CSBA POLICY GUIDE SHEET December 2021

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 0420.42 - Charter School Renewal

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021)** which extends the term by two years for all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2025 and requires, for renewals and denials, that the most recent years for which state data is available preceding the renewal or denial decision be used in determining whether specified criteria are met if the two consecutive years preceding the renewal or denial include the 2019-20 or 2020-21 school year. Policy also updated for clarity and consistency with law

Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021) which renumbers the license-exempt California State Preschool Program code sections, ensure consistency with the California Department of Education's 2021-22 federal program monitoring instrument, clarify that districts may not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student, add Item #3 to the section regarding "Non-UCP Complaints" that any complaint alleging that a student, while in an education program or activity as specified, was subjected to sexual harassment as defined in 34 CFR 106.30 be addressed through federal Title IX complaint procedures, and clarify in Item #5 that complaints alleging a physical safety concern that interferes with a free appropriate public education is a non-UCP complaint.

Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Regulation updated to delete outdated and/or repealed U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) references and where appropriate add current OCR material, ensure consistency with the California Department of Education's 2021-22 federal program monitoring instrument, clarify posting requirements for the annual notification, compliance officer contact information and information related to Title IX, add material regarding the requirement for an administrator who is not designated as a compliance officer who receives a complaint to notify the compliance officer, clarify that districts may not offer or facilitate an informal resolution process to resolve allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student, add descriptions to the OPTION headings for districts that do or do not allow complainants to appeal to the governing board, delete material regarding respondent being sent the investigation report at the same time it is provided to complainant as this simultaneous exchange is not required by law, amend language in regard to pursuing civil law remedies in the notice to complainants included in investigation reports for allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on state law, clarify when either party may request reconsideration of an appeal by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and reflect NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021) which renumbers the license-exempt California State Preschool Program code sections.

Exhibit(1) 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Exhibit updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021) which renumbers the license-exempt California State Preschool Program code sections.

Exhibit(2) 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Exhibit updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021)** which renumbers the license-exempt California State Preschool Program code sections.

Administrative Regulation 3515.6 - Criminal Background Check for Contractors

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021) which requires any entity, including a sole proprietor, that has a contract with a district to ensure that employees who interact with students outside of the immediate supervision and control of the student's parent/guardian or school staff have a valid criminal

records summary and to immediately provide any subsequent arrest and conviction information received pursuant to the subsequent arrest service. Regulation also updated to delete the list of service providers as the services in Items #1-5 are no longer listed in law and the services in Item #6 regarding the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or repair of a school facility are considered in another portion of the regulation, delete material regarding an exception for employees with limited contact with students as it is no longer provided for in law, generalize information regarding steps that may be taken to protect the safety of students who may come in contact with employees of contracting entities, and rearrange placement of material for clarity and context.

Administrative Regulation 4217.3 - Layoff/Rehire

Regulation updated to add descriptions to the OPTION headings for the determination of "length of service" for order of layoff purposes, reflect NEW LAW (AB 438, 2021) which, for both merit and non-merit districts, specifies notice requirements and hearing rights districts must provide to permanent classified employees, as defined, who are subject to layoff due to lack of work or lack of funds, including that notice be given no later than March 15, and that classified staff may be reduced due to lack of work or lack of funds when the governing board determines during the time between five days after the enactment of an annual Budget Act and August 15 of the fiscal year to which the Budget Act applies that the district's local control funding formula apportionment per unit of average daily attendance for the fiscal year of the Budget Act has not increased by at least two percent. Regulation also updated to provide material regarding a permanent classified employee's request for a hearing, including a hearing before an administrative law judge in which the board makes the final decision regarding the sufficiency of the cause and disposition of the layoff, provide material regarding final notice before May 15 to employees affected by the layoff unless a continuance is granted, add material regarding notice to affected employees when classified positions are eliminated as a result of the expiration of a specifically funded program, and include that districts may release probationary classified employees without notice or hearing for reasons other than lack of work or lack of funds.

Administrative Regulation 5125 - Student Records

Regulation updated to enhance clarity by separating administrative guidance for requests involving changes to student records of current students and guidance related to requests for changes to gender or legal name of former students. Regulation also updated to move materials related to former students to end of regulation in new section - "Updating Name and/or Gender of Former Students."

Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Regulation updated to clarify how district employees should handle requests by or on behalf of transgender and gender-nonconforming students when changing gender and legal name on student records. Regulation also updated to broaden the section on "Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students" to include support for intersex and nonbinary students and related definitions.

Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021)** which repealed the Child Care and Development Services Act from the Education Code and reenacted the laws in the Welfare and Institutions Code with responsibility for administering child care programs transferring to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021)** pursuant to which a child's eligibility for transitional kindergarten may not impact family eligibility for a child care program and which requires, as a condition of funding, that a child care program that is physically closed by local or state public health order or guidance due to the COVID–19 pandemic, but funded to be operational, provide distance learning services as specified by CDSS.

Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021)** which (1) repealed the Child Care and Development Services Act from the Education Code and reenacted the laws in the Welfare and Institutions Code, (2) waives fees for families receiving subsidized child care services for 2021-22, and (3) requires a California State Preschool Program or child care program to provide a parent/guardian of a child transferring to a public school with specified information.

Board Policy 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021)** which (1) establishes the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program, (2) allocates ELO funding to districts under a formula based on a district's percentage of unduplicated students and average daily attendance, (3) requires districts receiving funds to, for the 2021-22 school year, offer access to ELO programs to all unduplicated students in grades TK-6, provide access to such programs to at least 50 percent of enrolled unduplicated students and, commencing in the 2022-23 school year, offer access to all students in grades TK-6 inclusive and ensure that access is provided to any student whose parent/guardian requests their placement in an ELO program, and (4) requires After School Education and Safety, 21st Century Community Learning Center, and ELO programs that charge family fees to schedule fees on a sliding scale that considers family income and ability to pay and to waive the cost of such fees for a student who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Administrative Regulation 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021) which (1) establishes the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Program, (2) requires districts receiving ELO funds to, for the 2021-22 school year, offer access to ELO programs to all unduplicated students in grades TK-6 and to provide access to such programs to at least 50 percent of enrolled unduplicated students, (3) commencing in the 2022-23 school year, offer access to all students in grades TK-6 inclusive and ensure that access is provided to any student whose parent/guardian requests placement in an ELO program, (4) requires districts receiving grants through the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program to develop a plan for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten, (5) requires ELO programs serving transitional kindergarten and/or kindergarten students to maintain a student-to-staff member ratio of no more than 10 to 1, and (6) requires that ELO programs, for school days, provide in-person before- or after-school expanded learning opportunities that, when added to daily instructional minutes, are not less than nine hours of combined instructional time and, for intersession periods, provide in-person expanded learning opportunities of no less than nine hours per day for at least 30 non-school days. Regulation also updated to include definition of expanded learning opportunities and unduplicated student and to reflect the expectation that ELO programs will comply with all requirements for the After School Education and Safety program.

Board Policy 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021) which amended and renumbered the statutes governing the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) within the Education Code, and to reflect NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021) which (1) revised the timespans for mandatory transitional kindergarten (TK) admittance requirements to be phased in starting in the 2022-23 school year to the 2025-26 school year, (2) created a grant program for the construction or modernization of new preschool classrooms pursuant to the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program, (3) requires, in combination with NEW STATE GUIDANCE, as a condition of funding, that a CSPP program that is physically closed by local or state public health order or guidance due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but funded to be operational, provide distance learning services as specified by the California Department of Education, (4) requires districts receiving grants through the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program to develop a plan for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten, and (5) prohibits TK eligibility from impacting family eligibility for a preschool or childcare program. Policy also updated to reflect that a CSPP program may be a part-day or full-day program and that a child under four years of age must be served in a CSPP facility licensed in accordance with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Additionally, policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1363, 2021) which requires the quality indicators for CSPP programs to include activities and services that meet the needs of dual language learners for support in the development of their home language and English.

Administrative Regulation 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Regulation updated to include definitions of three- and four-year-old children and to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021)** which (1) amended and renumbered the statutes governing the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) within the Education Code, (2) clarifies that four-year-old children who are eligible to participate in a CSPP program include those children whose fifth birthday occurs after September 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled in a CSPP program and whose parent/guardian has opted to retain or enroll the child

in a CSPP program, (3) requires CSPP programs to include certain components including minimum days per year for a full-day CSPP program, (4) repeals applicable code sections, (5) revises the eligibility criteria and enrollment priorities for part-day CSPP programs, (6) adds eligibility criteria and enrollment priorities for full-day CSPP programs, (7) waives fees for families receiving subsidized child care services for the 2021-22 school year, and (8) revises the order by which families must be disenrolled from CSPP programs if disenrollment is necessary. Policy also updated to delete section on "Wraparound Child Care Services" to reflect the repeal of code sections as stated above.

Board Policy 6112 - School Day

Policy updated to reflect clarification in the California Department of Education's Frequently Asked Questions about Independent Study that minimum school day requirements for regular school attendance apply to traditional independent study programs.

Administrative Regulation 6112 - School Day

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021)** which exempts activities related to the Expanded Learning Opportunity program from the calculation of the maximum school day for kindergarten and transitional kindergarten. Regulation also updated to specify when the school day may begin for students in middle and high schools, and to move material to enhance clarity.

Board Policy 6143 - Courses of Study

Policy updated to (1) expand student characteristics for which districts may not provide any course separately or require or refuse participation, (2) include that the district's course of study may provide for a rigorous academic curriculum that integrates academic and career skills, includes applied learning across all disciplines, and prepares students for high school graduation and career entry, and (3) clarify that the a-g requirements for the University of California and California State University system is 15 yearlong or 30 semesters.

Administrative Regulation 6143 - Courses of Study

Regulation updated to clarify that optional instruction in prenatal care is for pregnant individuals, to reflect NEW LAW (AB 101, 2021) which, subject to funding in the annual Budget Act or other statute, requires a one-semester course in ethnic studies beginning in the 2025-26 school year and as a requirement for graduation beginning with students who graduate in the 2029-30 school year, clarify that the a-g requirements for the University of California and California State University system is 15 yearlong or 30 semesters, and add a new section "Financial Aid Requirements for Students in Grade 12 that reflects NEW LAW (AB 132, 2021) which (1) requires, starting in the 2022-23 school year, districts to confirm that each student in grade 12 completes and submits a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education and/or if a student is exempt from paying nonresident tuition, a California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to the Student Aid Commission unless the student's parent/guardian, emancipated minor, or student age 18 years or older submits an opt-out form to the district, or the district, in specified circumstances, exempts the student or the student's parent/guardian from completing the FAFSA, CADAA, or opt-out form and completes and submits an opt-out form on the student's behalf, (2) requires districts to ensure that each high school student in Grade 12, and if applicable the student's parent/guardian, be directed to any support and assistance necessary to complete the FAFSA and/or CADAA, and (3) that information shared by students and parents/guardians in completing and submitting the FAFSA and CADAA is handled in compliance with the federal Family Rights and Privacy Act and applicable state law, regardless of any person's immigration status or other personal information.

Board Policy 6158 - Independent Study

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 167, 2021) which relaxes certain independent study (IS) requirements with respect to any student who is unable to attend in-person instruction due to a quarantine or school closure during the 2021-22 school year and to incorporate California Department of Education program clarifications, including that a district is permitted to (1) require students who cannot participate in classroom-based instruction during the school year due to quarantine or school closure because of infection with or exposure to COVID-19 to participate in IS, (2) claim apportionment credit for such students' participation in IS for fewer than the minimum three consecutive days generally required for IS, and (3)

obtain a signed written agreement from each participating student not later than 30 days after IS begins, rather than before a student may participate in IS.

Administrative Regulation 6158 - Independent Study

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 167, 2021)** which permits districts to offer Independent Study (IS) to students who are unable to attend in-person instruction due to a quarantine pursuant to local or state public health guidance because of exposure to or infection with COVID-19. Regulation also revised to clarify that a student must be enrolled in school in order to participate in IS.

Board Policy 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021) which (1) gradually revises the timespans for mandatory transitional kindergarten (TK) admittance such that, by the 2025-26 school year, children who turn four by September 1 will be eligible for TK, (2) establishes the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program as an early learning initiative with the goal of expanding access to classroombased prekindergarten programs at districts, including but not limited to TK programs, and which requires districts to develop a plan for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to fullday learning programs the year before kindergarten, (3) establishes the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program to provide one-time grants to school districts to construct new school facilities or retrofit existing school facilities including for the purpose of providing TK classrooms, (4) prohibits TK eligibility from impacting family eligibility for a preschool or childcare program, and (5) requires districts to maintain an average TK class enrollment of not more than 24 students for each school site and which, commencing with the 2022-23 school year, requires districts to maintain an average of at least one adult for every 12 students for TK classrooms and, contingent upon an appropriation of funding, maintain an average of at least one adult for every 10 students commencing with the 2023-24 school year. Policy also updated to reflect requirements for programs that commingle preschoolage and TK students.

Board Bylaw 9150 - Student Board Members

Bylaw updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 824, 2021) which specifies circumstances under which a governing board may adjust the term of a student board member. Bylaw also updated to enhance legal accuracy and clarity.

Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings and Notices

Bylaw updated to clarify that it is discussion among themselves, via technology, of a majority of the governing board regarding an item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board that can result in a violation of the Brown Act, and that agenda materials are required to be made available for public inspection at the time the materials are distributed to all or a majority of the board when agenda materials relating to an open session of a regular meeting are distributed to the board less than 72 hours before the meeting. Bylaw also updated to add a new section "Teleconferencing During a Proclaimed State of Emergency" which reflects NEW LAW (AB 361, 2021) that (1) authorizes boards, until January 1, 2024, to conduct board meetings by teleconference, as specified, without meeting certain requirements otherwise required of teleconference meetings when holding a board meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency when state or local officials have imposed or recommend measures to promote social distancing; to determine whether, as a result of an emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or when it has been determined, as a result of an emergency, that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, (2) includes that the district may, in its discretion, provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment and, (3) provides that the board may continue to conduct meetings by teleconference during proclaimed states of emergency by a majority vote finding within 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time and every 30 days thereafter that either the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the board to meet safely in person or that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Policy 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements

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The Governing Board desires to prepare all students to obtain a high school diploma so that they can take advantage of opportunities for postsecondary education and employment.

Course Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, students shall complete at least the following courses in grades 9-12, with each course being one year unless otherwise specified:

- 1. Three courses in English (Education Code 51225.3)
- 2. Three courses in Mathematics (Education Code 51225.3)

At least one mathematics course, or a combination of the two mathematics courses, shall meet or exceed state academic content standards for Algebra I or Mathematics I. Completion of such coursework prior to grade 9 shall satisfy the Algebra I or Mathematics I requirement, but shall not exempt a student from the requirement to complete three mathematics courses in grades 9-12. (Education Code 51224.5)

Students may be awarded up to one mathematics course credit for successful completion of an approved computer science course that is classified as a "category c" course based on the "a-g" course requirements for college admission. (Education Code 51225.3, 51225.35)

- 3. Two courses in science, including biological and physical sciences (Education Code 51225.3)
- 4. Three courses in social studies, including United States history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; a one-semester course in American government and civics; and a one-semester course in economics (Education Code 51225.3)
- 5. One course in visual or performing arts; foreign language, including American Sign Language; or career technical education (CTE) (Education Code 51225.3)

To be counted towards meeting graduation requirements, a CTE course shall be aligned to the CTE model curriculum standards and framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

- 6. Two courses in physical education, unless the student has been otherwise exempted pursuant to other sections of the Education Code (Education Code 51225.3)
- 7. Community Service 40 Hours Community and 10 Hours School Services

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Distance Learning, Community Service requirements have been adjusted as follows:

Class of	Community Service Hours	School Service Hours
2023	10	2.5
2024	20	5
2025	30	7.5
2026	40	10

Because the prescribed course of study may not accommodate the needs of some students, the Board shall provide alternative means for the completion of prescribed courses in accordance with law.

Exemptions and Waivers

A foster youth, homeless student, former juvenile court school student, child of a military family, migrant student, or a newly arrived immigrant student participating in a newcomer program who transfers into the district any time after completing the second year of high school, shall be required to complete all graduation requirements specified in Education Code 51225.3 but shall be exempt from any additional district-adopted graduation requirements, unless

the Superintendent or designee makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the requirements in time to graduate by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 days of the transfer, any such student shall be notified of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. (Education Code 51225.1)

Retroactive Diplomas

Any student who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 through 2014-15 school year and met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit examination shall be granted a high school diploma. (Education Code 51413)

In addition, the district may retroactively grant high school diplomas to: (Education Code 48204.4, 51430, 51440)

1. Persons who departed California against their will while in grade 12 and did not receive a diploma because the departure interrupted their education, provided that they were in good academic standing at the time of the departure

Persons may be considered to have departed California against their will if they were in custody of a government agency and were transferred to another state, were subject to a lawful order from a court or government agency that authorized their removal from California, were subject to a lawful order and were permitted to depart California before being removed from California pursuant to the lawful order, were removed or were permitted to depart voluntarily pursuant to the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or departed due to other circumstances determined by the district that are consistent with the purposes of Education Code 48204.4.

In determining whether to award a diploma under these circumstances, the Superintendent or designee shall consider any coursework that may have been completed outside of the United States or through online or virtual courses.

- 2. Former students who were interned by order of the federal government during World War II or who are honorably discharged veterans of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, provided that they were enrolled in a district school immediately preceding the internment or military service and did not receive a diploma because their education was interrupted due to the internment or military service in those wars
 - Deceased former students who satisfy these conditions may be granted a retroactive diploma to be received by their next of kin.
- 3. Veterans who entered the military service of the United States while in grade 12 and who had satisfactorily completed the first half of the work required for grade 12 in a district school

Honorary Diplomas

The Board may grant honorary high school diplomas to: (Education Code 51225.5)

- 1. An international exchange student who has not completed the course of study ordinarily required for graduation, and who is returning to the home country following the completion of one academic school year in the district
- 2. A student who is terminally ill

The honorary diploma shall be clearly distinguishable from the regular diploma of graduation awarded by the district. (Education Code 51225.5)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References	Description
5 CCR 1600-1651	Graduation of students from grade 12 and credit toward graduation
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
Ed. Code 47612	Enrollment in charter school

Ed. Code 48200 Compulsory attendance Ed. Code 48204.4 Parents/guardians departing California against their will Ed. Code 48412 Certificate of proficiency Ed. Code 48430 Continuation education schools and classes Ed. Code 48645.5 Former juvenile court school students, enrollment Ed. Code 48980 Required notification at beginning of term Provisions of the interstate compact on educational opportunities for Ed. Code 49701 military children Ed. Code 51224 Skills and knowledge required for adult life Ed. Code 51224.5 Algebra in course of study for grades 7-12 Ed. Code 51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements Former juvenile court school student defined; acceptance of coursework, Ed. Code 51225.2 credits, retaking of course Ed. Code 51225.3 High school graduation Ed. Code 51225.35 Mathematics course requirements; computer science Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health Ed. Code 51225.36 education for graduation Ed. Code 51225.5 Honorary diplomas; foreign exchange students Ed. Code 51225.6 Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation Ed. Code 51228 **Graduation requirements** Ed. Code 51230 Credit for community emergency response training Ed. Code 51240-51246 **Exemptions from requirements** Ed. Code 51250-51251 Assistance to military dependents Ed. Code 51410-51413 **Diplomas** Ed. Code 51420-51427 High school equivalency certificates Retroactive high school diplomas Ed. Code 51430 Ed. Code 51440 Retroactive high school diplomas Ed. Code 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma Ed. Code 51745 Independent study Ed. Code 56390-56392 Recognition for educational achievement, special education Ed. Code 66204 Certification of high school courses as meeting university admission criteria Ed. Code 67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard **Management Resources References** Description **Court Decision** O'Connell v. Superior Court (Valenzuela), (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1452 California Department of Education, High School -Website https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Rvp3XpluswycjdbcylbqTXF1Q== University of California, List of Approved a-g Courses -Website https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/h6xuwR1faZdgmTplusZLLyXxA== Website https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/W3QxkK2FPsDsQBnMIENxGg==

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Cross References