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BP 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan

(BP revised)

Policy updated to clarify the district's responsibility to annually review comprehensive school safety plans. Regulation updated to delete the requirement to include hate crime reporting procedures in the safety plan, as they are no longer required by law. List of optional plan components expanded to include (1) policy related to firearms possession on campus; (2) measures to minimize gang influence; (3) guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of mental health professionals, community intervention professionals, school counselors, school resource officers, and police officers on school campuses; (4) strategies for suicide prevention; (5) procedures to handle disruptions; and (6) concepts related to environmental safety.

BP 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools

(BP revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95), U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) guidance, and the California Department of Education (CDE) transition plan, which require schools identified for program improvement (PI) to continue to implement their school improvement plans during the 2016-17 school year while a new system of school support and improvement activities for Title I schools is developed. Policy also deletes references to the federal measure of "adequate yearly progress" and the requirements to offer intradistrict transfers and supplemental educational services (SES) to eligible students, as these have been eliminated under ESSA. Material on the Parent Empowerment Act moved from AR to BP, and "Program Evaluation" section revised to reflect requirement to develop and post a report card with specified content. Regulation deletes sections on "Definitions," "Parental Notifications," "Student Transfers," and "Supplemental Educational Services," and adds section on "Alternative Supports" to reflect the CDE's transition plan which requires that district-defined supports be provided to eligible students. Exhibits (1) and (2) deleted since forms related to intradistrict transfers and SES are no longer needed.

BP 0520.3 - Title I Program Improvement Districts

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), USDOE guidance, and the CDE's transition plan, which, for the 2016-17 school year, require districts identified for program improvement (PI) to continue to implement their improvement plans and any recommendations of a district assistance and intervention team assigned to the district. Policy deletes outdated reference to the federal measure of "adequate yearly progress," deletes section on "Early Warning System" since districts are not being newly identified for PI, and consolidates and shortens material reflecting requirements for districts based on the number of years in PI. Regulation deleted as some requirements are no longer applicable and others are duplicated in the BP.

BP 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management

(BP added)

New policy reflects **NEW LAW** (SB 1029, 2016) which mandates that boards adopt a debt management policy prior to issuing any debt, including, but not limited to, general obligation bonds, tax and revenue anticipation notes, and certificates of participation. Policy addresses the components mandated by law, including (1) the purposes for which the debt proceeds may be used; (2) the types of debt that may be issued; (3) the relationship of the debt to, and integration with, the district's capital improvement program or budget, if applicable; (4) policy goals related to the district's planning goals and objectives; and (5) internal control procedures to ensure that the proceeds of the proposed debt issuance will be directed to the intended use.

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BP 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (ABX2 9, 2016) which requires all districts, not just those receiving state Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds, to prohibit tobacco use on school campuses. Policy also reflects new definitions of "smoking" and "tobacco" pursuant to **NEW LAW** (SBX2 5, 2016). Regulation reflects provision of ABX2 9 which requires signs prohibiting tobacco use to be displayed at all school entrances, and deletes option to designate a smoking area on campus.

BP 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals

(BP revised)

Minor revisions made in policy and regulation to delete references to sharing free and reduced-price meal records for the purpose of determining the eligibility of students in Title I program improvement schools for school choice and supplemental educational services, as those requirements were eliminated in the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), and instead authorize the use of those records to determine eligibility for alternative supports offered in accordance with the CDE's transition plan.

BP 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance

(BP revised)

Policy updated to clarify that, although state and federal law prohibit discrimination in child nutrition programs for all protected categories, the CDE and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) only investigate complaints of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, and disability. Policy also reorganizes and expands the responsibilities of the district's civil rights coordinator to reflect CDE's guidebook as updated in November 2015, and updates the addresses where complaints may be submitted. Nondiscrimination statement that is required to be printed on program documents, pamphlets, brochures, and other materials updated to reflect the USDA's 2015 statement.

BP 4112.2 - Certification

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add requirement, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), to notify parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request certain information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher.

BP 4113 - Assignment

(BP revised)

Policy updated to delete material re: assignment of teachers who meet the qualifications of "highly qualified" teachers, as those requirements were repealed by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95). Policy also revised to reflect the continuing requirement to describe in the Title I local educational agency plan how the district will address any disparities that result in low-income or minority students being taught at higher rates by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers. Details reflecting the state's Compliance Monitoring, Intervention and Sanctions program deleted as the CDE's ESSA transition plan indicates that districts will not be required to participate in that program in the 2016-17 school year.

BP 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment

(BP revised)

Policy and regulation updated to delete priority for intradistrict open enrollment for students transferring out of a school identified for program improvement (PI), as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95) eliminated requirements to offer such transfers. Policy also clarifies that Open Enrollment Act transfers for the 2016-17 school year are to be based on the CDE's 2015-16 list of open enrollment schools since the Academic Performance Index is currently suspended. Regulation also reflects ESSA requirement

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that students who were previously granted intradistrict transfers out of a PI school must be allowed to remain in the school to which they transferred until the highest grade offered by the school.

BP 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

(BP revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect research-supported best practices regarding grading, including the separation of nonacademic factors from students' academic grades. Policy also adds optional paragraph on reports of student progress on specific academic standards.

BP 5131.62 - Tobacco

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW** (ABX2 9, 2016) which requires all districts, not just those receiving state Tobacco-Use Prevention Education funds, to prohibit tobacco use on school campuses and **NEW LAW** (SBX2 5, 2016) which establishes new definitions of "smoking" and "tobacco."

BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction

(BP revised)

Policy updated to delete reference to the requirement to provide supplemental educational services to eligible students from low-income families in Title I schools identified for program improvement, as the requirement was repealed by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (P.L. 114-95), and to add the requirement to provide alternative supports to eligible students in accordance with the CDE's ESSA transition plan.