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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.

1. BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan

(BP revised)

Policy updated to delete the section on "Technical Assistance/Intervention," as that material is now addressed in BP 0520 - Intervention for Underperforming Schools. Paragraph added to generally address actions that may be taken whenever a school or a numerically significant student subgroup is not making sufficient progress toward the goals in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP).

2. BP 0520 - Intervention for Underperforming Schools

(BP added)

New policy contains material formerly in BP 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan regarding interventions to support the continuous improvement of student performance within the priorities identified in the district's LCAP. Paragraph added to reference interventions that will be provided to schools identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI), targeted support and improvement (TSI), and additional targeted support and improvement (ATSI).

3. BP 0520.1 - Comprehensive and Targeted Support and Improvement

(BP added)

New policy addresses the state's accountability system, developed in response to federal Title I requirements, to provide interventions to schools identified by CDE for CSI, TSI, or ATSI. Policy includes criteria for the identification of schools, requirements for a school improvement plan, and actions to be taken if implementation of the school plan is unsuccessful after a specified period of years.

4. BP 1112 - Media Relations

(BP revised)

Policy updated to expand the section on "Crisis Communications Plan" to apply to natural disasters, involve district technology personnel in the development of the plan, and expand the contents of the plan. Policy also updated to encourage the establishment of priorities and key messages for proactive communications with the media, clarify that media representatives can be required to register before coming on campus only if the district has adopted a policy requiring all visitors to register, and clarify that the only student directory information that may be released to the media is that information designated by the district in AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.

5. BP 1431 - Waivers

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add the requirement, when submitting a general waiver request to the State Board of Education, to include a written summary of any objections to the request by school site councils or advisory committees, as applicable. Policy adds the requirement that a request pertaining to a regional occupational center or program operated by a joint powers agency be submitted as a joint waiver request with other participating districts. Policy reflects guidance in CDE's General Waiver Instructions regarding proper notice for a public hearing on a waiver request proposal.

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6. AR 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to add statement requiring the use of district procedures for claims against the district prior to filing a lawsuit. Regulation also defines "limited civil case" as one that is for an amount of \$25,000 or less.

7. BP/AR 3515 - Campus Security

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to clarify that audio capability of surveillance equipment should be disabled in accordance with state law prohibiting the recording of conversations unless the parties to the conversation may reasonably expect that the communication may be overheard or recorded, and to reflect a National Institute of Justice recommendation that signage state that the district's surveillance system may or may not be actively monitored. Regulation adds section on "Locks" reflecting requirement for state-funded new construction projects, as well as certain modernization projects, to include locks that allow classroom doors to be locked from the inside. Regulation also adds strategies to increase adult presence and supervision on campus and to provide staff training in emergency response.

8. AR 3541 - Transportation Routes And Services

(AR revised)

Regulation revised to clarify students residing beyond the minimum transportation distances "may" be eligible for transportation service to the school of their attendance area.

9. BP/AR 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATION (84 Fed. Reg. 8247)** and updated California Department of Education (CDE) guidance giving districts with an average daily attendance of less than 2,500 greater flexibility in the hiring of food service directors. Policy also consolidates material on nondiscrimination toward students who have unpaid meal fees and those who participate in the free and reduced-price meal program. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 3043, 2018)** which permits the use of cafeteria funds to (1) pay for the purchase of a mobile food facility and (2) supplement the cost of providing universal breakfast in districts that do not provide universal breakfast under a federal program, provided they submit the required certification to CDE. Regulation also updates section on U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) donated foods to reflect current requirements for the safe storage and control of the foods. In both policy and regulation, CDE and USDA guidance renumbered when superseded by newer guidance.

10. BP/AR 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect court decisions clarifying the distinction between probationary employees and temporary employees. Material regarding eligibility for permanent status based on average daily attendance moved from AR to BP, except option for not granting permanent status deleted, as this option was only applicable to districts with less than 250 average daily attendance and the remainder of this policy and regulation is for use only by districts that grant permanent status. Policy also adds material regarding the notification of nonreelection of a probationary employee, formerly in AR 4117.6 - Decision Not to Rehire. Regulation updated to add material regarding the computation of the length of service required for classification as a permanent employee, including types of service excluded from that computation.

11. AR 4117.6 - Decision Not to Rehire

(AR deleted)

Regulation deleted and concepts moved to BP 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status.

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12. AR 4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports

(AR revised)

Regulation updated pursuant to Education Code 44940 to include a violation or attempted violation of Penal Code 187 (murder) in the definition of a "mandatory leave of absence offense."

13. BP 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 - Dress and Grooming

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 188)** which prohibits discrimination against traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and "protective hairstyles" such as braids, locks, and twists.

14. BP 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions

(BP added)

New policy addresses the avoidance of unlawful and inappropriate interactions between staff and students, an employee's responsibility to report another employee's violation of this policy, disciplinary consequences for staff, referral to law enforcement when appropriate, the requirement to post the code of conduct on school and/or district websites, and examples of conduct that are inappropriate or can create the appearance of impropriety.

15. BP 4216 - Probationary/Permanent Status

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1353)** which shortens the length of the probationary period in non-merit system districts from one year to either six months or 130 days of paid service, whichever is longer, for consistency with districts incorporating the merit system. Policy also revised to clarify that employees may be dismissed during the probationary period without cause.

16. BP 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

(BP revised)

Policy updated to make minor revision reflecting current law pertaining to the requirement to provide remedial instruction to students who are recommended for retention or are identified as being at risk for retention.

17. BP 5131 - Conduct

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 272)** which authorizes boards to limit or prohibit, except under specified circumstances, student use of smartphones while at school or while under the supervision and control of a district employee. Details regarding student use of mobile communication devices moved to BP 5131.8 - Mobile Communication Devices.

18. BP 5131.8 - Mobile Communication Devices

(BP added)

New policy reflects **NEW LAW (AB 272)** which authorizes boards to limit or prohibit student use of smartphones while at school or while under the supervision and control of a district employee, except under specified circumstances (i.e., in an emergency, with permission of teacher or administrator, when directed by student's health care provider, when required by student's individualized education program). Policy also addresses reasonable search of students' mobile communication devices, employees' authority to confiscate a device, and discipline for off-campus use of a mobile communication device which poses a threat of danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property or substantially disrupts school activities.

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19. BP 5132 - Dress and Grooming

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 188)** which prohibits discrimination against traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and "protective hairstyles" such as braids, locks, and twists.

20. BP/AR 5136 - Gangs

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to expand material related to supports and services for students identified as gang members and reflect best practices for gang prevention, intervention, and suppression described in **NEW RESOURCE** from the National Gang Center and in publication from the Los Angeles Police Department.

21. AR 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the Child Health and Disability Prevention office of the California Department of Health Care Services clarifying that the health screening for school entry includes testing for tuberculosis only when required by the local health department. Regulation also reflects law authorizing parents/guardians to submit a signed waiver indicating that they do not want or are unable to obtain the health screening for their child.

22. BP/AR 5142 - Safety

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to add the district's responsibility to provide for the proper supervision of students during before- and after-school programs, morning drop-off at school, and afternoon pick-up and to provide for appropriate student instruction in emergency procedures. Policy adds section reflecting the requirement to print safety hotline numbers on student identification cards for students in grades 7-12, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and, pursuant to **NEW LAW (SB 316)**, the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Regulation updated to add communication of school rules to students, the responsibility of individuals supervising students to remain alert for unauthorized persons, and the requirement for inspection of new playgrounds by a certified safety inspector. Regulation also updates the list of activities with safety risks in accordance with the legal definition of "hazardous recreational activity" and prohibits any such activity unless it is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and participants have insurance coverage. Section on "Laboratory Safety" expanded to include student instruction in safety procedures, proper handling of hazardous materials and bloodborne pathogens, and accessibility of emergency information and first aid supplies.

23. BP/AR 6142.2 - World Language Instruction

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation retitled to be consistent with terminology used in the Education Code pursuant to **NEW LAW (AB 2319, 2018)**. Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW STATE CONTENT STANDARDS** for world language instruction adopted by the State Board of Education in January 2019. Policy also reflects University of California guidance stating that American Sign Language courses may be used to satisfy world language coursework requirements for college admission, and reflects state regulations which require districts to establish a process for receiving and responding to input from parents/guardians and other stakeholders regarding the world language in which instruction will be provided in any program sufficient to produce proficiency in a world language. Regulation also reflects state regulation requiring districts to establish a process for receiving and responding to parent/guardian requests to establish a language acquisition program not currently offered at the school.

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24. AR 6145.2 - Athletic Competition

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1109, 2018)** which requires districts to annually provide student athletes and their parents/guardians an opioid fact sheet produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

25. BP/AR 6174 Education for English Learners

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2735, 2018)** which prohibits districts from denying English learners the opportunity to enroll in core curricular courses or courses needed for middle school promotion, high school graduation, or college admission. Policy also adds requirement to annually designate a district and site coordinator to oversee administration of the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). Regulation reflects **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2019, No. 1)** which establishes a timeframe for notifying parents/guardians of their child's ELPAC test results when the results are received from the test contractor after the last day of instruction for the school year.

26. BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect current law requiring the provision of remedial instruction to students who are recommended for retention or are identified as being at risk for retention. Policy also deletes reference to federal Title I program improvement which is no longer operational, and clarifies that schools identified for comprehensive or targeted school improvement may, but are not required to, offer supplemental instruction.

27. BP/AR 7140 - Architectural and Engineering Services

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to clarify the district's responsibility to select a licensed architect and/or structural engineer as required by law when professional design services are used for construction or modernization of school facilities and to address the need to comply with state safety and design standards. Policy adds the general duties of the architect and/or structural engineer and the circumstances under which design specifications must be submitted to CDE and the Division of the State Architect. Regulation updates the components of the selection process to more directly reflect law and adds the district's authority, if negotiations with the most qualified firm are unsuccessful, to negotiate a contract with the second most qualified firm and then the third most qualified firm. Regulation also includes the option to award a contract to a single entity for both the design and construction of a school facility in excess of \$1 million ("design build" contract).

28. BB/E 9321 - Closed Session

(BB revised; E(1) and E(2) added)

Bylaw retitled and updated to incorporate material formerly in BB 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports. Bylaw also adds the requirement to provide final documents approved or adopted during closed session to persons who have submitted a request. Section on "Matters Related to Students" provides that student names should not be included on the agenda or reports of expulsion hearings pursuant to court decision. Section on "Security Matters" reflects the board's authority to meet in closed session with law enforcement officials to develop a tactical response plan. Section on "Real Property Negotiations" reflects Attorney General publication stating the board's authority to approve a final real property agreement in closed session. Section on "Pending Litigation" updates legal cites. Exhibit (1) added to provide examples of agenda descriptions of closed session items. Exhibit (2) added to provide examples of reports of closed session actions that must be made when the board reconvenes in open session following the closed session.

29. BB 9321.1 - Closed Session Actions and Reports

(BB deleted)

Bylaw deleted and key concepts incorporated in BB 9321 - Closed Session.

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30. BB 9323 - Meeting Conduct

(BB revised)

Bylaw updated to clarify circumstances under which the board may exercise flexibility in allocating time for public input to ensure full opportunity for public input and presentation of the diversity of viewpoints.