

CSBA Sample

Board Policy

Contracts

BP 3312

Business and Noninstructional Operations

***Note: Several statutes authorize the Governing Board to contract for services, equipment, materials, and supplies on behalf of the district. Such statutes include, but are not limited to, Education Code 17596 which allows a broad range of services to be performed under a "continuing contract" and Education Code 45103.5 which authorizes a contract for management consulting services relating to food service. ***

***Note: Some contracts are subject to certain specific legal requirements which, if not complied with, may render the contract void or unenforceable. For instance, when contracting for the purchase of equipment, materials, or supplies in excess of the current bid limit (\$88,300 for 2017), the district must seek competitive bids, pursuant to Public Contract Code 20111. See sections below titled "Contracts for Non-nutritious Foods or Beverages," "Contracts for Electronic Products and Services," "Contracts for Digital Storage and Maintenance of Student Records," and "Contracts for Personal Services" for specific requirements and/or restrictions related to those contracts. See AR 3311.3 - Design-Build Contracts for information about design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of \$1 million. The district should consult its legal counsel when questions arise about legal requirements for specific kinds of contract. ***

The Governing Board recognizes its responsibility to enter into contracts on behalf of the district for the acquisition of equipment, supplies, services, and other resources necessary for the achievement of district goals. In exercising this authority to enter into a contract, the Board shall ensure that the district's interest is protected and that the terms of the contract conform to applicable legal standards, including the bidding requirements in Public Contract Code 20111.

(cf. 2121- Superintendent's Contract)

(cf. 3311 - Bids)

(cf. 3311.1 - Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures)

(cf. 3311.2 - Lease-Leaseback Contracts)

(cf. 3311.3 - Design-Build Contracts)

(cf. 3311.4 - Procurement of Technological Equipment)

(cf. 4312.1 - Contracts)

(cf. 9124 - Attorney)

***Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to specify any desired limits to this delegation of authority. ***

The Board may, by a majority vote, delegate to the Superintendent or designee the authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the district. To be valid or to constitute an enforceable obligation

against the district, all such contracts must be approved and/or ratified by the Board.

(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)

(cf. 3314 - Payment for Goods and Services)

***Note: The following optional paragraph reflects the requirements of Education Code 35182.5 which are applicable to contracts for exclusive or nonexclusive advertising and sale of carbonated beverages or non-nutritious foods or beverages. Though not required for all contracts, such requirements help to minimize public waste and ensure transparency in public contracting and should be adopted by the Board for other contracts. See "Contracts for Non-nutritious Foods or Beverages" below. ***

Every contract entered into on behalf of the district shall be made available for public inspection, except when the law prohibits disclosure. No contract shall prohibit a district employee from disparaging the goods or services of any contracting party.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

Contracts for Non-nutritious Foods or Beverages

***Note: Foods and beverages that do not meet nutritional standards specified in law may not be sold in schools except under limited circumstances; see BP/AR 3554 - Other Food Sales. Schools that do not participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast program are required to comply with the nutritional standards in Education Code 49431-49431.7 and 5 CCR 15500-15501 and 15575-15578 from one-half hour before the school day to one-half hour after it. Schools that participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast program must comply with the stricter of the nutritional standards in 7 CFR 210.11 and 220.12 and Education Code 49431-49431.7 between midnight before and one-half hour after the end of the school day. ***

The district shall not enter into or renew a contract for the sale of foods or beverages that do not meet applicable nutritional standards specified in Education Code 49431-49431.7, 5 CCR 15500-15501 or 15575-15578, or 7 CFR 210.11 or 220.12, unless the contract specifies that such sale will occur off campus or outside the time restriction specified in the applicable law.

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

***Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35182.5, the district may not enter into a contract that grants exclusive or nonexclusive sales or advertising for carbonated beverages, non-nutritious beverages, or non-nutritious foods unless the Board holds a public hearing and, as mandated, adopts a policy that ensures that internal controls are in place to protect the integrity of public funds, that the funds raised will benefit public education, and that the contracts are entered into on a competitive basis. ***

Before the district enters into or renews a contract that grants exclusive or nonexclusive advertising or sale of carbonated beverages, non-nutritious beverages, or non-nutritious foods as

defined in law, the Board shall ensure that the district has sufficient internal controls in place to protect the integrity of public funds and to ensure that funds raised as a result of the contract benefit public education. (Education Code 35182.5)

***Note: Education Code 35182.5 does not define the term "internal controls." Items #1-2 below are based on suggested "internal controls" as recommended by the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO), and should be modified to reflect the specific internal controls developed by the district. ***

The Superintendent or designee shall develop the district's internal control procedures to protect the integrity of public funds. Such internal controls may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Procedures that produce accurate and reliable financial statements and, at the same time, safeguard the assets, financial resources, and integrity of every employee responsible for handling money or property. Control systems shall be systematically evaluated and revised to keep pace with the changing responsibilities of management.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)

(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)

2. Procedures to ensure that district personnel do not handle cash or product at the school site. The contract shall specify that the vendor stock the machines and shall provide cash accounting, along with a check, for district proceeds directly to the control office.

***Note: Optional items #1-4 below are not required by law, but present additional factors for the Board to consider to help ensure that the funds raised benefit public education in accordance with Education Code 35182.5. The following list should be modified to reflect district practice. ***

To ensure that funds raised by the contract benefit district schools and students:

1. The Superintendent or designee may invite parents/guardians, students, staff, and interested community members to make recommendations regarding the contract, including recommendations as to how the funds will be spent in a manner that benefits public education.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

2. Prior to ratifying the contract, the Board shall designate the specific programs and activities that will be funded by the proceeds of the contract and consider how the contract reflects the district's vision and goals.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0100 - Philosophy)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

3. The contract shall specify that the contractor report, on a quarterly basis, to the Superintendent or designee the number of food items or beverages sold within the district and the amount of money raised by the sales. The Superintendent or designee shall report these amounts to the Board on a regular basis.

4. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the contract does not limit the ability of student and parent organizations to plan and operate fundraising activities.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)

***Note: Education Code 35182.5 mandates that Board policy ensure that the contract is entered into on a competitive basis pursuant to Public Contract Code 20111 or through the issuance of a Request for Proposal. Public Contract Code 20111 requires districts to seek competitive bids through advertisements for contracts for services exceeding an amount specified in law. For a detailed procedure for the bidding of contracts, see AR 3311 - Bids. ***

Any contract for the sale or advertisement of non-nutritious foods or carbonated or non-nutritious beverages shall be entered into on a competitive bid basis pursuant to Public Contract Code 20111 or through the issuance of a Request for Proposal. (Education Code 35182.5)

***Note: Pursuant to Education Code 35182.5, the public hearing required before the district may enter into or renew a contract for non-nutritious foods or carbonated or non-nutritious beverages may be met through an annual public hearing to review and discuss existing and potential contracts for the sale of foods and beverages on campuses, as provided in Option 1 below. Option 2 is available for districts that prefer to hold a public hearing for the making or renewal of each contract involving non-nutritious foods or beverages. ***

OPTION 1: The Board shall hold an annual public hearing to review and discuss all existing and potential contracts for the sale of foods and beverages on campus, including those sold as full meals or through competitive sales, fundraisers, or vending machines. The Board shall hold a public hearing for any contract not discussed at the annual public hearing. (Education Code 35182.5)

OPTION 2: The Board shall not enter into or renew any contract that grants exclusive or nonexclusive advertising or sale of carbonated beverages, non-nutritious beverages, or non-nutritious foods until parents/guardians, students, and members of the public have had an opportunity to comment on the contract at a public hearing held during a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Board shall clearly, and in a manner recognizable to the general public, identify in the agenda the contract to be discussed at the meeting. (Education Code 35182.5)

(cf. 9322 - Agendas/Meeting Materials)

(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

***Note: The following paragraph is applicable to both Options 1 and 2. ***

The public hearing shall include, but not be limited to, a discussion of the nutritional value of foods and beverages sold within the district; the availability of fresh fruit, vegetables, and grains in school meals and snacks, including locally grown and organic produce; the amount of fat, sugar, and additives in the foods and beverages discussed; and barriers to student participation in school breakfast and lunch programs. (Education Code 35182.5)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

The contract shall be accessible to the public and may not include a confidentiality clause that would prevent the district or a district school from making any part of the contract public. (Education Code 35182.5)

Contracts for Electronic Products or Services

***Note: Education Code 35182.5 prohibits districts or schools from entering into contracts for electronic products or services that require dissemination of advertising to students, unless the following conditions are satisfied. This section should be modified to reflect any additional requirements included by the district. ***

The Board shall not enter into a contract for electronic products or services that requires the dissemination of advertising to students, unless the Board: (Education Code 35182.5)

1. Enters into the contract at a noticed, public hearing of the Board.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)

2. Makes a finding that the electronic product or service is or would be an integral component of the education of students.

(cf. 0440 - District Technology Plan)

3. Makes a finding that the district cannot afford to provide the electronic product or service unless it contracts to permit dissemination of advertising to students.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

4. As part of the district's normal, ongoing communication to parents/guardians, provides written notice that the advertising will be used in the classroom or other learning center.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

5. Offers parents/guardians the opportunity to request in writing that their child not be exposed to the program that contains the advertising. A request shall be honored for the school year in which it is submitted, or longer if specified, but may be withdrawn by the parents/guardians at any time.

Contracts for Digital Storage and Maintenance of Student Records

***Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49073.1, as added by AB 1584 (Ch. 800, Statutes of 2014), the Board is mandated to adopt a policy when the district chooses to enter into a contract with a third party to provide services specified in the following section. ***

***Note: If the district has a contract in effect prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of Education Code 49073.1 will not become effective until the expiration, amendment, or renewal of the existing contract. ***

The district may enter into or renew a contract with a third party for the purpose of providing services, including cloud-based services, for the digital storage, management, and retrieval of student records and/or to provide digital educational software that authorizes a third-party provider of digital educational software to access, store, and use student records. For these purposes, student records include any information maintained by the district that is directly related to a student and any information acquired directly from the student through the use of instructional software or applications assigned to the student by a teacher or other district employee, and do not include de-identified information. (Education Code 49073.1)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Any such contract shall contain all of the following: (Education Code 49073.1)

1. A statement that student records continue to be the property of and under the control of the district
2. If applicable, a description of the means by which students may retain possession and control of their own student-generated content, as defined in Education Code 49073.1, including options by which a student may transfer student-generated content to a personal account
3. A prohibition against the third party using any information in the student record for any purpose other than those required or specifically permitted by the contract
4. A description of the procedures by which a parent/guardian or a student age 18 years or older may review personally identifiable information in the student's records and correct erroneous information
5. A description of the actions the third party will take, including the designation and training of responsible individuals, to ensure the security and confidentiality of student records
6. A description of the procedures for notifying the affected parent/guardian, or the affected student if age 18 years or older, in the event of an unauthorized disclosure of the student's records
7. A certification that a student's records shall not be retained or available to the third party upon

completion of the terms of the contract and a description of how that certification will be enforced, except that these requirements shall not apply to student-generated content if the student chooses to establish or maintain an account with the third party for the purpose of storing that content

8. A description of how the district and the third party will jointly ensure compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g

9. A prohibition against the third party using personally identifiable information in student records to engage in targeted advertising

Contracts for Personal Services

***Note: The following optional paragraph is applicable when the district chooses to contract for personal services that are currently or customarily performed by its classified employees. Pursuant to Education Code 45103.1, such a contract may be entered into or renewed by the district in order to achieve cost savings, but only if the contract (1) is awarded through a publicized, competitive bidding process; (2) does not result in displacement of district employees (layoff, demotion, involuntary transfer to a new classification, etc.); and (3) meets other specified conditions. ***

In order to achieve cost savings, the district may enter into or renew a contract for any personal service that is currently or customarily performed by classified employees, if the contract does not displace school district employees and meets other conditions specified in Education Code 45103.1. To enter into or renew such a contract, the Board shall ensure that the district meets the numerous conditions specified in Education Code 45103.1.

(cf. 4200 - Classified Personnel)

***Note: Education Code 45103.1 also permits personal service contracts that do not meet the conditions specified in the paragraph above in the circumstances as listed below. ***

In addition, the district may enter into or renew any contract for personal service without meeting the conditions described above, if any of the following conditions exists: (Education Code 45103.1)

1. The contract is for new district functions and the Legislature has specifically mandated or authorized the performance of the work by independent contractors.
2. The services contracted are not available within the district, cannot be performed satisfactorily by district employees, or are of such a highly specialized or technical nature that the necessary expert knowledge, experience, and ability are not available through the district.
3. The services are incidental to a contract for the purchase or lease of real or personal property, including, but not be limited to, agreements to service or maintain office equipment or computers that are leased or rented.

4. The district's policy, administrative, or legal goals and purposes cannot be accomplished through the utilization of persons selected pursuant to the regular or ordinary district hiring process.
5. The nature of the work is such that the criteria for emergency appointments, as defined in Education Code 45103.1, apply.
6. The contractor will provide equipment, materials, facilities, or support services that could not feasibly be provided by the district in the location where the services are to be performed.
7. The services are of such an urgent, temporary, or occasional nature that the delay that would result from using the district's regular or ordinary hiring process would frustrate their very purpose.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

14505 Provisions required in contracts for audits

17250.10-17250.55 Design-build contracts

17595-17606 Contracts

35182.5 Contract prohibitions

45103.1 Personal services contracts

45103.5 Contracts for management consulting service related to food service

49073.1 Contract requirements for digital storage, maintenance and retrieval of student records

49431-49431.7 Nutritional standards

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

685.010 Rate of interest

GOVERNMENT CODE

12990 Nondiscrimination and compliance employment programs

53260 Contract provision re maximum cash settlement

53262 Ratification of contracts with administrative officers

LABOR CODE

1775 Penalties for violations

1810-1813 Working hours

PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

4100-4114 Subletting and subcontracting fair practices

7104 Contracts for excavations; discovery of hazardous waste

7106 Noncollusion affidavit

20111 Contracts over \$50,000; contracts for construction; award to lowest responsible bidder

20104.50 Construction Progress Payments

22300 Performance retentions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500 Food sales by student organizations

15501 Sales in high schools and junior high schools

15575-15578 Food and beverage requirements outside of the federal school meal programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
1681-1688 Title IX, discrimination
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7
210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program
220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. 2005

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of School Business Officials: <http://www.casbo.org>