

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 1000

(Pending Board Approval October 16, 2024)

Board Policy 1160 – Political Processes

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1416, 2022) which requires the ballot label or similar description of a school district (or other local government) measure on a county ballot to list, either as a supporter or an opponent of the measure, the associations, nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals, including current or former elected officials such as Governing Board members, who have signed the ballot argument or are listed in the text of the argument in support or opposition of the measure unless the county board of supervisors elects not to list such supporters and opponents.

Administrative Regulation 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 1057, 2022) which exempts special education advisory committees from Brown Act requirements pertaining to open meetings, and instead requires these committees to comply with "mini" Brown Act requirements. Regulation also updated to more closely align with law and to clarify language.

Board Policy 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1078, 2023) which (1) requires the California Department of Education (CDE) 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, (2) clarifies when it is unlawful discrimination for the Governing 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) 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, and (4) requires CDE to issue, by July 1, 2025, guidance regarding how to review instructional materials to ensure that they represent diverse perspectives and are culturally relevant. Policy also updated to expand and amend the list of criteria to be considered when instructional or library materials are being challenged; and, to provide that, unless required by law, any challenged material that is reviewed by the district will not be subject to further reconsideration for 12 months.

Administrative Regulation 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to provide that for an instructional materials complaint for a nonprinted material the location of the objection be given; include that acknowledgement of receipt of an instructional materials complaint and notification of a review committee's decision be in writing; and, add that staff, in addition to the Superintendent or designee and teacher(s), be notified by the Principal as appropriate when an instructional materials complaint is received. Regulation also updated to delete material in the section "Formal Complaint" related to a request by a parent/guardian who has filed a complaint for the student to be excused from using the challenged material while the complaint is pending; and, move the section "Review Committee" to come before the section "Superintendent Determination" so that it follows chronologically. Additionally, regulation updated to amend the section "Review Committee" to provide that (1) the Superintendent or designee may appoint parents/guardians and students, in addition to administrators and staff from relevant instructional and administrative areas, to serve on the committee, (2) include that the Superintendent or designee may provide training to the review committee to ensure the committee is informed regarding its responsibilities, applicable laws, and Board policies and administrative regulations when reviewing instructional materials, and (3) delete the list of criteria to be considered when instructional materials are being challenged, as this list is provided in the accompanying Board policy.

Exhibit(1) 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials
(E(1) revised)

Exhibit updated to specify that the "Request for Reconsideration of Existing Instructional Materials" form is for use when challenging the content of any existing textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library. Exhibit also updated to accommodate for digital instructional materials; merge together portions of the form that are content related; and, change from a checklist to an open ended response the portion regarding the complainant's preference for what should be done about a challenged instructional material.

Administrative Regulation 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1078, 2023) which (1) requires the California Department of Education (CDE) 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, (2) provides that complaints related to instructional materials alleging that more than one student does not have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials as the result of an act by the Governing Board, or the Board's failure to remedy the deficiency, may be filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) directly, and the SPI may directly intervene without waiting for an investigation, and, (3) requires

CDE, upon a finding that a district has not provided sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, to take all remedial actions required by law, including purchasing textbooks and instructional materials and assessing a financial penalty against the district's local control funding formula. Regulation also updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which requires that the Williams uniform complaint procedure be used to address a complaint related to teacher misassignment that claims that a teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with one or more English learners in the class, (formerly with more than 20 percent English learners in the class), and NEW LAW (SB 760, 2023) which authorizes districts to temporarily close a restroom for a documented student safety concern, an immediate threat to student safety, or to repair the facility.

**Exhibit(1) 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
(E(1) revised)**

Exhibit updated to reference NEW LAW (SB 760, 2023) which authorizes districts to temporarily close a restroom for a documented student safety concern, an immediate threat to student safety, or to repair the facility, and NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which requires that the Williams uniform complaint procedure be used to address a complaint related to teacher misassignment that claims that a teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with one or more English learners in the class, (formerly with more than 20 percent English learners in the class).

**Exhibit(2) 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
(E(2) revised)**

Exhibit updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which requires that the Williams uniform complaint procedure be used to address a complaint related to teacher misassignment that claims that a teacher who lacks credentials or training to teach English learners is assigned to teach a class with one or more English learners in the class, (formerly with more than 20 percent English learners in the class), and NEW LAW (SB 760, 2023) which authorizes districts to temporarily close a restroom for a documented student safety concern, an immediate threat to student safety, or to repair the facility. Exhibit also updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1078, 2023) which provides that complaints related to instructional materials alleging that more than one student does not have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials as the result of an act by the Governing Board, or the Board's failure to remedy the deficiency, may be filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction directly.

**Board Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities
(BP revised)**

Policy updated to caution districts when charging religious groups direct costs for use of district facilities when those costs are not charged to other groups due to the potential conflict between a U.S. Supreme Court decision and state law. Policy also updated to add that the Governing Board may authorize the use of a school building as a vote center on election day and/or during the 10 days preceding election day, as well as during key

dates necessary for drop-off, set-up, and pickup of election materials, as determined by the election official.

Administrative Regulation 1330 – Use of School Facilities

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to encourage districts to create a facilities use application and agreement for the use of school facilities and grounds by any entity other than the district, add that anyone applying to use school facilities do so as specified in district procedures and in accordance with law, and reflect NEW LAW (AB 2028, 2022) which authorizes the Governing Board to allow district facilities to be used by local law enforcement, public agencies, nonprofit associations, or organizations for bicycle, scooter, electric bicycle, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter safety instruction for district students.

Exhibit(1) 1330 – Use of School Facilities

(E(1) deleted)

Exhibit deleted as unnecessary with relevant material included in administrative regulation 1330 – Use of School Facilities.

Board Policy 1431 - Waivers

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reference NEW LAW (SB 114, 2023) which prohibits a waiver request for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten requirements provided for in specified Education Code sections. Policy also updated to provide that advertisement of the notice for the public hearing which is required prior to the Governing Board submitting a waiver request to the State Board of Education includes publishing it on the district's website.