



District Business & Advisory Services

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From: Nimrat Johal

Re: Annual Adjustment to Parent Liability for Wilful Pupil Misconduct

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify you of the annual adjustment to the liability of the parent or guardian for damages resulting from the wilful misconduct of a minor.

California Education Code (EC) section 48904 (a)(1) provides that a parent or guardian of a minor is responsible for all damages caused by the wilful misconduct of the minor that results in death or injury of any pupil, or employee, or volunteer of a school district or private school. Further, the parent or guardian is responsible for any damage to property of the school district, private school or the personal property of any pupil, employee or volunteer of these agencies.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) is required to annually adjust the \$10,000 amount specified in *EC 48904* to reflect the percentage change in the annual average value of the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services for the United States, as published by the United States Department of Commerce, for the 12-month period ending in the prior fiscal year. The inflation amount is rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100).

Based on the above calculation and effective January 1, 2014, the SSPI has determined that the inflation adjusted parent liability limit will increase by \$200, from \$18,100 to \$18,300. See below for the bid thresholds for the current and two prior years.

Calendar Year	Bid Threshold
2014	\$18,300
2013	\$18,100
2012	\$17,593