

BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 699) which (1) adds immigration status to the categories of characteristics that are protected against discrimination, (2) requires parent/guardian notification of their child's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, and (3) mandates that districts adopt policy consistent with a model policy developed by the California Attorney General, which includes a statement regarding equitable services. Policy also reflects provisions of the Attorney General's model policy and NEW LAW (SB 31) which prohibit districts from compiling or assisting in the compilation of a registry based on immigration status, religion, or other specified characteristics.

BP 5111 Admission

Policy updated to reflect state law prohibiting the collection of social security numbers or the last four digits of the social security numbers of students or their parents/guardians, unless otherwise required by law. Policy also reflects NEW LAW (AB 699) which prohibits districts from inquiring into students' citizenship or immigration status and the California Attorney General's model policy which provides that, under the limited circumstances when such information must be collected to comply with eligibility requirements for special state or federal programs, such information should be collected separately from the school enrollment process. Regulation updated to reflect a requirement of the Attorney General's model policy that prohibits districts from requiring documentation that may indicate a student's national origin or immigration status, such as a passport, to the exclusion of other permissible documentation. Regulation also reflects the authority to accept a parent/guardian affidavit as evidence of a child's age when other documentation is not available.

BP 5111.1 District Residency (new)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 699) which prohibits districts from collecting information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members. Regulation also updated to reflect NEW LAWS providing that a student meets district residency requirements if the student's parent/guardian is transferring or pending transfer to a military installation within the state (SB 455), or the student's parent/guardian was a resident of California who departed the state against his/her will pursuant to a transfer by a government agency, a court order, or the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (SB 257).

BP 5125 Student Records

Policy updated to reflect the California Attorney General's model policy, developed pursuant to NEW LAW (AB 699), which (1) prohibits districts from collecting information regarding students' citizenship or immigration status, and (2) requires district staff to receive training in the gathering and handling of sensitive student information. Policy also reflects state law limiting the collection of students' social security numbers or the last four digits of the social security numbers, and NEW LAW (SB 31) which prohibits districts from assisting in the compilation of a list, registry, or database based on students' national origin, ethnicity, or religion. Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 233) which expands the types of records related to foster youth that must be made accessible to specified agencies, and a requirement of the Attorney General's model policy that the annual parental notification include a statement that a student's citizenship, place of birth, or national origin will not be released without parental consent or a court order.

BP 5131.2 Bullying

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 699) which requires districts to educate students about the negative impact of bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status or religious beliefs and customs. Policy also reflects the California Attorney General's model policy developed pursuant to AB 699, which requires staff training with specified components related to bullying prevention and response.

BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Minor revisions made in policy and regulation to reflect NEW LAW (AB 699) which prohibits discrimination based on immigration status.

BP 5145.9 Hate-Motivated Behavior

Policy updated to define hate-motivated behavior and expand material related to collaboration, staff training, and enforcement of rules regarding student conduct. Policy also provides for the use of uniform complaint procedures when the behavior is determined to be based on unlawful discrimination.

BP 5145.13 Response to Immigration Enforcement (new)

New policy and regulation reflect NEW LAW (AB 699) which mandates districts to adopt, by July 1, 2018, policy consistent with the model policy developed by the California Attorney General, including policy related to the district's response to requests by law enforcement for access to information, students, or school grounds for immigration enforcement purposes and actions to be taken in the event that a student's family member is detained or deported. Policy also reflects NEW LAW (SB 31) which prohibits districts from compiling or assisting federal government authorities with compiling a list, registry, or database based on students' national origin, ethnicity, or religion.