

POLICY GUIDE SHEET

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 3000

(Business and Noninstructional Operations)

(Pending Board Adoption on October 16, 2024)

Administrative Regulation 3311 - Bids

Regulation updated to reference the bid limit for 2023, add that for lease-leaseback, design-build, and alternative design-build projects the notice which solicits the call for bids is required to specify that the project is subject to skilled and trained workforce requirements, and reflect NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022) which adds, until January 1, 2029, the alternative design-build construction delivery method for projects in excess of \$5,000,000. Regulation also updated to reflect the State Allocation Board's (SAB) notification to districts which provides that modular school facilities must be competitively bid and that districts that use piggyback contracts for modular facilities are ineligible for state funding from SAC administered programs.

Administrative Regulation 3311.3 – Design-Build Contracts

Regulation updated to add that, until January 1, 2025, design-build contracts may be entered into and approved by the Governing Board. Regulation also updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022) which (1) adds, until January 1, 2029, the alternative design-build construction delivery method for projects in excess of \$5,000,000, (2) specifies that alternative design-build contracts may be awarded to the low bid or the best value, taking into consideration, at a minimum, design cost, general conditions, overhead, and profit as a component of the project price, technical design and construction expertise, and life-cycle costs, (3) provides that the district's determination of price shall be based on the open book evaluation of construction subcontracts, (4) includes that the contract may be subject to further negotiations or amendment and may be terminated by the district if the district and the design-build entity are unable to reach an agreement, and (5) requires an alternative design-build proposal for an alternative design-build project to include (a) design cost, general conditions, overhead, and profit as a component of the project price, unless a stipulated sum for the project is specified, (b) technical design and construction expertise, and (c) life-cycle costs over 15 or more years.

Board Policy 3312 - Contracts

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 1439, 2022) related to conflict of interest from campaign contributions and NEW LAW (SB 34, 2022) related to bribery of a public official, and include a general statement requiring Governing Board members and district employees who are involved in the making of contracts on behalf of the district to comply with the district's conflict of interest policy.

Board Policy 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 1439, 2022) related to conflict of interest from campaign contributions and existing conflict of interest provisions by providing that Governing Board members and district employees involved in the making of contracts on behalf of the district comply with the district's conflict of interest policy as specified in Board Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest. Policy also updated to direct the Superintendent to submit reports of the district's financial status to the Board, in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability, and develop additional internal controls to strengthen fraud prevention.

Administrative Regulation 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts

Regulation updated to reference Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement #87 regarding lease accounting and GASB Statement #96 regarding subscription-based information technology agreements. Regulation also updated to clarify that the district should utilize the California Department of Education's standardized account code structure software to develop financial reports, and that the district's accounting system should comply with generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by GASB and meet other state and federal reporting guidelines. Additionally, regulation updated to expand the list of actions that constitute fraud, financial improprieties or irregularities; separate out district and county office of education investigations; clarify that the district cooperate with the County Superintendent of Schools, Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, law enforcement, or other governmental entities that conduct a fraud investigation; and, consult legal when discussing or disclosing the result of any fraud investigation.

Board Policy 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability

Policy updated to add material related to districts facing insolvency who are considering applying for an emergency apportionment, including that the Governing Board is required to discuss the need for an emergency apportionment at a regular or special meeting at which parents/guardians, the exclusive representatives of employees of the district, and other members of the community have the opportunity to provide testimony.

Board Policy 3516 - Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 323, 2023) which requires school emergency and disaster preparedness 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.

Administrative Regulation 3516 - Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan

Regulation updated to include an attack or threat of attack to the district's digital network and technology infrastructure to the list of emergencies and disasters that the district and/or school site plans should cover, and routine monitoring of such technology as part of the district's strategies and actions for prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Additionally, regulation updated to reference NEW LAW (AB 1023, 2023) which provides schools increased cybersecurity support, include automatic dialing devices as a form of communication during an emergency, and expand the list of critical information that would be needed in an emergency.

Board Policy 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 348, 2023) which (1) clarifies that districts are required to make available, during each school day and free of charge, one nutritionally adequate breakfast and one nutritionally adequate lunch to any student who requests a meal, including a student enrolled in an independent study program as specified, regardless of the student's eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal, (2) defines a "nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch," and (3) requires that students be provided with adequate time to eat. Additionally, policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 95, 2023) which clarifies that districts may sell a nutritiously adequate meal that qualifies for federal reimbursement to a student after a free meal has been provided. In addition, policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which establishes school food best practices such as serving freshly prepared onsite meals using minimally processed, locally grown, and sustainable food, giving priority to California-grown or produced foods, and increasing plant-based or restricted diet food options for students. Policy updated to reflect California Department of Food and Agriculture guidance about school gardens.

Administrative Regulation 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program

Regulation updated for clarity and alignment with the accompanying Board Policy, with references to outdated material deleted.

Board Policy 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 348, 2023) which clarifies that (1) the establishment of a cafeteria fund does not preclude the district from using other funds for the purpose of purchasing school meals, and (2) districts are required to make available, during each school day and free of charge, one nutritionally adequate breakfast and one nutritionally adequate lunch to any student who requests a meal, including a student enrolled in an independent study program as specified, regardless of the student's eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal. Additionally, policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 95, 2023) which clarifies that districts may sell a nutritiously adequate meal that qualifies for federal reimbursement to a student after a free meal has been provided and NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which establishes school food best practices such as giving priority to using California-grown or produced, sustainably grown, or whole or minimally processed foods, increasing plant-based or restricted diet food options for students, and preparing fresh meals onsite.

Administrative Regulation 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund

Regulation updated for clarity and alignment with the accompanying Board Policy, with references to outdated material deleted.

Board Policy 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 348, 2023) which clarifies that districts are required to make available, during each school day and free of charge, one nutritionally adequate breakfast and one nutritionally adequate lunch to any student who requests a meal, regardless of the student's eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal, and NEW LAW (AB 95, 2023) which clarifies that districts may sell a nutritiously adequate meal that qualifies for federal reimbursement to a student after a free meal has been provided. Additionally, policy updated to clarify that meals served under the school nutrition program meet district-adopted guidelines, in addition to state and federal nutrition standards. In addition, policy updated to more closely align with code language.

Administrative Regulation 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals

Regulation updated for clarity and alignment with the accompanying Board Policy, with references to outdated material deleted.