

## **BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education (SCCOE) strongly supports a risk management program that protects SCCOE resources and promotes the safety of students, staff and the public.

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall establish a risk management program that uses effective safety and loss control practices. The SCCOE shall strive to keep its liability at a minimum and its insurance premiums as low as possible while maintaining adequate protection. To determine the most economical means of insuring the SCCOE consistent with required services, the County Superintendent or designee shall annually review the SCCOE's options for obtaining coverage, including qualified insurance agents, a joint powers agency, self-insurance or a combination of these means.

The SCCOE reserves the right to remove an insurance agent-of-record or a participating agent whenever, in the judgment of the SCCOE, such action becomes desirable for the best interests of the SCCOE.

To attempt to minimize the SCCOE's exposure to liability, the SCCOE shall adopt clear policies related to discrimination, harassment, safety procedures, and the timely handling of claims. The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that these policies and related procedures are enforced fairly and consistently.

### **Legal Reference:**

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

17029.5 Contract funding; board liability  
 17565-17592 Board duties re property maintenance and control  
 32350 Liability on equipment loaned to district  
 35162 Power to sue, be sued, hold and convey property  
 35200-35214 Liabilities, especially:  
 35208 Liability insurance  
 35211 Driver training civil liability insurance  
 35213 Reimbursement for loss, destruction or damage of personal property  
 35214 Liability self-insurance  
 35331 Medical or hospital service for students on field trip  
 39837 Transportation of pupils to places of summer employment  
 41021 Requirement for employees' indemnity bonds  
 44873 Qualifications for physician (liability coverage)  
 49470-49474 District medical services and insurance

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

820.9 Board members not vicariously liable for injuries caused by district  
 989-991.2 Local public entity insurance

#### **LABOR CODE**

3200-4855 Workers' compensation

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