



Appendix

Requirements of the *Education Code*

California's *Education Code* contains a number of provisions that have a bearing on science education in this state. The actual text of the statutes is not included in this appendix because actions of the Legislature and the Governor periodically add to, delete from, or otherwise modify the requirements of law.

Teachers, school administrators, parents (guardians), and others who use this framework are encouraged to become familiar with pertinent provisions of the *Education Code*. For the current text of the statutes, please go to the *California Law* Web site <<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>>.

Examples of *Education Code* provisions pertinent to science education (including health and safety concerns) are as follows:

- **Chapter 2 of Part 1 (commencing with Section 200). Educational Equity.** Includes a requirement that teachers endeavor to impress upon the minds of pupils the meaning of equality and human dignity, including kindness toward domestic pets and the humane treatment of animals.
- **Chapter 1 of Part 19 (commencing with Section 32200). School Safety—Public and Private Institutions.** Includes a requirement that eye protective devices be provided for teachers and students under certain conditions and that snakebite kits be supplied for some field trips.
- **Chapter 2.3 of Part 19 (commencing with Section 32255). Pupils' Rights to Refrain from the Harmful or Destructive Use of Animals.** Includes a requirement that pupils who have moral objections to harming or destroying animals be given alternative education projects under certain circumstances.
- **Chapter 6.6 of Part 27 (commencing with Section 49091.10). *The Education Empowerment Act of 1998*.** Includes establishment of the right of parents (guardians) to inspect instructional materials and observe instruction.
- **Chapter 2 of Part 28 (commencing with Section 51200). Required Courses of Study.** Includes requirements for the courses of study to be offered and the minimum courses needed for high school graduation.
- **Part 33 (commencing with Section 60000). Instructional Materials and Testing.** Includes establishment of specific controls on state and local adoptions of instructional materials and of penalties for teachers (and other school officials) receiving things of value from publishers.