

CSBA 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.

Board Policy 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

Policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1137, 2024)** which provides that prohibited discrimination includes discrimination not just because of one protected class under state law, but also because of the combination of two or more protected bases. In addition, policy updated to clarify, in accordance with various provisions of state and federal law and related court cases, the actual or perceived characteristics of an individual or group that may serve as a basis for unlawful discrimination in education programs and activities. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 3074, 2024)** which prohibits public schools, except public schools operated by an Indian tribe or a tribal organization, from using the term "Redskins" as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname, and, beginning July 1, 2026, prohibits public schools, other than those operated by an Indian tribe or a tribal organization, from using any derogatory Native American term for school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames without the written consent of a local federally recognized Indian tribe.

Board Policy 0440 - District Technology Plan

Policy updated to revise the philosophical paragraph to acknowledge, in addition to the benefits gained from technological resources, potential negative consequences. Additionally, policy updated to add material related to the alignment of technological resources with other district goals, objectives, and academic standards, the safe use of technological resources, the use of technology in accordance with district policy, and the use of artificial intelligence, as applicable. In addition, policy updated to (1) reflect that state law and the California Department of Education no longer requires districts to have a technology plan and (2) maintain the requirement for the Superintendent to develop and regularly propose revisions to a technology plan. Policy also updated to list the components to be included in the district technology plan.

New - Board Policy 0441 - Artificial Intelligence

New policy provides principles for the district regarding the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by students and staff, and requires the Superintendent to ensure that the use of AI is consistent with district policy.

Board Policy 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan

Policy updated to include in the philosophical statement that, in addition to high expectations for student conduct, there are high expectations for staff conduct. Additionally, policy updated to reflect legislative intent to provide staff training on the comprehensive school safety plan.

Board Policy 1113 - District and School Websites

Policy updated to make the philosophical paragraph more current by assuming that districts have websites and to recognize the value of district and school websites for communication purposes. Additionally, policy updated to **NEW LAW (AB 1785, 2024)** which prohibits districts from publicly posting online specified information of any elected or appointed official, such as a Governing Board member, without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1137, 2024)** which provides that prohibited discrimination includes discrimination not just because of one protected class under state law, but also because of the combination of two or more protected bases. Additionally, policy updated to clarify, in accordance with various provisions of state and federal law and related court cases, the actual or perceived characteristics of an individual or group that may serve as a basis for unlawful discrimination in education programs and activities. In addition, policy updated to reflect the California Department of Education's federal program

monitoring instrument which now lists "Instructional Materials and Curriculum: Diversity" as its own item, and **NEW LAW (AB 3074, 2024)** which requires the use of the uniform complaint procedures to resolve complaints related to school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024, and clarify that the Title IX regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024 are required to be used to address any complaint alleging sexual harassment, as defined, based on conduct that occurred between August 14, 2020 and July 31, 2024, and after January 9, 2025.

Board Policy 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment

Policy updated to align those who are included as "employees" for purposes of the policy and accompanying administrative regulation with analogous language in related sample Board policies and administrative regulations. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1137, 2024)** which provides that prohibited discrimination includes discrimination not just because of one protected class under state law, but also because of the combination of two or more protected bases. In addition, policy updated to clarify, in accordance with various provisions of state and federal law and related court cases, the actual or perceived characteristics of an individual or group that may serve as a basis for unlawful discrimination in the course of employment. Policy also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1100, 2024)** which makes it an unlawful employment practice to include a statement in a job advertisement, posting, application, or other material that an applicant is required to have a driver's license, unless specified conditions are satisfied. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024, and clarify that the Title IX regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024 are required to be used to address any complaint alleging sexual harassment, as defined, based on conduct that occurred between August 14, 2020 and July 31, 2024, and after January 9, 2025. In addition, policy updated to include material related to sex discrimination, which had been moved to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment when last revised based on the now vacated Title IX regulations, in order to keep material related to all forms of discrimination together.

Board Policy 4033 - Lactation Accommodation

Policy updated to clarify that required lactation accommodations apply to expressing breast milk, rather than breastfeeding an infant child, and that these accommodations are required for at least a year after the birth of the child. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024, and delete references to Title IX because lactation accommodations, although required by state law and other federal law, are not required by the Title IX regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024.

Board Policy 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications

Policy updated in conjunction with the accompanying exhibit, with no substantive changes made.

Board Policy 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment

Policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Additionally, policy updated to delete material related to sex discrimination, which was added when last revised based on the now vacated Title IX regulations, and include in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment to keep material related to discrimination, including sex discrimination, together. In addition, policy updated to add general statement related to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex and compliance with Title IX, which was moved from the accompanying administrative regulation. Policy also updated to align those who are included as "employees" for purposes of the policy and accompanying administrative regulation with analogous language in related sample Board policies and administrative regulations.

Board Policy 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information

Policy updated to include that a student's directory information may only be included in the minutes of the Governing Board's meeting in accordance with Board Bylaw 9324 - Minutes and Recordings. Additionally, policy updated to delete options regarding access to directory information to employers, colleges, and military recruiters and instead provide that colleges and prospective employers, including military recruiters, have access to a student's name, address, email address, and telephone number, unless the student's parent/guardian, or the student, if the student is 18 years of age or older, has specified that the information not be released.

Board Policy 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1137, 2024)** which provides that prohibited discrimination includes discrimination not just because of one protected class under state law, but also because of the combination of two or more protected bases. In addition, policy updated to clarify, in accordance with various provisions of state and federal law and related court cases, the actual or perceived characteristics of an individual or group that may serve as a basis for unlawful discrimination in education programs and activities. Policy also updated to make permissive, when a student has been suspended or other means of correction have been implemented for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation the (1) engagement of a victim and perpetrator in restorative justice practices, (2) engagement of the perpetrator in culturally sensitive programs, and (3) regular checks on the victim to ensure the victim is not in danger of suffering from any long-lasting mental health issues, as these measures are encouraged rather than required by state law.

Board Policy 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications

Policy updated in conjunction with the accompanying exhibit, with minor stylistic changes.

Board Policy 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment

Policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Additionally, policy updated to delete material related to sex discrimination, which was added when last revised based on the now vacated Title IX regulations, and include in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment to keep material related to discrimination, including sex discrimination, together. In addition, policy updated to add general statement related to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex and compliance with Title IX, which was moved from the accompanying administrative regulation.

Board Policy 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students

Policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION (Tennessee v. Cardona)** which vacated nationwide the Title IX regulations which took effect August 1, 2024, and **NEW GUIDANCE** from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) which clarified that OCR will enforce Title IX based on the regulations as they existed prior to August 1, 2024. Additionally, policy updated to identify rights and privileges of a student under 18 years of age who enters into a valid marriage. In addition, policy updated to clarify the period of time of parental leave, and that failure to notify the district of the student's intent to take parental leave does not abridge a student's rights in this regard.

Board Policy 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction

Policy updated to add to the philosophical statement "listening, speaking, and composition" as effective communication skills. Additionally, policy updated to clarify that the Governing Board adopt instructional materials that meet or exceed the Common Core State Standards. In addition, policy updated to add new section "Screening for Risk of Reading Difficulties" that provides for required (1) Board adoption of screening instruments to assess students in grades kindergarten-2 for risk of reading difficulties and (2) annual assessment each student in grades kindergarten-2 for risk of reading difficulties, unless exempted. Policy also updated to add requirement for (1) the provision of specified information to parents/guardians of students

eligible for screening for risk of reading difficulties, and (2) that employees administering screening instruments for risk of reading difficulties be appropriately trained to administer the instrument.

Board Policy 6145.2 - Athletic Competition

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 3074, 2024)** which (1) prohibits public schools, except public schools operated by an Indian tribe or a tribal organization, from using the term "Redskins" as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname, (2) beginning July 1, 2026, prohibits public schools, other than those operated by an Indian tribe or a tribal organization, from using any derogatory Native American term for school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames without the written consent of a local federally recognized Indian tribe, (3) requires any district school using or in which any such derogatory term is being used, to complete the implementation of a new school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname before the start of the 2028-2029 school year, and (4) provides if a school selects a new school or athletic team name due to this prohibition, then any purchases or replacements of materials or fixtures due required by the implementation of the new name be completed before the start of the 2028-2029 school year. Additionally, policy updated to require that the district post on its website the California Department of Education's standardized incident form to track racial discrimination, harassment, or hazing that occurs at high school sporting games or events, including information on how to submit a completed incident form. In addition, policy updated to state that student athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators, and others are required to teach, enforce, advocate, and abide by the applicable Code of Conduct adopted by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). Policy also updated to require the written emergency action plan to include the location of emergency medical equipment, procedures to be followed in the event of concussion and heat illness, and a description of the manner and frequency at which the procedures to be followed in the event of medical emergencies will be rehearsed, pursuant to coaches training requirements as specified in law. Additionally, policy updated to include that that coaches and/or athletic trainers comply with any training required by law and in accordance with the accompanying administrative regulation and Administrative Regulation 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches.

Board Bylaw 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information

Bylaw updated to expand and clarify definition of confidential information to include (1) information acquired by being present in a closed session that is specifically related to the basis for the Governing Board to meet lawfully in closed session, (2) information acquired in anticipation of a closed session, or as follow-up to a closed session, that is specifically related to the basis for the Board to meet lawfully in closed session, (3) information contained in communications provided to Board members from the district's attorney, and (4) information deemed confidential by the Board. Additionally, bylaw updated to clarify that confidential information does not include information that is already publicly disclosed, provided that the initial disclosure did not violate law or Board bylaws or policies. In addition, bylaw updated to expand material related to (1) a Board member willfully and knowingly using or disclosing for pecuniary gain information acquired in the course of the Board member's official duties, and (2) actions the Board may pursue if a Board member threatens to disclose or discloses confidential information. Bylaw also updated to remove reference to employees, which are governed by Board Policy 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information.