

POLICY GUIDE SHEET

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Policies updated to reflect changes in legislation and to clarify language

1. BP/AR 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to delete material regarding the conversion of a low-performing school into a charter school when petitioned by parents/guardians under the Parent Empowerment Act, and to add requirement that accountability measures in an approved charter include student outcomes aligned with state priorities in the local control and accountability plan. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1360)** which provides that a charter petition may include admission preferences, including, but not limited to, priority for siblings of admitted or enrolled students and children of the school's staff and founders, provided that the admission preferences are approved by the district board, are nondiscriminatory, and do not require parent/guardian volunteer hours. Regulation also reflects requirement of AB 1360 that suspension/expulsion procedures included in the charter petition specify how the school will comply with due process requirements.

2. BP 1325 - Advertising and Promotion

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 841)** which prohibits advertising of foods or beverages during the school day, including participation in a corporate incentive program that rewards students with free or discounted foods or beverages, unless the food or beverage complies with nutritional standards. Policy also clarifies court decisions regarding advertisements containing religious viewpoints.

3. BP 3100 - Budget

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 751)** which provides that, if the amount of monies in the state Public School System Stabilization Account is three percent or more of the combined total of general fund revenues appropriated for school districts and allocated local proceeds of taxes, the district's combined assigned or unassigned ending general fund balance must not exceed 10 percent of those funds in the immediately following fiscal year, unless the district is a basic aid district, is a district with average daily attendance of 2,500 or less, or is exempted by the county superintendent of schools under extraordinary fiscal circumstances.

4. BP/E 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds

(BP revised; E(1)/E(2) deleted)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 424)** which eliminates the authority of the superintendent or designee to permit a person with a concealed weapons permit to possess a firearm on school grounds. Exhibits deleted as they applied to the possession of firearms on school grounds and are now unnecessary.

5. BP/AR 3517 - Facilities Inspection

(BP deleted; AR added)

Policy deleted and contents moved to AR. Regulation expanded to more directly reflect law regarding the conditions that must be inspected pursuant to the Office of Public School Construction's facilities inspection tool. Regulation reflects **NEW LAW (AB 10)** which requires a school that serves any of grades 6-12 and is a high-poverty school, as defined, to stock 50 percent of its restrooms with feminine hygiene products and to make such products available free of charge to students. Regulation also adds recommendation for lead testing and describes the circumstances under which drinking water is required to be tested for lead, including a requirement of **NEW LAW (AB 746)** for testing of school buildings constructed before January 1, 2010.

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6. BP 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 500)** which requires any district that has an employee code of conduct addressing employee interactions with students to post that section of its code of conduct on each school's web site (or on the district web site if a school does not maintain one) and to provide it to parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year.

7. AR 4144/4244/4344 - Complaints

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to delete outdated reference to the use of Williams uniform complaint procedures for complaints alleging the failure to provide intensive instruction to students who did not pass the high school exit exam by the end of grade 12. Regulation reorganized to clarify circumstances that require the use of an alternate complaint procedure.

8. BP/AR 4200 - Classified Personnel

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to add material formerly in AR regarding the employment of substitute or short-term employees and to clarify that the length of service of a short-term employee must be no longer than 195 days per year. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 670)** which makes playground aide positions part of the classified service in non-merit system districts.

9. BP 5144 - Discipline

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 250)** which requires districts to ensure that any discipline imposed on a student does not result in the denial or delay of a nutritionally adequate meal to the student.

10. BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to add homeless students as one of the numerically significant student subgroups for whom the district must monitor suspension/expulsion data, and to add board review of disaggregated suspension/expulsion data for the purpose of identifying any disparities in the imposition of discipline. Updated regulation revises the grounds for suspension and expulsion to more directly reflect law which separates out aiding or abetting a crime of physical violence from causing, attempting to cause, or threatening physical violence. Regulation also adds definition of cyber sexual bullying as a ground for suspension/expulsion and reflects **NEW LAW (AB 667)** which requires a student to be informed, during the informal conference required prior to suspension, of the other means of correction that were attempted before suspension.