

What You Need to Know About Policy

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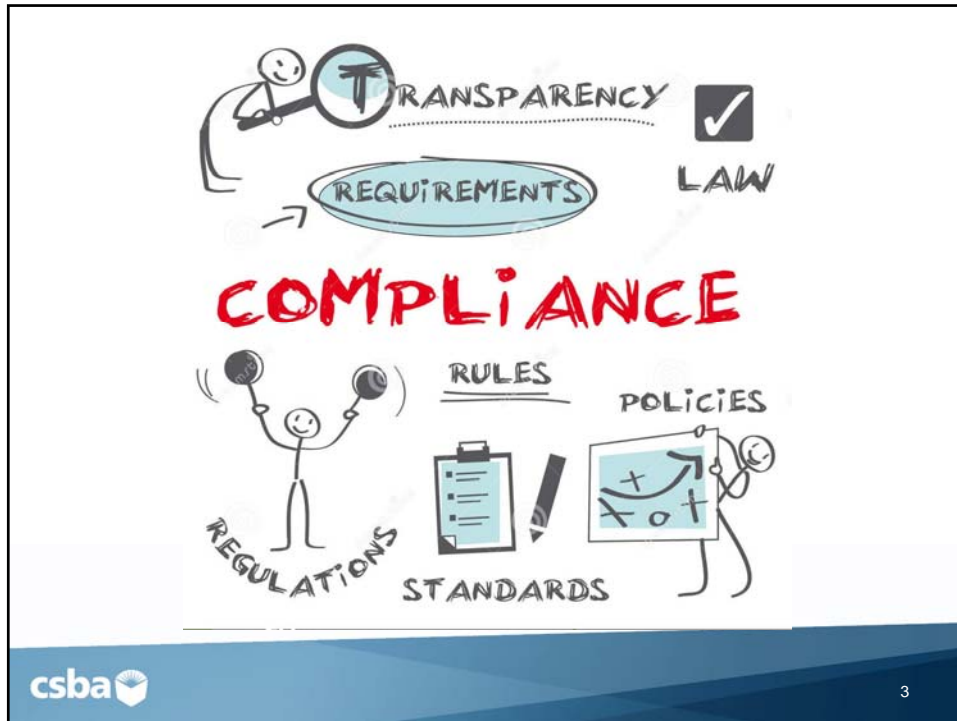


What is Policy?

The general principles by which an organization is guided in the management of its duties and responsibilities.

- *Board Policy (BP)*
- *Administrative Regulation (AR)*
- *Exhibits (E)*
- *Board Bylaw (BB)*





What's My Role?

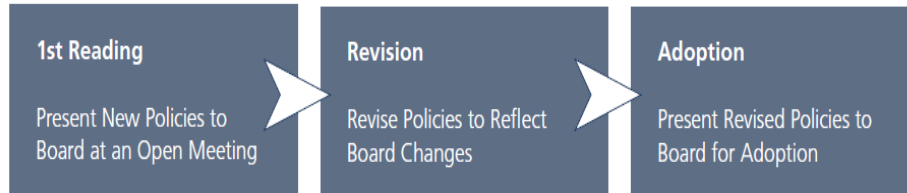
The school board is the legislative body of the school district/COE.

- *Set the direction for your district/COE*
- *Read them, understand them, asks questions*
- *Know your Board Bylaws (the 9000's)*



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Bidding Procedures



BP/AR 3311 - Bids

- AB 1358, 2015 authorized design-build contracts for public works projects over \$1 million on the basis of either low bid or “best value”
- Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures (AR 3311.1)
- Lease-Leaseback Contracts (AR 3311.2)
- Design-Build Contracts (AR 3311.3)
- Procurement of Technological Equipment (AR 3311.4)



Firearms on Campus



BP 3515.7 - New Policy

- SB 707 (2015) eliminated exception that allowed licensed concealed weapon holder (LCWH) to possess firearms on campus
- LCWH may still carry a weapon without permission within 1,000 feet of school property, but cannot carry on school grounds without written permission from the Superintendent
- Board has discretion to prohibit firearms on campus



Conflict of Interest



BB 9270

- Local conflict of interest code updates
- Filing form 700
- Financial interest in contracts
- New gift limits



Administration of Medicines



BP/AR 5141.21

- EC 49414.7 had specific requirements for administering medicine in case of epileptic seizures (sunset Jan. 1, 2017)
- AB 1748 (2016) authorizes districts to stock and administer medication in cases of opioid overdose
- AB 1386 (2016) revises definition of epinephrine auto-injector (EPI-pens)



Suicide Prevention



BP/AR 5141.52

- AB 2246 (Ch. 642, 2016) creates mandate for 2017-18 school year
- CDE required to develop a model policy
- CSBA already has policy that will be updated in March to include specified components of AB 2246



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)



- Replaces No Child Left Behind
- Impacts more than 25 policies
- Elimination of Highly Qualified Teacher requirements
- Replaces federal (AYP) and state (API) accountability measures
- New Title I improvement program



Grading Practices



BP/AR 5121

- Teachers have responsibility & authority to assign grades
- Districts/COEs may set criteria and establish a uniform grading system
- CSBA's governance brief, *Research-Supported Strategies to Improve the Accuracy and Fairness of Grades*
 - Assess nonacademic factors separately
 - Academic grades reflect final mastery of content



Debt Management



BP 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management

- Special release to address SB 1029 (2016)
- Mandates adoption of debt management policy prior to issuing any debt
- Certify to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) at least 30 days prior to any sale
- Applies to bonds passed in November's election



Board Agendas & Online Posting Requirements



- AB 2257 (Ch. 265, 2016) requires posting agenda online or integrated agenda management platform on the district's primary homepage after Jan. 1, 2019
- Exception for school boards that use an integrated agenda management platform
- Agenda Online



Nondiscrimination & Complaint Procedures



- BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District/County Office Programs and Activities
- BP/AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP/AR 1312.4 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP/AR 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment



County Policies



- Complete set of County Board Bylaws
- BP 0460 – Local Control and Accountability Plan
- BP 5144.3 – Student Expulsion Appeals
- BP 6186 – Juvenile Court Schools
- Interdistrict transfer appeals
- Nondiscrimination policies
- Budget
- Attorney



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