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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.

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.

See BP 0420.4

See AR 0420.4

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.

See BP 1325

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

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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.

See BP 3100

Firearms on School Grounds

(BP revised; E 3515.7 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.

See BP 3515.7

Facilities Inspection

(BP 3517 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.

See AR 3517

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.

See BP 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21

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

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to clarify circumstances that require the use of an alternate complaint procedure.

See AR 4144/4244/4344

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.

See BP 4200

See AR 4200

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.

See BP 5144

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.

See BP 5144.1

See AR 5144.1

Before/After School Programs

(AR revised) Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 830) which deletes the requirement that a program operating under the 21st Century High School After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens Program (ASSETs) include preparation for the high school exit exam, as that exam has been eliminated.

See AR 5148.2

High School Graduation Requirements

(BP revised) Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 830) which repeals the requirement to pass the high school exit exam as a condition of graduation and NEW LAW (AB 365) which exempts children of military families from locally established graduation requirements under certain conditions.

See BP 6146.1

High School Exit Examination

(BP 6162.52 deleted/AR 6162.52 deleted/E 6162.52 deleted) Policy, regulation, and exhibits deleted since NEW LAW (AB 830) repeals the requirement to pass the high school exit exam as a condition of graduation.

Student Board Members

(BB revised) Bylaw updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 261 and SB 468) which eliminates the requirement that students petition in order to receive preferential voting rights for student board members. Bylaw also reflects requirement of SB 468 that the district provide student board members with materials and briefings, except those related to closed session, at the same time as other board members.

See BB 9150