

**ANNUAL PARENT NOTICE
2022-2023**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

State law requires school districts and the county office of education ("county office") to provide annual notice to parents/guardians of certain rights and responsibilities. Parents/guardians are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice by signing and returning the receipt and acknowledgment (Part I of Form A) to your school district or county office program.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Instructional Materials:

All primary and supplemental instructional materials and assessments, including textbooks, teacher manuals, films, audio and video recordings, and software, will be compiled and stored by the classroom instructor and made available promptly for inspection by a parent/guardian in a reasonable time frame or in accordance with school district or county office policies or procedures. Education Code §§ 49091.10(a); 51101(a)(8).

Observation:

Upon written request, a parent/guardian has the right to observe instruction and other school activities that involve his or her child or for the purpose of selecting a school in accordance with board policies on interdistrict and intradistrict transfers. Any observation will be done in accordance with policies established to ensure the safety of pupils and school personnel and to prevent undue interference with instruction or harassment of school personnel. Education Code §§ 49091.10(b); 51101(a)(1).

Beliefs:

A pupil may not be compelled to affirm or disavow any particular personally or privately held world view, religious doctrine, or political opinion. No pupil shall be relieved of any obligation to complete regular classroom assignments. Education Code § 49091.12(a).

Curriculum:

The curriculum, including titles, descriptions, and instructional aims of every course offered by a public school, shall be compiled at least once annually in a prospectus. The prospectus is available for review upon request and for copying at a reasonable charge. Education Code §§ 49091.14; 49063(k).

Animal Dissection:

A pupil, who has a moral objection to dissecting or otherwise harming or destroying animals as part of an instructional program, has a right to request an alternative educational project. Education Code §§ 32255-32255.6, 48980(a).

Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Education:

The Healthy Youth Act ("Act") authorizes a school district or county office to provide comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education to all pupils in grades 7 to 12. Education Code §§ 51933 et seq., 48980(a).

- Written and audio visual educational materials used in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education will be made available for your inspection. Education Code § 51938.
- You will be notified whether the comprehensive sexual health education or HIV prevention education will be taught by school district/county office personnel or by outside consultants. Education Code § 51938.
- You may request a copy of the Act from the school district or county office. Education Code § 51938.
- You may request in writing that your child be excused from comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education. (Fill out Part II of Form A to make a request.) Education Code § 51938.

Tests, Questionnaires, Surveys, Examinations on Personal Beliefs or Practices:

No pupil will be given any test, questionnaire, survey, or examination containing questions about a pupil's, or his/her parents'/guardians' beliefs or practices relating to sex, family life, morality, or religion, unless his/her parent/guardian provides prior written permission. Parents/guardians of all pupils in grades 7 to 12, will be given the opportunity to review any test, questionnaire, or survey about a pupil's attitude concerning or practices relating to sex before it is administered and will be given the opportunity to request in writing that his/her pupil not participate. Education Code §§ 51513, 51938, 51939.

Pupil Immunization:

No student shall be admitted to school until the student is immunized as required by law. The district may permit a licensed physician and surgeon, or other health care practitioner who is acting under the direction of a supervision physician or surgeon, to administer an immunizing agent to a student whose parent or guardian has consented in writing to the administration of such immunization agent. When there is good cause to believe that a student has been exposed to a communicable disease and his or her documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against that disease, the student may be temporally excluded from school until the local health officer is satisfied the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

If a parent or guardian files with the governing authority a written statement by a licensed physician to the effect that the physical condition of the child is such, or medical circumstances relating to the child are such, that immunization is not considered safe, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization, that child shall be exempt from the immunization requirements. Any child with a medical exemption authorized prior to January 1, 2020, shall be allowed continued enrollment until he/she enrolls in the next grade span. "Grade span" means (1) from birth through preschool; (2) transitional kindergarten through 6th grade; and (3) grades 7 through 12. Commencing July 1, 2021, a student may not be unconditionally admitted or readmitted, or admitted/advance to the seventh grade, unless he/she has been immunized or files a medical exemption that is compliant with a required statewide form.

Effective January 1, 2016, the California Legislature eliminated the exemption from specified immunization requirements based upon personal beliefs. A student who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit on file with his/her school stating beliefs opposed to immunization shall be allowed enrollment until the student enrolls in the next grade span. "Grade span" means (1) from birth through preschool; (2) transitional kindergarten through 6th grade; and (3) grades 7 through 12.

Health and Safety Code §§ 120335, 120370; Education Code §§ 48216, 48980(a), 49403.

Physical Examinations:

A child may be excluded from physical examination whenever a parent/guardian files a written statement with the school that they will not consent to a physical examination of their child. Whenever there is good reason to believe the child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the child will be excluded from school attendance. (School children are examined for vision, hearing, and curvature of the spine at selected grade levels.) Education Code §§ 48980(a), 49450 – 49455.

State law requires that for each child enrolled in the first grade, the parent/guardian must present within 90 days after entrance, a certificate, signed by a physician, verifying that the child has received appropriate health screening and evaluation including a physical examination within the last 18 months. A parent/guardian may file with the school district a written objection or waiver stating the reasons why he or she was unable to obtain such services. Free health screening is available for low income children for up to 18 months prior to entry into 1st grade. Parents/guardians are encouraged to obtain required health screenings simultaneously with required immunizations. Health and Safety Code §§ 124085, 124105.

Psychological Testing:

A parent/guardian has the right to receive information about psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test. Education Code § 51101(a)(13).

Pupil Medication:

Any pupil who must take prescribed medication at school and who desires assistance of school personnel must submit a written statement of instruction from the physician or surgeon or physician assistant, as specified by law, 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 pupil's parent, foster parent, or guardian indicating their desire to have the school assist in administering the physician and surgeon, or physician assistant's instructions. Any student who wishes to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine and/or self-administered inhaled asthma medication must submit both a written statement of instruction from their physician or surgeon or physician assistant, as specified by law, that includes a confirmation that the student is able to self-administer such medication, and a written statement from the pupil's parent, foster parent, or guardian consenting to the self-administration, as well as applicable releases. Any pupil who uses auto-injectable epinephrine or inhaled asthma medication in a manner other than as prescribed is subject to discipline. Education Code §§ 48980(a), 49423, 49423.1.

Continuing Medication:

A parent/guardian of a pupil on a continuing medication regimen for a non-episodic condition shall inform the school of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With a parent/guardian consent, the school

Academic Expectations:

A parent/guardian has the right to be informed of the academic expectations of his/her child. Education Code § 51101(a)(11).

College Admission Requirements and Career Technical Information:

School districts offering any of grades 9-12 shall provide the following brief explanation of college admission requirements, a brief description of career technical education, and information about how pupils may meet with school counselors to help them select courses to meet college admission requirements and/or enroll in career technical education courses.

1. College Admission Requirements (A-G Requirements) for California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC)

Additional information about admission requirements for the CSU system can be found at www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school. Additional information about admission requirements for the UC system can be found at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions. Additional information about course offerings can be found in the high school student handbook.

- a. History or Social Science – 2 years
- b. English – 4 years
- c. Math – 3 years (UC recommends 4 years)
- d. Laboratory Science – 2 years (UC recommends 3 years)
- e. Language Other Than English – 2 years (UC recommends 3 years)
- f. Visual and Performing Arts – 1 year
- g. College Preparatory Elective – 1 year

2. Career Technical Education (CTE):

Career technical education is a program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. Additional information regarding career technical education can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/>.

3. Counseling Services

High school counselors are available to meet with parents and students to assist in selecting courses that meet college admission requirements, enroll in CTE, or both. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a counselor, contact the counseling department.

Education Code §§ 48980(k), 51229.

Advanced Placement Examination:

Pupils enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement class and who qualify as economically disadvantaged, may apply for assistance to cover the cost of advanced placement examination fees. Pupils should contact a counselor or other administrator at his/her school for eligibility information. Education Code §§ 48980(j), 52240 et seq.

Participation in State Assessments and Option to Request Exemption:

Pupils in applicable grade levels will participate in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) except as exempted by law. Each year, a parent may submit a written request to excuse his or her child from any or all parts of the CAASPP assessments for that school year.

Education Code §§ 60640, 60615, 5 C.C.R. § 852.

PUPIL RECORDS

Pupil Records Access:

Parents/guardians have the right to access school records of their child, and to question, and receive a response from the school regarding items on their child’s record that a parent/guardian feels is inaccurate, misleading, or is an invasion of their child’s privacy. Education Code §§ 51101(a)(10), (15), 49063(f); 49069.7.

ATTENDANCE, TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION AND ENROLLMENT

Excused Absences:

No pupil will have his/her grade reduced or suffer a loss of academic credit on account of an excused absence when missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time. An excused absence is defined in Education Code section 48205 as an absence:

1. Due to the pupil's illness.
2. Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
3. For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic service rendered.
4. For the purpose of attending the funeral services of a member of the pupil's immediate family as defined in the Education Code, so long as the absence is not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the services are conducted outside California.
5. For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
6. Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.
7. For justifiable personal reasons, including, but not limited to, an appearance in court, attendance at a funeral service, observance of a holiday or ceremony of the pupil's religion, attendance at religious retreats which shall not exceed four (4) hours per semester, or attendance at an employment conference, when the pupil's absence has been requested in writing by the parent or guardian and approved by the principal or a designated representative pursuant to uniform standards established by the governing board.
8. For the purpose of serving as a member of a precinct board for an election pursuant to § 12302 of the Elections Code.
9. For the purpose of spending time with a member of the pupil's immediate family who is an active duty member of the uniformed services, as defined in Education Code 49701, and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from, deployment to a combat zone or combat support position. Absences granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be granted for a period of time to be determined at the discretion of the superintendent of the school district.
10. For the purpose of attending the pupil's naturalization ceremony to become a United States citizen.
11. Authorized at the discretion of a school administrator, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 48260.

A pupil with an excused absence shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefor. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

Education Code §§ 48980(a), (i), 48205; Elections Code § 12302.

Absence for Religious Exercises/Instruction:

With parent/guardian written consent, a student may be excused from school in order to participate in religious exercises or instruction consistent with the limitations specified in Education Code section 46014 provided the district's Board has adopted a resolution permitting such absence and has adopted regulations governing such absences and the reporting thereof. Education Code §§ 46014, 48980(a).

Attendance Options:

California law gives parents/guardians the right to receive notification of all existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options available in the school district, including options for meeting residency requirements for school attendance, programmatic options offered within local attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis.

Parents/guardians may contact their student's school or district of residence for more information about the available statutory and local attendance options, including information regarding application procedures for alternative attendance areas or programs and district application form(s) for requesting a change of attendance, and for information regarding the appeals process, if any, when a change of attendance is denied.

Education Code § 48980(g).

Notice of Alternative Schools:

California state law authorizes all school districts to provide for alternative schools. Section 58500 of the Education Code defines an alternative school as a school or separate class group within a school which is operated in a manner designed to:

- a. Maximize the opportunity for students to develop the positive values of self-reliance, initiative, kindness, spontaneity, resourcefulness, courage, creativity, responsibility and joy.
- b. Recognize that the best learning takes place when the student learns because of his desire to learn.
- c. Maintain a learning situation maximizing student self-motivation and encouraging the student in his own time to follow his own interests. These interests may result wholly or in part from a presentation by his teachers of choices of learning projects.
- d. Maximize the opportunity for teachers, parents, and students to cooperatively develop the learning process and its subject matter. This opportunity shall be a continuous, permanent process.
- e. Maximize the opportunity for the students, teachers, and parents to continuously react to the changing world, including but not limited to the community in which the school is located.

In the event any parent/guardian, pupil, or teacher is interested in further information concerning alternative schools, the county superintendent of schools, the administrative office of this district, and the principal's office in each attendance unit have copies of the law available for your information. This law particularly authorizes interested persons to request the governing board of the district to establish alternative school programs in each district. Contact the school for more information. Education Code §§ 58500; 58501.

MISCELLANEOUS

Parent Involvement:

A parent/guardian has the right to participate as a member of a school site council, a parental advisory committee, or a site-based management leadership team in accordance with the rules governing parent membership of those organizations. A copy of the school district's policy regarding Parent Involvement is attached to this notice. Education Code § 51101(a)(14).

Volunteering Time and Resources:

Parents/guardians may volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and programs under the supervision of district employees, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher. Although volunteer parents may assist with instruction, primary instructional responsibility shall remain with the teacher. Education Code § 51101(a)(3).

Open Campus:

A school district that has decided to permit pupils enrolled in a high school to leave the school grounds during the lunch period is not liable for the conduct or safety of any pupil during such times as the pupil has left the school grounds during the lunch period. Education Code § 44808.5.

Pupils with Exceptional Needs:

Nevada County school districts are included in the Nevada County Special Education Local Plan Area ("SELPA"). Pupils with exceptional needs, as defined by Education Code § 56026, have a right to a free and appropriate public education. If you believe your child is in need of special education services, contact your school principal or the Nevada County Office of Education at (530) 478-6400.

Some pupils with special needs who do not qualify for special education may qualify for assistance under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment. The school district and county office have policies and procedures to identify and evaluate any student who may need assistance in his/her educational program or to provide access into district programs. Pupils or parents or others who have questions or concerns regarding the Section 504 policy may contact the school district or the county office.

Minimum Age for Admission to Kindergarten:

Districts shall admit a pupil into kindergarten at the beginning of the school year, or at a later time in the same school year, if the pupil will be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the school year. Education Code § 48000(a).

Free or Reduced Price Meals:

Free or reduced price meals are available for needy pupils. Contact the school for eligibility information. Education Code §§ 49500 et seq.

with the requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and other related state and federal laws. Pupils or parents or any other individual having questions or concerns regarding these nondiscrimination and harassment policies or who may wish to file a complaint, should contact the school district or the county office. Education Code § 220; 5 C.C.R. §§ 4900 et seq.

Immigration Enforcement - "Know Your Rights":

All students have a right to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs. The California Attorney General's website provides "know your rights" resources for immigrant students and family members online at: <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant>

Education Code § 234.7.

Professional Qualifications of Teachers:

At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers including, at a minimum:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether their child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

20 U.S.C. § 6312; 34 C.F.R. § 200.61.

Access by Military Recruiters:

Military recruiters will have access to all secondary pupils' names, addresses and phone listings unless a parent/guardian requests that such information not be released without the prior written consent of the parent/guardian. 10 U.S.C. § 503; 20 U.S.C. § 7908.

Model Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA):

PPRA affords parents/guardians of elementary and secondary students certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):
 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others. (This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions.)

Student Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Twin Ridges Elementary School District **Mandatory Parent/Guardian Signatures (Form A)**

This form is mandatory and must be signed and returned annually to the school office at your school site

The policies and forms listed below are available in the school office or on our District website at/ www.twinridgeselementary.org under parents, first day forms. Please sign below to acknowledge you have reviewed these policies and forms:

- Annual Parent Notice 2022/2023
- Student Handbook (Available upon Request)
- Consent Form Concerning the Use of Student Email Account
- Student Insurance Waiver
- Annual Notification of Uniform Complaint Procedures
- Right to Receive Teacher Information Title I
- Chromebook Student Handbook 2022/2023
- Indian Education Letter to Parents
- Indian Education Certification (to be completed by parent if applicable)
- Pesticide Notice for Parents 2022/2023

The following Board Policies (BP)/Administrative Regulations (AR) as noted in the Annual Parent Notice for 2021/2022

- BP/AR 0510 – School Accountability Report Card
- BP/AR 3514.2 – Integrated Pest Management
- BP/AR 5116.2 – Involuntary Student Transfers
- BP/AR 5141.3 – Health Examinations
- BP/AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment
- BP/AR 6020 - Parent Involvement
- BP/AR 6142.2 – World Foreign Language Instruction
- BP/AR 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology
- BP/AR 6164.2 – Guidance Counseling Services
- BP/AR 6174 – Education for English Learners

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above information and policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PART I – Receipt and Acknowledgement of Annual Parent Notice 2022/2023 – Completion Mandatory

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Annual Parent Notice as required by Education Code 48980

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PART II – Request to be Excused from Comprehensive Sexual Health Education and HIV Prevention (grades 5-12) -Completion Optional

If you wish for this pupil to be excused from comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education, please sign below.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PART III – Request to Deny Access to Directory Information – Completion Optional

If you **do not** wish directory information to be released regarding this pupil, please sign below. Note that this will prohibit the district from providing the pupil's name and other "directory" information to the news media, interested schools, parent-teacher association, interested employers, and similar parties.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date