

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

**BP 4154**  
**4254**  
**4354**

### All Personnel

### HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

The Governing Board recognizes that health and welfare benefits are essential to promote employee health and productivity and are an important part of the compensation offered to employees. The district shall provide health and welfare benefits for employees in accordance with state and federal law and subject to negotiated employee agreements.

*(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)*  
*(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*  
*(cf. 4354.1 – Management/Confidential Retiree Benefits)*  
*(cf. 4151/4251/4351 - Employee Compensation)*

Certificated management, administrative, confidential, and supervisory employees who are not in bargaining units shall receive the same health and welfare benefits as those specified in the collective bargaining agreement for certificated employees. Classified management, administrative, and supervisory employees who are not in bargaining units shall receive the same health and welfare benefits as those specified in the collective bargaining agreement for classified employees.

*(cf. 4300 - Administrative and Supervisory Personnel)*  
*(cf. 4121 - Temporary/Substitute Personnel)*

For purposes of granting benefits, a registered domestic partner and his/her child shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as a spouse and spouse's child. (Family Code 297.5, 300)

The district shall offer full-time employees who work an average of 30 hours or more per week and their dependents up to age 26 years a health insurance plan that includes coverage for essential health benefits, pays at least 60 percent of the medical expenses covered under the terms of the plan, and meets all other requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

With respect to eligibility to participate in the health benefits plan or the level of health benefits provided, the district shall not discriminate in favor of employees who are among the highest paid 25 percent of all district employees. (26 USC 105; 42 USC 300gg-16)

### Continuation of Coverage

Retired certificated employees, other employees who would otherwise lose coverage due to a qualifying event specified in law and administrative regulation, and their qualified beneficiaries may continue to participate in the district's group health and welfare benefits in accordance with state and federal law.

Unless otherwise provided for in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, covered employees and their qualified beneficiaries may receive continuation coverage by paying the premiums, dues, and other charges, including any increases in premiums, dues, and costs incurred by the district in administering the program. Per collective bargaining agreement, some employees may be eligible to receive district contributions.

## **Confidentiality**

The Superintendent or designee shall not use or disclose any employee's medical information the district possesses without the employee's authorization obtained in accordance with Civil Code 56.21, except for the purpose of administering and maintaining employee benefit plans and for other purposes specified in law. (Civil Code 56.20)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

7000-7008 Health and welfare benefits, retired certificated employees

17566 Self-insurance fund

35208 Liability insurance

35214 Liability insurance (self-insurance)

44041-44042 Payroll deductions for collection of premiums

44986 Leave of absence, state disability benefits

45136 Benefits for classified employees

#### CIVIL CODE

56.10-56.16 Disclosure of information by medical providers

56.20-56.245 Use and disclosure of medical information by employers

#### FAMILY CODE

297-297.5 Rights, protections and benefits under law; registered domestic partners

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

12940 Discrimination in employment

22750-22944 Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act

53200-53210 Group insurance

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1366.20-1366.29 Cal-COBRA program, health insurance

1367.08 Disclosure of fees and commissions paid related to health care service plan

1373 Health services plan, coverage for dependent children who are full-time students

1373.621 Continuation coverage, age 60 or older after five years with district

1374.58 Coverage for registered domestic partners, health service plans and health insurers

#### INSURANCE CODE

10116.5 Continuation coverage, age 60 or older after five years with district

10128.50-10128.59 Cal-COBRA program, disability insurance

10277-10278 Group and individual health insurance, coverage for dependent children

10604.5 Annual disclosure of fees and commissions paid

12670-12692.5 Conversion coverage

#### LABOR CODE

2800.2 Notification of conversion and continuation coverage

4856 Health benefits for spouse of peace officer killed in performance of duties

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CODE

2613 Education program; notice of rights and benefits

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 1

7 Definition of marriage, spouse

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

105 Self-insured medical reimbursement plan; definition of highly compensated individual

4980B COBRA continuation coverage

4980H Penalty for noncompliance with employer-provided health care requirements

5000A Minimum essential coverage

6056 Report of health coverage provided to employees

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

1161-1168 *COBRA continuation coverage*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

300gg-300gg95 *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, especially:*

300gg-16 *Group health plan; nondiscrimination in favor of highly compensated individuals*

1395-1395g *Medicare benefits*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

54.4980B-1-54.4980B-10 *COBRA continuation coverage*

54.4980H-1-54.4980H-6 *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*

1.105-11 *Self-insured medical reimbursement plan*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

164.500-164.534 *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATIONS

*Health Policy: Implications of Covered California for School Boards, Districts and Personnel, Governance Brief, January 2013*

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NOTICES

2011-1 *Affordable Care Act Nondiscrimination Provisions Applicable to Insured Group Health Plans*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY PUBLICATIONS

*Fact Sheet: Final Regulations Implementing Employer Shared Responsibility Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for 2015*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Employment Development Department: <http://www.edd.ca.gov>

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:  
<http://www.cms.gov>

U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov>

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