

CSBA POLICY GUIDE SHEET

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Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies, administrative regulations, board bylaws, and/or exhibits. Editorial changes have also been made. Districts and county offices of education should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

Board Policy 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

Policy updated to reflect the requirement that the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) submit its local plan to the county office of education and/or Superintendent of Public Instruction and the requirement, beginning July 1, 2020, to review the plan every three years. Policy also clarifies the different types of SELPA governance structures and adds an option for arrangements in which the district joins with other districts and the county office of education to form a SELPA. Policy deletes material related to the referral and eligibility of students for special education, which is addressed in AR 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education. Policy adds requirement to adopt a procedure for the ongoing review of programs and a mechanism for correcting any identified problem.

Administrative Regulation 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

Regulation updated to reflect the new template for the SELPA plan developed by the California Department of Education (CDE). Section on "Definitions" revised to delete definitions for terms which are not used in this policy and regulation. Section on "Elements of the Plan" expanded to include further details regarding required components. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 75, 2019)** which requires the SELPA plan to include an annual assurances support plan, beginning July 1, 2021 based on a CDE template developed by July 1, 2020. Regulation adds a requirement that each school post a notice of the public hearing that will be held by the SELPA to adopt the plan, and adds a new section on "Availability of the Plan" which includes a requirement to post the SELPA plan on the district's web site and make it available in the district office.

Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Policy updated to add medical condition as a characteristic that is protected from discrimination, reflect **NEW LAW (SB 75, 2019)** which extends the use of uniform complaint procedures (UCP) to complaints alleging noncompliance with the physical education instructional minutes requirement for grades 7-12, and add an item indicating the use of the UCP for complaints regarding health and safety in a license-exempt California State Preschool Program (CSPP) consistent with CDE's Federal Program Monitoring Instrument.

Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 75, 2019)** which extends the use of UCP to complaints alleging noncompliance with the physical education instructional minutes requirement for grades 7-12, and to add a section reflecting requirements for complaints alleging noncompliance with health and safety standards for CSPP programs, formerly in AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Exhibit (1) 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

New exhibit presents a sample notice, formerly in E(3) 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, regarding health and safety standards in license-exempt CSPP programs and available complaint procedures.

Exhibit (2) 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

New exhibit presents a sample complaint form, formerly in E(4) 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures, for complaints alleging that a license-exempt CSPP program does not comply with health and safety standards.

Administrative Regulation 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

Regulation updated to delete material related to complaints regarding noncompliance with health and safety requirements in a license-exempt CSPP program as such complaints have been moved to BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, consistent with CDE's Federal Program Monitoring instrument.

Exhibit (3) 1312.3 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

Exhibit presenting example of classroom notice for CSPP health and safety complaints moved to E(1) 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, consistent with CDE's Federal Program Monitoring instrument.

Exhibit (4) 1312.3 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

Exhibit presenting a sample complaint form for CSPP health and safety complaints moved to E(2) 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures, consistent with CDE's Federal Program Monitoring instrument.

Board Policy 1340 - Access to District Records

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1819, 2019)** which allows members of the public to use their own equipment on district premises, free of charge, to photograph, copy, or reproduce a disclosable district record, provided that the equipment does not make physical contact with the record.

Administrative Regulation 1340 - Access to District Records

Regulation updates the list of confidential public records to include the prohibition against releasing an employee's personal email address, upon request from the employee. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1819, 2019)** which allows members of the public to use their own equipment, free of charge, to photograph, copy, or reproduce a disclosable district record on district premises, provided that the means of copying or reproducing the record does not require the equipment to make physical contact with the record, does not damage the record, and does not result in unauthorized access to the district's computer systems or secured networks.

NEW - Administrative Regulation 3231 - Impact Aid

New regulation addresses requirements of Title VII Impact Aid, which provides assistance to districts with concentrations of children residing on lands owned by the federal government, including Indian lands. Districts with children residing on Indian lands are **mandated** to adopt policy and procedures with specified components, including, but not limited to, consultation with Indian tribes and parents/guardians of students living on Indian lands in the planning and development of programs and activities supported by Impact Aid.

Board Policy 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications

Policy updated to make change for gender neutrality and to revise legal references to reflect corresponding revisions in the Exhibit.

Exhibit 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications

Exhibit updates Section I (All Employees) to (1) delete cite to 2 CCR 11024 which does not directly include a sexual harassment notice requirement; (2) indicate that the notification regarding a public hearing on an alternative schedule for secondary grades is addressed in BP 6112 rather than the AR; (3) delete an item regarding the oath or affirmation for disaster service workers since law does not specifically require an employee notification; (4) indicate that the notification regarding AIDS and hepatitis B was moved from AR 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 to the BP; (5) indicate that the notification of workers' compensation benefits is addressed in AR 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 rather than the BP; and (6) indicate that the notification regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy and complaint procedures are addressed in AR 4030 rather than the BP. Section II (Certificated Employees) updated to expand legal cites for the reelection notice for probationary employees and broaden the item to apply to districts with less than 250 average daily attendance. Section III (Classified Employees) updated to (1) delete the dismissal notice for merit system districts since the personnel commission establishes dismissal procedures for such districts and the notice is not reflected in policy; (2) add another legal cite pertaining to the notice of employee drug testing requirements and indicate that the notification is addressed in AR 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 rather than the BP; and (3) add a requirement to provide school bus drivers with information regarding post-accident procedures. Section V (Individual Employees Under Special Circumstances) updated to indicate that the notice on potential eligibility for workers' compensation benefits is addressed in AR 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 rather than the BP.

Board Policy 4113 - Assignment

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1219, 2019)** which requires annual monitoring of the assignment of certificated employees at all schools, and requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to administer a statewide system that produces an annual data file of vacancies and misassignments and provides

districts an opportunity to submit additional evidence that an employee is legally authorized for the assignment. Policy also adds legal requirements to report misassignments in the school accountability report card and to use Williams uniform complaint procedures to address any complaint alleging teacher misassignment or vacancy.

Administrative Regulation 4113 - Assignment

Regulation updated to make minor corrections for gender neutrality.

Board Policy 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

Policy updated to add the requirement that the district's exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens be consistent with the district's injury and illness prevention program established pursuant to Labor Code 6401.7. Legal cites added for training and hepatitis B vaccination requirements, and material deleted regarding the exemption of designated first aid providers from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccination, which is repeated in the AR. Paragraph added to include the district's responsibility to implement follow-up procedures in the event of an exposure incident.

Administrative Regulation 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

Regulation updated to add federal legal cites where applicable, add definition of personal protective equipment, and delete requirement to communicate hazards to employees through labels and signs, which is not applicable to school districts. Section on "Preventive Measures" expanded to include the provision of personal protective equipment, observance of universal precautions, and compliance with state regulations for needleless systems, needle devices, and non-needle sharps. Regulation also adds more detail regarding the exemption of certain first aid providers from the pre-exposure hepatitis B vaccine and adds required components of staff training.

Exhibit 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens

Exhibit updated to clarify which employees are required to sign a statement when they decline to accept the hepatitis B vaccination offered by the district.

Board Policy 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions

Policy updated to include material formerly in the AR on the provision of information to employees regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related conditions, and hepatitis B and appropriate methods to prevent exposure. Policy also adds optional paragraph regarding the inclusion of related information in employee handbooks.

Administrative Regulation 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions

Regulation updated to add a definition of occupational exposure and delete other unnecessary definitions. Section on "Employee Information" moved to BP. Section on "Infection Control Practices" revised to delete detailed requirements that are specifically applicable to employees identified as having occupational exposure, which are addressed in BP/AR 4119.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens, and to delete items with limited applicability in school settings.

Board Policy 4151/4251/4351 - Employee Compensation

Policy updated to delete Labor Code citation that is not applicable to public agencies and instead reflect Education Code provisions related to overtime compensation for classified employees.

NEW - Board Policy 5141.5 - Mental Health

New policy addresses strategies and services to promote students' emotional well-being and mental health, including student instruction, staff training, crisis intervention, counseling services and referrals, Section 504 evaluation, and collaboration with mental health professionals, agencies, and organizations. Policy reflects **NEW LAW (SB 75, 2019)** which establishes the Mental Health Student Services Act for the purpose of supporting mental health partnerships among county mental health agencies and local educational agencies.

Board Policy 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Policy updated to reflect law prohibiting discrimination based on medical condition and to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 34, 2019)** which requires the district, starting in the 2020-21 school year, to post its

nondiscrimination policies, and specified state and federal laws regarding discrimination, bullying, and harassment, in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students.

Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 34, 2019)** which requires the district, starting in the 2020-21 school year, to post its nondiscrimination policies, specified state and federal laws regarding discrimination, bullying, and harassment, and a link to CDE resources in a prominent location on the district's web site in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 711, 2019)** which requires the district to update a former student's records upon receiving government-issued documentation or a written request for a name and/or gender change.

Board Policy 6020 - Parent Involvement

Policy updated to reflect the requirements to work with parents/guardians and family members to jointly develop the district's parent involvement policy and to include strategies for family engagement in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP). For districts that receive federal Title IV funding for family engagement programs, policy adds the requirement to inform parents/guardians and organizations of the existence of the program. Policy also contains material formerly in the AR regarding the inclusion of the Title I local educational agency plan into the LCAP and the distribution of the district and school-level parent involvement policies.

Administrative Regulation 6020 - Parent Involvement

Regulation updated to revise the section on "District Strategies for Title I Schools," including moving and adding strategies under item #2 to reflect means by which the district may provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support to build school capacity for parent involvement activities, and adding strategies under item #5 to reflect means by which the district may use evaluation findings to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent/guardian and family involvement. Section on "School-Level Strategies for Title I Schools" revises item #7 to include strategies formerly in section on "District Strategies for Title I Schools." Minor changes made throughout section on "District Strategies for Non-Title I Schools" to more directly reflect law.

Board Policy 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances

Policy updated to add the board's authority to designate any day as a holiday, in addition to those holidays designated by law, and to revise the date upon which schools close in observance of any holiday except Veterans Day. Policy also adds optional language stating that the board may adopt a resolution to authorize the display of symbolic flags or banners in support of specific awareness days or months.

Administrative Regulation 6115 - Ceremonies and Observances

Regulation updated to reflect state law requiring schools to be closed on any day designated as a holiday by the President, Governor, or district board or negotiated with employee organizations. School closure on Cesar Chavez Day and Native American Day deleted from the body of the regulation since school closure on these holidays only applies to districts that have agreed to do so in a memorandum of understanding with employee bargaining units. Section on "Commemorative Exercises" expands Note to include additional days of significance on which schools are encouraged, but not required, to conduct commemorative exercises.

NEW - Administrative Regulation 6173.4 - Title VI Indian Education Programs

New regulation reflects major requirements for districts that receive federal Title VI Indian education funding, which supports local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, and consortia in meeting the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian students and ensuring that all students meet challenging state academic standards. Districts receiving such funding are **mandated** to adopt procedures to ensure that the program will be operated and evaluated in consultation with, and with the involvement of, parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and community representatives. Regulation also includes allowable expenditures of Title VI funds, the provision of professional development as needed, maintenance of student eligibility records, and distribution of program evaluation results.