

# 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.

## **Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures**

Regulation updated to correct the timeline in the "Notifications" section for submitting appeals to the California Department of Education (CDE), as specified in state regulations. Section on "Investigation of Complaint" revised to clarify that state regulations regarding the consequences of a respondent's failure to cooperate in an investigation only apply when the respondent is the district. Additional revisions, including expansion of the section "Health and Safety Complaints in License-Exempt Preschool Programs," made to more directly reflect the standards in CDE's Federal Program Monitoring instrument.

## **Board Policy 1313 - Civility**

New policy addresses the importance of civility to the effective operation of the district, including its role in creating a positive school climate and enabling a focus on student well-being, learning, and achievement. Policy includes First Amendment free speech considerations, behavior that constitutes civil behavior, practices that promote civil behavior, and authorization to educate or provide information to students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members to assist in the recognition, development, and demonstration of civil behavior. Policy also includes material regarding behavior that is disruptive, hinders the orderly conduct of district operations or programs, or creates an unsafe learning or working environment, as well as the prohibition of, and consequences for, behavior which is discriminatory, harassing, or intimidating, including sexual harassment, bullying, and/or hate violence.

## **Board Policy 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management**

Policy updated to reflect current legal requirements for recycling waste which are based on specified thresholds of waste generation and are detailed in the accompanying administrative regulation, add district goal to develop strategies for recycling organic waste, and more directly link waste management to education goals.

## **Administrative Regulation 3511.1 - Integrated Waste Management**

Regulation updated to add new section on "Recycling" which contains (1) material formerly in item #2 above, (2) new material reflecting a determination by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) regarding the level of statewide disposal of organic waste which triggered a requirement for any facility generating two or more cubic yards of solid waste per week to meet specified requirements pertaining to the recycling of organic waste, and (3) new material reflecting legal requirements to provide recycling bins or containers in a facility that generates four or more cubic yards of solid waste or two or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.

## **Board Policy 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers**

Policy updated to clarify the obligation of drivers to submit to drug and alcohol testing as required under federal law. Section on "Consequences Based on Test Results" updated to (1) add the agency responsible for reviewing and approving district requests to temporarily remove a driver from safety-sensitive functions before drug test results are verified by a certified medical review officer and (2) describe consequences that will be imposed on drivers based on findings of specific concentrations of alcohol. Policy also clarifies the requirement to ensure that a driver who is offered an opportunity to return to work following a violation first receive an evaluation by a qualified substance abuse professional and successfully comply with the evaluation recommendations.

## **Administrative Regulation 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers**

Regulation updated to clarify that marijuana remains an illegal drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act and use of it by a driver remains a violation of federal drug testing regulations. Definition of "alcohol concentration" revised to delete information regarding consequences for drivers based on specific alcohol concentrations, now addressed in the BP. Regulation also expands the responsibilities of the designated employer representative pursuant to federal regulations, clarifies requirements pertaining to pre-employment testing including the requirement to conduct a pre-employment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, and reflects additional requirements related to post-accident testing. New section reflects federal regulations which require districts to report any violation of federal drug and alcohol regulations to the Clearinghouse and conduct inquiries of the Clearinghouse's online database for all drivers employed by the district on an annual basis and before hiring any driver.

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## **Board Policy 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Revised policy reflects court decision holding that a provision in a collective bargaining agreement that directly conflicts with the Education Code cannot be enforced. Policy also adds language clarifying that, whenever a law conflicts with a provision in the collective bargaining agreement, the law will prevail.

## **Board Policy 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security**

Policy updated to reflect law authorizing a district to petition, on behalf of an employee, for a gun violence restraining order prohibiting a person from owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm. Policy also reflects law requiring a district to provide reasonable accommodations, upon request, to an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Policy adds a requirement of law to inform administrators and counselors, along with teachers, regarding certain crimes and offenses committed by students.

## **Administrative Regulation 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security**

Regulation updated to more directly reflect law requiring a report to law enforcement of any attack, assault, or physical threat made against an employee by a student. Material in section on "Notice Regarding Student Offenses" reorganized to clarify the required notifications that must be made to staff pertaining to (1) student offenses that are grounds for suspension or expulsion and (2) any report received from a court that a student has been found to have committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses. In that section, paragraph on notifications that may be provided by a district police or security department deleted and moved into Note since its applicability is limited. New section on "Accommodations for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking" reflects law requiring a district to provide reasonable accommodations, including, but not limited to, safety procedures or adjustments to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement, upon the request of an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

## **Board Policy 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

Board policy updated to clarify that districts are not required, but are authorized, to include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum in the instructional program, add material regarding displaying posters on campus notifying students of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect, include the requirement for student identifications cards for students in grades 7-12 to include the National Domestic Hotline telephone number, and clarify that the training regarding duties of mandated reporters be according to law and administrative regulation.

## **Administrative Regulation 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1145, 2020)** which amends the definition of sexual assault for purposes of mandated reporting to not include voluntary conduct in violation of Penal Code 286, 287, or 289 (sodomy, oral copulation, or sexual penetration) if there are no indicators of abuse unless such conduct is between a person who is 21 years of age or older and a minor who is under 16 years of age. Regulation also adds licensees of licensed child day care facilities to the list of mandated reporters, reflects that the California Department of Justice form is now titled BCIA 8572, clarifies that when a staff member or volunteer aide is selected by a child to be present at an interview where child abuse is being investigated that the principal or designee inform the person of specified requirements prior to the interview, and reflects **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2020, No. 21)** which authorizes parents/guardians of special education students to file a complaint with CDE for safety concerns that interfere with the provision of a free appropriate public education pursuant to 5 CCR 3200-3205 rather than through uniform complaint procedures.