



Acalanes Education Association

Newsletter



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WE LOVE OUR NURSES

Can you imagine being a health care worker these last 18 months? As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rock our world and torment our every move the school nurses have been there to support us and the students every day. Take a moment to say THANK YOU when you see them next.

Acalanes & ACIS/Del Valle - Dvora Citron
 Campolindo - Karen Thornberg
 Las Lomas - Kathi Mooney
 Miramonte - Rebekah Novak



TB TESTING

All district staff are required by law to prove they do not have tuberculosis (TB). You need to do this when you first get hired and then once every four years. This can be done by getting a test done by a healthcare provider or filling out a simple risk assessment form with your school nurse.

To find out when you need to renew your TB requirement, look on your paycheck under the LEAVE column to the left.

Example:

LEAVE
TB Expiration Date 11/13/2023

NO VIDEOS OR PHOTOS IN CLASS - STUDENT RULE REMINDER

Some members have asked about their students taking photos or videos in class. We, and the district, advise that you not allow students to do this.

According to the students' [handbook](#) on page 16-17:
Electronic Devices

Cellular phones, camera phones, and audio listening/video devices (iPods, MP3's, etc.) are to be **used at teacher's discretion in classrooms**. It is an invasion of privacy, cameras or camera phones, etc. **are not to be used at any time** in the locker rooms or the restrooms. Refer to the Student Discipline Code for consequences. AUHSD does not accept liability or responsibility for lost or stolen items. Consistent with California Education Code 5152, the use of electronic devices to intentionally tape or record a classroom without the express permission of the teacher and the principal is not permitted.

SPOTLIGHT ON A GREAT BENEFIT

Each month we will highlight a benefit that is part of your union membership. CTA.org [Member Benefits](#) page lists amazing and budget friendly benefits!



This month we want to share that the My Deal

Smartphone App is a great way to find savings!



My Deals New User?



Find the app on in your App Store. Enter "CTA Access to Savings" as your organization name to continue. After, please verify eligibility with your email address and if prompted your 10-digit CTA Individual ID Number.

Please contact the CTA Membership Department at (650) 552-5278 if you do not know your 10-digit CTA ID Number.

VACCINE MANDATES FOR STUDENTS

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Governor Newsom have been talking about COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 12 and up. The California administration wants to proceed with the vaccination requirement for children when the FDA has approved the vaccine. This may likely occur early in the new year of 2022 or as late as summer time. AUHSD has not taken a stance on whether or not they will mandate this vaccine for our students, as they have done for employees. Superintendent Nickerson will let us know when approvals and decisions are made as we await the FDA announcements.

BOOSTER LOCATIONS

According to Dr. Nickerson's email on September 28th we are eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot through Contra Costa County according to this criteria: People who are 18 or older and are at increased risk of COVID-19 exposure due to their work or because they live or spend significant time in institutional settings ([source](#)). Contra Costa County Health Services provides appointment times at various locations such as Antioch, Concord and Richmond. You do not need to be a CCC resident. Call 1-833-829-2626 or go to their website for more information and to make an appointment

<https://covidvaccine.cchealth.org/COVIDVaccine/>

SOME QUARANTINE REMINDERS

Starting October 1, 2021 if you get infected with COVID at school, your sick leave will be covered by Workers'

Comp. You will need to use your own sick leave if you are infected outside of school.

What if I'm vaccinated and get exposed to COVID? If you *don't* have symptoms you can go to school. If you *do* have symptoms you should stay home and get tested.

How many days do I need to quarantine? If you have COVID-like systems you should quarantine for 10 days. You can return to school before 10 days *only if* you receive a negative test during that time and get a note clearing you to return to work.

AEA SOCIAL

We had a nice time at our first AEA social of the year. There were about 50 members who attended the event at the METRO in Lafayette on October 7th. We got reacquainted with old friends and met new ones. These cross-site relationships help us to build a stronger union. Thank you for your enthusiasm with this endeavor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20, 2021 – Governing Board meeting – 7pm at the District Office

November 3, 2021 – AEA Rep Council – 3:45 at Las Lomas

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November 8, 2021 – Benefits Committee meeting – 3:30 at the District Office

November 11-12, 2021 – No School – Veterans' Day

November 17, 2021 – Governing Board meeting – 7pm at the District Office

November 22-26, 2021 – Thanksgiving Holiday