

# POLICY GUIDE SHEET

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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.

## **BP 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to list all state and federal programs subject to the uniform complaint procedures (UCP) as specified in the Federal Program Monitoring instrument, reflect **NEW LAW (AB 699)** which includes immigration status as a prohibited basis for discrimination, and reflect **NEW LAW (AB 365)** which authorizes the use of UCP for alleged noncompliance with certain educational rights of children of military families. Policy also revised to clarify that, although complaints of employment discrimination are not subject to UCP, the district has an obligation to investigate such complaints using other district procedures. Regulation updated to reflect a requirement in AB 365 that the annual UCP notice include the educational rights of children of military families. Regulation also clarifies that any individual, public agency, or organization may file a complaint alleging violation of law regarding applicable state or federal programs, and deletes references to Office of Civil Rights resources on sexual violence which have been withdrawn.

## **BP 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 250)** which requires districts to make their meal charge policy public and ensure that students with unpaid meal fees are not shamed or treated differently than other students. Section on "Procurement of Foods, Equipment, and Supplies" reflects **NEW LAW (SB 730)** which requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide information about the Buy American provision, **NEW LAW (AB 822)** which requires a preference for California-grown agricultural products with specified exceptions, and **NEW LAW (SB 544)** which clarifies that procurements in federally funded nutrition programs are subject to the procurement standards of the federal Uniform Guidance. Regulation updated to reflect provisions of SB 250 which require districts to notify parents/guardians within 10 days of a negative balance in their child's school meal account and to exhaust all options to enroll the student in the free and reduced-price meal program if he/she is eligible. Regulation also adds new section reflecting **NEW LAW (SB 557)** which authorizes donation of unused, unopened foods to a food bank or other nonprofit charitable organization.

## **BP 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 138)** which requires districts to apply by September 1, 2018, for a federal universal meal service for "very high poverty schools," as defined, for the purpose of providing breakfast and/or lunch free of charge to all students enrolled at the school. An exception exists for districts whose board adopts a resolution stating the district is unable to comply due to fiscal hardship. Regulation updated to reflect a provision of SB 138 which requires direct certification of students' eligibility for free or reduced-price meals based on their Medi-Cal participation. In both BP and AR, section related to confidentiality and allowable purposes for sharing students' free and reduced-price meal eligibility information revised to reflect the elimination of Title I program improvement.

## **BP 4111/4211/4311 - Recruitment and Selection**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to expand discussion of possible recruitment incentives, including subsidized housing programs for teachers and other employees and **NEW LAW (AB 99)** which establishes the California Educator Development grant program to assist districts with attracting and supporting the preparation and continued learning of teachers, principals, and other school leaders. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 168)** which prohibits districts from seeking salary history information about an applicant and from relying on salary history information as a factor in determining whether to offer employment or the salary to offer an applicant, unless the salary information is disclosable under state or federal law or the applicant voluntarily discloses the information without prompting.

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## **BP 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to provide a strong statement of the board's commitment to provide a safe work environment that is free of sexual harassment and intimidation and to align the process for filing complaints of sexual harassment with AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 396)** which requires districts to post a Department of Fair Employment and Housing poster on transgender rights and, if the district has 50 or more employees, to provide training to supervisors regarding harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.

## **BP 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to add options formerly in AR regarding the disclosure of students' personal information for marketing purposes. Policy also reflects state law which prohibits the collection of social security numbers or the last four digits of social security numbers for such purposes and **NEW LAW (AB 699)** which prohibits the collection of information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their families. Regulation reflects **NEW LAW (AB 677)** which prohibits the removal of questions pertaining to sexual orientation and/or gender identity from a voluntary survey that already contains such questions.

## **BP 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement**

(BP added)

New policy and regulation reflect **NEW LAW (AB 699)** which mandates districts to adopt, by July 1, 2018, policy consistent with the model policy developed by the California Attorney General, including policy related to the district's response to requests by law enforcement for access to information, students, or school grounds for immigration enforcement purposes and actions to be taken in the event that a student's family member is detained or deported. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 31)** which prohibits districts from compiling or assisting federal government authorities with compiling a list, registry, or database based on students' national origin, ethnicity, or religion.

## **BP 5145.6 - Parental Notifications**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect federal law applicable to districts participating in certain federal programs which requires that parental notifications be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents/guardians can understand. Policy also revised to reflect state law requiring that parental notifications be written in the primary language, in addition to English, whenever 15 percent or more of the students enrolled in a school speak a single primary language other than English. Exhibit updated to reflect notices required by **NEW LAW**, including notices related to students' right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs (**AB 699**), the employee code of conduct related to employee interactions with students (**AB 500**), the district's meal payment policy (USDA Memorandum SP-23-2017), a student's identification as a long-term English learner (**AB 81**), a negative balance in a student's meal account (**SB 250**), educational rights of children of military families (**AB 365**), and any excessive level of lead found in drinking water (**AB 746**). Two legal cites renumbered pursuant to federal law and regulations.

## **BP 6162.5 - Student Assessment**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1035)** which addresses the use and purpose of interim and formative assessments that are part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, prohibits their use for high-stakes purposes as defined, and requires that teachers who administer the assessments have access to all pertinent functions and information.

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### **BP 6171 - Title I Programs**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to address (1) the requirement to use federal Title I funds to supplement, not supplant, funds available from state and local sources; (2) use of the district's local control and accountability plan to fulfill requirements for the Title I local educational agency plan; and (3) methods for demonstrating the comparability of services between Title I and non-Title I schools. Regulation updated to reflect amendments by the Every Student Succeeds Act related to schoolwide programs, targeted assistance programs, and participation by private school students.