



## **Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notice for 2021-2022**

**For students, employees, parents/guardians, school and district advisory committee members, private school officials, and other interested parties.**

Para Los Niños (“PLN”) has the primary responsibility to insure compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations and has established Uniform Complaint Procedures (“UCP”) to address allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and complaints alleging violation of state or federal laws governing educational programs, the charging of unlawful pupil fees, non-compliance with the Local Control Funding Formula, and non-compliance with reasonable accommodations for lactating pupils.

PLN shall investigate and seek to resolve complaints of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics of age, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, citizenship, immigration status, gender expression, gender identity, gender, genetic information, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, nationality, national origin, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or on a person’s association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any PLN program or activity that receives or benefits from any state financial assistance.

The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in:

- Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Pupils
- Adult Education
- After School Education and Safety
- Agricultural Career Technical Education
- Career Technical and Technical Education, Career Technical, Technical Training (state)
- Career Technical Education (federal)
- Child Care and Development
- Compensatory Education
- Course Periods without Educational Content
- Educational of Pupils in Foster Care, Pupils who are Homeless, former Juvenile Court Pupils now enrolled in a school district and Children of Military Families
- Every Student Succeeds Act
- Local Control and Accountability Plan
- Migrant Education
- Physical Education Instructional Minutes
- Pupil Fees
- Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil
- Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
- Schools Plans for Student Achievement
- School Safety Plans
- School Site Councils
- State Preschool
- State Preschool Health and Safety Issues in LEAs Exempt from Licensing

A complaint of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees may be filed with the Principal of PLN under the UCP. A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity. A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

1. A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit.
2. A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, clothes, or other materials or equipment.

3. A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment, or clothes associated with an educational activity.

A pupil fees complaint may be filed anonymously if the complainant provides evidence or information leading to evidence to support an allegation of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees.

A pupil fee complaint shall be filed no later than one (1) year from the date the alleged violation occurred.

We shall post a standardized notice of the educational rights of foster and homeless youth, as specified in Education Code Sections 48853, 48853.5, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2. This notice shall include complaint process information, as applicable.

Complaints of noncompliance with laws relating to pupil fees may be filed with the Principal of PLN. The person responsible for receiving and investigating complaints and ensuring our compliance with state and federal laws and regulations (“Compliance Officer”) is:

Chief Operating Officer  
Para Los Niños  
5000 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90027  
Phone: (213) 250-4800  
Fax (213) 572-0107

Complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, must be filed within six (6) months from the date the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying occurred or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, unless the time for filing is extended by the Compliance Officer or his or her designee.

Complaints shall be investigated and a written Decision or report shall be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This sixty (60) day time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The person responsible for investigating the complaint shall conduct and complete the investigation in accordance with California regulations and in accordance with the PLN’s procedures.

The complainant has a right to appeal PLN’s Decision to the California Department of Education (“CDE”) by filing a written appeal within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the Decision. The appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the originally-filed complaint and a copy of PLN’s Decision.

Civil law remedies may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying laws, if applicable. In appropriate cases, an appeal may be filed pursuant to Education Code Section 262.3. A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of PLN’s complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.

A copy of the UCP complaint policies and procedures document is available free of charge by contacting or visiting the school office.