shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. (29 USC 794)

- Compliance monitored by the Office of Civil Rights.
- Applies to all institutions receiving federal financial assistance, such as public schools.
- Schools are obligated to provide a "free appropriate public education" (FAPE) to children with a disability.

Section 504 prohibits discrimination while assuring that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to non-disabled students. If you would like to know more about 504 Plans or other types of assistance available to your student, please contact your Principal.

Special Education Determination for eligibility for special education and services may come from teachers, parents, agencies, appropriate professional persons, and from other members of the public. Special Education referrals will be coordinated with school site procedures for referral of students with needs that cannot be met with modifications of the regular instructional program, including referrals from student intervention teams, such as the Student Study Team (SST). A student shall be referred for special education and services after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized.

Student Study Team (SST)

The Student Study Team is an efficient and effective way to bring together all resources, human and programmatic, to support students having difficulties in regular classes. This is a concentrated solution-seeking meeting where all the

needed persons, including the student and parent, are present at the same time. The SST is an expression of the school's concern for students and provides a supportive atmosphere for students to become actively involved in determining their own needs and in implementing strategies designed to help them. The SST meets to determine what assistance is needed for students who have learning difficulties or who have repeated behavior problems. The team consists of the principal, teacher, parent and others associated with the student's area of need.

Integrating Physical Activity into the Classroom Setting

For students to receive the nationally-recommended amount of daily physical activity (i.e., at least 60 minutes per day) and for students to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior, students need opportunities for physical activity beyond physical education class. Toward that end:

- classroom health education will complement physical education by reinforcing the knowledge and self-management skills needed to maintain a physically-active lifestyle and to reduce time spent on sedentary activities, such as watching television;
- opportunities for physical activity will be incorporated into other subject lessons; and
- classroom teachers will provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate.

Daily Physical Education (P.E.) 5-10

All students in grades 9-10, including students with disabilities, special health-care needs, and in alternative educational settings, will receive weekly physical education for the entire school year. All physical education will be taught by a certified physical education teacher. Student involvement in other activities involving physical activity (e.g., interscholastic or intramural sports) will not be substituted for meeting the physical education requirement. Students will spend at least 50 percent of physical education class time participating in moderate to vigorous physical activity.

- A minimum of 400 minutes for every 10 school days for students in grades 9-12
- Schools shall be encouraged to annually administer the physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education to students in grades 5, 7, and 9.

Physical Activity Opportunities Before and After School

All middle and high schools will offer when appropriate extracurricular physical activity programs, such as physical activity clubs or intramural programs. All high schools, and middle schools, when appropriate, will offer, interscholastic sports programs. Schools will offer, when feasible, a range of activities that meet the needs, interests, and abilities of all students, including boys, girls, students with disabilities, and students with special health-care needs.

After-school child care and enrichment programs when appropriate will provide and encourage – verbally and through the provision of space, equipment, and activities – daily periods of moderate to vigorous physical activity for all participants.

Physical Activity and Punishment

Teachers and other school and community personnel will not use physical activity (e.g., running laps, pushups) or withhold opportunities for physical activity (e.g., recess, physical education) as punishment.

III. Student Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Health and Safety

Student Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

Emergency Contact Information & Cards For the safety of every child, it is mandatory that parents/guardians complete, sign, and date an Emergency Card prior to the start of the school year. Returning families may update specific emergency and contact details digitally during brief windows over the summer through our student information system, Aeries, via the online Parent Data Confirmation Process. Please note that verbal consent or over-the-phone requests cannot be accepted; all emergency updates must be explicitly submitted in writing. If there is no telephone in the home, the number of a dependable relative or family friend must be provided. Parents/guardians must report any changes in address, telephone numbers, employment, physicians, or the names of persons authorized to pick up the child to the main office immediately.

Accidents, First Aid, and Emergency Care While TEACH Tech Charter High School makes every reasonable effort to prevent student accidents, injuries may still occur. The Principal or designee maintains strict procedures to ensure that first aid and/or professional medical attention is secured as quickly as possible and that parents/guardians are notified immediately. In accordance with health regulations, universal precautions are strictly observed by all staff members whenever contact with blood or body fluids is possible. All student accidents are appropriately documented and reported by school staff.

Health Services & Illness at School The health and safety of each student is our foremost responsibility, and basic health services are available to any student in need. If a student becomes ill during the school day, they must report the illness to their current instructor to receive a referral before navigating to the main office. All campus injuries must be reported to the teacher immediately. If an injury occurs during after-school hours, it must be reported immediately to the After School Program Director (currently under After School All-Stars, Los Angeles), Program Leaders, or an onsite administrator. TEACH Tech Charter High School facility inspection reports are regulated by the State and are available upon request.

Immunizations

Immunization Requirements

TEACH High School adheres to all California state laws relating to legally required immunizations for entering students, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120375 and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Sections 6000-6075. California law mandates that a complete, valid immunization record be presented to school staff before a child can be enrolled or attend campus. TEACH High School requires official written verification from a physician, health clinic, or the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) confirming the student has received all required doses for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis; Poliomyelitis (Polio); Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Hepatitis B; and Varicella (Chickenpox).

To safely enroll or maintain admission in grades 9 through 12, students must provide documented proof of completing their standard childhood vaccine series, including two (2) full doses of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine. Additionally, all high school students must provide official documentation of one (1) dose of the Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis booster vaccine (Tdap) given on or after their 7th birthday. Students transferring into the school will not be permitted to attend classes without this verified Tdap booster record on file.

Under California law, exemptions based on personal or religious beliefs are not accepted for school entry. If a student has a medical condition that makes a required vaccine unsafe, a licensed California physician must submit a medical exemption request digitally through the California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption website (CAIR-ME). The school can only accept official medical exemptions generated and approved directly through this state system.

Pursuant to Title 17, CCR Section 6035, students who have fallen behind on vaccines may be granted provisional Conditional Admission, provided they have already commenced receiving doses of all required vaccine series (including the Tdap booster) and are not currently overdue for any doses at the time of entry. Custom or personalized delayed schedules created by parents or providers are not permitted; the catch-up process must strictly adhere to the intervals dictated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Conditional Admission Schedule. The school is legally required to review the student's status every 30 days, and if a parent fails to provide proof of a remaining dose by the state-mandated deadline, the school must exclude the student from campus.

Physical Examinations

All pupils are to have completed a health screening examination on or before the day after the pupil's entrance into first grade or such pupils must have obtained a waiver pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 124085. This examination can be obtained from your family physician or possibly through the services provided by your County Health Department. Information and forms are distributed to pupils enrolled in kindergarten.

Failure to obtain an examination for your child or a waiver will result in your child being denied enrollment.

If your child's medical status changes, please provide the office with a physician's written verification of the medical issue, especially if it impacts in any way your child's ability to perform schoolwork.

Communicable, Contagious, or Infectious Disease Prevention Policy

TEACH Tech Charter High School recognizes its shared responsibility with the home and the community to promote appropriate disease prevention procedures in the handling and the cleaning up of blood and body fluids.

The Board desires to protect the entire school community without segregation, discrimination or stigma. Accordingly, infectious disease prevention shall be taught regardless of whether a student or adult is known to have an identified infectious disease. All students and employees shall be provided appropriate periodic instruction in basic procedures recommended by the State Department of Education and other public health agencies and associations.

Incidence and transmission of communicable diseases will be further limited through a rigorous program of immunization and health screening required of all students, faculty, and staff. (See "Immunizations I Physical Exams" Policy) Students found to have communicable diseases will be included in all activities deemed by a physician to present no hazard of infection to other students.

Injuries and Accidents

Whenever exposed to blood or other body fluids through injury or accident, students and staff should follow the latest medical protocol for disinfecting procedures. (See "Blood borne Pathogen Exposure Control Program" Policy)

Illness

If a child is ill he or she should not be sent to school. Students who contract a contagious disease such as pink eye, chicken pox, ringworm, impetigo, head lice or other such conditions SHALL NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. The child must remain at home until he or she is no longer contagious and declared healthy by a health professional. A doctor's note is required for the student to return to school.

Medication at School

Students are not permitted to carry medication (including inhalers for asthma). If a doctor's note is on file, the Office manager will be permitted to dispense the medication to the student.

The Office Manager and the student's teacher must be informed of any prescription medication that a student is required to take at school. To dispense prescription medication to students, the school must receive a written order from the student's doctor and a permission slip from the student's parent. These notifications must remain on file at the school for duration of time that the student is required to take the medication. All medication should be brought to the office manager by the parent/guardian in its original prescription container, labeled with the student's name, the name of the medication, the date of expiration, and the proper dosage. If medication needs to be administered to the child when the Office manager is not present, a trained staff member will administer the medication.

Administration of Medications

TEACH Tech Charter High School staff is responsible for the administration of medication to students attending school during regular school hours. It is imperative that practices followed in the administration of medication be carefully delineated to ensure the safety of our students and the legal protection of our employees. Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for him or her by a physician or surgeon, may be assisted by designated school personnel or may carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine if the TEACH Tech receives the appropriate written statements

In order for a pupil to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine, TEACH Tech shall obtain both a written statement from the physician or surgeon detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and confirming that the pupil is able to self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine, along with a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the pupil consenting to the self-administration, providing a release for the designated school personnel to consult with the health care provider of the pupil regarding any questions that may arise with regard to the medication, and releasing TEACH Tech and school personnel from civil liability if the self-administering pupil suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering medication.

In order for a pupil to be assisted by designated school personnel, TEACH Tech shall obtain both a written statement from the physician detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken and a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that TEACH Tech assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the statement of the physician.

Guidelines:

- The primary responsibility for the administration of medication rests with the parent/guardian, student and medical professional.

- Medication shall be administered only during school hours if determined by a physician to be necessary.
- Designated staff shall keep records of medication administered at the school.
- All medication will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location and administered per physician's instructions by appropriately designated staff.
- Designated staff shall return all surplus medication to the parent/guardian upon completion of the regimen or prior to summer holidays.
- Designated staff shall establish emergency procedures for specific medical conditions that require an immediate response (i.e. allergies, asthma, diabetes).
- The written statements specified in this policy shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes.
- A pupil may be subject to disciplinary action if that pupil uses auto-injectable epinephrine in a manner other than as prescribed.

Medication Policy

The following procedures will be in effect for the monitoring and use of medication at school:

- Medication will only be allowed at school when failure to take medication could jeopardize the health and/or educational abilities of the student.
- Medication is restricted to students with long-term chronic illnesses or disabilities including, but not limited to, diabetes, attention disorders, asthma, seizure activity, epilepsy, cystic fibrosis, cardiac, neurological, and endocrine disorders. Any other medications should be given by parents/guardians before and/or after school hours.
- No medicines may be administered at school unless directed by a doctor.
- The student must have a medical form completed by the attending physician and his/her parents or guardian on file with the school office.
- All medicine must be in a labeled prescription container and must be kept in the designated place in each building. All asthma inhalers should be kept in the office (labeled) unless a note from a doctor states the inhaler should be kept on the person
- Instructions for dispensing, as well as a date, must be on the container
- Students are expected to take their medication during passing times or lunch times.
- Students are to remember the conditions under which they are to request their medicine.
- Teachers or other personnel are not required to administer the medicine. They may, however, supervise the student taking the medicine.

Guidelines to Help Promote a Healthy Environment

Children are most vulnerable to contracting diseases while in school because of the close contact they maintain. While we cannot prevent this from occurring, with your help we can implement some simple guidelines to help promote a healthy environment.

1. Teach your child the importance of correct hand washing as a means of preventing the spread of germs.
2. Proper disposal of tissues and covering one's mouth when coughing also prevents germs from circulating.
3. If your child is coughing excessively, keep him or her home to prevent exposure to other children.
4. A child should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Temperature may indicate the onset of an illness.
5. A child should remain home if he or she has vomited or experienced diarrhea within a 24-hour period.
6. Communication is essential to maintaining a healthy environment. Please report any contagious diseases your child has been diagnosed to have (e.g., strep throat, chicken pox, pink eye, etc.). The more we know, the better prepared we are to keep your child on the road to good health. When necessary, notices containing information regarding health matters will be sent home

First Aid, CPR, and Health Screening

TEACH Tech Charter High School recognizes the importance of taking appropriate preventive or remedial measures to minimize accidents or illness at school or during school-sponsored activities. To this end, TEACH Tech expects parents/guardians to provide emergency information and keep such information current in order to facilitate immediate contact with parents/guardians if an accident or illness occurs.

Within the TEACH Tech facilities, a First Aid Kit containing appropriate supplies will be present. First aid will be administered whenever necessary by trained staff members. When necessary, the appropriate emergency personnel will be called to assist.

Resuscitation Orders

If any student needs resuscitation, staff shall make every effort to resuscitate him/her. Staff members are prohibited from accepting or following any parental or medical "do not resuscitate" orders. School staff should not be placed in the position of determining whether such orders should be followed, and such Advance Directives shall not be communicated to staff. The Executive Director, or designee, shall ensure that all parents/guardians are informed of this policy.

Head Lice

To prevent the spread of head lice infestations, TEACH Tech Charter High School employees shall report all suspected cases of head lice to the school nurse or designee as soon as possible. The nurse, or designee, shall examine the student and any siblings of affected students or members of the same household. If nits or lice are found, the student shall be excluded from attendance and parents/guardians informed about recommended treatment procedures and sources of further information.

The Principal, or designee, shall send home the notification required by law for excluded students. If there are two or more students affected in any learning center, an exposure notice with information about head lice shall be sent home to all parents/guardians of those students.

Staff shall maintain the privacy of students identified as having head lice and excluded from attendance. Excluded students may return to school when reexamined by the nurse, or designee, shows that all nits and lice have been removed.

Fire and Earthquake Drills

Fire and earthquake drills will be conducted throughout the year. Students are expected to follow teacher instructions.

SFA Wellness Policy

Due to children's need to access healthy foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive; TEACH Schools is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Therefore, it is the policy of TEACH SFA that:

- The schools will engage students, parents, teachers, food service professionals, health professionals, and other interested community members in developing, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing TEACH SFA school-wide nutrition and physical activity policies.
- All students in grades 9-12 will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.
- Qualified child nutrition professionals will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students; will accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.
- Schools will provide nutrition education and physical education to foster lifelong habits of healthy eating and physical activity, and will establish linkages between health education and school meal programs, and with related community services.

Breakfast

To ensure that all children have breakfast, either at home or at school, in order to meet their nutritional needs and enhance their ability to learn:

- Schools will, to the extent possible, operate the School Breakfast Program.
- Schools will, to the extent possible, arrange bus schedules and utilize methods to serve school breakfasts that encourage participation, including serving breakfast in the classroom, "grab-and-go" breakfast, or breakfast during morning break or recess.
- Schools that serve breakfast to students will notify parents and students of the availability of the School Breakfast Program.
- Schools will encourage parents to provide a healthy breakfast for their children.

Free and Reduced-priced Meals

Schools will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to, and prevent the overt identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals⁵.

Meal Times and Scheduling

Schools:

- will provide students with enough time to consume their meal after it has been served.
- should schedule meal periods at appropriate times, e.g., lunch should be scheduled between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.;
- should not schedule tutoring, club, or organizational meetings or activities during mealtimes, unless students may eat during such activities;
- will encourage students to wash or hand sanitize hands before they eat meals or snacks; and
- should take reasonable steps to encourage the tooth-brushing regimens of students with special oral health needs (e.g., orthodontia or high tooth decay risk).

Sharing of Foods and Beverages

Schools should monitor students sharing their foods or beverages with one another during meal or snack times, given concerns about allergies and other restrictions on some children's diets.

Snacks

Snacks served during the school day or in after-school care or enrichment programs will make a positive contribution to children's diets and health, with an emphasis on serving fruits and vegetables as the primary snacks and water as the primary beverage. Schools will assess if and when to offer snacks based on timing of school meals, children's nutritional needs, children's ages, and other considerations. The TEACH SFA will disseminate the guidelines for compliant snacks.

- If eligible, schools that provide snacks through after-school programs will pursue receiving reimbursements through the National School Lunch Program.

Students may bring nutritious snacks (fresh fruit, granola bars, cheese, peanut butter and crackers) for break time only. Students may not sell snacks to other students during the school day or on campus.

Rewards

Schools are encouraged not to use foods or beverages, especially those that do not meet the nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold individually (above), as rewards for academic performance or good behavior,¹⁰ and will not withhold food or beverages (including food served through school meals) as a punishment.

Celebrations

Schools should limit celebrations that involve food during the school day to no more than one party per class per month. It is encouraged that each party include no more than one food or beverage that does not meet nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold individually (above).

Food Marketing in Schools

School-based marketing will be consistent with nutrition education and health promotion. As such, schools will limit food and beverage marketing to the promotion of foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards for meals or for foods and beverages sold individually (above).¹¹ School-based marketing of brands promoting predominantly low-nutrition foods and beverages¹² is prohibited. The promotion of healthy foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products is encouraged.

Examples of marketing techniques include the following: logos and brand names on/in vending machines, books or curricula, textbook covers, school supplies, scoreboards, school structures, and sports equipment; educational incentive programs that provide food as a reward; programs that provide schools with supplies when families buy low-nutrition food products; free samples or coupons; and food sales through fundraising activities. Marketing activities that promote healthful behaviors (and are therefore allowable) include: sales of healthy food for fundraisers.

Staff Wellness

TEACH SFA highly values the health and well-being of every staff member and will encourage that support personal efforts by staff to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities

Qualifications of School Food Service Staff

Qualified nutrition professionals will administer the school meal programs. As part of TEACH SFA it is our responsibility to operate a food service program, we will provide continuing professional development for all nutrition professionals in schools. Staff development programs should include appropriate certification and/or training programs for child nutrition directors, school nutrition managers, and cafeteria workers, according to their levels of responsibility.⁶

School-Sponsored Events

(such as, but not limited to, athletic events, dances, or performances)

It is encouraged that foods and beverages offered or sold at school-sponsored events outside the school day meet the nutrition standards for meals or for foods and beverages sold individually (above).

Nutrition Education and Promotion

TEACH SFA aims to teach, encourage, and support healthy eating by students. It's encouraged that schools provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

- is offered at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards-based program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- is part of not only health education classes, but also classroom instruction in subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects;
- includes enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant, participatory activities, such as contests, promotions, taste testing, farm visits, and school gardens;
- promotes fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products, healthy food preparation methods, and health-enhancing nutrition practices;
- emphasizes caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (physical activity/exercise);
- links with school meal programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related community services;
- teaches media literacy with an emphasis on food marketing; and
- includes training for teachers and other staff.

Safe Routes to School

TEACH SFA will assess and, if necessary and to the extent possible, make needed improvements to make it safer and easier for students to walk, skate and bike to school. When appropriate, TEACH SFA will work together with local public works, public safety, and/or police departments in those efforts. TEACH SFA will explore the availability of federal "safe routes to school" funds, administered by the state department of transportation, to finance such improvements. TEACH SFA will encourage students to use public transportation when available and appropriate for travel to school, and will work with the local transit agency to provide transit passes for students.

IV. Student Conduct

Student Conduct

Student Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation

A person is bullied when he/she is exposed to intentional negative actions on the part of one or more students, and whose ability to participate in or benefit from the school's educational programs or activities is adversely affected. Bullying often occurs repeatedly and over time.

A person is harassed when he/she perceives or actually experiences discomfort with identity issues in regard to race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, or other identifying characteristics, and whose ability to participate in or benefit from the school's educational programs or activities is adversely affected.

A person is intimidated when he/she is subjected to intentional action that seriously threatens and induces a sense of fear and/or inferiority, and whose ability to participate in or benefit from the school's educational programs or activities is adversely affected. Bullying, harassment, or intimidation is strictly prohibited by federal law and will not be tolerated in TEACH Public Schools.

Students who engage in behaviors that constitute bullying, harassment, or intimidation will be disciplined according to the procedures set by California Ed Code.

Students who believe that they are victims of harassment should report any such incidences promptly and may employ the Title IX grievance procedure. Students may report bullying, harassment, or intimidation without fear of harmful consequences. Students, parents/guardians, close adult relatives, and/or teachers may complete a form.

TEACH Public Schools is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for all students. Harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, or discrimination based on a student's actual or perceived disability, neurodiversity, or participation in special education or Section 504 services is strictly prohibited.

Neurodiversity refers to natural differences in how people think, learn, communicate, process information, and experience the world. This includes, but is not limited to, students with autism spectrum disorder, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), dyslexia, learning disabilities, processing disorders, Tourette syndrome, intellectual disabilities, and other neurological or developmental differences.

Examples of prohibited behavior include:

- * Teasing, mocking, or making jokes about a student's disability, learning differences, accommodations, or support services.
- * Excluding a student from activities because of their disability or perceived disability.
- * Mimicking or ridiculing a student's speech, movements, sensory needs, social interactions, or behaviors.
- * Using derogatory language, slurs, or stereotypes related to disability or neurodiversity.
- * Posting or sharing harmful messages, images, or content online targeting a student because of an actual or perceived disability.

Students who believe they have experienced or witnessed disability-based bullying, harassment, or discrimination should immediately report the incident to a teacher, counselor, administrator, or other trusted school employee. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to report concerns to school administration.

The School will promptly investigate all reports and take appropriate action to stop the behavior, prevent its recurrence, and address its impact on affected students. Retaliation against any person who reports or participates in an investigation of bullying, harassment, or discrimination is prohibited.

All students have the right to learn in an environment that promotes dignity, respect, inclusion, and equal access to educational opportunities.

Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form

This form may be obtained from the uniform complaint coordinator.

Telephone and Cell Phones

The telephone is to be used for business only. If a student needs to place a call, he/she may do so with the permission of a teacher or other adult in the office. If it is necessary for a parent/guardian to call, the message will be relayed to the student as soon as possible. No student will be called out of class to talk on the phone, except in cases of a life or death emergency. During the annual Registration process, Parents/Guardians are asked to complete the Student Electronic Device Policy form that requires both the parent/guardian and student signature. As of July 2026, the student's cell phone information (Brand, color, operable cell number) is required for the form to be complete and acceptable as part of the registration process. All students carrying cellular phones to school will be responsible for leaving their phone in a "cell phone envelope" which is kept in a secure bin, before the start of each class period, to be handed back by the teacher at the end of each class period. All students are subject to random search upon entry to the TEACH Tech Charter High School campus. Please be aware that students will not be excused for any tardiness due to this policy. Phones can then be retrieved at the conclusion of the school day. Students in possession of any personal electronic device, including but not limited to: cellular phones, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, game systems, laptops, during their class periods without the express prior permission of TTCHS administration will have them confiscated. Any student who brings an electronic device to school without following the proper procedure for electronic devices, will have their electronic device confiscated. Confiscated devices will only be released to a parent/guardian or another adult already listed on the student's emergency card the first time the student violates the policy. A second violation results in an in-person parent, student, administration conference to discuss the TEACH Tech electronic device policy. A third violation will result in the student's device being held by TEACH Tech administration until the last day of the current semester.

Student-owned iPads/Laptops are not necessary for completion of TEACH curriculum and should be left at home unless requested through the teacher for use in class on limited basis.

Infractions and consequences are based on a school year unless otherwise noted.

Student Code of Internet Conduct

The Internet is an exciting and powerful tool for students to research for both academic assignments as well as their own personal interests. As part of our curriculum, pupils have controlled access to the Internet and learn how to use libraries, databases and informational sources on a wide variety of topics. We recognize that some inappropriate material on the Internet may be accessed intentionally or by accident. To guard against this we will use a filtered service from a reliable software provider which regularly monitors web sites.

We will teach students the importance of responsible use of the web and e-mail as well as providing basic rules to maintain the privacy of students. At all times, pupils must agree to follow the Student Code of Internet Conduct summarized below.

1. Access to the Internet at TEACH Tech is for educational purposes.
2. Students will not use the internet system here at TEACH Tech to access material in violation of the following standards:
 - Prohibited Material: any material that appeals to a prurient interest and material that promotes or advocates illegal activities.
 - Restricted Material: sites that contain personal advertisements or facilitate making online connections with other people are restricted unless the school has approved such sites.
 - Limited Access Material: material that is generally considered to be non-educational or entertainment.
 - Limited Access Material may be accessed in the context of specific learning activities that are directed by a teacher or during periods of time that a school may designate as "open access" time. This includes such material as electronic commerce, games, jokes, recreation, entertainment, sports and investments.
3. Students will not disclose your full name or any other personal contact information for any purpose.
4. Students will not disclose names, personal contact information, or any other private or personal information about other students under any circumstances.
5. Students will promptly disclose to their teachers or other school staff any message they receive that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable. Students should not delete such messages until instructed to do so by a staff member.

Our Dress Policy

School Name uniform may be purchased at the school site or at most department stores or clothing outlets.

- Every student is required to wear the School Uniform everyday
- All school related club, ASB, athletics, gear that is worn during school year must be from the current school year. No gear from last year.
- Hoods on sweatshirts may not be worn on campus unless it is a TEACH Hoodie with a TEACH logo.

Bottoms

- Boys and Girls grades 9th-11th black, loose fitting, pants or shorts (shorts must be knee length)
- Boys and Girls grade 12 khaki, loose fitting, pants or shorts (shorts must be knee length)
- Absolutely no “sagging”. Every student will wear their pants in a business casual manner. The definition of sagging is not determined by the student. The definition of sagging is determined by the administration of TEACH Tech Charter High School. All students will wear their pants in the manner described by TEACH administration.
- Uniform pants for all grade levels and all genders must be LOOSE FITTING. Yoga pants or any other type of form fitting pants are never to be worn at TEACH Tech.
- Belts must be worn at all times by all students at TEACH Tech. The belt must be “Business Casual” and have a clasp with a tooth to secure the belt. No ring belt clasps. No Bling!

Tops

- Girls and Boys grades 9th-11th appropriate grade level polo shirt with the school logo.
- Girls and Boys grade 12 white polo shirt, Senior sports jacket with the school logo.
- All clothing must be clean and all uniform shirts will be tucked in for the entire instructional day.

Shoes

- ALL GRADE LEVELS must wear CLOSED-TOE, RUBBER-SOLED, SOLID COLORED SNEAKERS that are white, brown, black or gray. Absolutely no other colors are allowed. Any accent colors on the shoes must also be white, black, brown or gray. No other accent colors are allowed on shoes worn to TTCHS.

Hair

- Students must keep their hair neat, clean and well groomed.

Accessories

- Any attire that may be a distraction will be confiscated. Distracting attire includes but is not limited to accessories such as extra clothing pieces, and excessive and/or large pieces of jewelry. Female students may only wear a pair of earrings no larger than a quarter. Boys are not allowed to wear any earrings.
- All neckwear / jewelry must be tucked into the student’s uniform shirt. However, we urge parents to consider keeping all jewelry at home for student safety.
- All head coverings are unacceptable at TEACH, including head/hair accessories, hats, bandanas, and beanies, headbands, wigs with headbands, ribbons, hair wraps, etc.
- All accessories such as blankets, stuffed animals, over-sized drinking containers are not allowed.

Personal Belongings

The school is not responsible for items that are lost or stolen, including any personal electronic devices brought to campus. Items having a value for one individual usually have an appeal for others. Therefore, all items of value must be kept at home.

Money and Other Valuable Property

Students are encouraged to leave all money and other valuable property at home. The School assumes no responsibility for the loss or theft of such articles.

Candy & Toys

Students may not bring candy, toys, or other non-school related items to school unless approved by the teacher. The student assumes responsibility for any items brought from home. Toy weapons are strictly prohibited, and no headphones, radios, games, virtual pets, Game Boys, etc., are allowed and will be confiscated and only returned to a parent.

Lost & Found

Students may lose items of clothing from time to time. Every article that could possibly be lost should be plainly marked with the child's name on it. It is important every student makes an effort to keep or recover all of his/her belongings. Articles lost and not claimed are given to a charitable organization at the end of each semester.

Pets & Toys

Pets may not be brought to school unless a teacher has made a special request. Toys, trading cards, etc. are not to be brought to school. They get lost or taken and become a distracting to learning. All toys, including toy guns, squirt guns, toy knives and toy cell phones are prohibited.

Vandalism, Theft, and Graffiti

TEACH Tech Charter High School considers vandalism a very serious matter. Vandalism includes the negligent, willful, or unlawful damaging and/or theft of any charter school/district-owned real or personal property, including the writing of graffiti.

Any student who commits an act of vandalism shall be subject to disciplinary action by TTCHS and also may be prosecuted through other legal means. If reparation of damages is not made, the TEACH Tech also may withhold the student's grades, diploma and/or transcripts in accordance with law.

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

In order to maintain order and discipline in TEACH Tech Charter High School and to protect the safety of students, staff and the public, any school employee is authorized to confiscate a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm from any person on school grounds.

Students possessing or threatening others with a weapon, dangerous instrument or imitation firearm are subject to suspension and/or expulsion in accordance with charter school policy and the law, Board policy and administrative regulations. The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a weapon or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon.

Reporting of Injurious Objects

TEACH Tech Charter High School encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

The Principal or designee shall develop strategies designed to facilitate student reporting of the presence of injurious objects on school grounds, such as tip hotlines, electronic transmissions, or other methods that preserve the student's anonymity. Incident reports and records shall not identify the student who reported the possession. The strategy shall also include means of informing staff, students and parents/guardians that students who report the presence of injurious objects on school campuses are to be protected and their identity shielded.

Discipline

TEACH Tech Charter High School believes that learning best occurs in an environment that consistently incorporates Character Education, and Discipline into a sound academic program. With that in mind, all students and their parents must sign the TEACH Tech PBIS contract which holds our students to a high standard of personal conduct. We believe that discipline and learning are directly related. Given the proper environment, we believe that children exhibit their best learning in appropriate ways. In a joint effort of parents and school, students of TEACH Tech are taught and expected to follow the discipline guides as set forth by the School 's Board of Directors:

Responsibility

- Do what you are supposed to do; when you are supposed to do it
- Persevere: keep on trying!
- Be on task
- Always do your best
- Think before you act-consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices
- Follow directions
- Respect the rights and belongings of others

Appropriateness

- Good decision-making
- Positive Communication Skills
- Self-esteem
- Courtesy
- Self Control

Individual Effort

- Hard Work
- Cooperation
- Collaboration
- Kindness
- Fairness
- Aspiration
- Integrity
- Dignity
- Positive Response to Community

Personal Attributes

- Appearance
- Punctuality
- Cordiality
- Responsiveness

TEACH Tech Charter High School believes that all children can learn when taught well. We recognize that the ultimate objective of education is to enable students to become successful, self-directed learners. This goal is best achieved in a culture of acceptance, high expectation, encouragement, support, and positive motivation. Teachers have a

responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment. Discipline is a process by which students are helped to develop an understanding of, and an appreciation for appropriate behavior toward a sound learning experience. The process includes positive behavioral interventions. Any student who interferes with their right or the right of others to learn is engaging in inappropriate behavior. Inappropriate behavior is subject to disciplinary consequences. Students engaging in inappropriate behavior, or students who have conflict with another, is subject to disciplinary consequences. Our students are taught and encouraged to manage and resolve conflict on their own through positive communication skills. If after doing so, students feel that the problem is not resolved, the conflict should be reported to the teacher.

General disciplinary problems may result in disciplinary action by teachers and/or by the principal. The Principal has primary responsibility for defining the school's culture to ensure that student discipline is implemented in a fair, effective manner. Teachers handle discipline. Instructional aides and staff may assist with discipline. Instructional aides and school staff members will make every effort, individually, collectively, and cooperatively to help each student gain acceptable self-discipline standards. Students with repeated behavior problems are referred to the Student Success Team. This team includes the student, parent, teacher, principal and counselor. An action plan is developed to help the student develop constructive behavior patterns.

Restorative Justice

At TEACH, we believe in working with students in order for them to repair any harm that they may have caused to others through words or actions. Students accomplish this through a cooperative process that includes all stakeholders, which can lead to a transformation of people, relationships, and communities.

V. Parents

Parents

Parent Involvement

A key piece of the school culture to support achievement for all students is a process of continuous communication and collaboration with families. As the student moves through the school year, his/her progress toward individual goals is carefully tracked and shared monthly with families through the means of a Personalized Learning Plan.

Therefore, parental Involvement at TEACH Tech Charter High School is required. Our Parents are encouraged to participate individually and as a group for the benefit of the school.

Parent Participation

- Enhances the quality of education children receive
- Provides for greater integration of the educational program
- Promotes better understanding between parent and teacher, between parent and child; between home and school; and between school and the community.
- Parental involvement plays an important role in the life of the school and in the resolution of classroom behavior issues.

Required Parental Attendance

TEACH believes that parental involvement plays an important role in the life of the school and in the resolution of classroom behavior problems. The Board expects that teachers will communicate with parents/guardians when behavior problems arise.

Whenever a student is removed from a class because he/she committed an obscene act, engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity, disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied valid school authority, the teacher of the class from which the student was removed may provide that the student's parent/guardian attend a portion of a school day in that class. After completing the classroom visit and before leaving school premises, the parent/guardian shall also meet with the school Principal or designee.

The Board of Directors encourages teachers, before requiring parental attendance, to make reasonable efforts to have the parent/guardian visit the class voluntarily. The teacher may also inform the parent/guardian about available resources and parent education opportunities. Teachers should reserve the option of required parental attendance for cases in which they have determined that it is the best strategy to promote positive interaction between the student and the parent/guardian and to improve classroom behavior.

The teacher shall apply this policy uniformly to all students within the classroom. This policy shall apply only to a parent/guardian who lives with the student.

Parental attendance may be requested on the day the student returns to class or within one week thereafter. The Principal or designee shall contact any parents/guardians who do not respond to the request to attend school. The Board recognizes that parental compliance with this policy may be delayed, modified or prevented for reasons such as serious illness/injury/disability, absence from town, or inability to get release time from work.

Parent's Right to Know

Right to know about your child's teacher and Paraprofessional

As a parent you have the right to know the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or paraprofessional. You may obtain information from California Department of Education by computer at www.cde.gov. You may also send an information request to the, Freedom of Information Act Office at the SED or the District can provide you with information regarding:

- Whether the teacher is certified in the area in which they are teaching,
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status
- Whether the State Qualification or certification requirements have been waived, the bachelor degree and major of the teacher, graduate certification of the teacher, the field of discipline of the certification or degree
- And whether the child is provided services of a paraprofessional and if so their qualifications

Visitor Identification

Visitors are always welcome at TEACH Tech Charter High School, especially parents of our students. To help ensure a safe and secure learning environment for all students, all visitors to TEACH Tech Charter High School are required to sign-in at the main office and to wear a visitor's pass. Faculty and staff are instructed to escort anyone not having a pass to the office immediately for identification.

Parking

Please note the parking signs. Double parking is illegal, unsafe and prohibited. The parking lot across the street is for teachers and staff, please refrain from parking in the lot.

Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation and Removal Policy

While TEACH Tech Charter High School encourages parents/guardians and interested members of the community to visit our school and view the educational program, TEACH Tech also endeavors to create a safe environment for students and staff.

To ensure the safety of students and staff as well as to minimize interruption of the instructional program, the school has established the following procedures, pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 627, ET. seq., to facilitate visits during regular school days:

1. Visits during school hours should first be arranged with the teacher, Principal, or designee, at least three days in advance. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during non- instructional time, at least three days in advance. Parents seeking to visit a classroom during school hours must first obtain the written approval of the classroom teacher, Principal, or designee.
2. All visitors shall register with the front office immediately upon entering any school building or grounds during regular school hours. When registering, the visitor is required to provide his/her name, his/her purpose for entering school grounds, and proof of identity. For purposes of school safety and security, the office will provide a visitor with a Visitor's pass to wear as they are being accompanied through the school and any classrooms.
3. The Principal, or designee, may refuse to register an outsider if he or she has a reasonable basis for concluding that the visitor's presence or actions would disrupt the school, its students, its teachers, or its other employees; and/or would result in damage to property; would result in the distribution or use of unlawful or controlled substances.
4. The Principal or designee may withdraw consent to be on campus even if the visitor has a right to be on campus whenever there is reasonable basis for concluding that the visitor presence on school grounds would interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of the activities of the school, or would disrupt or is disrupting the school, its students, its teachers, or its other employees.
5. The Principal or designee may request that a visitor who has failed to register, or whose registration privileges have been denied or revoked, promptly leave school grounds. When a visitor is directed to leave, the Principal or designee shall inform the visitor that if he/she reenters the school without following the posted requirements he/she will be guilty of a misdemeanor.
6. Any visitor that is denied registration or has his/her registration revoked may request a hearing before the Executive Director or the Board on the propriety of the denial or revocation. The request shall be in writing, shall state why the denial or revocation was improper, shall give the address to which notice of hearing is to be sent, and shall be delivered to either the Executive Director or the Board President within five days after the denial or revocation. The Executive Director or Board President shall promptly mail a written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing to the person who requested the hearing. A hearing before the Executive Director shall be held within seven days after the Executive Director receives the request. A hearing before the Board shall be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting after the President receives the request.
7. The Principal or designee shall seek the assistance of the police in dealing with or reporting any visitor in violation of this policy.
8. No electronic listening or recording device may be used by students or visitors in a classroom without the teacher's and Principal's permission.

Conditions for Classroom and School Visitation and Removal Policy Penalties

1. Pursuant to the California Penal Code, if a visitor does not leave after being asked or if the visitor returns without following the posted requirements after being directed to leave, he/she will be guilty of a crime as specified which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 or imprisonment in the County jail for a period of up to six (6) months or both.
2. Further conduct of this nature by the visitor may lead to the school's pursuit of a restraining order against such visitor, which would prohibit him/her from coming onto school grounds or attending school activities for any purpose for a period of three (3) years.

Volunteers

Volunteers must come to the office and sign in and sign out when volunteering. A volunteer badge must be worn while on campus. Additionally, all volunteers are required to take a TB test prior to volunteering on campus and have the results on file with the Office.

Releasing Students

If a student becomes too ill to remain in school, a staff member will contact the parents by telephone. The parent is required to pick the child up or arrange for the child to be picked up by an authorized person. Parents must have the name and contact telephone number of an authorized person on the emergency card.

TEACHERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO RELEASE CHILDREN WITHOUT OFFICE APPROVAL.

Parents or guardians who wish to take students home before regular dismissal time must come to the school's office for an official release from class. If a student has a specific medical condition, health problem or security need, this information must be reported in writing at the time of enrollment or as soon as it is known, so that appropriate accommodations can be made for the student.

Parent/Teacher Conference

Parents may be required to accompany their child through a school day to monitor and observe his or her behavior. Parents may be required to confer with school staff to concentrate efforts to assist a chronically misbehaving, tardy or truant student.

Picking Up Students from School

If you will be picking your student up before the end of the school day, please send a note to the office, as well as the classroom teachers. If someone other than a parent or guardian is to pick up your child, a signed note is REQUIRED and the adult MUST be named in the Emergency Card.

After-School Pick-Up of Students

Please note the parking signs. Double parking is illegal, unsafe and prohibited. The parking lot next to the school is for teachers and staff, please refrain from parking in the lot. Students will be dismissed from the northern gate on Western Ave and at the southern gate on 107th St. You may find a parking spot in front of the school on Western Ave. or on 107th St. and collect your child.

VI. Operations

School-Sponsored Events

(such as, but not limited to, athletic events, dances, or performances)

It is encouraged that foods and beverages offered or sold at school-sponsored events outside the school day meet the nutrition standards for meals or for foods and beverages sold individually (above).

Communications with Parents

The TEACH SFA/school will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children. The TEACH SFA will, send home nutrition information, post nutrition tips on school websites, and provide nutrient analyses of school menus when available. Schools should encourage parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and to refrain from including beverages and foods that do not meet the above nutrition standards for individual foods and beverages.

The TEACH SFA/school will provide information about physical education and other school-based physical activity opportunities before, during, and after the school day; and support parents' efforts to provide their children with opportunities to be physically active outside of school.

Food Marketing in Schools

School-based marketing will be consistent with nutrition education and health promotion. As such, schools will limit food and beverage marketing to the promotion of foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards for meals or for foods and beverages sold individually (above).¹¹ School-based marketing of brands promoting predominantly low-nutrition foods and beverages¹² is prohibited. The promotion of healthy foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products is encouraged.

Examples of marketing techniques include the following: logos and brand names on/in vending machines, books or curricula, textbook covers, school supplies, scoreboards, school structures, and sports equipment; educational incentive programs that provide food as a reward; programs that provide schools with supplies when families buy low-nutrition food products; free samples or coupons; and food sales through fundraising activities. Marketing activities that promote healthful behaviors (and are therefore allowable) include: sales of healthy food for fundraisers.

Staff Wellness

TEACH SFA highly values the health and well-being of every staff member and will encourage that support personal efforts by staff to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities

Use of School Facilities Outside of School Hours

School spaces and facilities should be available to students, staff, and community members before, during, and after the school day, on weekends, and during school vacations. These spaces and facilities also should be available to community agencies and organizations offering physical activity and nutrition programs. School policies concerning safety will apply at all times.

Monitoring

The Wellness Committee will ensure compliance with established TEACH SFA school-wide nutrition and physical activity wellness policies. In each school, the principal or designee will ensure compliance with those policies in his/her school and will report on the school's compliance to the TEACH SFA Wellness Committee.

School food service staff, at the school level, will ensure compliance with nutrition policies within school food service areas and will report on this matter to the Wellness Committee (or if done at the school level, to the school principal). In addition, TEACH SFA will report on the most recent USDA Administrative Review findings and any resulting changes.

The Wellness Committee will develop a summary report periodically on TEACH SFA school-wide compliance with TEACH Schools established nutrition and physical activity wellness policies, based on input from schools within TEACH SFA. That report will be provided to the school board and also distributed to all school health councils, parent/teacher organizations, school principals, and school health services personnel in TEACH SFA schools.

Monitor and Policy Review

Policy Review

To help with the initial development of the TEACH SFA wellness policies, each school in the TEACH SFA will conduct a baseline assessment of the school's existing nutrition and physical activity environments and policies.¹³ The results of those school-by-school assessments will be compiled by the Wellness Committee level to identify and prioritize needs. Assessments will be repeated periodically to help review policy compliance, assess progress, and determine areas in need of improvement. As part of that review, TEACH SFA will review our nutrition and physical activity policies; provision of an environment that supports healthy eating and physical activity; and nutrition and physical education policies and program elements. TEACH SFA, and individual schools within TEACH SFA, will, as necessary, suggest revisions to the wellness policies and develop work plans to facilitate their implementation.

VII. Complaints and Forms

Uniform Complaint Policy and Procedures

TEACH Public Schools dbda, TEACH Academy of Technologies, TEACH Tech Charter High School, TEACH Preparatory Elementary School
10600 S. Western Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90047
323-872-0808
www.teachps.org

Adopted by our Governing Board or authorized designee (here and after “the board”) on January 28, 2025.

This document contains rules and instructions about the filing, investigation, and resolution of a Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) complaint regarding an alleged violation by TEACH Public Schools' Local Educational Agencies (LEAs): TEACH Academy of Technologies, TEACH Tech Charter High School, and TEACH Preparatory Elementary School (hereinafter collectively referred to as "TEACH") of federal or state laws or regulations governing educational programs. This document presents information about how we process UCP complaints concerning particular programs or activities that are subject to the UCP.

A UCP complaint is a written and signed statement alleging a violation of federal or state laws or regulations, which may include an allegation of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying. A signature may be handwritten, typed (including in an email) or electronically generated. Some complaints may be filed anonymously. A UCP complaint filed on behalf of an individual student may only be filed by that student or that student’s duly authorized representative.

A complainant is any individual, including a person's duly authorized representative or an interested third party, public agency, or organization who files a written complaint alleging violation of federal or state laws or regulations, including allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying in programs and activities funded directly by the state or receiving any financial assistance from the state.

If the complainant is unable to put the complaint in writing, due to a disability or illiteracy, we shall assist the complainant in the filing of the complaint.

TEACH developed the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) process with policies and procedures adopted by the governing board or the authorized designee.

According to state and federal codes and regulations, the programs and activities that are subject to the UCP are:

- Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting 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 California Education Code (EC) sections 200 and 220 and Government Code Section 11135, including any actual or perceived characteristic as set forth in Penal Code Section 422.55, 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 EC 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, pupils formerly in Juvenile Court now enrolled in a school district, pupils who are migratory, and pupils participating in a newcomer program.

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Instructional Materials and Curriculum: Diversity
- Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP)
- Migrant Education
- Physical Education Instructional Minutes
- Pupil Fees
- Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil
- Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
- School Plans for Student Achievement
- Schoolsite Councils
- State Preschool
- State Preschool Health and Safety Issues in LEAs Exempt from Licensing
- And any other state or federal educational program the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) or designee deems appropriate.

The Responsibilities of TEACH

We shall have the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. We shall investigate and seek to resolve, in accordance with our approved UCP process, complaints alleging failure to comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations including, but not limited to, allegations of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying or noncompliance with laws relating to all programs and activities we implement that are subject to the UCP.

The UCP Annual Notice

We disseminate on an annual basis the UCP Annual Notice which is a written notice of the our approved UCP complaint procedures to all of our students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, school and district advisory committee members, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties.

This notice may be made available on our website and shall include the following:

- information regarding allegations about discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying;
- the list of all federal and state programs within the scope of the UCP;
- the title of the position whose occupant is responsible for processing complaints, and the identity(ies) of the person(s) currently occupying that position, if known;
- a statement that the occupant responsible for processing complaints is knowledgeable about the laws and programs that they are assigned to investigate;
- a statement that in order to identify appropriate subjects of state preschool health and safety issues pursuant to Section 1596.7925 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) a notice, separate from the UCP Annual Notice, shall be posted in each California state preschool program classroom in each school in the local educational agency notifying parents, guardians, pupils, and teachers of (1) the health and safety requirements under Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) apply to California state preschool programs pursuant to HSC Section 1596.7925, and (2) the location at which to obtain a form to file a complaint.

• **Step 1: Filing of Complaint**

Filing UCP Complaints

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

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

Dr. Raul Carranza

Superintendent/Executive Director TEACH Public Schools

10600 S. Western Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90047

323-872-0808

rcarranza@teachps.org

A pupil fee includes a purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment, or clothes associated with an educational activity.

A pupil fees complaint may be filed with the principal of a school or with our superintendent or their designee. A pupil fees complaint may be filed anonymously, that is, without an identifying signature, if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance.

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 we adopted. An LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously, that is, without an identifying signature, if the complaint provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance.

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

- **Step 2: Mediation**

Within three (3) days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer may informally discuss with the complainant the possibility of using mediation. If the complainant agrees to mediation, the compliance officer shall make arrangements for this process.

Before initiating the mediation of an unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaint, the compliance officer shall ensure that all parties agree to make the mediator a party to related confidential information.

If the mediation process does not resolve the problem within the parameters of law, the compliance officer shall proceed with his/her investigation of the complaint.

The use of mediation shall not extend TEACH's timelines for investigating and resolving the complaint unless the complainant agrees in writing to such an extension of time.

- **Step 3: Investigation of Complaint**

Investigating UCP Complaints

The UCP complaint investigation is our administrative process for the purpose of gathering data regarding the complaint. We provide an opportunity for complainants and/or representatives to present evidence or information.

Refusal by the complainant to provide the investigator with documents or other evidence related to the allegations in the complaint, or to otherwise fail or refuse to cooperate in the investigation or engage in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in the dismissal of the complaint because of a lack of evidence to support the allegations.

Refusal by TEACH to provide the investigator with access to records and/or other information related to the allegation in the complaint, or to otherwise fail or refuse to cooperate in the investigation or engage in any other obstruction of the investigation, may result in a finding based on evidence collected that a violation has occurred and may result in the imposition of a remedy in favor of the complainant.

We ensure that complainants are protected from retaliation.

We investigate all allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying against any protected group. Unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints shall be filed no later than six months from the date the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying occurred, or six months from the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying.

- **Step 4: Response**

Unless extended by written agreement with the complainant, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of TEACH's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below, within sixty (60) days of TEACH's receipt of the complaint.

- **Step 5: Final Written Decision**

TEACH's decision shall be in writing and sent to the complainant. TEACH's decision shall be written in English and in the language of the complainant whenever feasible or as required by law.

The decision shall include:

1. The findings of fact based on evidence gathered.
2. The conclusion(s) of law.
3. Disposition of the complaint.
4. Rationale for such disposition.
5. Corrective actions, if any are warranted.
6. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal TEACH's decision within fifteen (15) days to the CDE and procedures to be followed for initiating such an appeal.
7. For unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints arising under state law, notice that the complainant must wait until sixty (60) days have elapsed from the filing of an appeal with the CDE before pursuing civil law remedies.
8. For unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying complaints arising under federal law such complaint may be made at any time to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

If an employee is disciplined as a result of the complaint, the decision shall simply state that effective action was taken and that the employee was informed of TEACH's expectations. The report shall not give any further information as to the nature of the disciplinary action.

UCP Complaint Appeal Process

An appeal is a written and signed request by the complainant to the CDE seeking review of an LEA Investigation Report that was issued in response to a properly-filed complaint. A signature may be handwritten, typed (including in an email) or electronically-generated.

The complainant may appeal our Investigation Report of a UCP complaint to the CDE by filing a written appeal within 30 calendar days of the date. In order to request an appeal, the complainant must specify and explain the basis for the appeal, including at least one of the following:

- TEACH failed to follow its complaint procedures, and/or
- the Investigation Report lacks material findings of fact necessary to reach a conclusion of law, and/or
- the material findings of fact in the Investigation Report are not supported by substantial evidence, and/or
- the legal conclusion in the Investigation Report is inconsistent with the law, and/or
- in a case in which we were found in noncompliance, the corrective actions fail to provide a proper remedy.

The appeal shall be sent with: (1) a copy of the locally filed complaint; and (2) a copy of the LEA Investigation Report. All complaints and responses are public records.

UCP Requirements Regarding State Preschool Health and Safety Issues Pursuant to HSC Section 1596.7925

To file a UCP complaint regarding a state preschool health and safety issue pursuant to HSC Section 1596.7925 the complainant must file with the preschool program administrator or their designee in TEACH.

A state preschool health and safety issues complaint about problems beyond the authority of the preschool program administrator shall be forwarded in a timely manner, but not to exceed 10 working days to our official for resolution.

A state preschool health and safety issues complaint may be filed anonymously. A complainant who identifies themselves is entitled to a response if they indicate that a response is requested. A complaint form shall include a space to mark to indicate whether a response is requested. If EC Section 48985 is otherwise applicable, the response, if requested, and our Investigation Report shall be written in English and the primary language in which the complaint was

filed.

A complaint form for a state preschool health and safety issue shall specify the location for filing a complaint. A complainant may add as much text to explain the complaint as they wish.

When investigating a UCP state preschool health and safety issue the preschool program administrator or the designee of the district superintendent shall make all reasonable efforts to investigate any problem within his or her authority, and investigations shall begin within 10 calendar days of the receipt of the complaint. A valid complaint shall be remedied within a reasonable time period, but not to exceed 30 working days from the date the complaint was received. The resolution of the complaint shall be reported to the complainant within 45 working days of the initial filing. If the preschool program administrator makes this report, he or she shall also report the same information in the same timeframe to the designee of the district superintendent.

Filing an Appeal Regarding UCP State Preschool Health and Safety Issues

A complainant not satisfied with the resolution of the preschool program administrator or the designee of the district superintendent has the right to describe the complaint at a regularly scheduled hearing of our board. A complainant will not be precluded from filing an appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) if the complainant does not file a local appeal.

A complainant who is not satisfied with the resolution proffered by the preschool program administrator or the designee of our superintendent has the right to file an appeal to the SSPI within 30 calendar days of the date of the Investigation Report.

The complainant shall comply with the same appeal requirements of 5 CCR section 4632 as in the section above 'UCP Complaint Appeal Process.

The complainant shall include a copy of the Investigation Report and specify and explain the basis for the appeal, including at least one of the following:

- the preschool program administrator or the designee of our superintendent failed to follow its complaint procedures, and/or
- the Investigation Report lacks material findings of fact necessary to reach a conclusion of law, and/or
- material findings of fact in the Investigation Report are not supported by substantial evidence, and/or
- the legal conclusion in the Investigation Report is inconsistent with the law, and/or
- If the preschool program is found noncompliant, the corrective actions fail to provide a proper remedy.

The SSPI or his or her designee shall comply with the requirements of 5 CCR Section 4633 and shall provide a written Investigation Report for our agency to the State Board of Education describing the basis for the complaint, our response to the state preschool health and safety issues pursuant to HSC Section 1596.7925 complaint and its remedy or proposed remedy and, as appropriate, a proposed remedy for the issue described in the complaint, if different from our agency's remedy.

We shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all UCP state preschool health and safety issues complaints on a quarterly basis to the county superintendent of schools and our board. The summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled meeting of our board. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints.

Legal References

20 United States Code (20 U.S.C.) Section 6301 et seq.

34 Code of Federal Regulations (34 CFR) sections 106.8, 299.10–13.

California Education Code (EC) sections 200, 201, 210.1, 210.3, 220, 221.1, 222, 234.1, 243, 260, 8200–8488, 8500–8538, 12030, 17002, 17592.72, 33126, 33315, 35161, 46015, 48645.7, 48850, 48853, 48853.5, 48911, 48915.5, 48987, 49010–49013, 49069.5, 51210, 51222, 51223, 51225.1–51225.3, 51228.1–51228.3, 52059.5, 52075, 52300–52462, 52500–52616.18, 54440–54445, 64000, 64001, 65000.

California Government Code (GC) sections 11135, 11136.

California Penal Code (PC) Section 422.55.

5 California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 4600–4640, 4690–4694.

Uniform Complaint Procedure Form

Last Name: _____ First Name/MI: _____

Student Name (if applicable): _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address/Apt.#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

School/Office of Alleged Violation: _____

For allegation(s) of noncompliance, please check the program or activity referred to in your complaint, if applicable:

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| ☐ Special Education | ☐ After School Education and Safety | ☐ Foster/Homeless Youth |
| ☐ Pupil Fees | ☐ Consolidated Categorical Aid | ☐ Tobacco-Use Prevention Education |
| ☐ Bilingual Education | ☐ Child Nutrition | ☐ Lactating Pupils |
| | ☐ No Child Left Behind Programs | ☐ Economic Impact Aid |
| | ☐ Every Student Succeeds Act Prog. | |
| | ☐ Local Control Funding Formula | |

For allegation(s) of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying, please check the basis of the unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying described in your complaint, if applicable:

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| ☐ Age | ☐ Gender / Gender Expression / | ☐ Sex (Actual or Perceived) |
| ☐ Ancestry | Gender Identity | ☐ Sexual Orientation (Actual or |
| ☐ Color | ☐ Genetic Information | Perceived) |
| ☐ Disability (Mental or Physical) | ☐ National Origin | ☐ Based on association with a |
| ☐ Ethnic Group Identification | ☐ Race or Ethnicity | person or group with one or more |
| ☐ Medical Condition | ☐ Religion | of these actual or perceived |
| | | characteristics |
| | | ☐ Marital Status |

1. Please give facts about the complaint. Provide details such as the names of those involved, dates, whether witnesses were present, etc., that may be helpful to the complaint investigator.

2. Have you discussed your complaint or brought your complaint to any TEACH personnel? If you have, to whom did you take the complaint, and what was the result?

3. Please provide copies of any written documents that may be relevant or supportive of your complaint.
I have attached supporting documents. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail complaint and any relevant documents to:
Superintendent
TEACH Public Schools
10600 S. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90047

General Complaints

The Board of Directors of TEACH Public Schools (“TEACH”) has adopted this General Complaint Policy to address concerns about TEACH generally or regarding specific employees. For complaints regarding harassment or perceived violations of state or federal laws, please refer to the TEACH Anti-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Harassment, and Bullying Policy and/or TEACH Uniform Complaint Procedures. For all other complaints, the General Complaint form and accompanying procedures will be appropriate.

Internal Complaints

(Complaints by Employees against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when an TEACH employee raises a complaint or concern about a co-worker.

If reasonably possible, internal complaints should be resolved at the lowest possible level, including attempts to discuss/resolve concerns with the immediate supervisor. However, in the event an informal resolution may not be achieved or is not appropriate, the following steps will be followed by the Superintendent or designee:

1. The complainant will bring the matter to the attention of the Superintendent as soon as possible after attempts to resolve the complaint with the immediate supervisor have failed or if not appropriate; and
2. The complainant will reduce his or her complaint to writing, indicating all known and relevant facts. The Superintendent or designee will then investigate the facts and provide a solution or explanation;
3. If the complaint is about the Superintendent, the complainant may file his or her complaint in a signed writing to the Chair of the TEACH Board of Directors, who will then confer with the Board of Directors and may conduct a fact-finding or authorize a third-party investigator on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Chair or investigator will report his or her findings to the Board of Directors for review and action, if necessary.

This policy cannot guarantee that every problem will be resolved to the employee’s satisfaction. However, TEACH values each employee’s ability to express concerns and the need for resolution without fear of adverse consequence to employment.

Policy for Complaints Generally

(General Complaints and Complaints by Third Parties against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when either a complaint does not fall under other complaint procedures or a third party (non-employee) raises a complaint or concern about TEACH generally, or an TEACH employee.

If complaints cannot be resolved informally, complainants may file a written complaint with the office of the Superintendent or Chair of the TEACH Board of Directors (only if the complaint concerns the Superintendent) as soon as possible after the events that give rise to the complainant’s concerns. The written complaint should set forth in detail the factual basis for the complaint.

In processing the complaint, the Superintendent (or designee) shall abide by the following process:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall use his or her best efforts to ascertain the facts relating to the complaint. Where applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall talk with the parties identified in the complaint or persons with knowledge of the particulars of the complaint to ascertain said facts.

2. In the event that the Superintendent (or designee) finds that a complaint is valid, the Superintendent (or designee) may take appropriate action to resolve the problem. Where the complaint is against an employee of TEACH, the Superintendent may take disciplinary action against the employee. As appropriate, the Superintendent (or designee) may also simply counsel/reprimand employees as to their conduct without initiating formal disciplinary measures.

3. The Superintendent's (or designee's) decision relating to the complaint shall be final unless it is appealed to the TEACH Board of Directors. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

General Requirements

1. Confidentiality: All complainants will be notified that information obtained from the complainants and thereafter gathered will be maintained in a manner as confidential as possible, but in some circumstances absolute confidentiality cannot be assured.

2. Non-Retaliation: All complainants will be advised that they will be protected against retaliation as a result of the filing of any complaints or participation in any complaint process.

3. Resolution: The TEACH Board of Directors (if a complaint is about the Superintendent) or the Superintendent or designee will investigate complaints appropriately under the circumstances and pursuant to the applicable procedures, and if necessary, take appropriate remedial measures to ensure effective resolution of any complaint.

General Complaint Form

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you have a complaint against: _____

List any witnesses that were present: _____

Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

Please describe the circumstances, events, or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I hereby authorize TEACH to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand providing false information in this regard could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Signature of Complainant

Date: _____

Print Name

To be completed by TEACH:

Received by: _____

Date: _____

HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM

It is the policy of the School that all of its employees be free from harassment. This form is provided for you to report what you believe to be harassment, so that the School may investigate and take appropriate disciplinary or other action when the facts show that there has been harassment.

If you are an employee of the School, you may file this form with the Principal or Board President.

Please review the School's policies concerning harassment for a definition of harassment and a description of the types of conduct that are considered to be harassment.

The School will undertake every effort to handle the investigation of your complaint in a confidential manner. In that regard, the School will disclose the contents of your complaint only to those persons having a need to know. For example, to conduct its investigation, the School will need to disclose portions of your factual allegations to potential witnesses, including anyone you have identified as having knowledge of the facts on which you are basing your complaint, as well as the alleged harasser.

In signing this form below, you authorize the School to disclose to others the information you have provided herein, and information you may provide, the more likely it is that the School will be able to address your complaint to your satisfaction.

Charges of harassment are taken very seriously by the School both because of the harm caused to the person harassed, and because of the potential sanctions that may be taken against the harasser. It is therefore very important that you report the facts as accurately and completely as possible and that you cooperate fully with the person or persons designated to investigate your complaint.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s):

Name of Person(s) you believe sexually harassed you or someone else:

List any witnesses that were present:

Where did the incident(s) occur?

Please describe the events or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional Pages if needed):

I acknowledge that I have read and that I understand the above statements. I hereby authorize the School to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Complainant: _____

Print Name: _____

To be completed by School:

Received by Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Student Signature Page

Our signatures below indicate that we have received, read for understanding, and agree to follow the policies and guidelines found in the Student/Parent Handbook 2026-2027.

Student Name (please print)

Grade Level

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date