

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 0000

(Pending Board Approval September 20, 2023)

Board Policy 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reference that, until January 1, 2025, the Governing Board is prohibited from approving a petition for the establishment of a new charter school offering nonclassroom-based instruction, and provide that a district under state receivership is not in a position to absorb the fiscal impact of a proposed charter school. Policy also updated to reference pending litigation brought by each of CSBA's Education Legal Alliance and Napa Valley Unified School District against the State Board of Education (SBE) regarding SBE's authority to reverse the denial of a charter school petition by making a determination that a board abused its discretion in denying the petition.

Administrative Regulation 0420.4 - Charter School Authorization

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 740, 2022), which extends to a foster youth's attorney and county social worker and an Indian child's tribal social worker, and if applicable, county social worker, required notifications regarding involuntary removal of a student, and provides that these individuals, with the addition of a foster youth's educational rights holder, have the same rights as a parent/guardian to receive a suspension notice, expulsion notice, manifestation determination notice, involuntary transfer notice, and other documents and related information. Regulation also updated to expand the material regarding (1) procedures for suspension or expulsion, including the requirement for written notice of the intent to remove the student and the right to initiate a hearing, and material related to processes for notification to the district when a student is expelled or leaves the charter school without graduating or completing the school year, and (2) the final audit when a charter school closes.

Board Policy 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan

(BP revised)

Policy updated to clarify language related to approval of the tactical response plan and add material regarding the district's requirement to provide data to the California Department of Education pertaining to lockdown or multi-option response drills conducted at district schools.

Administrative Regulation 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 906, 2022), which requires, starting with the 2023-24 school year, districts to include in the annual notification to parents/guardians information related to the safe storage of firearms and for certificated and classified employees of the district, and other school officials such as Governing Board members, whose duties bring the employee or other school official in contact on a regular basis with students in any of grades 6-12, as part of a middle school or high school, who are alerted to or observe any threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act, to immediately report the threat or perceived threat to law enforcement. Regulation also updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1352, 2021), which authorizes districts to request the Military Department, in consultation with the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC), to perform an independent security assessment of the district or an individual district school and NEW LAW (AB 2355, 2022) which requires districts that experience a cyberattack, which impacts more than 500 students or personnel, to report the cyberattack to Cal-CSIC. Additionally, regulation updated to include in the optional list of comprehensive safety plan components (1) strategies aimed at preventing potential incidents involving crime and violence on school campuses, (2) provision of safety materials and emergency communications in language(s) understandable to parents/guardians, (3) procedures for the early identification and threat assessment of, and appropriate response to, suspicious and/or threatening digital media content, (4) district policy and/or plan related to pandemics, (5) communication with parents/guardians regarding unification plans and necessity of cooperating with first responders, and (6) continuity of operations procedures to ensure that the district's essential functions are not disrupted during an emergency, to the extent possible.