

CSBA POLICY GUIDE SHEET June 2023

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.

Board Policy 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight

Policy updated to reflect that the Governing Board may deny a request for an expansion that constitutes a material revision to a charter if the request to expand operations is demonstrably unlikely to serve the interests of the entire community in which the school is proposing to locate or the district is not in a position to absorb the fiscal impact of the proposed charter school, and to include a general reference to exemptions from the geographic boundary requirement that charter schools be located within the geographic boundaries of the authorizing district. Policy also updated to include that the district may charge the charter school for the actual costs of supervisory oversight up to one percent of the charter school's revenue if the district provides the charter school with facilities and charges the charter school a pro-rata share of the facilities costs. Additionally, policy updated to reference additional components that must be included in the procedures specified in the charter for when a charter school ceases operation.

Exhibit(1) 0420.41 - Charter School Oversight

Exhibit updated to include that admission preferences may not result in limited enrollment access for specified students and that mandatory parental volunteer hours may not be the basis of a preference or criterion for admission or continued enrollment, reflect **NEW LAW (AB 181, 2022)** which requires identified schools to complete and adopt an Individuals with Disabilities Act Addendum as part of the local control and accountability adoption and annual update, delete the requirement, based on changed guidance from the California Department of Education, to offer transitional kindergarten if the charter school offers a kindergarten program, add material regarding exemption for eligible students with disabilities from coursework and other requirements adopted by the charter school board that are in addition to the statewide course requirements, reflect **NEW LAW (AB 748, 2022)** which requires each school serving students in any of grade 6-12 to create and prominently display, as specified, a student mental health poster, and clarify that the charter school's policy on bullying and harassment be posted on the charter school's website.

Board Policy 1113 - District and School Websites

Policy updated to incorporate concepts from **NEW LAW (AB 2273, 2022)** which, although not necessarily applicable to districts, requires a business that provides an online service, product, or feature likely to be accessed by children to comply with specified requirements and provides good guidance for districts seeking to create a safe online space for students.

Exhibit(1) 1113 - District and School Websites

Exhibit updated to reflect that the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing is now named the Civil Rights Department, amend the title of one of the employment related posters for consistency with other sample policy materials, reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1479, 2022)** which requires the district to post on its website its COVID-19 testing plan, **NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022)** which requires the district to post on its website interim expenditure reports on the use of Learning Recovery Emergency Funds and **NEW LAW (AB 748, 2022)** which requires each school site serving students in any of grades 6-12 to have a digitized mental health poster that is distributed online to students through social media, web sites, portals, and learning platforms at the beginning of each school year.

Board Policy 4112.2 - Certification

Policy updated to reference that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) has adopted regulations to implement statutory changes to the subject matter competence requirements, add, to the first philosophical paragraph, demonstration of competency in the subject matter to be taught to the attributes of certificated staff, provide that the Governing Board is required to adopt an annual resolution that it has made reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher before hiring, in accordance with a specified hiring hierarchy, a candidate who is not fully credentialed, clarify that the Board's obligation to take action to approve a notice

of intent to employ a provisional internship permit does not require that the item be an action item, and add that the Declaration of Need specify each subject to be listed on the General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permits and the target language on Emergency Bilingual Permits.

Administrative Regulation 4112.2 - Certification

Regulation updated to clarify that the district may charge a fee to persons being tested to cover the cost of developing, administering, and grading the district proficiency test, include administrative leave related to dismissal and suspension proceedings and military leave as types of leaves for which the Superintendent or designee may request the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to issue a Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave, and add a new section "Early Childhood Education Emergency Specialist Permit/Emergency Transitional Kindergarten Permit" (ETK) which reflects **NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022)** authorizing the district to request a one-year early childhood education emergency specialist permit which allows the teaching of all subjects in a self-contained transitional kindergarten general education classroom. Regulation also updated to reference **NEW LAW (SB 1397, 2022)** which requires CTC, until July 1, 2024, to waive the basic skills proficiency requirement for the issuance of an emergency 30-day substitute permit and **NEW LAW (AB 1876, 2022)** which requires CTC to accept an alternative verification of substitute teaching as part of the requirements for initial issuance of an emergency career substitute teaching permit.

Exhibit(1) 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications

Exhibit updated to add employee notifications related to (1) homeless liaison services and training, (2) transfer of coursework and credits for highly mobile students, (3) training of volunteers in regard to the administration of emergency anti-seizure medication, and (4) nondiscrimination in the offering of career and technical education courses. Exhibit also updated to clarify that the notice regarding (1) potential exposure to COVID-19 remain posted for not less than 15 calendar days, (2) disability insurance rights and benefits be given upon employment and when the employee goes on leave for pregnancy or non-occupational sickness or injury, and (3) employees assigned to a work area in a laboratory setting be given, within 15 days after receiving a monitoring result related to an employee exposure determination, specified notices. Exhibit additionally updated for conforming changes.

Board Policy 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units

Policy updated to align the definition of "management employee" with code language and to reference **NEW LAW (SB 931, 2022)** which provides that any district found by the Public Employment Relations Board to be in violation of the prohibition against deterring or discouraging district employees or job applicants from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization, authorizing representation by an employee organization, or authorizing dues or fee deductions to an employee organization, may be subject to civil penalties of \$1,000 for each affected employee, up to a maximum of \$100,000 in total, and may be ordered to pay attorney's fees and costs to the employee organization. Policy also updated to specify that the Superintendent or designee may communicate with district employees regarding their rights to join and/or support an officially recognized employee organization or to refrain from joining or supporting an officially recognized employee organization, add applicable number of days for compulsory interest arbitration related to access to new employee orientation, expand the material regarding district requirements for new employee orientations that are applicable until June 30, 2025, reference **NEW LAW (SB 1131, 2022)** which extends the Safe at Home address confidentiality program to employees who face threats of violence, or violence or harassment from the public because of the employee's work for the district, and clarify language regarding information that should not be disclosed when an employee submits a written request to keep specified information private.

Administrative Regulation 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave

Regulation updated to delete outdated material and to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1041, 2022)** which includes a "designated person" in the definition of family member for whom an employee may take leave to care for.

Administrative Regulation 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave

Regulation updated to align language regarding miscarriage with analogous language in administrative regulation for certificated staff, delete outdated material, and reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1041, 2022)** which includes a "designated person" in the definition of family member for whom an employee may take leave to care for.

Administrative Regulation 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1949, 2022)** which requires a district to provide up to five days of bereavement leave to a qualified employee for the death of a family member, and provide clarifying language regarding the definitions of "family member" and "immediate family" and implications for bereavement leave. Regulation also updated to reference **NEW LAW (AB 1041, 2022)** which expands the definition of a family member for whom an eligible employee may take leave to care for to include a "designated person."

Administrative Regulation 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1041, 2022)** which expands the definition of a family member for whom an eligible employee may take leave to care for to include a "designated person," provide that an employee may identify the designated person at the time of the employee's request for leave, and include that the district may limit an employee's use of CFRA leave to care for one designated person per 12-month period.

Board Policy 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance

Policy updated to reference **NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022)** which extends the school district of choice program to July 1, 2028, and to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 941 2022)** which authorizes a district to enter into an Instruction Collaboration Agreement with another local educational agency(ies) (LEA) to offer the same or similar courses and coursework to students from another LEA who have been impacted by teacher shortages, disruptions, or cancelations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics classes, or dual language immersion programs.

Board Policy 5141.5 - Mental Health

Policy updated to expand the first philosophical paragraph and reflect the U.S. Surgeon General's **NEW GUIDANCE** regarding the importance of social connection and the impact of social media on health and well-being. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 14, 2021)** which requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to recommend best practices and identify training programs to address student behavioral and mental health, including common psychiatric conditions and substance use disorders, safely deescalating crisis situations involving students with a behavioral health disorder, linking students with referrals, and providing instruction on how to maintain student privacy and confidentiality. Policy also updated to reflect that districts are required to notify students and parents/guardians twice a year about how to access mental health services, **NEW LAW (AB 748, 2022)** which requires each school site serving students in any of grades 6-12 to create a mental health poster, and **NEW LAW (AB 167, 2021)** which requires CDE to develop guidelines for the use of telehealth technology in schools.

Board Policy 5141.6 - School Health Services

Policy updated to expand the first philosophical paragraph to include the unique position of districts to increase health equity and the utilization of telehealth as a method to deliver health care services in schools. Policy also updated to provide for preventative programming and intervention strategies as types of health services to be provided by districts.

Administrative Regulation 5141.6 - School Health Services

Regulation updated to include behavioral health services in the list of school health services that the district may provide, and that the district may deliver health care services to students by way of telehealth technology. Regulation also updated to reflect Department of Healthcare Services Policy and Procedure Letters No. 21-017R and No. 23-004 which require districts to develop a plan to ensure that individuals with disabilities are able to effectively communicate and participate in the Medi-Cal program. Additionally, regulation updated to provide that a district may seek reimbursement from a student's health care service plan when the district provides services or arranges for the provision of services to a student for treatment of a mental health or substance use disorder.

Policy 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications

Policy updated to reflect Health Care Services Policy and Procedures letter No. 21-017R and No. 23-004 which require districts to develop a plan to meet alternative formatting requirements for individuals with disabilities to enable individuals with speech, vision, and hearing disabilities to effectively communicate and participate in the Medi-Cal program.

Exhibit(1) 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications

Exhibit updated to add parent/guardian notifications related to (1) the manner in which district-established graduation requirements and career and technical education courses satisfy college entrance A-G course criteria, (2) California's child access prevention laws and laws related to the safe storage of firearms, (3) transfer of coursework and credits for highly mobile student populations, (4) how to access mental health services at school and/or in the community, (5) the online distribution of a digitized mental health poster, (6) type 1 diabetes information, (7) the opportunity to submit written comments on the local control and accountability plan, (8) student's participation in state assessments and option to request an exemption from testing, (9) information related to the district's food service programs, (10) upcoming eye examinations at school site and option to opt-out of eye examinations, (11) potential eligibility for services or accommodations pursuant to Section 504 or an individualized education program, (12) limitations on disenrollment of a child in a preschool or child care program, including expulsion and suspension, including how to file an appeal in the event of expulsion or suspension, (13) program plan for maintaining a child's safe participation in a preschool or child care program when a child exhibits persistent and serious challenging behaviors, (14) receipt of a "Notice of Action, Recipient of Services," prior to suspending or expelling a child in a preschool program, (15) the provision of a suspension and expulsion notice, manifestation determination notice, involuntary transfer notice, and related information to a foster youth's educational rights holder, attorney, and county social worker, and an Indian child's tribal social worker and, if applicable, county social worker, (16) findings from an evaluation of participating in an independent study course when satisfactory education progress is not being met, (17) exemption from district-established graduation requirements for students with disabilities, (18) requirement to stock and make available an adequate supply of menstrual products free of cost, (19) posting of child care license, and (20) requirement to post rates, discounts and scholarship options at child care facilities. exhibit also updated for conforming changes.

Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022)** which (1) provides grant funding until June 30, 2027 for the purpose of increasing access to inclusive early care and education programs, (2) extends the date by which the California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) are required to adopt implementing regulations related to early childhood development, and (3) specifies as one of the indicators for the implementation of quality child care and development programs that staff have the appropriate and required training, or any combination of qualifications, experience, or training. Policy also updated to delete material specific to COVID-19 and reflect a district's obligation to provide distance learning when a child care program is physically closed by a local or state public health order, reference that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has adopted regulations pertaining to the prekindergarten-grade 3 early childhood education specialist credential that include requirements, and accelerated pathways to meet the requirements, in an effort to increase the number of early childhood education teachers, and reference **NEW LAW (AB 2827, 2022)** which requires CDSS to revise its regulations to permit children with disabilities to use outdoor play spaces simultaneously with children who do not have disabilities without having to first seek a regulatory waiver and to specify any health and safety requirements that are required to be met when simultaneous play occurs.

Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development

Regulation updated to reference **NEW LAW (AB 2131, 2022)** which authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement and administer the creation of a single child care center license through all-county or similar written instruction until regulations are adopted and to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022)** which (1) specifies as one of the indicators for the implementation of quality child care and development program activities that meet the needs of dual language learners, and (2) provides that when eligibility for child care and development services are based on an adjusted monthly family income at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, that calculation does not include foster care payments made on behalf of a child or guaranteed income payments. Regulation also updated to delete

outdated material regarding the requirement to test for lead contamination in drinking water for buildings constructed before January 1, 2010, reference **NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022)** which requires CDSS to adopt regulations regarding the exclusion from family income of foster care payments made on behalf of a child or income guaranteed income payments, as described above, and reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1047, 2022)** which (1) extends eligibility for child care and development programs to families in which a member of the family has been certified as eligible to receive benefits from specified means tested government programs and that priority for enrollment must be based on the income declared on the application of the government program, and (2) provides that upon establishing initial eligibility or ongoing ability for child care and development services, a family is considered to meet eligibility and need requirements for services for not less than 24 months before having eligibility or need recertified, unless an exceptions exists. In addition, regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 321, 2022)** which provides that in the second priority category for enrollment, when there are two or more families with the same income ranking, children who reside in homes in which the primary language is not English are required to be admitted first, add material regarding a family establishing eligibility for child care and development services on the basis of receiving services under a CalWORKs Stage 1,2, or 3 program since this differs from the 24 month eligibility period as described above, delete material applicable only to the 2021-22 school year, add that licensed child care centers are required to post their rates, and discounts or scholarship policies, if any, in a prominent location adjacent to the license at the child care facility, add a new section entitled "Expulsion/Unenrollment and Suspension Based on Behavior" which reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2806, 2022)** establishing requirements for expulsion, unenrollment, or suspension of a child from a child care and development program and reflects a joint statement by the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in regard to ensuring that children with disabilities are not suspended or expelled because of disability-related behaviors. Additionally, regulation updated to more closely align with law the order of disenrollment when necessary due to a reduction in state reimbursements, delete material related to the personal belief exemption as this exemption no longer exists, clarify that medical exemptions are required to specify how long the exemption is expected to be needed and that it may not extend beyond the current grade span, reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1797, 2022)** which requires child care centers to disclose specified immunization information to local health departments operating countywide or regional immunization information and reminder systems and the California Department of Public Health, clarify that verification of an excused absence be signed by the district's authorized representative if verification is made by telephone, include procedures districts are required to follow when a child has been absent and the family has not been in communication with the district's child care and development services program coordinator or site supervisor for seven consecutive calendar days, specify that any appeal from a hearing requested by a parent/guardian regarding a Notice of Action be appealed to the Child Development Division, and add a new section entitled "Coordinating Transitions" which includes material regarding the district's obligations when a child in the district's child care and development program transfers to a local public school and reflects **NEW LAW (SB 188, 2022)** which requires districts to designate a main point of contact for coordinating and completing the transition of a child and family from Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), infant/toddler programs, to Part B of IDEA, preschool.

Board Policy 6146.4 - Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 181, 2022)** which (1) requires districts to exempt an eligible student with a disability from all coursework and other requirements adopted by the Board that are in addition to the statewide course requirements and award such student a high school diploma, and (2) provides that any such exempted student is eligible to participate in any graduation ceremony and school activity in which a student of similar age without a disability would be eligible to participate.

Board Policy 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education

Policy updated to reflect a December 2022 Davis Joint Unified School District Resolution Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, regarding the use of seclusion and restraint as it relates to a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities placed in nonpublic schools.

NEW - Board Policy 6173.4 - Education for American Indian Students

New policy addresses legal implications and best practices for the education of American Indian students, including a philosophical statement which recognizes the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of Indian students and the ways those needs may be addressed, the importance of culturally relevant

curriculum for all students related to local American Indian tribes, and the practice of implementing strategies necessary for the improvement of the academic achievement of American Indian students. Policy also provides for the involvement of a California Indian Education Task Force as encouraged by **NEW LAW (AB 1703, 2022)**, the identification of and related supports for American Indian students most at-risk of not meeting state academic standards, the additional protections for American Indian students prior to a suspension, expulsion, assignment to a supervised suspension classroom, or involuntary transfer to a continuation school in accordance with **NEW LAW (AB 740, 2022)**, the provision of programs to facilitate the successful transition of American Indian students to post-secondary education and employment, professional development to assist those working with students regarding the unique needs of American Indian students, and annual reporting to the Governing Board regarding the outcomes of American Indian students. Additionally, policy includes a section entitled, "Title VI Indian Education Program," with material moved from deleted Administrative Regulation 6173.4 - Title VI Indian Education Program, and reflects major requirements for districts that receive Title VI Indian education funding.

DELETE - Administrative Regulation 6173.4 - Title VI Indian Education Program

Regulation deleted as unnecessary with material moved to new Board Policy 6173.4 - Education for American Indian Students.

Board Policy 6174 - Education for English Learners

Policy updated to remove outdated material and reflect **NEW LAW (SB 941, 2022)** which permits a district to enter into an instruction collaboration agreement with another school district, county office of education, or charter school to offer the same or similar courses and coursework to students who have been impacted by teacher shortages, disruptions, or cancellations to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics classes, or dual language immersion programs.

Administrative Regulation 6174 - Education for English Learners

Regulation updated to remove outdated material and reflect updated information from the California Department of Education's (CDE) English Learner Federal Program Monitoring 2022-23 Instrument, CDE's Reclassification Criteria website, and letters from CDE which provide updated reclassification guidance regarding the criteria used to determine whether an English learner should be reclassified, including a review of the student's curriculum mastery and academic performance, the provision of an interpreter for parents/guardians, when necessary, as part of the parent/guardian involvement, comparison of student performance on an objective assessment of basic skills in English against an empirically established range of performance in basic skills, based on the performance of English proficient students of the same age, which demonstrates whether the student is sufficiently proficient in English to participate effectively in a curriculum designed for students of the same age whose native language is English. Regulation also updated to include that the four years of post-reclassification monitoring should be utilized to ensure that students have not prematurely exited, any academic deficit incurred through participation in the English learner program has been remedied, and the students are meaningfully participating in the standard instructional program compared to students who had never participated in an English learner program. Additionally, regulation updated to clarify that the LCAP advisory committee provides input regarding exiting language acquisition programs and the possible establishment of other programs.

Board Bylaw 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials

Bylaw updated to move material regarding public comments to be with content related language, amend language to be more closely aligned with code language, add material regarding the means for in-person and remote public comments, and reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2449, 2022)**, which requires boards to maintain and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation to board meetings for individuals with disabilities. Bylaw also updated to provide that each agenda for a regular meeting is required to list the address designated by the Superintendent or designee for public inspection of documents related to records of a statement threatening litigation against the district to be discussed in closed session, in addition to documents related to open session, when such documents have been distributed to the Governing Board less than 72 hours before a Board meeting, clarify that the Board president and Superintendent decide when an item is placed on the agenda, include that public records under the Public Records Act and which relate to an agenda item which contain a claim or written threat of litigation which will be discussed in closed session are required to be made available to the public, in addition to documents

which relate to an agenda item scheduled for the open session of a regular meeting, and **NEW LAW (AB 2647, 2022)** which clarifies how districts can, without opening their offices after normal business hours, comply with the portion of the Brown Act that requires writings or documents distributed to a majority of a local legislative body less than 72 hours before a meeting to also be distributed to the public.