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BP 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

(BP revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAWS** which authorize the use of uniform complaint procedures to resolve complaints of noncompliance with requirements related to accommodations for lactating students (AB 302, 2015), educational rights of foster youth and homeless students (AB 379, 2015), assignment of students to courses without educational content for more than one week per semester or to courses they have previously completed (AB 1012, 2015), and physical education instructional minutes in elementary schools (AB 1391, 2015). Regulation also reflects provisions of these laws which allow appeals of the district's decision related to these complaints to the California Department of Education and provide that, if any complaint regarding physical education instructional minutes is found to have merit, the district must provide a remedy to all affected students and parents/guardians.

BP 3270 - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies

Revise 4th paragraph of BP to more directly reflect law, as follows:

If the Board members who are in attendance at a meeting unanimously find that the value of the property is insufficient to defray the costs of arranging a sale, the property may be donated to a charitable organization deemed appropriate by the Board or may be disposed of ~~by dumping~~ **in the local public dump**. (Education Code 17546)

BP 3515.2 - Disruptions

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add optional components that may be addressed in district plans to prevent or respond to disruptions. Material on gun-free school zones deleted since possession of firearms and/or ammunition on school grounds is now addressed in BP 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds. Regulation updated to authorize the principal or designee to remove from school grounds or a school activity any person who threatens the immediate physical safety of a student, staff, or others. Regulation also reflects law allowing a person who has been directed to leave school facilities to reenter a location where the superintendent's or board's office is located for the purpose of filing an appeal.

BP 3515.7 - Firearms on School Grounds

(BP added)

New policy reflects **NEW LAW** (SB 707, 2015) which eliminates the exception that had allowed persons with a Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) license to possess a firearm on campus. The law now requires such persons to obtain written permission of the Superintendent or designee in order to possess a firearm and/or ammunition on school grounds. Policy contains options for the Board either to prohibit any person from possessing a firearm on campus, unless that person is specifically allowed such possession by law, or to authorize the Superintendent or designee to use his/her legal authority to permit persons with a CCW license to possess a firearm and/or ammunition on campus. For districts choosing to allow such permission to be granted on a case-by-case basis, the policy establishes optional criteria and conditions that must be met. Two new Exhibits provide (1) a sample form for persons to apply for permission to possess a firearm and/or ammunition on school grounds and (2) a sample agreement describing responsibilities and restrictions on such possession which should be signed by the Superintendent or designee and by the person granted permission.

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BP 3553 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect the timeline for submitting a request to the State Board of Education for a waiver of the requirement to provide free and reduced-price meals during summer session. Policy also revised to reflect law authorizing sharing of students' free and reduced-price meal eligibility information with another local educational agency serving another child living in the same household as the student and with the Superintendent of Public Instruction for purposes of determining local control funding formula allocations. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (SB 708, 2015) which authorizes districts to make free and reduced-price meal applications available electronically as long as the online application complies with specific requirements, including the provision of clear instructions for homeless or migrant families.

BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect state requirement that any education program or activity offered separately to pregnant students be "equal" to that offered to other district students, a standard that is more stringent than the federal standard for "comparable" programs. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW** (AB 302, 2015) requiring schools to offer reasonable accommodations, as specified, to any lactating student on the campus and providing that any complaint regarding noncompliance with these provisions may be addressed through the district's uniform complaint procedures.

BP 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add information regarding required qualifications of physical education teachers. Policy also incorporates material formerly in AR regarding the minimum school day for high school students who are granted two-year or permanent exemptions from physical education courses, and adds the amount of instructional time in physical education that must be provided to students who are excused from physical education courses in order to participate in driver training. Regulation updated to reflect clarify instructional time requirements, describe recent lawsuits alleging districts' noncompliance with these requirements, provide optional methods for documenting the number of instructional minutes provided, and reflect related CSBA Legal Alert. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW** (AB 1391, 2015) which authorizes the use of uniform complaint procedures for any complaint that an elementary school has not complied with the instructional minute requirement.

BP 6152 - Class Assignment

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (AB 1012, 2015) which prohibits, unless certain conditions are satisfied, the assignment of a student in grades 9-12 to (1) any course period "without educational content" for more than one week in any semester or (2) any course that he/she previously completed with a grade determined by the district to satisfy minimum requirements for high school graduation and admission to California postsecondary institutions. Policy also calls for the use of multiple objective academic measures when assigning students to appropriate courses and classes, consistent with **NEW LAW** (SB 359, 2015) mandating policy on placement in mathematic courses.

BP 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (SB 451, 2015) which expresses legislative intent regarding the responsibilities of school counselors, specifies required and optional components to be included in a comprehensive counseling program if the district chooses to offer such a program, and requires that certain strategies be included in professional development related to career and vocational counseling. Policy also clarifies options regarding access to students by college and employment recruiters, including military recruiters.