

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 0000

(Pending Board Approval October 16, 2024)

Board Policy 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1078, 2023) which (1) requires that the district's policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying include a statement that the policy applies to all acts of the Governing Board and Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district, (2) clarifies when it is unlawful discrimination for the Board to refuse to approve the use or prohibit the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library, (3) requires the California Department of Education to develop, by July 1, 2025, guidance and public educational materials to ensure that all Californians can access information about educational laws and policies that safeguard the right to an accurate and inclusive curriculum, and (4) provides that complaints alleging discrimination related to the use or prohibited use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or resource in a school library may be brought under the district's uniform complaint procedures or may be directly filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as specified. Policy also updated to reference NEW U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS GUIDANCE documents which provide that (1) a district may not separate students based on race, but may include group discussions or activities that focus on race as part of the curriculum, courses, or programs so long as access or participation is not permitted or limited based on race, (2) a school-sponsored program with emphasis on race, such as a student club, that is open to all students, typically would not violate Title VI solely because of its race-related theme, and (3) a district's responsibility not to discriminate against students applies to any of its programs or activities, whether directly or through contractual or other arrangements. Additionally, policy updated to expand the list of characteristics for which discrimination is prohibited in order to more closely align with law; and, to reflect NEW LAW (SB 523, 2022) which includes reproductive health decisionmaking as a characteristic for which employees, job applicants, unpaid interns and volunteers are protected against unlawful discrimination and harassment.

Board Policy 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 181, 2022) requiring the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to make publicly available the special education funding each local educational agency (LEA) generates for their Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), and for the SELPA, to report to member LEA's the amount of funding each LEA generates for the SELPA.

**Administrative Regulation 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
(AR revised)**

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 181, 2022) which extends the timeline for developing an annual assurances support plan to July 1, 2027. A template for the annual assurances support plan will be developed by CDE by July 1, 2026. Additional minor revisions as necessary for clarity.

**Board Policy 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
(BP revised)**

Policy updated to reference NEW LAW (SB 323, 2023) which (1) authorizes a school employee, a student's parent/guardian or educational rights holder, or a student, at specified times, to bring concerns about an individual student's ability to access disaster safety procedures described in the comprehensive safety plan to the principal, and if there is merit to the concern requires the principal to make appropriate modifications, and (2) requires comprehensive safety plans to include adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Additionally, policy updated to clarify that portions of the comprehensive safety plan that include tactical response to criminal incidents are not required to, but may be, publicly disclosed.

**Administrative Regulation 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan
(AR revised)**

Regulation updated to clarify that written notifications to specified persons and entities are required when those persons or entities are available and to reflect NEW LAW (SB 323, 2023) which (1) authorizes a school employee, a student's parent/guardian or educational rights holder, or a student, at specified times, to bring concerns about an individual student's ability to access disaster safety procedures described in the comprehensive safety plan to the principal, and if there is merit to the concern requires the principal to make appropriate modifications, and (2) requires comprehensive safety plans to include adaptations for students with disabilities in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Additionally, regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 671, 2023) which requires a district's comprehensive safety plan to include procedures to assess and respond to reports of any dangerous, violent, or unlawful activity that is being conducted or threatened to be conducted at the school, an activity sponsored by the school, or on a school bus serving the school. In addition, regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 10, 2023) which requires schools that serve students in any of grades 712 to include in their comprehensive safety plans a protocol in the event a student is suffering or reasonably believed to be suffering from an opioid overdose. Regulation also updated to reference NEW LAW (AB 1023, 2023) which provides schools increased cybersecurity support.

Board Policy 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan
(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which (1) requires numerous changes to the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) for use in the 2024-25 school year, and (2) adds "long-term English learners," defined by NEW LAW (SB 141, 2023) as a student who has not attained English language proficiency within seven years of initial classification as an English learner, as a numerically significant subgroup. Policy also updated to add headers for clarity, align the structure of the policy with the LCAP process, and clarify references to the annual update and budget overview for parents/guardians.

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Board Policy 0470 - COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Policy
(BP ~~deleted~~)

Deleted as unnecessary due to expiration of COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, with relevant concepts incorporated into other policies.

Board Policy 0500 - Accountability Policy
(BP revised)

Updated to reflect that the U.S. Department of Education declined the California Department of Education's (CDE) waiver request that would have allowed for the continued use of modified methods for calculating the Academic and Graduation Rate Indicators, resulting in the California School Dashboard no longer including any modified methods applied to state indicators and all Dashboard Alternative School Status schools being treated the same as all other schools on the Dashboard. Policy also updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which (1) adds "long-term English learners," defined by NEW LAW (SB 141, 2023) as a student who has not attained English language proficiency within seven years of initial classification as an English learner, as a numerically significant subgroup, (2) creates a new basis for technical assistance when the district fails to meet specified data submission requirements, and (3) specifies when the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) will consult with the district and any provider of technical assistance to determine if assistance from CCEE is necessary.

**Board Policy 0520 - Intervention in Underperforming Schools
(BP revised)**

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which (1) expands technical assistance based on a numerically significant student subgroup not making sufficient progress towards its local control and accountability plan (LCAP) to include identifying student subgroups that are low performing or experiencing significant disparities from other students or subgroups as identified on the California School Dashboard, (2) creates a new basis for technical assistance when the district fails to meet specified data submission requirements which includes identifying areas of strengths and weaknesses in the identified goals, actions, and services addressed in the LCAP, and reviewing the district's data management policies and collection and submission processes to ensure the submission of accurate data according to the processes and timelines established by the California Department of Education, and (3) specifies when the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) will consult with the district and any provider of technical assistance to determine if assistance from CCEE is necessary.