

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.

NEW - Exhibit 1113 - District and School Web Sites

New exhibit lists material which state and/or federal law explicitly requires to be posted on district and/or school web sites, including a citation to the legal authority and a reference to the board policy, administrative regulation, or board bylaw that further describes the requirement.

Board Policy 3280 - Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 820, 2020)** which adds, until July 1, 2024, an exception to the requirement that boards appoint an advisory committee for the sale or lease of district-owned property if the property has not operated as an early childhood education facility or for elementary or secondary instruction, and **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which authorizes, until July 1, 2024, the proceeds from the sale or lease of property purchased entirely with local funds to be used for any one-time general fund purpose if certain conditions are met. Policy also adds material regarding the authorization for boards to meet in closed session with real property negotiators, the requirement to notify the Office of Public School Construction within 90 days if the district sells property that utilized funds received from a state school facilities program within the previous 10 years and the proceeds were not used for specified purposes, and conditions under which the State Allocation Board may require a return of the funds.

Board Policy 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance

Policy updated to address the basis upon which insurance decisions should be made and the provision of safety-related training and protective equipment for staff. Policy also updated to delete material regarding the removal of an insurance agent as being implicit in a governing board's authority and explicit in insurance contracts. Timeline for reporting to the board on risk management activities revised from twice a year to periodically to give boards flexibility based on district need.

Administrative Regulation 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance

Regulation updated to provide more detail in the list of risk management procedures, including examples of methods for identifying risks in district operations, the prioritization of risks based on frequency and potential impact, and examples of strategies to prevent loss. Regulation also adds optional language regarding the documentation of safety incidents.

Board Policy 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment

Policy updated to clarify that, in some instances, it may be necessary to concurrently review a sexual harassment complaint under both the Title IX sexual harassment complaint procedures and the district's procedure reflecting state law, as described in AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, in order to meet the applicable timelines. Policy also adds the requirement to provide supportive measures to the respondent as well as the complainant.

Administrative Regulation 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment

Regulation updated to add section on "Definitions," including the federal definition of sexual harassment for purposes of applying the Title IX complaint procedures. Section identifying the Title IX Coordinator(s) moved and revised to reference CSBA's AR 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Section on "Notifications" adds federal requirement to disseminate the district's sexual harassment policy and procedures, along with the name and contact information of the Title IX Coordinator, by posting them in a prominent location on the district's web site and including them in any handbook provided to employees or employee organizations. New section on "Complaint Procedures" references the applicable procedures and the responsibility of the district to take prompt action to stop the sexual harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effects.

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Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

Regulation updated to clarify that a sexual harassment complaint that is dismissed or denied under Title IX may still be subject to review under state law pursuant to AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment and thus the two procedures should be implemented concurrently in order to meet the applicable timelines. Regulation also updated to clarify that the applicability of the Title IX sexual harassment complaint procedures is limited to conduct that allegedly occurs in an education program or activity over which the district exercises control; revise the timeframe for concluding the complaint process from 45 to 60 days; reflect the right to pursue civil law remedies; and add the requirement to maintain a record of any actions, including supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment.

NEW - Exhibit 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

New exhibit presents a sample of the required notification to employees, job applicants, and employee organizations regarding the district's Title IX sexual harassment policy, the district's Title IX coordinator, and grievance procedures pursuant to 34 CFR 106.8.

Board Policy 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety

Policy updated to reflect **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2020, No. 10)** which requires districts to provide employees with access to the district's injury and illness prevention program, and to add the prohibition against discharging or discriminating against an employee for exercising any right protected by the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Administrative Regulation 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2020, No. 10)** which requires that access to the district's injury and illness prevention program be provided to employees by either providing access in a reasonable time, place, and manner or providing unobstructed access through the district's server or web site. Regulation also updated to add material regarding the provision of facilities for quick drenching within the work area for immediate use when there is exposure to injurious corrosive materials. Regulation adds a section on "Protection from Communicable Diseases and Infections" which includes the development of an exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogens and strategies to prevent and mitigate infectious diseases, and a section on "COVID-19 Exposure" reflecting **NEW LAW (AB 685, 2020)** which specifies notifications that must be provided if the district receives notice of potential exposure to COVID-19 or the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) prohibits entry into any district work site that exposes employees to the risk of COVID-19.

Administrative Regulation 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1804, 2019)** which requires that a report of death or serious injury or illness be immediately reported to Cal/OSHA by telephone or through an online mechanism established by Cal/OSHA, with clarification that districts may make the report by telephone or email until Cal/OSHA has an online mechanism available, and **NEW LAW (AB 1805, 2019)** which redefines "serious injury or illness." Regulation adds optional language regarding the responsibility of employees to document any incident, and combines options regarding the reporting of incidents to the insurance carrier or Department of Industrial Relations. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1159, 2020)** which provides that an employee will be presumed to be entitled to workers' compensation benefits for illness or injury resulting from COVID-19 if the diagnosis was made within 14 days after the employee performed labor or services at the place of employment and other conditions are met.