OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER

STATE MANDATED COSTS CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2013-14

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (K-12)

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In accordance with Government Code (GC) sections 17560 and 17561, eligible claimants may submit claims to the State Controller's Office (SCO) for reimbursement of costs incurred for state-mandated cost programs. This document contains claiming instructions and forms that eligible claimants must use for filing claims for the Uniform Complaint Procedures (K-12) program. The Parameters and Guidelines (P's & G's) are included as an integral part of the claiming instructions.

On September 28, 2012, the Commission on State Mandates (CSM) adopted a Statement of Decision finding that Education Code sections 250, 251, and 262.3, and sections 4611, 4621, 4622, 4631, and 4632 of the Title 5 regulations impose a partially reimbursable state-mandated program upon school districts within the meaning of Article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and GC section 17514.

**Exception**

There will be no reimbursement for any period in which the Legislature has suspended the operation of a mandate pursuant to state law.

**Eligible Claimants**

With the exception of community colleges, any school district, as defined in GC section 17519, that incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate is eligible to claim for reimbursement. Charter schools are not eligible to claim for reimbursement.

**Reimbursement Claim Deadline**

Claims for fiscal year **2013-14** may be filed with the SCO by **February 17, 2015,** without a late claim penalty. **Claims filed more than one year after the filing date will not be accepted.**

**Penalty**

- **Initial Claims**

  When filed within one year of the initial filing deadline, claims are assessed a late penalty of 10% of the total amount of the initial claim without limitation pursuant to GC section 17561, subdivision (d)(3).

- **Annual Reimbursement Claim**

  When filed within one year of the annual filing deadline, claims are assessed a late penalty of 10% of the claim amount; $10,000 maximum penalty, pursuant to GC section 17568.

## Minimum Claim Cost

GC section 17564, subdivision (a), provides that no claim may be filed pursuant to Sections 17551 and 17561, unless such a claim exceeds one thousand dollars **($1,000),** provided that a county superintendent of schools may submit a combined claim on behalf of school districts within their county if the combined claim exceeds **$1,000,** even if the individual school district's claim does not each exceed **$1,000**. If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed $1,000, no reimbursement will be allowed except as otherwise allowed by GC section 17564. The county superintendent of schools will determine if the submission of the combined claim is economically feasible and be responsible for disbursing the funds to each school district. These combined claims may be filed only when the county superintendent of schools is the fiscal agent for the districts. A combined claim must show the individual claim costs for each eligible school district. All subsequent claims based upon the same mandate will only be filed in the combined form unless a school district provides a written notice of its intent to file a separate claim to the county superintendent of schools and to the SCO at least 180 days prior to the deadline for filing the claim.

## Reimbursement of Claims

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. These costs must be traceable and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, training packets, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating: "I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, these documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

## Audit of Costs

All claims submitted to the SCO are subject to review to determine if costs are related to the mandate, are reasonable and not excessive, and if the claim was prepared in accordance with the SCO's claiming instructions and the P's & G's adopted by the CSM. If any adjustments are made to a claim, the claimant will be notified of the amount adjusted, and the reason for the adjustment.

On-site audits will be conducted by the SCO as deemed necessary. Pursuant to GC section 17558.5, subdivision (a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a claimant is subject to audit by the SCO no later than three years after the date the actual reimbursement claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds were appropriated or no payment was

made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim was filed, the time for the SCO to initiate an audit will commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim.

All documents used to support the reimbursable activities must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the SCO during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings. Supporting documents must be made available to the SCO on request.

**Record Retention**

All documentation to support actual costs claimed must be retained for a period of three years after the date the claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. If no funds were appropriated or no payment was made at the time the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit will be from the date of initial payment of the claim. Therefore, all documentation to support actual costs claimed must be retained for the same period, and must be made available to the SCO on request.

**Claim Submission**

Submit a signed original Form FAM-27 and one copy with required documents. **Please sign the Form FAM-27 in blue ink and attach the copy to the top of the claim package.**

Mandated costs claiming instructions and forms are available online at the SCO's website: **www.sco.ca.gov/ard_mancost.html.**

Use the following mailing addresses:

If delivered by
U.S. Postal Service:

Office of the State Controller
Attn: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250

If delivered by
other delivery services:

Office of the State Controller
Attn: Local Reimbursements Section
Division of Accounting and Reporting
3301 C Street, Suite 700
Sacramento, CA 95816

If you have any questions, you may email **LRSDAR@sco.ca.gov** or call the Local Reimbursements Section at (916) 324-5729.

Adopted: January 25, 2013

# PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

Education Code Sections 250, 251, 262.3

Statutes 1982, Chapter 1117; Statutes 1988,
Chapter 1514; Statutes 1998, Chapter 914

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 4611, 4621, 4622, 4631, and 4632

Register 92, Number 3; Register 93, Number 51

*Uniform Complaint Procedures (K-12)*
03-TC-02

## I. SUMMARY OF THE MANDATE

These parameters and guidelines address activities associated with the procedures involved for filing, investigating, and resolving the following two types of complaints arising in a school district: (1) complaints that allege violations of federal or state law governing specific educational programs; and (2) complaints that allege discrimination in violation of state and federal antidiscrimination laws. These parameters and guidelines also address the notice requirements regarding the prohibition against discrimination and the available civil remedies for discrimination complaints.

On September 28, 2012, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) adopted a statement of decision on the test claim finding that Education Code sections 250, 251, and 262.3, and sections 4611, 4621, 4622, 4631, and 4632 of the Title 5 regulations impose a partially reimbursable state-mandated program upon school districts within the meaning of article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution and Government Code section 17514. The Commission approved the test claim for the reimbursable activities found under Section IV. Reimbursable Activities.

## II. ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS

Any "school district" as defined in Government Code section 17519, including county boards of education, and excluding community colleges, which incurs increased costs as a result of this mandate, is eligible to claim reimbursement.

## III. PERIOD OF REIMBURSEMENT

Government Code section 17557(e), states that a test claim shall be submitted on or before June 30 following a given fiscal year to establish eligibility for that fiscal year. The Solana Beach School District filed the test claim on July 23, 2003, establishing eligibility for reimbursement for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Therefore, costs incurred for the activities in these parameters and guidelines are reimbursable on or after July 1, 2002.

Reimbursement for state-mandated costs may be claimed as follows:

1. Actual costs for one fiscal year shall be included in each claim.
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 17561(d)(1)(A), all claims for reimbursement of initial fiscal year costs shall be submitted to the State Controller within 120 days of the issuance date for the claiming instructions.
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 17560(a), a school district may, by February 15 following the fiscal year in which costs were incurred, file an annual reimbursement claim that details the costs actually incurred for that fiscal year.
4. If revised claiming instructions are issued by the Controller pursuant to Government Code section 17558(c), between November 15 and February 15, a school district filing an annual reimbursement claim shall have 120 days following the issuance date of the revised claiming instructions to file a claim. (Government Code section 17560(b).)
5. If the total costs for a given fiscal year do not exceed $1,000, no reimbursement shall be allowed except as otherwise allowed by Government Code section 17564(a)
6. There shall be no reimbursement for any period in which the Legislature has suspended the operation of a mandate pursuant to state law.

## IV. REIMBURSABLE ACTIVITIES

To be eligible for mandated cost reimbursement for any fiscal year, only actual costs may be claimed. Actual costs are those costs actually incurred to implement the mandated activities. Actual costs must be traceable to and supported by source documents that show the validity of such costs, when they were incurred, and their relationship to the reimbursable activities. A source document is a document created at or near the same time the actual cost was incurred for the event or activity in question. Source documents may include, but are not limited to, employee time records or time logs, sign-in sheets, invoices, and receipts.

Evidence corroborating the source documents may include, but is not limited to, worksheets, cost allocation reports (system generated), purchase orders, contracts, agendas, and declarations. Declarations must include a certification or declaration stating, "I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct," and must further comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5. Evidence corroborating the source documents may include data relevant to the reimbursable activities otherwise in compliance with local, state, and federal government requirements. However, corroborating documents cannot be substituted for source documents.

The claimant is only allowed to claim and be reimbursed for increased costs for reimbursable activities identified below. Increased cost is limited to the cost of an activity that the claimant is required to incur as a result of the mandate.

For each eligible claimant that incurs increased costs, the following activities are reimbursable:

1. <u>Assurance of Compliance with Antidiscrimination Laws in Excess of Federal Law, and Notices Regarding Civil Remedies (Ed. Code, §§ 250, 251, and 262.3)</u>
    a. Provide written assurance to any state agency administering state financial assistance or student financial aid to the school district that each program or activity conducted by the school district will be in compliance with state antidiscrimination laws

prohibiting discrimination on the basis of religion and sexual orientation.[1] (Ed. Code, § 250 (Stats. 1998, ch. 914).)

b. Submit timely, complete, and accurate compliance reports regarding compliance with state antidiscrimination laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of religion and sexual orientation to the State Department of Education as the State Department of Education may require. (Ed. Code, § 251 (Stats. 1982, ch. 1117).)

c. Advise people who have filed a complaint with the school district pursuant to Education Code, division 1, part 1, chapter 2 (commencing with Ed. Code, § 200), which prohibits unlawful discrimination, that civil law remedies, including, but not limited to injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders, may also be available to complainants. (Ed. Code, § 262.3(b) (Stats. 1988, ch. 1514).)

d. Make available by publication in appropriate informational materials the information regarding the availability of civil remedies to people who have filed a complaint pursuant to Education Code, division 1, part 1, chapter 2 (commencing with Ed. Code, § 200). (Ed. Code, § 262.3(b) (Stats. 1988, ch. 1514).)

2. Uniform Complaint Procedures

a. Referral of Complaints to Appropriate Entities (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 5, § 4611)

(1) Refer discrimination issues involving title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 to the U.S. Office of Civil Rights (OCR) *only* if there is no state discrimination law or regulation at issue.[2] (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4611(c) (Register 92, No. 3).)

(2) Refer complaints of discrimination involving Child Nutrition Programs administered by the CDE from program participants or applicants to either the Administrator for the Food and Nutrition Service at the United States Department of Agriculture or to the United States Secretary of Agriculture. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4611(d) (Register 93, No. 51).)[3]

(3) Refer employment discrimination complaints to the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) and notify the complainant by certified mail of any DFEH transferral. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4611(d) (Register 92, No. 3).)

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[1] Education Code section 250 provides that a single assurance may be provided for all the programs and activities conducted by an educational institution.

[2] The limitation's reference to "state discrimination law or regulation at issue" refers to *any* state discrimination laws or regulations.

[3] California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 4611(c) was amended in Register 93, number 51, by separating complaints of discrimination involving Title IX and complaints of discrimination involving Child Nutrition Programs. The latter complaint became the subject of subdivision (d), shifting the remaining complaint types down a subdivision. The result is in Register 93, number 51 former subdivisions (d) and (e) became (e) and (f).

(4) Refer allegations of fraud to the responsible California Department of Education (CDE) Division Director and the CDE's Legal Office. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4611(e) (Register 92, No. 3).)

b. Adoption of Policies and Procedures for the Investigation of Complaints (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 5, § 4621) (One-Time Activity)

Only school districts formed during the reimbursement period that could not have adopted policies and procedures prior to the 2002-2003 fiscal year are mandated to engage in the below activity, but *only* for non-employment discrimination complaints alleging unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation (excluding sexual harassment on the basis of sexual orientation), *and* for complaints alleging violations of the following educational programs: (1) adult basic education for English and citizenship (Ed. Code, §§ 52540 and 52552); (2) child nutrition programs for the provision of one free or reduced price meal each school day to each needy pupil (Ed. Code, § 49550); and (3) special education (Ed. Code, §§ 56000 – 56885, excluding §§ 56390 – 56392, 56400 – 56414, 56472 – 56474, 56475 – 56476, and 56846 – 56847):[4]

(1) Adopt policies and procedures consistent with Chapter 5.1 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (commencing with section 4600) for the investigation and resolution of complaints.

The policies must ensure that complainants are protected from retaliation and that the identity of the complainant alleging discrimination remains confidential as appropriate. In addition, the policies and procedures are to include the person(s), employee(s), or agency position(s) or unit(s) responsible for receiving complaints, investigating complaints and ensuring local educational agency compliance. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, §§ 4621(a) and (b) (Register 92, No. 3).)

[4] This activity *is not reimbursable for* complaints regarding employment discrimination and discrimination on the basis of disability, sex (including sexual harassment generally and on the basis of sexual orientation), and age, and regarding the following educational programs: (1) Adult Basic Education established pursuant to Education Code sections 8500-8538 and 52500-52616.5 (except for Adult basic education for English and citizenship (Ed. Code, §§ 52540 and 52552)); (2) Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs as listed in Education Code section 64000(a); (3) Migrant Education established pursuant to Education Code sections 54440-54445; (4) Vocational Education established pursuant to Education Code section 52300-52480; (5) Child Care and Development programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 8200-8493; (6) Child Nutrition programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 49490-49560 (except child nutrition programs for the provision of one free or reduced price meal each school day to each needy pupil (Ed. Code, § 49550); and (7) Special Education programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 56390–56392, 56400–56414, 56472–56474, 56475–56476, 56846–56847, and 59000–59300.

c. Notification of Complaint Procedures, and Investigation and Disposition of Complaints (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 5, §§ 4622 and 4631)

School districts are mandated to engage in the below activities *only* for non-employment discrimination complaints alleging unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation (excluding sexual harassment on the basis of sexual orientation), *and* for complaints alleging violations of the following educational programs: (1) adult basic education for English and citizenship (Ed. Code, §§ 52540 and 52552); and (2) child nutrition programs for the provision of one free or reduced price meal each school day to each needy pupil (Ed. Code, § 49550):[5]

(1) Annually notify in writing school district students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, and other interested parties, of the school district complaint procedures.

The annual notice shall include: (1) the opportunity to appeal to the CDE and the provisions of Chapter 5.1 of title 5 of California Code of Regulations (commencing with section 4600); (2) the identity of the person(s) responsible for processing complaints; and (3) notice of any civil law remedies that may be available, and of the appeal and review procedures contained in California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 4650, 4652, and 4671. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4622 (Register 92, No. 3).)

(2) Complete the investigation of a complaint in accordance with the local procedures developed pursuant to section 4621 within 60 days from receipt of the complaint. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4631(a) (Register 92, No. 3).)

(3) Prepare a written Local Educational Agency Decision (Decision) and send the Decision to the complainant within 60 days from receipt of the complaint.

The Decision shall contain the findings and disposition of the complaint, including corrective actions if any, the rationale for such disposition, notice of the complainant's right to appeal the local educational agency decision to the CDE,

[5] These activities *are not reimbursable for* complaints regarding employment discrimination and discrimination on the basis of disability, sex (including sexual harassment generally and on the basis of sexual orientation), and age, and regarding the following educational programs: (1) Adult Basic Education established pursuant to Education Code sections 8500-8538 and 52500-52616.5 (except for Adult basic education for English and citizenship (Ed. Code, §§ 52540 and 52552)); (2) Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs as listed in Education Code section 64000(a); (3) Migrant Education established pursuant to Education Code sections 54440-54445; (4) Vocational Education established pursuant to Education Code section 52300-52480; (5) Child Care and Development programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 8200-8493; (6) Child Nutrition programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 49490-49560 (except child nutrition programs for the provision of one free or reduced price meal each school day to each needy pupil (Ed. Code, § 49550); and (7) Special Education programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 56000-56885 and 59000-59300.

and the procedures to be followed for initiating an appeal to the CDE. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4631(a) and (c) (Register 92, No. 3).)

(4) The investigation must provide an opportunity for the complainant, or the complainant's representative, or both, and school district representatives to present information relevant to the complaint. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4631(b) (Register 92, No. 3).)

d. Forwarding of Information to the Superintendent of Public Instruction Regarding Appealed District Decisions (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 5, § 4632)

School districts are mandated to engage in the below activities *only* for non-employment discrimination complaints alleging unlawful discrimination *and* for complaints alleging violations of the following educational programs: (1) adult basic education for English and citizenship (Ed. Code, §§ 52540 and 52552); and (2) child nutrition programs for the provision of one free or reduced price meal each school day to each needy pupil (Ed. Code, § 49550):[6]

(1) Forward the following to the Superintendent of Public Instruction upon notification by the Superintendent that the Decision has been appealed to the state-level by a complainant: (1) the original complaint; (2) a copy of the Local Educational Agency Decision; (3) a summary of the nature and extent of the investigation conducted by the local agency, if not covered in the Local Educational Agency Decision; (4) a report of any action taken to resolve the complaint; (5) a copy of the school district complaint procedures; and (6) such other relevant information as the Superintendent may require. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 4632 (Register 92, No. 3).)

## V. CLAIM PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

Each of the following cost elements must be identified for each reimbursable activity identified in Section IV. Reimbursable Activities, of this document. Each claimed reimbursable cost must be supported by source documentation as described in Section IV. Additionally, each reimbursement claim must be filed in a timely manner.

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[6] "Unlawful discrimination" as used in this activity is not limited and applies to complaints alleging unlawful discrimination on all grounds. This activity, however, is not reimbursable with respect to complaints regarding the following educational programs: (1) Adult Basic Education established pursuant to Education Code sections 8500-8538 and 52500-52616.5 (except for Adult basic education for English and citizenship (Ed. Code, §§ 52540 and 52552)); (2) Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs as listed in Education Code section 64000(a); (3) Migrant Education established pursuant to Education Code sections 54440-54445; (4) Vocational Education established pursuant to Education Code section 52300-52480; (5) Child Care and Development programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 8200-8493; (6) Child Nutrition programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 49490-49560 (except child nutrition programs for the provision of one free or reduced price meal each school day to each needy pupil (Ed. Code, § 49550); and (7) Special Education programs established pursuant to Education Code sections 56390–56392, 56400–56414, 56472–56474, 56475–56476, 56846–56847, and 59000–59300.

A. Direct Cost Reporting

Direct costs are those costs incurred specifically for the reimbursable activities. The following direct costs are eligible for reimbursement.

1. Salaries and Benefits

Report each employee implementing the reimbursable activities by name, job classification, and productive hourly rate (total wages and related benefits divided by productive hours). Describe the specific reimbursable activities performed and the hours devoted to each reimbursable activity performed.

2. Materials and Supplies

Report the cost of materials and supplies that have been consumed or expended for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Purchases shall be claimed at the actual price after deducting discounts, rebates, and allowances received by the claimant. Supplies that are withdrawn from inventory shall be charged on an appropriate and recognized method of costing, consistently applied.

3. Contracted Services

Report the name of the contractor and services performed to implement the reimbursable activities. Attach a copy of the contract to the claim. If the contractor bills for time and materials, report the number of hours spent on the activities and all costs charged. If the contract is a fixed price, report the dates when services were performed and itemize all costs for those services. If the contract services are also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the services used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed. Submit contract consultant and attorney invoices with the claim and a description of the contract scope of services.

4. Fixed Assets

Report the purchase price paid for fixed assets (including computers) necessary to implement the reimbursable activities. The purchase price includes taxes, delivery costs, and installation costs. If the fixed asset is also used for purposes other than the reimbursable activities, only the pro-rata portion of the purchase price used to implement the reimbursable activities can be claimed.

5. Travel

Report the name of the employee traveling for the purpose of the reimbursable activities. Include the date of travel, destination, the specific reimbursable activity requiring travel, and related travel expenses reimbursed to the employee in compliance with the rules of the local jurisdiction. Report employee travel time according to the rules of cost element A.1., Salaries and Benefits, for each applicable reimbursable activity.

B. Indirect Cost Rates

Indirect costs are costs that have been incurred for common or joint purposes. These costs benefit more than one cost objective and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. After direct costs have been determined and assigned to other activities, as appropriate, indirect costs are those remaining to be allocated to benefited cost objectives. A cost may not be allocated as an indirect cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose, in like circumstances, has been claimed as a direct cost.

Indirect costs may include: (a) the indirect costs originating in each department or agency of the governmental unit carrying out state mandated programs; and (b) the costs of central governmental services distributed through the central service cost allocation plan and not otherwise treated as direct costs.

School districts must use the California Department of Education approved indirect cost rate for the year that funds are expended.

## VI. RECORD RETENTION

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558.5(a), a reimbursement claim for actual costs filed by a local agency or school district pursuant to this chapter[7] is subject to the initiation of an audit by the Controller no later than three years after the date that the actual reimbursement claim is filed or last amended, whichever is later. However, if no funds are appropriated or no payment is made to a claimant for the program for the fiscal year for which the claim is filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit shall commence to run from the date of initial payment of the claim. In any case, an audit shall be completed not later than two years after the date that the audit is commenced. All documents used to support the reimbursable activities, as described in Section IV, must be retained during the period subject to audit. If an audit has been initiated by the Controller during the period subject to audit, the retention period is extended until the ultimate resolution of any audit findings.

## VII. OFFSETTING REVENUES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Any offsets the claimant experiences in the same program as a result of the same statutes or executive orders found to contain the mandate shall be deducted from the costs claimed. In addition, reimbursement for this mandate from any source, including but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds, shall be identified and deducted from this claim.

## VIII. STATE CONTROLLER'S CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to Government Code section 17558(b), the Controller shall issue claiming instructions for each mandate that requires state reimbursement not later than 90 days after receiving the adopted parameters and guidelines from the Commission, to assist local agencies and school districts in claiming costs to be reimbursed. The claiming instructions shall be derived from the test claim decision and the parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

Pursuant to Government Code section 17561(d)(1), issuance of the claiming instructions shall constitute a notice of the right of the local agencies and school districts to file reimbursement claims, based upon parameters and guidelines adopted by the Commission.

## IX. REMEDIES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Upon request of a local agency or school district, the Commission shall review the claiming instructions issued by the State Controller or any other authorized state agency for reimbursement of mandated costs pursuant to Government Code section 17571. If the Commission determines that the claiming instructions do not conform to the parameters and guidelines, the Commission shall direct the Controller to modify the claiming instructions and

[7] This refers to Title 2, division 4, part 7, chapter 4 of the Government Code.

the Controller shall modify the claiming instructions to conform to the parameters and guidelines as directed by the Commission.

In addition, requests may be made to amend parameters and guidelines pursuant to Government Code section 17557(d), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 1183.2.

## X. LEGAL AND FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

The statements of decision for the test claim and parameters and guidelines are legally binding on all parties and provide the legal and factual basis for the parameters and guidelines. The support for the legal and factual findings is found in the administrative record. The administrative record is on file with the Commission.

| UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES CLAIM FOR PAYMENT | For State Controller Use Only<br>(19) Program Number 00346<br>(20) Date Filed<br>(21) LRS Input | PROGRAM 346 |
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| (01) Claimant Identification Number | | | Reimbursement Claim Data | |
| (02) Claimant Name | | | (22) FORM 1, (04) 1. a. (f) | |
| County of Location | | | (23) FORM 1, (04) 1. b. (f) | |
| Street Address or P.O. Box | | Suite | (24) FORM 1, (04) 1. c. (f) | |
| City | State | Zip Code | (25) FORM 1, (04) 1. d. (f) | |
| | | Type of Claim | (26) FORM 1, (04) 2. a. (f) | |
| | (03) | (09) Reimbursement ☐ | (27) FORM 1, (04) 2. b. (f) | |
| | (04) | (10) Combined ☐ | (28) FORM 1, (04) 2. c. (f) | |
| | (05) | (11) Amended ☐ | (29) FORM 1, (04) 2. d. (f) | |
| **Fiscal Year of Cost** | (06) | (12) | (30) FORM 1, (06) | |
| **Total Claimed Amount** | (07) | (13) | (31) FORM 1, (07) | |
| Less: **10% Late Penalty** (refer to attached Instructions) | | (14) | (32) FORM 1, (09) | |
| Less: **Prior Claim Payment Received** | | (15) | (33) FORM 1, (10) | |
| **Net Claimed Amount** | | (16) | | |
| **Due from State** | (08) | (17) | | |
| **Due to State** | | (18) | | |

## (34) CERTIFICATION OF CLAIM

**In accordance with the provisions of Government Code Sections 17560 and 17561, I certify that I am the officer authorized by the school district or county office of education to file mandated cost claims with the State of California for this program, and certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the provisions of Article 4, Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.**

**I further certify that there was no application other than from the claimant, nor any grant(s) or payment(s) received, for reimbursement of costs claimed herein; claimed costs are for a new program or increased level of services of an existing program; and claimed amounts do not include charter school costs, either directly or through a third party. All offsetting revenues and reimbursements set forth in the parameters and guidelines are identified, and all costs claimed are supported by source documentation currently maintained by the claimant.**

**The amount for this reimbursement is hereby claimed from the State for payment of actual costs set forth on the attached statements.**

**I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.**

Signature of Authorized Officer

Date Signed _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Type or Print Name and Title of Authorized Signatory

(35) Name of Agency Contact Person for Claim

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Name of Consulting Firm / Claim Preparer

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

| PROGRAM 346 | UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES<br>CLAIM FOR PAYMENT<br>INSTRUCTIONS | FORM FAM-27 |
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(01) Enter the claimant identification number assigned by the State Controller's Office.

(02) Enter claimant official name, county of location, street or postal office box address, city, State, and zip code.

(03) to (08) Leave blank.

(09) If filing a reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (09) Reimbursement.

(10) If filing a combined reimbursement claim on behalf of districts within the county, enter an "X" in the box on line (10) Combined.

(11) If filing an amended reimbursement claim, enter an "X" in the box on line (11) Amended.

(12) Enter the fiscal year for which actual costs are being claimed. If actual costs for more than one fiscal year are being claimed, complete a separate Form FAM-27 for each fiscal year.

(13) Enter the amount of the reimbursement claim as shown on Form 1 line (11). The total claimed amount must exceed $1,000; minimum claim must be $1,001.

(14) Initial claims must be filed as specified in the claiming instructions. Annual reimbursement claims must be filed by **February 15,** or otherwise specified in the claiming instructions following the fiscal year in which costs were incurred. Claims filed after the specified date must be reduced by a late penalty. Enter zero if the claim was filed on time. Otherwise, enter the penalty amount as a result of the calculation formula as follows:

- Late Initial Claims: Form FAM-27 line (13) multiplied by 10%, without limitation; or
- Late Annual Reimbursement Claims: Form FAM-27 line (13) multiplied by 10%, late penalty not to exceed $10,000.

(15) Enter the amount of payment, if any, received for the claim. If no payment was received, enter zero.

(16) Enter the net claimed amount by subtracting the sum of lines (14) and (15) from line (13).

(17) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is positive, enter that amount on line (17), Due from State.

(18) If line (16), Net Claimed Amount, is negative, enter that amount on line (18), Due to State.

(19) to (21) Leave blank.

(22) to (33) Bring forward the cost information as specified on the left-hand column of lines (22) through (33) for the reimbursement claim, e.g., Form 1, (04) A. 1. (f), means the information is located on Form 1, line (04) section 1. a., column (f). Enter the information on the same line but in the right-hand column. Cost information should be rounded to the nearest dollar, i.e., no cents. Indirect costs percentage should be shown as a whole number and without the percent symbol, i.e., 7.548% should be shown as 8. **Completion of this data block will expedite the process**.

(34) Read the statement of Certification of Claim. The claim must be dated, signed by the agency's authorized officer, and must type or print name, title, date signed, telephone number and email address. **Claims cannot be paid unless accompanied by an original signed certification**. **(Please sign the Form FAM-27 in blue ink and attach the copy of the claim package.)**

(35) Enter the name, telephone number, and email address of the agency contact person for the claim. If claim was prepared by a consultant, type or print the name of the consulting firm, the claim preparer, telephone number, and email address.

**SUBMIT A SIGNED ORIGINAL FORM FAM-27 AND ONE COPY WITH ALL OTHER FORMS TO:**

***Address, if delivered by U.S. Postal Service:***

**OFFICE OF THE STATE CONTROLLER**
**ATTN: Local Reimbursements Section**
**Division of Accounting and Reporting**
**P.O. Box 942850**
**Sacramento, CA 94250**

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| PROGRAM 346 | UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES<br>CLAIM SUMMARY | FORM 1 |
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| (01) Claimant | (02) Fiscal Year 20___ / 20___ |
| (03) Leave Blank. | |

| Direct Costs | Object Accounts | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (04) Reimbursable Activities | (a) Salaries and Benefits | (b) Materials and Supplies | (c) Contract Services | (d) Fixed Assets | (e) Travel | (f) Total |
| **1. Assurance of Compliance with Antidiscrimination Laws & Notices Regarding Civil Remedies** | | | | | | |
| a. Provide written assurance | | | | | | |
| b. Submit timely, complete, and accurate compliance reports | | | | | | |
| c. Advise complainant | | | | | | |
| d. Publication of civil remedies | | | | | | |
| **2. Uniform Complaint Procedures** | | | | | | |
| a. Referral to appropriate entities | | | | | | |
| **School districts are mandated to engage in the following three activities *only* for non-employment discrimination complaints *and* for complaints alleging violations of the specific educational programs listed in the Parameters and Guidelines.** | | | | | | |
| b. Adoption of policies and procedures ***(One-Time Activity)*** | | | | | | |
| c. Notification of complaint procedures, and investigation and disposition of complaints | | | | | | |
| d. Forward information to the Superintendent of Public Instruction | | | | | | |
| (05) Total Direct Costs | | | | | | |

| Indirect Costs | | |
|---|---|---|
| (06) Indirect Cost Rate | [Refer to Claim Summary Instructions] | % |
| (07) Total Indirect Costs | [Line (05)(f) - line (05)(d) - $ [ ] ] x line (06) | |
| (08) Total Direct and Indirect Costs | [Line (05)(f) + line (07)] | |

| Cost Reduction | |
|---|---|
| (09) Less: Offsetting Revenues | |
| (10) Less: Other Reimbursements | |
| (11) Total Claimed Amount [Line (08) – {line (09) + line (10)}] | |

| PROGRAM 346 | UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES<br>CLAIM SUMMARY<br>INSTRUCTIONS | FORM 1 |
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(01) Enter the name of the claimant.

(02) Enter the fiscal year in which costs were incurred.

(03) Leave blank.

(04) For each reimbursable activity, enter the total from Form 2, line (05), columns (d) through (h) to Form 1, block (04), columns (a) through (e) in the appropriate row. Total each row.

(05) Total columns (a) through (f).

(06) Enter the indirect cost rate from the California Department of Education approved indirect cost rate for the year that funds are expended.

(07) From the Total Direct Costs, line (05)(f), deduct Total Fixed Assets, line (05)(d) and any other item excluded from indirect cost distribution base in accordance with CSAM Procedure 915. Enter zero if there are no exclusions. Multiply the result by the Indirect Cost Rate, line (06).

(08) Enter the sum of Total Direct Costs, line (05)(f), and Total Indirect Costs, line (07).

(09) If applicable, enter any revenue received by the claimant for this mandate from any state or federal source.

(10) If applicable, enter the amount of other reimbursements received from any source including, but not limited to, service fees collected, federal funds, and other state funds that reimbursed any portion of the mandated cost program. Submit a schedule detailing the reimbursement sources and amounts.

(11) From Total Direct and Indirect Costs, line (08), subtract the sum of Offsetting Revenues, line (09), and Other Reimbursements, line (10). Enter the remainder on this line and carry the amount forward to Form FAM-27, line (13) for the Reimbursement Claim.

| PROGRAM 346 | UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES<br>ACTIVITY COST DETAIL | FORM 2 |
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| (01) Claimant | (02) Fiscal Year<br>20___ / 20___ |
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(03) Reimbursable Activities: Check only one box per form to identify the activity being claimed.

**1. Assurance of Compliance with Antidiscrimination Laws & Notices Regarding Civil Remedies**

- ☐ a. Provide written assurance
- ☐ b. Submit timely, complete, and accurate compliance reports
- ☐ c. Advise complainant
- ☐ d. Publication of civil remedies

**2. Uniform Complaint Procedures**

- ☐ a. Referral to appropriate entities
- ☐ b. Adoption of policies and procedures ***(One-Time Activity)***
- ☐ c. Notification of complaint, and investigation and disposition of complaints
- ☐ d. Forward information to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

| (04) Description of Expenses | | | Object Accounts | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a)<br>Employee Names, Job Classifications, Functions Performed and Description of Expenses | (b)<br>Hourly Rate or Unit Cost | (c)<br>Hours Worked or Quantity | (d)<br>Salaries and Benefits | (e)<br>Materials and Supplies | (f)<br>Contract Services | (g)<br>Fixed Assets | (h)<br>Travel |
| | | | | | | | |
| (05) Total ☐ Subtotal ☐ Page: ____of____ | | | | | | | |

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(01) Enter the name of the claimant.

(02) Enter the fiscal year for which costs were incurred.

(03) Check the box which indicates the activity being claimed. Check only one box per form. A separate Form 2 must be prepared for each applicable activity.

(04) The following table identifies the type of information required to support reimbursable costs. To detail costs for the activity box checked in block (03), enter the employee names, position titles, a brief description of the activities performed, actual time spent by each employee, productive hourly rates, fringe benefits, supplies used, contract services, and travel expenses. **The descriptions required in column (4)(a) must be of sufficient detail to explain the cost of activities or items being claimed.** For audit purposes, all supporting documents must be retained by the claimant for a period of not less than three years after the date the claim was filed or last amended, whichever is later. If no funds were appropriated or no payment was made at the time the claim was filed, the time for the Controller to initiate an audit will be from the date of initial payment of the claim. Such documents must be made available to the SCO on request.

| Object/ Sub object Accounts | Columns | | | | | | | | Submit supporting documents with the claim |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | |
| **Salaries and Benefits** | Employee Name and Title | Hourly Rate | Hours Worked | Salaries = Hourly Rate x Hours Worked | | | | | |
| | Activities Performed | Benefit Rate | | Benefits = Benefit Rate x Salaries | | | | | |
| **Materials and Supplies** | Description of Supplies Used | Unit Cost | Quantity Used | | Cost = Unit Cost x Quantity Used | | | | |
| **Contract Services** | Name of Contractor<br>Specific Tasks Performed | Hourly Rate | Hours Worked<br>Inclusive Dates of Service | | | Cost = Hourly Rate x Hours Worked or Total Contract Cost | | | Copy of Contract and Invoices |
| **Fixed Assets** | Description of Equipment Purchased | Unit Cost | Usage | | | | Cost = Unit Cost x Usage | | |
| **Travel** | Purpose of Trip Name and Title<br>Departure and Return Date | Per Diem Rate<br>Mileage Rate<br>Travel Cost | Days<br>Miles<br>Travel Mode | | | | | Cost = Rate x Days or Miles<br>or Total Travel Cost | |

(05) Total line (04), columns (d) through (h) and enter the sum on this line. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the amount is a total or subtotal. If more than one form is needed to detail the activity costs, number each page. Enter totals from line (05), columns (d) through (h) to Form 1, block (04), columns (a) through (e) in the appropriate row.