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/AR 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to delete the legal cite for the Parent Empowerment Act, as the criteria for that program include the Academic Performance Index which is no longer calculated, and to delete the outdated legal cite for California Department of Education (CDE) standards for the identification of academically low-achieving students. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 126, 2019)** which requires charter schools to comply with the Brown Act, California Public Records Act, and other specified state laws governing transparency and public integrity, and **NEW LAW (AB 406, 2018)** which, for any charter petition submitted on or after July 1, 2019, prohibits the charter school from operating as or by a for-profit corporation or organization. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1747, 2018)** which requires that the charter petition include provisions for the development and annual update of a school safety plan.

BP/AR 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect a court decision which held that a district cannot bar criticism of employees at public board meetings, and to add referral of complainants to the appropriate complaint procedures when concerns are expressed at a board meeting or to an individual board member outside a board meeting. Policy includes material formerly in AR regarding reports against employees for child abuse or neglect, and adds circumstances under which complaints should be addressed in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures or AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment. Policy also adds material related to the investigation of a complaint, including an anonymous complaint, and includes material formerly in AR regarding appeals to the board. Regulation reorganized and updated to require that complaints be made in writing and to add steps regarding the investigation of the complaint and the notification of the complainant and employee regarding the final decision.

BP/AR 3250 - Transportation Fees
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reference types of transportation services, in addition to home-to-school transportation, for which fees may be charged. The basis for establishing the amount of the fee deleted in BP since it is addressed in AR. Policy also adds material formerly in AR regarding (1) criteria for determining exemption of transportation fees based on financial need and (2) board certification to the county superintendent of schools that fees have been levied in accordance with law. Regulation reorganized to describe the types of transportation services for which fees are allowed, the amount of the fee, and then exemptions from fees. Material regarding the establishment of fees revised to reflect current practice which is no longer based on the Superintendent of Public Instruction's determination of the statewide average nonsubsidized cost of providing transportation on a publicly owned or operated transit system.

BP 3510 - Green School Operations
(BP revised)

Policy expands best practices for environmental accountability in district programs and operations, including involvement of staff at all levels, use of least toxic pest management practices, compliance with green building standards in any new construction, acquisition of reduced or zero emission school buses, limitation of unnecessary idling of school buses or personal vehicles, implementation of green practices in the district's food services program, and use of green school activities as tools for student learning.

BP/AR 3511 - Energy and Water Management
(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect recommendations in **NEW STATE GUIDANCE** from CDE, the Division of the State Architect in the Department of General Services, and the State Water Resources Control Board. Policy also deletes green school strategies duplicated in other policies, and adds coordination with local and regional entities to share expertise and resources. Section on "Storm Water Management" deletes specific requirements for "nontraditional MS4 entities" that are subject to the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges to Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, and clarifies that districts may also be subject to the Construction General Permit and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities. Section on "Emergency Interruption of Services" contains material formerly in AR. Regulation expands components of the district's resource management program to include strategies related to outdoor spaces, drought-tolerant habitats, and equipment maintenance and repair. Regulation also adds new section on "Storm Water Management" with examples of best practices and adds new material related to the emergency interruption of services.

AR 3514 - Environmental Safety
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2453, 2018)** which (1) authorizes state facilities modernization grants to be used to update air filtration systems and (2) authorizes districts and schools in communities with a high cumulative exposure to toxic air contaminants to work with air districts and to be eligible for a grant to implement air quality mitigation efforts. Regulation also reflects the July 1, 2019 deadline for completing testing for lead in the drinking water of any school constructed before January 1, 2010, and **NEW LAW (AB 2370, 2018)** which requires a licensed child care center that is located in a building constructed before January 1, 2010 to have its drinking water tested for lead contamination.

BP/AR 3540 - Transportation
(BP revised; AR deleted)

Policy updated to include material formerly in AR regarding the means of transportation, contracts for transportation services, and the option to pay parents/guardians their actual and necessary expenses in transporting the student. Policy also addresses (1) the district's authority to require families to pay a transportation fee, with specified exceptions; (2) the district's authority to transport students without parent/guardian permission when evacuation of students is necessary for their safety; and (3) the installation of a global positioning system on school buses to enhance safety and provide real-time location data. Regulation deleted and key concepts moved to BP.

BP/AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment – March 2019
(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to clarify applicability of the policy to nonemployees providing services to the district pursuant to a contract. Policy reflects **NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2018, No. 20)** which add a definition of national origin and make it an unlawful employment practice to inquire into or discriminate against an employee on the basis of immigration status. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1300)** which (1) prohibits districts from requiring an employee, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, to sign a nondisparagement agreement or release the right to file a claim against the district for unlawful acts in the workplace, including sexual harassment, and (2) provides that a district may be responsible for any harassment (not just sexual harassment) of employees by nonemployees if the district knows or should have known of the conduct and failed to take action. Regulation revises section on "Measures to Prevent Discrimination" to reflect a requirement, formerly in BP, to post the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) poster on workplace discrimination and harassment and to add the requirement to post the DFEH poster on the rights of

transgender employees. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1300)** which authorizes training on bystander intervention.

BP 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 - Dress and Grooming
(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect laws which allow employees to appear and dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity, gender expression, or religious creed. Policy also adds material regarding the communication of the district's dress and grooming policy to employees.

AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave-March 2019
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to revise section on "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" to clarify that, for districts choosing Option 2, employees must receive "at least" 50 percent of their regular salary during the additional period of absence. Section on "Parental Leave" updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2012)** which requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave.

AR 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave-March 2019
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to revise section on "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" to clarify that, for districts choosing Option 2, employees must receive "at least" 50 percent of their regular salary during the additional period of absence. Section on "Parental Leave" updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2012)** which requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave.

BP 5131.2 - Bullying
(BP revised; AR added)

Policy updated and regulation added to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2291, 2018)** which mandates districts to adopt, on or before December 31, 2019, procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying. Regulation includes material formerly in BP re: bullying prevention measures, staff development, student instruction, reporting, and corrective actions. Regulation also adds definition of bullying and examples of behaviors that may constitute bullying and cyberbullying, and reflects CDE's online training module on bullying developed pursuant to AB 2291.

BP/AR 5132 - Dress and Grooming
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to address communication of the dress code to students and staff; grant enforcement authority to the principal or designee; prohibit discriminatory enforcement of the dress code, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, or religious or cultural observance; and address disciplinary action for repeated violations or refusal to comply with the dress code. Policy also provides that the determination of specific items of clothing defined as gang apparel shall be free from bias based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or other protected characteristics. Regulation updated to provide general, gender-neutral guidelines for the dress code that may be revised to reflect district

practice; add circumstances under which the dress code should be modified for classes, activities, or individual students; and call for collaboration with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel.

BP/AR 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to more directly reflect the goals of the California Healthy Youth Act, incorporate the legal requirement for districts whose graduation requirements include completion of a health education course to include instruction on the affirmative consent standard, and reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1104, 2018)** which requires districts offering grades 6-12 to provide information on human trafficking prevention resources to parents/guardians by January 1, 2020. Policy also adds timeline for notification to parents/guardians that they may request to excuse their child from comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1861, 2018)** which requires that comprehensive sexual health education include specified information regarding human trafficking, and **NEW LAW (AB 1868, 2018)** which authorizes instruction regarding the potential risks and consequences of electronically sharing suggestive or sexually explicit materials. Section on "Professional Development" updated to reflect a legal requirement to provide periodic staff development regarding sexual abuse and human trafficking.

BP 6142.6 - Visual and Performing Arts Education
(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect revised content standards for visual and performing arts, including media arts, adopted by the State Board of Education in January 2019. Policy incorporates the philosophical foundation, lifelong goals, and artistic processes upon which the state standards are based.

BP 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements
(BP revised)

Policy includes minor revision to clarify that immigrant students enrolled in a newcomer program in grades 11-12 may be eligible for an exemption from locally established graduation requirements, regardless of whether they transferred between schools after the completion of the second year of high school.