

Important Information from Covina-Valley Unified School District

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Good Evening, Covina-Valley Families

We have received some questions regarding the Changes to Sensitive Locations Policy. This change may have created confusion, anxiety, and uncertainty for you, your friends, or your families. I want to assure you that we have systems and laws in place protecting student privacy. Covina-Valley remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting the safety and well-being of all students. We will continue to ensure our campuses are safe spaces for learning by upholding privacy protections, maintaining secure environments, and providing resources and support for students and families. While awaiting further updates, we will collaborate closely with legal advisors to stay informed and compliant with new guidelines.

In the meantime, we have systems and laws in place that protect student privacy, which include:

- A single point of public entry that requires all visitors, including law enforcement, to enter through the office at all preschool through grade 12 campuses, except Fairvalley, where security fencing is in the process of being installed.
- Policies that prohibit the release of confidential student information, even to law enforcement, without the appropriate subpoena.
- School office staff and administration follow strict protocols when law enforcement officials or outside agencies request to see a child or ask for confidential or personal student information.
 - For example, student information is not released to law enforcement or outside agencies without explicit parent/guardian permission or a verified court order (subpoena). Our district administration verifies court orders and subpoenas in consultation with legal counsel.

District staff will update and train our entire team to effectively implement any changes, ensuring we continue to foster a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for every student.

Sincerely,
Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer