# The Advisory Bulletin

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To: ALL EMPLOYEES

Date: September 15, 2016

No. 17108

Subject: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Prepared By: Maria Stout, Employment Supervisor, Human Resources

Approved By: Christine Cornejo, Interim Assist. Superintendent, HR

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CLASSIFIED

ACTIVITY LEADER: SCIENCE, 3.5 HR.
$1,149 - $1,394 per month
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

AIDE I, 3 HR./AIDE I BILINGUAL, 3 HR.
$724-$881 per month
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF, 6 HR.
$1,967 - $2,388 per month
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
Eight hour equivalent: $2,530 - $3,076 per month
(Prorated salary based on hours worked)
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CLASSROOM TRAINING
October 10 – 14, 2016
CLOSING: September 21, 2016

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINEE
$11.15 per Hour
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINER
Salary: $3,353 - $4,078 per month
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

SIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT, 6 HR.
$1,805-$2,195
OPEN UNTIL FILLED

SPECIALY FUNDED PROGRAM CERK, BILINGUAL, 6 HR.
Salary: $1,725 - $2,093 per month
CLOSING: September 28, 2016

SPECIALY FUNDED CLERK, 7 HR.
Salary: $2,013 - $2,442 per month.
CLOSING: September 28, 2016
STAFF SECRETARY
Salary: $2,626- $3,187 per month
CLOSING: September 28, 2016

CERTIFICATED

PROGRAM SPECIALIST, SPECIAL EDUCATION
Salary: Current teacher salary schedule plus $3,420 stipend
CLOSING: September 28, 2016

TEACHER, PRE-KINDERGARTEN
Salary: Current pre-kindergarten teacher salary schedule
CLOSING: September 28, 2016

Details and application can be accessed from any internet connected computer:
Visit our web page at: http://www.bcsd.com
Teachers Needed!

Like many parts of California, Kern County is facing a shortage of school teachers. A combination of an aging workforce and impending retirements, population growth in our community and a declining number of candidates enrolled in teacher preparation programs has contributed to the deficiency.

Jobs are aplenty for teachers. Our Prospective Teacher Information Sessions are designed to bring more candidates into our local university teacher credentialing programs and give second career candidates, bachelor’s degree holders and college students a one-stop shop to learn about earning a teaching credential and be linked to resources to assist them on their pathway to teaching.

2016-17
Prospective Teacher Information Sessions
September 28, 2016
November 15, 2016
January 25, 2017
April 25, 2017
June 14, 2017
5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.
KCSOS — City Centre 1300
17th St. — Room 1B

Registration is NOT required to attend
• Learn the facts about California’s teacher shortage
• Hear about the important impact teachers have on our youth and our community
• Learn about the various pathways for earning a teaching credential
• Meet university representatives who can help you every step of the way

Questions? Call Tania Schalburg-Dykes at 661-852-5667 or email taschalburg@kern.org
## Attendance Enhancement, Chronic Absenteeism, and SARB Professional Development

Come explore all that is new in the attendance world: including updated attendance enhancement resources, chronic absenteeism data and about BCSD’s Student Attendance Review Board Restructure.

*Learn how to work smarter through early outreach and intervention.*

Please register for one of the following dates:

- **Tuesday, September 20, 2016**
- **Thursday, September 22, 2016**

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Main Conference Room

**Seating is limited. Registration is required.**
To register, please contact Leticia Gonzalez by email gonzalezle@bcsd.com or ext. 14634.
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**Professional Development**

**Homeless/Foster Youth, Custody, and the School**

Come and learn more about what BCSD is doing to identify and meet the needs of students who are experiencing homelessness and living in foster care, as well as a brief overview of common custody related issues.

*Learn how to better serve these students and how to improve the quality and stability of their education.*

Please register for one of the following dates:

- **Thursday, October 6, 2016**
- **Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Main Conference Room

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Seating is limited. Registration is required.
To register, please contact Leticia Gonzalez by email gonzalezle@bscd.com or ext. 14634.
Curriculum Lab
Open Saturday

The Curriculum Lab will be open Saturday, September 17, 2016. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

On this day the Curriculum Lab will be offering lamination at 0.10¢ per foot as well as FREE prizes for the first 25 guests!!

Our regular hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Fisher at extension 14808.
To: Principals, Academic Coaches, Academic Program Leaders, FACE Liaisons

Date: 9/15/2016  
No. 17113

Subject: District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting- September 21, 2016

Prepared By: Tina Mendez, Clerk VI, ELL Services

Reviewed By: Erick Casallas, Supervisor, ELL Services

Approved By: Rachelle Montoya, Director, Curriculum and Instruction  
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For any questions regarding DELAC, please contact Tina Mendez at 631-4682, Ext. 14682.

DELAC  
District English Learner Advisory Committee

September 21, 2016  
Education Center  
Professional Development Center (PDC)  
9:00-11:00 a.m.
EL Data and Strategies
For Teachers from the following sites:

Saturday, September 17, 2016
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Professional Development Center

*Participants will be paid at the PD rate of $40 an hour. Light breakfast will be served.*
Space is limited to the first 50 participants to register.

To register, please click on the following link:
goo.gl/V9YhZc
or contact ELL Services at 631-3221.

Please visit our website at www.bcsd.com/ell
Welcome Jedi Masters! This year the theme is Jedi Tech Training for #KernCUE16!

The Kern Technology Festival 2016 will be held on October 8, 2016 from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. There will be three concurrent session times along with a student showcase.

Concurrent sessions are one-hour, lecture-style or BYOD presentations that address all areas of the curriculum and appeal to a variety of teachers, administrators, and IT personnel. Sessions may be given by a single speaker, team or panel who can address the needs of the novice user of educational technology as well as the more experienced professional. Please note that these are classrooms and NOT computer labs.

As a primary presenter of a session you would receive a complimentary conference registration. In an uncertain budget year, presenting is a cost effective way to ensure your participation. Please take this opportunity to lend your expertise to the conference; your presentation would enhance the quality of our event.

All presenters will be given access to a projector but need to provide their own laptop. List any other needs in Special Needs.

Submissions are due by September 25, 2016. Presenters will be notified by September 28, 2016 of acceptance.
STEAM Programs Available! From Kern Pioneer Village

Starting in February, Kern Pioneer Museum will have two STEAM programs available for local schools funded through a grant from Chevron:

1. “The ’52 Quake” is a program taught by a professional storyteller in a school assembly format focusing on the compelling story of the 1952 earthquake that almost leveled Bakersfield. The 40-minute program includes the science behind the quake and complies with 6th grade science standards on plate tectonics. It can be followed by an optional 4 week residency where students learn storytelling techniques (ties with 6th grade theater standards). The students can then present a telling of their earthquake stories at the school or for parents. The program can take place at your school or at the Museum.

   “The ’52 Quake” assembly program- $750
   Optional 4-week residency in storytelling- $480/class
2. “Photo Safari” is a program designed for 7th grade- high school. Students come to the museum for a photography class with a professional photo artist learning how to take great picture with their phones or ipads. They will take pictures all around the grounds of the museum (or could be done on school campus). This is followed by a class on school site in Photoshop learning to manipulate the photos. Teachers can incorporate English Language classes by having students write an essay on their photos and develop the writings and photos into a magazine that can be laid out in InDesign or other professional software. These software programs are industry standard and go towards job readiness for students seeking tech/design jobs after school.

Sample available at [http://online.fliphtml5.com/krqr/ttkf/#p=1](http://online.fliphtml5.com/krqr/ttkf/#p=1)

“Photo Safari” - $120/hour/per class at the museum or at the school. School must have computers and software if done at the school site.

Other programs can be customized for the school district such as “A Night At The Museum.” Schools can take part in Wednesday Night Museum programs which will run Feb-May. More information will be available on these programs soon.

For more information on any of our programs contact Zoot Velasco, CEO, Kern Pioneer Village at (866) 660-3330 or at [zoot@kernpioneer.org](mailto:zoot@kernpioneer.org)
Bakersfield City School District
The Advisory Bulletin

To: All Principals and Teachers  
Date: September 15, 2016  
No. 17117

Subject: Bakersfield City School District Oral Language Festival Guidelines

Prepared By: Michael D. Stone, Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts Department

Approved By: Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Director, Instructional Support Services Division

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Bakersfield City School District

Oral Language Festival 2016

The following pages include the registration materials that will be used for Bakersfield City School District Oral Language Festival. The dates and locations are listed below.

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The Oral Language Festival invites students to enjoy literature through reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Participating schools will be allowed one entry per event category. Students may participate in only one event category. The five event categories are:

- SERIOUS INTERPRETATION – SOLO
- HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION – SOLO
- SERIOUS INTERPRETATION – DUO
- HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION – DUO
- VERSE CHOIR

Please ensure that literature selections are appropriate for age, event, and presentation to a community audience. Literature selections must be published works that are available to all students. Selections that are found only in distributions such as organizational newsletters, the Internet, and regional newspapers are not acceptable because they are not available to all Grade 4-8 students. Appropriateness of both literature and mode of delivery is the responsibility of the principal. The principal should be aware of and approve all selections. New this year: A Script must be submitted for each entry. Please clearly type the names of the participant(s) and the title selection at the top of each script and send with your registration form.

The top four Bakersfield City School District winners from each category will be eligible to participate in the Kern County Oral Language Festival on Saturday January 28, 2017 at Stonecreek Junior High School.

Registration and Festival Volunteer Forms are included on the following pages. Please go to the Visual and Performing Arts Department website http://www.bcsd.com/vapa/orallang to download this year's Oral Language Festival Guidelines.
TO: Michael D. Stone, Coordinator  
Visual and Performing Arts Department

FROM:  
School  
Coach/Contact Person

Please print or type the information below. Schools are allowed one entry per event category. Students may participate in only one event. **A code number will be assigned to each student by the Visual and Performing Arts Department Staff and a copy of this form will be sent back to the coach prior to the event.**

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(List Student Names and Grades Below: i.e., - Josh Lopez, 5)

1. ___________________________  4. ___________________________
2. ___________________________  5. ___________________________
3. ___________________________  6. ___________________________

**BUS TRANSPORTATION NEEDED:**
Saturday, November 5, 2016   YES ____ / NO_____
Saturday, December 3, 2016   YES ____ / NO_____

Return this form to the Visual and Performing Arts Department no later than Friday, October 21, 2016. You may fax the form to the Visual and Performing Arts Department Fax Number at 324-3182.

New this year: A Script must be submitted for each entry. Please clearly type the names of the participant(s) and the title selection at the top of each script and send with your registration form.
Oral Language Festival 2016

Release of Directory Information for Purposes of Publicity

As an outcome of participating in the Oral Language Festival, information about a participating student may be publicly disclosed (e.g., student's name, school award received, and involvement in this contest). These disclosures are permissible under "directory information" law and policy unless the parent or legal guardian ("Parent") has notified the school in writing that such information may not be disclosed. I declare that no Parent of a student entered in this contest has given a notice of non-participation in the release of directory information policy (i.e., placed a check in the "Release of Directory Information" box of the Parent Acknowledgement page of the Guide for Parents and Students).

_______________________________________________________   ______________________________________
Principal’s Signature      Date

_______________________________________________________
School

Please return the completed form to the Visual and Performing Arts Department Office by Friday, October 21, 2016. You may fax the form to the Visual and Performing Arts Department Fax Number at 324-3182.
Oral Language Festival 2016

Volunteer Form

TO: Michael D. Stone, Coordinator
Visual and Performing Arts Department

Please duplicate this form as needed.

Name of Volunteer: ________________________________

School/Department: ________________________________

Phone Number(s): ________________________________

Check the event you would like to volunteer for:

☐ Junior High/Middle (Grades 7-8):
  Saturday, November 5, 2016 BCSD Education Center

☐ Elementary (Grades 4-6):
  Saturday, December 3, 2016 California State University, Bakersfield

If you have any questions, please contact the Visual and Performing Arts Department at 631-4774.

Please return the completed form to the Visual and Performing Arts Department Office by Friday, October 21, 2016. You may fax the form to the Visual and Performing Arts Department Fax Number at 324-3182.
Curriculum Blast

Building a “Balanced Learning” Classroom to meet CCSS and the Universal Design for Learning.

Times: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

September 20, 2016

Grades K-2

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Register at: http://goo.gl/cTwSNv
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Register at: [http://goo.gl/Y2MTdC](http://goo.gl/Y2MTdC)

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Register at: [http://goo.gl/dO453a](http://goo.gl/dO453a)

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Teachers will be paid Professional Development Project Pay.
Kern Battle of the Books: This event has separate competitions for students in grades 4-6 and 6-8. Students are expected to read a minimum of 20-30 books from the 2016-17 Battle of the Books Standard List for their grade span (http://battleofthebooks.org/book-list/). Schools enter teams of 4-6 grade students to participate in the Kern County event in May. Dates and location have yet to be determined. Schools enter teams of 6-8 grade students to participate in the Kern County event (date has yet to be determined) at Valley Oaks Charter School. Students are placed on mixed school teams for the event and participate in “battles” with other teams. Schools must register to participate in the 4-6 event by November 30, 2016. The fee to participate is $50.00 per school regardless of the number of students. Checks should be made out to the Kern Battle of the Books and should be mailed to Marilyn Fowler, 7809 Olcott Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308. Student names must be submitted by April 21, 2017. Complete information for the 4-6 event is available at http://ci.kern.org/StudentEvents/English or www.kernreadingassociation.org. For more information regarding the 6-8 grade competition, please contact Lorrie Roberts at loroberts@kern.org.
School Registration Form – Intent to Participate
Grades 4-6
Please complete this form and send it with the $50.00 registration fee (payable to Kern County Battle of the Books) by November 30, 2016 to:
Marilyn Fowler
7809 Olcott Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Name of School: __________________________

School address: __________________________

North, South or Central County? __________________

School phone number: ______________________

Contact Person for BOB: ____________________

E-mail address: ______________________________

Maximum number of students per school - 30
(An accurate list of students is due by April 24, 2017)

For questions, contact Katie Feldstein at battleofthebooksnorth@gmail.com
or Sarah McDonald at battleofthebookssouth@gmail.com
or Jan Lanse at battleofthebookscentral@gmail.com
or Teresa Twisselman at 661-636-4645 tetwisselman@kern.org
Kern Battle of the Books Registration Form
2016 - 2017
Jr High (6th - 8th grade)

School Name: _____________________________

District Name: ___________________________

Coordinator Name: _______________________

Coordinator Email: _______________________

Coordinator Phone Number: _____________

Number of participants: (just an estimate) ______

Registration fee is $40 per school

Please make checks out to Educational Services Foundation

Please send your registration fee by January 31, 2017 to:

Valley Oaks Charter School
3401 Chester Ave, Bldg. “D”
Bakersfield, CA 93301
**To:** All Principals and Teachers  
**Date:** 9/15/16  
**No.** 17120

**Subject:** Fuel Your School

**Prepared By:** Esmeralda Romero, Curriculum and Instruction

**Approved By:** Rachelle Montoya, Director, Curriculum and Instruction

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What do your students need? Microscopes, art supplies, books... post your project request now!

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[POST PROJECT](https://www.donorschoose.org)

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The 9th Annual Bakersfield City School District Junior High/Middle School Choir Sharing Festival will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2016**, at the Sierra Middle School Auditorium from 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. This information is provided to assist you with your school planning. School sites will be responsible for providing class coverage for Vocal Music Teachers so that they can attend the Event. Visual and Performing Arts Department Staff have made bus requests for the field trip. Field Trip Permission Forms have been sent to the vocal music teachers by the Visual and Performing Arts Department Office.

School sites will need to provide a chaperone to accompany students on the field trip if their Vocal Music Teacher is unavailable due to his/her itinerant status.

Please contact Michael Stone, Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts Department, at 631-4810, should you have questions.
The first in the series of Bakersfield Symphony Young People's Concerts will be presented at the Rabobank Convention Center on Friday, November 4, 2016, for 6th grade students. Due to seating limitations, please do not include 5th grade students from combination classes.

The bus schedule for each school is on page three of this TAB. Bus requests have been made by the Visual and Performing Arts Department Office. If your enrollment is significantly different than is listed on page three, call the Visual and Performing Arts Department at 631-4774. Bus counts are finalized by the Transportation Department two weeks prior to this event. School secretaries should provide classroom teachers with field trip authorization forms to send home with all participating students one week prior to the event. Parent chaperones are not allowed to attend the concerts due to seating limitations.

Please return the Evaluation Form (page two) following the concert.

**PROGRAM TO BE SELECTED FROM:**

- “Meet the Orchestra”
- Tchaikovsky, Serenade, Movement I
- Anderson, Plink, Plank, Plunk
- Copland, Fanfare for a Common Man
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone
  - November 4, 2016
  - *Will involve audience interaction*

Teachers are reminded to review the following with your class before the performance:

- Students should use the restrooms at school before leaving for the Rabobank Convention Center.
- Students are to remain seated throughout the entire performance.
- Applause at a concert is clapping only.
“Tchaikovsky, Serenade, Movement I"  
“Anderson, Plink, Plank, Plunk"  
“Copland, Fanfare for a Common Man"  
“Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone"

Do you feel the concert was suitable for your grade level?  Yes ___  No ___

(Comments)_________________________________________________________________

Please list any other helpful comments for improving the organization of the concert:
____________________________________________________________________________

Thank you for completing this evaluation. Please return to the Visual and Performing Arts Department by Friday, November 18, 2016.

Suggestions for Class Preparation Prior to Attending the Concert
- Listen to a recording of some of the selections.
- Learn about the composer.
- Learn about the historical period and about any story that the music tells.
- Discuss the instruments of the symphony orchestra.
- Listen to examples of each of the symphony instruments:
  1. Winds – clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon;
  2. Brass – trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba;
  3. Strings – violin, viola, cello, bass;
- Discuss appropriate concert behavior:
  1. Sit quietly; the performers can hear you. If you are noisy, they will think you do not like their performance.
  2. Don’t get up and move around during the performance.
  3. Applaud politely at the appropriate times.

Suggestions for after the concert
- Discuss the music and ask what was liked and disliked
- Ask why selected portions or parts were or were not liked
- Compare the different selections performed at the concert
  1. How are they alike or different?
  2. Did any music tell a story or sound like a story?
  3. Did any music stir emotions?
First Performance 2016

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To: Principals, Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade Teachers, and School Secretaries

Subject: Visual and Performing Arts Department Dates "At-A-Glance" REVISED

Prepared By: Michael D. Stone, Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts Department

Approved By: Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Director, Instructional Support Services

The following information is provided to school sites for the purpose of calendaring the 2016-2017 academic year. For a more complete list of Visual and Performing Arts Department event dates and deadlines, visit the website at: www.bcsd.com/vapa/calendar

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The purpose of this TAB is to announce the date that each school’s Spelling Bee winner will participate in the 2017 District Spelling Bee. A future TAB will include registration forms due to the Visual and Performing Arts Department Office on Thursday, November 17, 2016. Each school will select one winner and one alternate. Alternates will not participate in the District competition, but are invited to observe.

**Region I**
**Tuesday, January 17, 2017**
**6:30 p.m.**
**Education Center • Auditorium**

- Chavez
- College Heights
- Eissler
- Evergreen
- Fletcher
- Franklin
- Hills
- McKinley
- Nichols
- Noble
- Owens Int.
- Wm. Penn
- Roosevelt
- Voorhies
- Wayside
- Frank West
- Cato
- Chipman
- Curran
- Sierra
- Stiern

**Region II**
**Thursday, January 19, 2017**
**6:30 p.m.**
**Education Center • Auditorium**

- Casa Loma
- Downtown
- Fremont
- Garza
- Harding
- Harris
- Hort
- Jefferson
- Longfellow
- Horace Mann
- Mt. Vernon
- Munsey
- Pauly
- Pioneer Drive
- Thorner
- Williams
- Compton
- Emerson
- Sequoia
- Washington

**Kern County Spelling Bee:** There will be a Kern County Spelling Bee in 2017. The Kern County Retired Teacher’s Association is considering sponsorship of this event. Information will follow in a future TAB.

**Word Lists:** You may download the Spell It! 2017 booklet for use in preparing students for your school spelling bee at: [http://www.myspellit.com](http://www.myspellit.com). This word list will be sent to each school in hard copy later in the fall.

Words chosen for the District Spelling Bee will be taken exclusively from Spell It! 2017.
To: Principals, School Secretaries, and 4th Grade Teachers  Date: 9/15/16  No. 17125

Subject: Every Kid in a Park

Prepared By: Pamela Fisher Coordinator, Instructional Materials

Approved By: Rachelle Montoya, Director, Curriculum and Standards

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**FREE National Park Passes to every 4th Grader!**

Every Kid in a Park was created so that all fourth graders and their families could discover our wildlife, resources, and history for free. You can bike through a forest. Walk in a desert. See a whale burst through the ocean's surface. Do all this and more with your pass. And, bring a car full of family and friends for free!

How it Works: Print a pass from the website to our National lands and waters. Plan your trip with your family, then bring your printed pass with you when you visit as it has a unique code for entrance.

Information Kits are available in English and Spanish

https://www.everykidinapark.gov/about
STUDENT ABSENCE RELATED TO A RELIGIOUS PURPOSE

Executive Summary
Law and policy permit an absence for religious reasons to be excused when: (1) the parent submits a written request indicating a recognized religious purpose; and (2) the principal or designee approves the request. Without a factual finding sent to the parent in a letter pre-approved by the supervisor of student services, requests for an excused absence developed consistent with the law will be approved. A form is attached to facilitate proper parent requests.

Background
California has a compulsory school attendance law requiring each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years to attend school for the full time designated by the governing board unless otherwise provided for in law (Education Code Section 48200). Every pupil is required to attend school punctually and regularly (Title 5 California Code of Regulations Section 300).

Although the governing board can impose reasonable regulations for school attendance, both the courts and the legislature have taken steps to help ensure schools accommodate the religious needs of students. As this applies to school attendance, the California Education Code establishes a procedure by which an absence from school for a religious reason may become excused (Education Code Section 48205 and 46014).

An absence for religious reasons may become excused if: (1) the parent submits a written request indicating a recognized religious purpose; and (2) the principal or designee approves the request. The religious purposes listed in the statutes include a religious: (1) holiday; (2) ceremony; (3) retreat; (4) instruction; and (5) exercise.

Procedure
Upon the parent/guardian’s written request, developed consistent with law and policy, an absence is approved by the principal/designee as excused (see attached form). Several religious purposes may serve as the reason the absence is excused. The chart below lists the necessary conditions, limits, and the purposes for excusing a student absence related to religious reasons.

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**Necessary Conditions/Limits**

- Written Request by Parent/Guardian: X
- No hour/day limitation: X
- Limited to 4 hours per semester: X
- Requires minimum day attendance and limited to 4 days per school month: X
- Principal/Designee Approval: X

Absences Related to Religious Purposes
Request Approved Unless Written Fact-Based Finding

Implementing applicable law and policy requires acceptance of all reasonable and conforming requests for an excused absence. A parent/legal guardian completing the Prior Approval Excused Absence Request form or making a written request in a substantially similar format, will have that request approved unless the principal/designee notifies the parent in writing of their fact-based determination for the disapproval (i.e., send pre-approved letter containing facts for denied request). A “finding of fact” is a determination of a fact supported by the evidence in the record. “Pre-approved” means the supervisor of student services has approved the denial letter before it is sent by the school to the parent/guardian.

To illustrate, let us say the school receives a written request for a student’s absence to be excused for a school day because the student was attending a religious retreat. Application of the law and policy to this request shows attendance at a religious retreat is limited to 4 hours per semester. The parent has requested a school day. The written factual finding could read as follows.

<Letterhead>
Dear <name of parent>:

In response to your notice of <date> which we received on the <date> requesting your student’s absence for a school day for a religious retreat, the District must treat all but four (4) hours of your child's absences on <date> as unexcused. Under state law, the District can excuse up to four (4) hours per semester for attendance at a religious retreat. Please see California Education Code Section 48205 (a)(7) and (c).

To further illustrate, consider a request where the parent asks for an excused absence because the student will be showing animals at the fair (e.g., writes it on a note or enters it on the form).

<Letterhead>
Dear <name of parent>:

I am writing in response to your notice of <date> which we received on the <date>, requesting your student’s absence from school be excused because he will be showing animals at the fair. We must treat an absence for showing animals at the fair as unexcused. Please see California Education Code Section 48205 (a)(7). We regret the necessity for this response, but we see this as complying with law and policy.

In conclusion, absent a factual finding sent to the parent in a letter, requests for an excused absence on the basis of a religious purpose will be approved.

Completion of School Work

When a student’s absence from school is excused, the student 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 (California Education Code Section 48205).

Questions

Please direct your questions and comments to Melissa Banal Hoyt at 14633 or Jesse D. Beed at 14637. Please fax parent requests for excused absence for justifiable personal reasons and draft letters to the attention of Melissa Banal Hoyt at 861-0801 or Jesse D. Beed at 324-3059.
Regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. Parents/guardians should take all reasonable steps to promote attendance every day, all day. When this form is completed and given to the school office in advance of a student’s absence, it becomes a written request that a student’s absence be marked excused. This form is used only for the personal reasons listed below (e.g., not used for personal illness, funeral services of an immediate family member).

**Reasons for the Student’s Absence (Check One)**

- [ ] Appearance in court
- [ ] Attendance at a funeral service (for other than a member of the student’s immediate family)
- [ ] Observing a holiday or ceremony of the student’s religion
- [ ] Religious retreat (Limited to four hours per semester)
- [ ] Participation in moral or religious instruction or exercises (On the day of the absence, requires the student to attend at least the minimum school day before release and is limited to four [4] days per school month)
- [ ] Attendance at an employment conference
- [ ] Attendance at an educational conference on the legislative or judicial process offered by a nonprofit organization

Family trips and vacations are not reasons for an excused absence under law and policy and will be recorded as unexcused unless advance arrangements are made for independent study. Parents/guardians are encouraged to plan family trips and vacations outside of the instructional schedule.

**Student Name:** ____________________________  **Grade:** ______  **School:** ____________________________

**Day/Date of Absence:** ____________________________, 201____

**Approval by parent/guardian:** I verify the absence qualifies for the reason checked above.

I understand my student is responsible for making up any assignments, which can be made up, during the absence.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** ____________________________  **Date:** ________________

Note: You will receive a response if this request is not approved. Should you require confirmation of receipt or acceptance, please contact the school office.

**Approval by principal/designee:** This prearranged absence request has been reviewed by me and qualifies as (check one):

- [ ] Excused
- [ ] Unexcused (Date letter approved _______ Date letter sent ________________

**Principal/designee Signature:** ____________________________  **Date:** ________________

References: Education Code 46010- 46014; 48205; Absences and Excuses (BP 602.6); School Day (BP 400.8)

Include a copy of this form with the Attendance Class Roster (ACR) and other backup documentation, attach copy of denial letter.  PS-30
To: All School Principals, Secretaries, and 5th grade Teachers

Date: September 15, 2016

No. 17127

Subject: California Healthy Kids Survey – 5th Grade Students

Prepared By: Lewis Neal, Youth Services Supervisor, Instructional Support Services

Approved By: Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Director, Instructional Support Services

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California Healthy Kids Survey

5th Grade: September 26 – October 9, 2016

The Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan stipulates that BCSD will administer the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) to all 5th graders on a yearly basis. **The dates for the 5th grade survey is September 26 - October 9, 2016.** The survey takes approximately **50 minutes to complete.**

The California Healthy Kids Survey is an anonymous and confidential student report of attitudes, health risk behaviors, and protective factors. The survey gathers information on behaviors such as: physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; school safety; and environmental and individual strengths.

The California Healthy Kids Survey is a great way to receive feedback and valuable information from students in a confidential manner. It is a critical component of school improvement efforts to help guide the development of more effective health, prevention, and youth development programs.

**Under separate cover, each school will receive instructions, parent consent forms, surveys, scantrons and transmittal envelopes.**

**Please let me know which date you will administer the survey and the name of the staff person who will coordinate the survey for your school.** The 7th grade survey will be administered beginning in October and you will receive information prior to October.

You can email me at neall@bcsd.com or call ext. 14775 if you have any questions.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*
To: Principals, Secretaries, FACE Liaisons, School & Communities Activities Assistants, Family Advocates and Outreach Liaisons

Date: 9/15/2016

No. 17128

Subject: Parent University Kick-Off Celebration & Resource Fair - September 24, 2016

Prepared By: Jocelyn Sillas, Family and Community Engagement Representative, Instructional Support Services

Reviewed By: Dee Dee Harrison, Coordinator, Parent Engagement, Instructional Support Services

Approved By: Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Director, Instructional Support Services

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**Parent University**

**KICK-OFF CELEBRATION & RESOURCE FAIR**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

*Registration: 8:30 a.m.*

*Event: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

*Location: Stiern Middle School 2551 Morning Dr.*

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**FREE!**

- BBQ Lunch
- Child Care
- Parent Education Classes
- Chance to win KC Fair tickets!
- Bus Passes (If Needed)

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Keynote Address: Speaker, Educator, Best-Selling Author

**Dr. Nicoline Ambe**

*Message: “Helping Parents Raise High Achievers”*

Meet BCSD’s New Superintendent, Mr. Harry “Doc” Ervin

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Community Sponsors:

- Pepsi
- Foodmaxx
- Costco
- Smart & Final
- Albertsons
- Vons

For more information contact:
Family and Community Engagement Department 661-631-4763

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“Parents are their child’s first teacher”
To: Principals, Secretaries, FACE Liaisons, School Community Activities Assistants, Family Advocates and Outreach Liaisons  
Date: September 15, 2016  
No. 17129  

Subject: District Advisory Committee (DAC) Parent Representatives and Calendar of Meetings  

Prepared By: Jocelyn Sillas, FACE Representative, Family and Community Engagement  
Reviewed By: Dee Dee Harrison, Coordinator, Family and Community Engagement  
Approved By: Dr. Tim Fulenwider, Director, Instructional Support Services  

District Advisory Committee  
Parent Representatives  

Eligibility to serve as a District Advisory Committee representative, (DAC) requires that the District include representation of students in need (e.g., low income, and foster youth) and be a parent or guardian (1) of a student scoring at the basic level or below (i.e., basic, below basic, or far below basic) on the statewide assessments (Education Code Section 54425 (a)); or (2) is selected by the principal by meeting the criteria of being on free or reduced lunch; or (3) is the parent or guardian of a foster or disadvantaged youth student.

Designated parents must be able to attend the meetings during the time of 12:00 noon -1:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Professional Development Center @ 1300 Baker St. 

(Free child care, light refreshments will be provided during the meetings AND bus passes available upon request)

Please submit the form below to the Family and Community Engagement Department indicating the parent representatives that will attend the DAC meetings and be responsible for reporting back to your SSC, Committees, and the principal regarding the information that was discussed at the meetings. All schools are required to submit two DAC representatives, and for ensuring their monthly attendance and reports to School Site Council.

If you need assistance, please call: Jocelyn Sillas at 661- 631- 4803.

Please return the form to the Family and Community Engagement Dept. program by Thursday, September 15, 2016, e-mail to sillasi@bcsd.com

School: ____________________________ Principal: ____________________________

Parent Representative Name: ______________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________________
E-mail (if available): _______________________________________________________
Student Name(s): __________________________________________________________

Parent Representative Name: ______________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________________
E-mail: (if available): _____________________________________________________
Student Name(s): __________________________________________________________
All meetings will be held at:
Professional Development Center (PDC)
1300 Baker St. 93305

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **October 4, 2016**
- **November 1, 2016**
- **December 6, 2016**
- **January 10, 2017**
- **February 7, 2017**
- **March 7, 2017**
- **April 4, 2017**
- **May 2, 2017**

*Translation will be provided*

Free child care - Bus passes available upon request

For more information please contact Jocelyn Sillas in Family and Community Engagement at 631-4803 or sillasj@bcisd.com

Parents: Text @dacrep to 81010 to sign up for our reminders!
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# Technology Training for Beginners

This is a 6 week training series designed to equip teachers with foundational knowledge of the Chromebook, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Classroom, and the basics of digital collaboration. Participants should plan to attend all 6 sessions at the same location.

**Training Times:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.

- **Session 1:** OCTOBER 3
- **Session 2:** OCTOBER 10
- **Session 3:** OCTOBER 17
- **Session 4:** OCTOBER 31
- **Session 5:** NOVEMBER 7
- **Session 6:** NOVEMBER 14

**Locations:**

**Downtown, Evergreen, Sequoia & Washington**

Click on the following link to register:

[http://goo.gl/QQV7M8](http://goo.gl/QQV7M8)
Highland FFA
Fall Harvest Festival

Friday, October 28th
9 AM-11AM
Highland High School Farm
2900 Royal Scots Way

Please join us for our 31st Annual Fall Harvest at Highland High School. Students will enjoy themselves as they visit over fifty interactive booths and learn where the importance of Kern County Agriculture and where their food comes from. Planting, eating, and experiencing live animals are just a few experiences your students will cherish. Spots are limited to the first 500, so please RSVP soon. Highland High School is excited to teach your students in a FUN and exciting environment.

Click here to view a news clip from previous years’ event. https://youtu.be/bQxkeHtwKP0

Craig Davidson
Highland FFA Advisor
craig_davidson@kernhigh.org
BETA PIZZA PARTY!
(for new teachers)

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016
Time: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: BETA Office – 837 H Street
(across from St. Francis)

Please see attached flyer.
BETA PIZZA PARTY

Attention: 1st Year Teachers
Please come have a slice with us!

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 28th
Time: 4-6:30pm

Where: BETA Office 837 H Street
( across from St. Francis)

Why: You have survived the 1st month of school! Also: pizza.

RSVP: 661-327-4567 or Google Form

P.S. BRING OTHER NEW TEACHERS WITH YOU!
California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET)

**CSET Prep Series 2 for BCSD Employees**
(Series 2 is a repeat of Series 1)
Needing Multiple Subject CSET

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Please sign up via email to Susie Schneider in New Teacher Support schneiders@bcsd.com or Ext. 14650