

# **POLICY GUIDE SHEET**

**December 2018**

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## **1. BP/AR 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 716)** which renames the single plan for student achievement as the school plan for student achievement (SPSA), authorizes the use of uniform complaint procedures for complaints alleging noncompliance with requirements related to the establishment of school site councils or the development of the SPSA, and authorizes the use of the SPSA to satisfy the requirement for a school improvement plan when a school is identified for targeted or comprehensive support. Regulation updated to reflect AB 716 which eliminates the authority to use a school advisory committee other than a school site council to develop the SPSA, allows certain small schools to share a school site council, requires a needs assessment to identify school goals, and, if applicable, requires consultation with the school's English learner advisory committee on review of the SPSA.

## **2. BP/AR 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1747)** which requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to post a compliance checklist for developing the comprehensive safety plan and best practices related to reviewing and approving the plan, and requires districts to share their approved comprehensive safety plans with local law enforcement, the fire department, and other first responder entities. Regulation updated to reflect AB 1747, which adds requirements to consult with the fire department and other first responders in developing safety plans and to develop procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including procedures related to individuals with guns on campus and at school-related functions.

## **3. BP/AR 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2878)** which expands the state priority on parent involvement that must be addressed in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) to include family engagement. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which requires consultation on plan development with special education local plan administrator(s) and, by July 1, 2019, requires districts to develop a local control funding formula budget overview for parents/guardians in conjunction with the LCAP. Policy reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1840)** which requires the State Board of Education to expand the LCAP template by January 31, 2020 to include specified information. Section on "Technical Assistance/Intervention" updated to reflect AB 1808 which establishes a single statewide system of support for districts and schools, and AB 1840 which provides that a district receiving an emergency apportionment will be deemed to have been referred to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. Regulation updated to reflect AB 1840 which requires data in the LCAP to be reported in a manner consistent with the California School Dashboard and requires districts to post their LCAP prominently on the homepage of their web site. Section on "Annual Updates" deleted since the annual updates follow the same process and adhere to the same template as the initial LCAP.

## **4. AR 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to clarify that the parent advisory committee and English learner parent advisory committee established to review and comment on the LCAP are not subject to Brown Act requirements, but must comply with other, less complex procedural requirements. Legal cites for school site councils revised pursuant to **NEW LAW (AB 716)**.

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### **5. AR 3311.1 - Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2249)** which revises the threshold amounts that determine the process that may be used to award contracts for public works. Regulation also revised to clarify requirements for informal bid notifications that must be sent to contractors and/or construction journals.

### **6. AR 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1798)** which requires that all school buses be equipped with passenger restraint systems by July 1, 2035. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1840)** which delays until March 1, 2019 the requirement that each school bus and student activity bus be equipped with a child safety alert system, and allows for a possible six-month extension for districts with an average daily attendance of 4,000 or less under specified conditions. Regulation adds the conditions under which a student activity bus is exempt from the requirement to install a child safety alert system.

### **7. AR 4200 - Classified Personnel**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2160)** which eliminates the exemption of part-time playground positions from the classified service in merit system districts, thereby making those positions part of the classified service. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2261)** which eliminates the exemption from the classified service, in merit system districts, of community representatives employed in advisory or consulting capacities for not more than 90 working days per fiscal year. Paragraph moved to emphasize that employees in either merit or non-merit system districts who are exempted from the classified service must fulfill obligations related to physical examinations, fingerprinting, and tuberculosis tests.

### **8. AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2289)** which (1) amends the definition of "immediate family" for the purpose of authorizing certain excused absences, (2) prohibits a district from requiring a physician's note for an absence by a parenting student to care for a sick child, and (3) clarifies that students may be excused from school, under specified conditions, for work in the entertainment or allied industry, participation with a nonprofit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school audience, or other reasons at the discretion of school administrators.

### **9. AR 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint**

(AR added)

New regulation reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2657)** which prohibits seclusion and behavioral restraint of students as a means of discipline, and provides that seclusion and restraint may be used only to control behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a student or others if that behavior cannot be immediately prevented by a less restrictive response. Regulation specifies the conditions for such use, reporting requirements, and a list of seclusion and behavioral techniques that are always prohibited.

### **10. BP/AR 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2639)** which requires boards of districts that serve grades 7-12 to review the district's suicide prevention policy at least every five years and update it as necessary. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 972)** which requires districts that issue student identification cards to print specified suicide prevention hotline numbers on the cards effective July 1, 2019. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which requires CDE to identify online training programs that districts can use to train students and staff regarding suicide awareness and prevention.

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### **11. BP/AR 5144 - Discipline**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2657)** which prohibits seclusion and behavioral restraint of students as a means of discipline, and to encourage staff development regarding equitable implementation of discipline. Regulation updated to revise section on "Detention After School" to more directly reflect state regulations and delete a specific timeline for advance notice to parents/guardians of a student's detention.

### **12. BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2289)** which requires notification to parents/guardians and to pregnant and parenting students of their rights under the law; authorizes an excused absence for a parenting student to care for a sick child without a physician's note; provides that a pregnant or parenting student is entitled to eight weeks of parental leave, or longer if deemed medically necessary by the student's physician; and authorizes the use of uniform complaint procedures for complaints alleging noncompliance with the law.

### **13. AR 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2949)** which allows a child of a military family to continue attending the school of origin regardless of any change of residence of the family. Regulation also adds new section on "Transportation" reflecting AB 2949, which authorizes, but does not require, districts to provide transportation to enable a child of a military family to attend the school or district of origin.

### **14. AR 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction**

(AR revised)

Regulation reorganized and updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2109)** which expands the parental notification to include information regarding student eligibility for individual instruction and the duration of such instruction, requires that individual instruction in a student's home begin within five days of determining a student's eligibility, provides that students receiving individual instruction in a hospital for a partial week are eligible to attend school on days that they are not at the hospital, and provides that the absences of a temporarily disabled student must be excused until the student is able to return to the regular school program.

### **15. BB 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials**

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reflect requirement effective January 1, 2019 that districts post a direct link on the homepage of their web site to the current board meeting agenda or to the district's agenda management platform. Bylaw also clarifies that the agenda need not provide an opportunity for public comment on any agenda item that has previously been considered at an open meeting of a committee comprised exclusively of board members.

### **16. BB 9324 - Minutes and Recordings**

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1036)** which prohibits districts from including in board meeting minutes a student's directory information or a parent/guardian's personal information, as defined, when the student or parent/guardian requests that such information be excluded. Bylaw also includes optional statement that the minutes will summarize topics addressed during the public comment period and need not reflect the names of the individuals who comment.