

Justification

Personnel 4000 Series

Board Policy 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers

Policy updated to clarify the obligation of drivers to submit to drug and alcohol testing as required under federal law. Section on "Consequences Based on Test Results" updated to (1) add the agency responsible for reviewing and approving district requests to temporarily remove a driver from safety-sensitive functions before drug test results are verified by a certified medical review officer and (2) describe consequences that will be imposed on drivers based on findings of specific concentrations of alcohol. Policy also clarifies the requirement to ensure that a driver who is offered an opportunity to return to work following a violation first receive an evaluation by a qualified substance abuse professional and successfully comply with the evaluation recommendations.

Administrative Regulation 4112.42/4212.42/4312.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers

Regulation updated to clarify that marijuana remains an illegal drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act and use of it by a driver remains a violation of federal drug testing regulations. Definition of "alcohol concentration" revised to delete information regarding consequences for drivers based on specific alcohol concentrations, now addressed in the BP. Regulation also expands the responsibilities of the designated employer representative pursuant to federal regulations, clarifies requirements pertaining to pre-employment testing including the requirement to conduct a pre-employment query using the Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, and reflects additional requirements related to post-accident testing. New section reflects federal regulations which require districts to report any violation of federal drug and alcohol regulations to the Clearinghouse and conduct inquiries of the Clearinghouse's online database for all drivers employed by the district on an annual basis and before hiring any driver.

Board Policy 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees

Policy updated to recognize the importance of employee political activity, voting, and civic engagement, and reflect Pickering v. Board of Education Township High School District regarding the prohibition against dismissing or demoting an employee due to engagement in constitutionally protected political activity.

Administrative Regulation 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees

Regulation updated to reflect law which makes it a misdemeanor to use any reproduction of the district's seal in any campaign literature or mass mailing with the intent to deceive voters, the prohibition against posting or distributing political campaign materials in classrooms or through distance learning platforms, and the court's decision in San Leandro Teachers Association v. Governing Board of San Leandro Unified School District regarding the district's ability to refuse to permit the use of school mailboxes for union communications involving candidate endorsements. Regulation also updated to delete material regarding employee organization communications which do not constitute political activity, now addressed in 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units, and to delete material regarding employee activities during a concerted action or work stoppage.

Board Policy 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units

Policy updated to reflect Public Employment Relations Board decisions regarding the wearing of union buttons, clarify material regarding employees in management, senior management, and confidential positions, divide material regarding "Access to Employee Orientations" and "Access to Employee Contact Information," and add section on "Communications with Employees" with material formerly in AR 4119.25/4219.25/4319.25 - Political Activities of Employees.

Board Policy 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement

Revised policy reflects court decision holding that a provision in a collective bargaining agreement that directly conflicts with the Education Code cannot be enforced. Policy also adds language clarifying that, whenever a law conflicts with a provision in the collective bargaining agreement, the law will prevail.

Board Policy 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security

Policy updated to reflect law authorizing a district to petition, on behalf of an employee, for a gun violence restraining order prohibiting a person from owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm. Policy also reflects law requiring a district to provide reasonable accommodations, upon request, to an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Policy adds a requirement of law to inform administrators and counselors, along with teachers, regarding certain crimes and offenses committed by students.

Administrative Regulation 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security

Regulation updated to more directly reflect law requiring a report to law enforcement of any attack, assault, or physical threat made against an employee by a student. Material in section on "Notice Regarding Student Offenses" reorganized to clarify the required notifications that must be made to staff pertaining to (1) student offenses that are grounds for suspension or expulsion and (2) any report received from a court that a student has been found to have committed a felony or misdemeanor involving specified offenses. In that section, paragraph on notifications that may be provided by a district police or security department deleted and moved into Note since its applicability is limited. New section on "Accommodations for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking" reflects law requiring a district to provide reasonable accommodations, including, but not limited to, safety procedures or adjustments to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement, upon the request of an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Administrative Regulation 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 - Personal Leaves

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2992, 2020) which extends leave for employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to include employees who are victims of a crime that caused physical injury, or mental injury with a threat of physical injury, and employees whose immediate family member is deceased as a direct result of a crime. Regulation also reflects provisions of AB 2992 which require districts to inform employees of their rights for such leave and authorize employees, when an unscheduled absence occurs, to submit documentation from a victim advocate or any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred, including, but not limited to, a written statement signed by the employee or an individual acting on the employee's behalf.

Administrative Regulation 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 1383, 2020) which, for purposes of leave under the California Family Rights Act, (1) revises the definition of "child" to include the child of a registered domestic partner; (2) includes an employee's grandparent, grandchild, sibling, and registered domestic partner as persons for whom an employee may take leave for a serious health condition; (3) repeals a provision of law which had limited any leave related to the birth or placement of the child to only one parent if a district employs both parents, thereby requiring the district to grant leave to each employee; (4) eliminates the district's authority to deny reinstatement, upon return from leave, for an employee who is among the highest paid 10 percent of district employees when the employee's absence would cause substantial and grievous economic injury to district operations; and (5) authorizes military family leave to attend to an exigency arising when the employee's registered domestic partner is on active duty or on call to active duty status in the National Guard or Reserves or is a member of the regular Armed Forces on deployment to a foreign country.