

## CSBA POLICY GUIDE SHEET

### January 2026

Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies, administrative regulations, board bylaws, and/or exhibits. Editorial changes and minor revisions have also been made. Districts and county offices of education should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

#### **NEW - Board Policy 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement**

New policy includes a significant amount of material that was formerly in Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement, and addresses a district's response to immigration enforcement including **NEW LAW (AB 495, 2025)** which requires districts to update their policies by March 1, 2026, with language that is equivalent to the model policy language developed by the California Attorney General in, "Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Requests for Access and Information for Immigration Enforcement Purposes." Additionally, new policy includes list of actions that district staff are prohibited from undertaking, unless an exception applies, related to (1) citizenship or immigration status of a student or the student's family members, (2) education records of or any information about a student or a student's family or household, (3) personnel records, personal information, or any other confidential information of an employee, and (4) permission to an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement to enter a school bus or other transportation provided by the district, a nonpublic area of any district property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any district-sponsored program or activity is occurring. In addition, new policy reiterates the prohibition against obstructing, interfering with, or otherwise impeding an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement who nonetheless enters district-provided transportation, a nonpublic area of any district property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any district-sponsored program or activity is occurring. New policy also includes that (1) the Superintendent or designee is required to report to the Governing Board any requests by an officer or employee of an agency conducting certain immigration enforcement actions, (2) students may not be denied equal rights and opportunities, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the district's programs and activities on the basis of the student's or family's immigration status or for the refusal to provide information related to the student's or family's immigration status, (3) resources and data collected by the district are prohibited from being used to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on national origin, immigration status, religion, or other category of individual characteristics protected against unlawful discrimination, and (4) the Superintendent or designee is required to provide parents/guardians with specified information and notifications related to immigration status or religious beliefs and their rights related to immigration enforcement. Additionally, new policy provides that complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status be filed in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures and that the Superintendent or designee provide to the California Department of Education copies of this policy, any associated administrative regulation, and any other Board policies and administrative regulations required by Education Code 234.7.

#### **DELETE - Board Policy 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement**

Policy deleted, as being too narrowly focused on students given **NEW LAW (AB 495, 2025)** which expands requirement to develop policies in response to immigration enforce to encompass protections for staff, with significant amount of material added to new Board Policy 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement.