



DATE: February 7, 2024

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: First Read of Proposed Revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5148, Child Care and Development

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Annamarie Cohen, Executive Director of Student Services

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

June 2021

Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which transfers responsibility for state administration of child care and development programs from CDE to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) effective July 1, 2021. Information about the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund deleted as the fund is no longer operative. Policy also reflects **NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2020, No. 21)** which retain the requirement to refer health and safety complaints regarding licensed child care and development programs to CDSS but eliminate the requirement that complaints regarding a license-exempt facility be referred to a Child Development regional administrator.

Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which transfers responsibility for state administration of child care and development programs from CDE to CDSS effective July 1, 2021. Regulation also contains information about the delay, due to COVID-19, of CDSS' adoption of regulations implementing a new, single license for infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age child care programs. References to the Desired Results Developmental Profile made more general to account for possible future changes in program requirements. New section on "Health and Safety" adds requirement for licensed centers to test drinking water for lead contamination between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2023 if the building was constructed before January 1, 2010, and to notify parents/guardians of the test results. Section on "Health Examination and Immunizations" expanded to reflect the requirement that a child care center may only accept a medical exemption request that is made on an electronic, standardized form developed by the California Department of Public Health.

December 2021

Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021) which repealed the Child Care and Development Services Act from the Education Code and reenacted the laws in the Welfare and Institutions Code with responsibility for administering child care programs transferring to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Policy also updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021) pursuant to which a child's eligibility for transitional kindergarten may not impact family eligibility for a child care program and which requires, as a condition of funding, that a child care program that is physically closed by local or state public health order or guidance due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but funded to be operational, provide distance learning services as specified by CDSS.

Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021) which (1) repealed the Child Care and Development Services Act from the Education Code and reenacted the laws in the Welfare and Institutions Code, (2) waives fees for families receiving subsidized child care services for 2021-22, and (3) requires a California State Preschool Program or child care program to provide a parent/guardian of a child transferring to a public school with specified information.

June 2023

Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022) which (1) provides grant funding until June 30, 2027 for the purpose of increasing access to inclusive early care and education programs, (2) extends the date by which the California Department of Education and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) are required to adopt implementing regulations related to early childhood development, and (3) specifies as one of the indicators for the implementation of quality child care and development programs that staff have the appropriate and required training, or any combination of qualifications, experience, or training. Policy also updated to delete material specific to COVID-19 and reflect a district's obligation to provide distance learning when a child care program is physically closed by a local or state public health order, reference that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has adopted regulations pertaining to the prekindergarten-grade 3 early childhood education specialist credential that include requirements, and accelerated pathways to meet the requirements, in an effort to increase the number of early childhood education teachers, and reference NEW LAW (AB 2827, 2022) which requires CDSS to revise its regulations to permit children with disabilities to use outdoor play spaces simultaneously with children who do not have disabilities without having to first seek a regulatory waiver and to specify any health and safety requirements that are required to be met when simultaneous play occurs.

Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development

Regulation updated to reference NEW LAW (AB 2131, 2022) which authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement and administer the creation of a single child care center license through all-county or similar written instruction until regulations are adopted and to reflect NEW LAW (AB 210, 2022) which (1) specifies as one of the indicators for the implementation of quality child care and development program activities that meet the needs of dual language learners, and (2) provides that when eligibility for child care and development services are based on an adjusted monthly family income at or below 85 percent of the state median income, adjusted for family size, that calculation does not include foster care payments made on behalf of a child or guaranteed income payments. Regulation also updated to delete outdated material regarding the requirement to test for lead contamination in drinking water for buildings constructed before January 1, 2010, reference NEW LAW (AB 185, 2022) which requires CDSS to adopt regulations regarding the exclusion from family income of foster care payments made on behalf of a child or income guaranteed income payments, as described above, and reflect NEW LAW (SB 1047, 2022) which (1) extends eligibility for child care and development programs to families in which a member of the family has been certified as eligible to receive benefits from specified means tested government programs and that priority for enrollment must be based on the income declared on the application of the government program, and (2) provides that upon establishing initial eligibility or ongoing ability for child care and development services, a

family is considered to meet eligibility and need requirements for services for not less than 24 months before having eligibility or need recertified, unless an exceptions exists. In addition, regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 321, 2022) which provides that in the second priority category for enrollment, when there are two or more families with the same income ranking, children who reside in homes in which the primary language is not English are required to be admitted first, add material regarding a family establishing eligibility for child care and development services on the basis of receiving services under a CalWORKs Stage 1,2, or 3 program since this differs from the 24 month eligibility period as described above, delete material applicable only to the 2021-22 school year, add that licensed child care centers are required to post their rates, and discounts or scholarship policies, if any, in a prominent location adjacent to the license at the child care facility, add a new section entitled "Expulsion/Unenrollment and Suspension Based on Behavior" which reflects NEW LAW (AB 2806, 2022) establishing requirements for expulsion, unenrollment, or suspension of a child from a child care and development program and reflects a joint statement by the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in regard to ensuring that children with disabilities are not suspended or expelled because of disability-related behaviors. Additionally, regulation updated to more closely align with law the order of disenrollment when necessary due to a reduction in state reimbursements, delete material related to the personal belief exemption as this exemption no longer exists, clarify that medical exemptions are required to specify how long the exemption is expected to be needed and that it may not extend beyond the current grade span, reflect NEW LAW (AB 1797, 2022) which requires child care centers to disclose specified immunization information to local health departments operating countywide or regional immunization information and reminder systems and the California Department of Public Health, clarify that verification of an excused absence be signed by the district's authorized representative if verification is made by telephone, include procedures districts are required to follow when a child has been absent and the family has not been in communication with the district's child care and development services program coordinator or site supervisor for seven consecutive calendar days, specify that any appeal from a hearing requested by a parent/guardian regarding a Notice of Action be appealed to the Child Development Division, and add a new section entitled "Coordinating Transitions" which includes material regarding the district's obligations when a child in the district's child care and development program transfers to a local public school and reflects NEW LAW (SB 188, 2022) which requires districts to designate a main point of contact for coordinating and completing the transition of a child and family from Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), infant/toddler programs, to Part B of IDEA, preschool.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment:

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