

Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) Annual Notice for 2017—2018

Montague Charter Academy for the Arts and Sciences

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

The Montague Charter Academy for the Arts and Sciences annually notifies our its students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, the district advisory committee, school advisory committees, appropriate private school officials, and other interested parties of the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) process.

The Montague Charter Academy for the Arts and Sciences is primarily responsible for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, including those related to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying against any protected group, and all programs and activities that are subject to the UCP in:

Adult Education	Economic Impact Aid
After School Education and Safety	Education of Pupils in Foster Care, Pupils who are Homeless, and former Juvenile Court Pupils now enrolled in a school district
Agricultural Vocational Education	English Learner Programs
American Indian Education Centers and Early Childhood Education Program Assessments	Every Student Succeeds Act / No Child Left Behind (Titles I–VII)
Bilingual Education	Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP)
California Peer Assistance and Review Programs for Teachers	Migrant Education
Career Technical and Technical Education; Career Technical; Technical Training	Physical Education Instructional Minutes (for grades one through six)
Career Technical Education	Pupil Fees
Child Care and Development	Reasonable Accommodations to a Lactating Pupil
Child Nutrition	Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
Compensatory Education	School Safety Plans
Consolidated Categorical Aid	Special Education
Course Periods without Educational Content (for grades nine through twelve)	State Preschool
	Tobacco-Use Prevention Education

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 with the principal of a school or our superintendent or his or her designee. A pupil fees and/or an LCAP complaint may be filed anonymously, however, the complainant must provide evidence or information leading to evidence to support the complaint.

A pupil enrolled in a school in our district shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity.

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

We shall post a standardized notice of the educational rights of pupils in foster care, pupils who are homeless, and former juvenile court pupils now enrolled in a school district as specified in EC Sections 48853, 48853.5, 49069.5, 51225.1, and 51225.2. This notice shall include complaint process information, as applicable.

The staff member, position, or unit responsible to receive UCP complaints in our agency is:

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Complaints will be investigated and a written report with a Decision will be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This 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 our UCP policies and procedures.

The complainant has a right to appeal our Decision of complaints regarding specific programs and activities subject to the UCP, pupil fees and the LCAP to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving our Decision. The appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the originally-filed complaint and a copy of our Decision.

We advise any complainant of civil law remedies, including, but not limited to, injunctions, restraining orders, or other remedies or orders that may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying laws, if applicable.

Copies of our Uniform Complaint Procedures process shall be available free of charge.