



AP 3300 Public Records

Members of the public may request to inspect or copy public records. A request by a member of the public may be delivered by mail, electronic mail, or in person to the Superintendent/President's Office. Any request shall identify with reasonable specificity the records that are sought. If additional information is needed, the Superintendent/President or designee may request it be provided in writing.

Any request to inspect records shall be made sufficiently in advance of the date of inspection to allow staff members time to assemble the records and identify any records that may be exempt from disclosure. Within ten days, the Superintendent/President's Office or designee will determine whether or not the records can be produced and will communicate the determination to the member of the public requesting the record(s).

Records that are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act or any other provision of law may not be inspected or copied by members of the public. Social security numbers must be redacted from records before they are disclosed to the public.

The Public Records Act presumes that all records of a public agency are public, unless specifically exempted by law. While there are over a hundred exemptions contained in California law (see Government Code Sections 6254 et seq. and 6275 et seq.), the most common exemptions include:

- Student records (Education Code Section 76243)
- Preliminary drafts, notes, or internal or external memoranda that are not retained by the public agency in the ordinary course of business, provided that the public interest in withholding the records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure (Government Code Section 6254(a))
- Records pertaining to pending litigation or to claims until the pending litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled (Government Code Section 6254(b))
- Personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (Government Code Section 6254(c))
- Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a licensing examination, examination for employment, or academic examination with the exception of standardized tests as provided for by Education Code Sections 99150 et seq. (Government Code Section 6254(g))
- The contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates and evaluations relative to the acquisition of property, or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all of the contract agreements obtained (Government Code Section 6254(h))



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- Internet posting of home address or telephone numbers of local elected officials (Government Code Section 6254.21)
- Home addresses and home telephone numbers of employees of a school district pursuant to Government Code Section 6254.3
- Records regarding alternative investments (i.e. an investment in a private equity fund, venture fund, hedge fund, or absolute return fund; limited partnership, limited liability company, or similar legal structure) involving public investment funds, unless already publicly released by the keeper of the information
- Information security records, if disclosure of that record would reveal vulnerabilities to, or otherwise increase the potential for an attack on, the District's information technology system

Members of the public shall be assisted in identifying records or information that may respond to their request. Assistance that will be provided includes: the information technology and physical location in which the records exist; practical suggestions for overcoming denial of access to the records or information; and the estimated date and time when the records will be made available.

References: Education Code Section 76243;
Government Code Sections 6250 et seq.

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