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## **BP 1112 - Media Relations**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to expand the section on "Crisis Communications Plan" to apply to natural disasters, involve district technology personnel in the development of the plan, and expand the contents of the plan. Policy also updated to encourage the establishment of priorities and key messages for proactive communications with the media, clarify that media representatives can be required to register before coming on campus only if the district has adopted a policy requiring all visitors to register, and clarify that the only student directory information that may be released to the media is that information designated by the district in AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.

## **AR 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to add statement requiring the use of district procedures for claims against the district prior to filing a lawsuit. Regulation also defines "limited civil case" as one that is for an amount of \$25,000 or less.

## **BP/AR 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATION (84 Fed. Reg. 8247)** and updated California Department of Education (CDE) guidance giving districts with an average daily attendance of less than 2,500 greater flexibility in the hiring of food service directors. Policy also consolidates material on nondiscrimination toward students who have unpaid meal fees and those who participate in the free and reduced-price meal program. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 3043, 2018)** which permits the use of cafeteria funds to (1) pay for the purchase of a mobile food facility and (2) supplement the cost of providing universal breakfast in districts that do not provide universal breakfast under a federal program, provided they submit the required certification to CDE. Regulation also updates section on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) donated foods to reflect current requirements for the safe storage and control of the foods. In both policy and regulation, CDE and USDA guidance renumbered when superseded by newer guidance.

## **AR 4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated pursuant to Education Code 44940 to include a violation or attempted violation of Penal Code 187 (murder) in the definition of a "mandatory leave of absence offense."

## **BP 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions**

(BP added)

New policy addresses the avoidance of unlawful and inappropriate interactions between staff and students, an employee's responsibility to report another employee's violation of this policy, disciplinary consequences for staff, referral to law enforcement when appropriate, the requirement to post the code of conduct on school and/or district websites, and examples of conduct that are inappropriate or can create the appearance of impropriety.

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## **BP/AR 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action**

(BP added; AR revised)

New policy contains material formerly in AR pertaining to board actions in disciplinary hearings for classified employees and new material consistent with BP 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action for certificated employees. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2234, 2018)** which requires the board to delegate its authority to an administrative law judge in cases involving allegations of egregious misconduct with a minor. Regulation updates and consolidates the causes for disciplinary action. Regulation also adds the requirement to set a timeline by which the employee may request a hearing, which must be not less than five days after serving notice upon the employee. Section on "Compulsory Leave of Absence" expanded to define "mandatory" and "optional" leave of absence offenses and reflect requirements pertaining to extension of the leave and compensation during the leave. Material pertaining to merit system districts moved to BP/AR 4218.1 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action (Merit System).

## **BP/AR 4218.1 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action (Merit System)**

(BP/AR added)

New policy and regulation address requirements for disciplinary proceedings for classified employees in merit system districts. BP/AR contain material formerly in AR 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action, and new material consistent with BP/AR 4218 and BP/AR 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action for certificated employees. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2234, 2018)** which requires the personnel commission to delegate its authority to an administrative law judge in cases involving allegations of egregious misconduct with a minor.

## **BP 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to make minor revision reflecting current law pertaining to the requirement to provide remedial instruction to students who are recommended for retention or are identified as being at risk for retention.

## **BP/AR 5136 - Gangs**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to expand material related to supports and services for students identified as gang members and reflect best practices for gang prevention, intervention, and suppression described in **NEW RESOURCE** from the National Gang Center and in publication from the Los Angeles Police Department.

## **BP/AR 6142.2 - World Language Instruction**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation retitled to be consistent with terminology used in the Education Code pursuant to **NEW LAW (AB 2319, 2018)**. Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW STATE CONTENT STANDARDS** for world language instruction adopted by the State Board of Education in January 2019. Policy also reflects University of California guidance stating that American Sign Language courses may be used to satisfy world language coursework requirements for college admission, and reflects state regulations which require districts to establish a process for receiving and responding to input from parents/guardians and other stakeholders regarding the world language in which instruction will be provided in any program sufficient to produce proficiency in a world language. Regulation also reflects state regulation requiring districts to establish a process for receiving and responding to parent/guardian requests to establish a language acquisition program not currently offered at the school.

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### **AR 6145.2 - Athletic Competition**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1109, 2018)** which requires districts to annually provide student athletes and their parents/guardians an opioid fact sheet produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### **BP/AR 6145.6 - International Exchange**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to clarify the scope of the policy, separate material pertaining to district students studying in another country and material pertaining to international exchange students studying in district schools, and reflect CSBA Legal Guidance. Policy also addresses student eligibility, information to obtain from the placement organization, and methods that may be used to calculate the total cost of educating an international student for the purpose of determining tuition. Regulation reflects the requirement to provide the placement organization with written acceptance of a student's enrollment, clarifies that a student's enrollment may be for one semester or one year, and adds optional language regarding the provision of a school transcript.

### **BP/AR 6174 Education for English Learners**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2735, 2018)** which prohibits districts from denying English learners the opportunity to enroll in core curricular courses or courses needed for middle school promotion, high school graduation, or college admission. Policy also adds requirement to annually designate a district and site coordinator to oversee administration of the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). Regulation reflects **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2019, No. 1)** which establishes a timeframe for notifying parents/guardians of their child's ELPAC test results when the results are received from the test contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year.

### **BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect current law requiring the provision of remedial instruction to students who are recommended for retention or are identified as being at risk for retention. Policy also deletes reference to federal Title I program improvement which is no longer operational, and clarifies that schools identified for comprehensive or targeted school improvement may, but are not required to, offer supplemental instruction.

### **BB/E 9321 - Closed Session**

(BB revised; E(1) and E(2) added)

Bylaw retitled and updated to incorporate material formerly in BB 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports. Bylaw also adds the requirement to provide final documents approved or adopted during closed session to persons who have submitted a request. Section on "Matters Related to Students" provides that student names should not be included on the agenda or reports of expulsion hearings pursuant to court decision. Section on "Security Matters" reflects the board's authority to meet in closed session with law enforcement officials to develop a tactical response plan. Section on "Real Property Negotiations" reflects Attorney General publication stating the board's authority to approve a final real property agreement in closed session. Section on "Pending Litigation" updates legal cites. Exhibit (1) added to provide examples of agenda descriptions of closed session items. Exhibit (2) added to provide examples of reports of closed session actions that must be made when the board reconvenes in open session following the closed session.

### **BB 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports**

(BB deleted)

Bylaw deleted and key concepts incorporated in BB 9321 - Closed Session.