

CSBA POLICY GUIDE SHEET September 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 1160 – Political Processes

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1416, 2022)** which requires the ballot label or similar description of a school district (or other local government) measure on a county ballot to list, either as a supporter or an opponent of the measure, the associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals, including current or former elected officials such as Governing Board members, who have signed the ballot argument or are listed in the text of the argument in support or opposition of the measure unless the county board of supervisors elects not to list such supporters and opponents.

Board Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities

Policy updated to caution districts when charging religious groups direct costs for use of district facilities when those costs are not charged to other groups due to the potential conflict between a U.S. Supreme Court decision and state law. Policy also updated to add that the Governing Board may authorize the use of a school building as a vote center on election day and/or during the 10 days preceding election day, as well as during key dates necessary for drop-off, set-up, and pickup of election materials, as determined by the election official.

Board Policy 3312 - Contracts

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1439, 2022)** related to conflict of interest from campaign contributions and **NEW LAW (SB 34, 2022)** related to bribery of a public official, and include a general statement requiring Governing Board members and district employees who are involved in the making of contracts on behalf of the district to comply with the district's conflict of interest policy.

Board Policy 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability

Policy updated to add material related to districts facing insolvency who are considering applying for an emergency apportionment, including that the Governing Board is required to discuss the need for an emergency apportionment at a regular or special meeting at which parents/guardians, the exclusive representatives of employees of the district, and other members of the community have the opportunity to provide testimony.

Board Policy 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 490, 2022)** which requires districts participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program, with annual reimbursement of \$1,000,000 or more, to (1) specify in the solicitation for bids and contracts for an agricultural food product that only the purchase of agricultural food products grown, packed, or processed domestically is authorized, unless a specific exception applies, including if the quality of the domestic product is inferior to the quality of the nondomestic product or if the bid or price of the nondomestic product is more than 25 percent lower than the bid or price of the domestic product, and (2) retain documentation justifying the use of the exception for three years from the date of purchase. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 778, 2022)** which requires a district to accept a bid or price for an agricultural food product grown in California before accepting a bid or price for a domestic agricultural food product that is grown outside the state, when certain conditions are met.

Board Policy 4151/4251/4351 – Employee Compensation

Policy updated to add that for districts participating in the Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program, eligible classified employees may elect to have up to 10 percent of the employee's monthly salary withheld and paid out during the summer recess in either one or two payments, and reflect **NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022)** which adds specific repayment procedures when a district has made a wage overpayment to a district employee.

Board Policy 5131.9 – Academic Honesty

Policy updated to address prohibited and permitted student use of technology, including artificial intelligence, as it relates to academic honesty. Policy also updated to include that a student with a disability be permitted to use technology for any purpose for which technology is identified in the student's individualized education program, that a student be given the opportunity to demonstrate that the use of technology was in accordance

with policy when suspected by an employee that such use was in violation of academic honesty, and that any information acquired from an employee's use of technology in determining whether a student has committed an act of academic dishonesty be shared with the student and the student's parent/guardian, as appropriate. Additionally, policy updated to authorize the provision of staff training regarding the use of technology to improve education, including the detection of plagiarism and sensitivity to potential discrimination from algorithmic bias.

Board Policy 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work

Policy updated to add that meaningful homework can provide enrichment, address student use of technology, including artificial intelligence, as it relates to homework and makeup work, provide that teacher training may include designing homework assignments that inspire students' interests, include that students may work with other students and use approved outside resources as directed by the teacher, and move material related to notifying the student's parents/guardians when a student repeatedly fails to complete homework so that it follows chronologically.

Board Policy 6162.5 – Student Assessment

Policy updated to reflect that prohibited and permitted student use of technology, including artificial intelligence, in relation to assessment, be as specified in Board Policy 5131.9 – Academic Honesty and Board Policy 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology, reference **NEW LAW (AB 114, 2023)** which includes long term English learners as a numerically significant student subgroup for purposes of demonstrating comparable improvement in academic achievement by all numerically significant subgroups, include that state interim and formative assessments may be used to communicate with students' parents/guardians and for use in identifying professional development, and that results of an individual student on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress may be released to a postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of credit, placement, or admission.

Board Bylaw 9124 – Attorney

Bylaw updated to revise the first philosophical paragraph to recognize the need to provide legal representation to the district and the importance of cost-effective legal advice and services, clarify that the Governing Board may appoint and fix and order paid legal counsel's compensation, expand the types of entities that the Board may contract with to serve as legal counsel, and reflect that the Board supports pursuing collaborative legal efforts with other districts as well as other government agencies as appropriate. Bylaw also updated to clarify that districts may, but are not required, to initiate a Request for Proposals to advertise and solicit proposals for legal services, and that districts may consider the attorney's, firm's, and/or entity's relevant legal reputation when evaluating such attorneys, firms, and/or entities. Additionally, bylaw updated to reflect that any attorney representing the district is required to be admitted to practice law in California.