

BARGAINING UNITS

The Governing Board recognizes the right of district employees to form bargaining units, select an employee organization as their exclusive representative, and be represented by that organization in their employment relationship with the district. The Board is committed to negotiating in good faith with recognized employee organizations and respecting the rights of employees and employee organizations.

The district shall not dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any employee organization or contribute financial or other support to it. (Government Code 3543.5)

Neither the district nor the employee organization shall impose or threaten to impose reprisals on employees, discriminate or threaten to discriminate against employees, or otherwise interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees because of their membership or non-membership in an employee organization. (Government Code 3543.5, 3543.6)

FORMATION OF BARGAINING UNITS

Certificated and classified employees shall not be included in the same bargaining unit. (Government Code 3545)

For this purpose, supervisory employee means any employee, regardless of job description, having the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, layoff, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, discipline, assign work, direct, adjust grievance of other employees, or effectively recommend that action. The exercise of this authority shall not be merely routine or clerical in nature, but shall require the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 3540.1)

Employees serving in management, senior management, or confidential positions shall not be represented by an exclusive representative. Such employees may represent themselves individually or may be represented by an employee organization whose membership is composed entirely of employees designated as holding those positions, but that organization shall not meet and negotiate with the district. For this purpose: (Government Code 3540.1, 3543.4)

1. Management employee means any employee who has significant responsibilities for formulating district policies or administering district programs, and whose position is designated as a management position by the Board.
2. Confidential employee means any employee who is required to develop or present management positions with respect to employer-employee relations or whose duties normally require access to confidential information that is used to contribute significantly to the development of management positions.

PAYMENT OF DUES OR SERVICE FEE

Upon the written request of a recognized employee organization, the Superintendent or designee shall deduct the amount of organization dues or the fair share service fee, determined in accordance with

Government Code 3546, from the wages and salary of each employee represented by that employee organization and shall pay that amount to the employee organization. (Education Code 45060, 45168; Government Code 3546)

Any employee who is a member of a religious body whose traditional tenets or teachings include objections to joining or financially supporting employee organizations shall not be required to join, maintain membership in, or financially support any employee organization as a condition of employment. However, such an employee may be required to pay an amount equal to the service fee to a designated charitable fund. (Government Code 3546.3)

Each employee organization shall, within 60 days after the end of its fiscal year, provide the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) and the employees who are members of the organization with a detailed financial report consisting of a balance sheet and an operating statement. If the employee organization fails to provide the financial report, any employee within the organization may issue an order compelling the organization to provide the financial report. (Government Code 3546.5)

LEGAL REFERENCE

EDUCATION CODE

45060-45061.5 Deduction of fees from salary or wage payment, certificated employees
45100.5 Senior management positions
45104.5 Abolishment of senior classified management positions
45108.5 Definitions of senior classified management employees
45108.7 Waiver of provisions of 45108.5
45168 Deduction of fees from salary or wage payment, classified employees
45220-45320 Merit system, classified employees

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act, especially:
3540.1 Definitions
3543.4 Management position; representation
3545 Appropriateness of unit; basis
6254.3 Disclosure of employee contact information to employee organization
6503.5 Joint powers agencies
53260-53264 Employment contracts

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

33015-33490 Recognition of exclusive representative; proceedings
33700-33710 Severance of established unit
34020 Petition to rescind organizational security arrangement
34055 Reinstatement of organizational security arrangement

COURT DECISIONS

County of Los Angeles v. Service Employees International Union, Local 721, (2011), 192 Cal.App.4th 1409

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Collective Bargaining DVD-ROM
Before the Strike: Planning Ahead in Difficult Negotiations, 1996

WEBSITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
Association of California School Administrators: <http://www.acsa.org>
California Federation of Teachers: <http://www.cft.org>
California School Employees Association: <http://www.csea.com>
California Teachers Association: <http://www.cta.org>
Public Employment Relations Board: <http://www.perb.ca.gov>