

POLICY GUIDESHEET

March 2020 Part 2

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.

BP 4112.2 - Certification

(BP revised)

Policy updated to clarify the hiring hierarchy if the district is unable to hire a person who possesses a clear or preliminary credential, including one who is approved for a limited assignment option. Policy reflects Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) Coded Correspondence stating that, if the district needs to hire a person who has been granted a credential waiver by CTC, that person must qualify for a "variable term waiver." Policy also expands section on "National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification" to add examples of incentives that may encourage teacher participation.

E 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications

(E revised)

Exhibit updated to reflect **NEW LAWS** adding requirements to notify employees regarding the district's policy on lactation accommodation (**SB 142**) and the deadline to withdraw funds from a flexible spending account before the end of the plan year (**AB 1554**). Exhibit also revises the policy reference for the March 15 reelection notice for certificated employees, now addressed in BP 4116, and adds the requirement to notify the superintendent at least 45 days before the expiration of the employment contract of any decision not to reemploy the superintendent, as specified in BP 2121.

BP/AR 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1767)** which mandates age-appropriate policy on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention for students in grades K-6 beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Policy reflects requirements to consult with specified stakeholders on policy development, coordinate with the county mental health plan whenever a referral is made for mental health or related services for a student in grades K-6 who is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, and ensure that employees act within the authorization and scope of their credential or license. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 34)** which requires the district, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, to post its suicide prevention policy in a prominent location on its web site. Regulation updated to move material regarding the printing of the national suicide hotline number on student identification cards to a new section. Regulation also adds an optional postvention strategy to identify and monitor students significantly affected by suicide and those at risk of imitative behavior.

BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 419)** which prohibits districts from suspending students in grades 4-8 for disrupting school activities or willfully defying the authority of school personnel. Policy also references **NEW LAW (AB 982)** which requires a district to provide a student who is suspended for two or more days with the homework assigned during the period of suspension. Regulation adds new section on "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 9-12" reflecting the option to suspend, but not expel, a student in grades 9-12 for disruption or willful defiance.