



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 5148.3, Preschool / Early Childhood Education

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

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

December 2020

Board Policy 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Policy updated to reflect NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2020, No. 21) which establish modifications to the UCP for investigating and resolving complaints alleging violation of applicable health or safety requirements for license-exempt programs operating under the CSPP.

Administrative Regulation 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Regulation updated to clarify that families need to meet at least one of two specified criteria to be eligible for subsidized services. Regulation also reflects NEW LAW (SB 75, 2019) which authorizes eligibility for a full-day CSPP without meeting the requirements related to the need for child care services if all families meeting those requirements have been enrolled and establishes enrollment priorities for schools where at least 80 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

December 2021

Board Policy 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 131, 2021) which amended and renumbered the statutes governing the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) within the Education Code, and to reflect NEW LAW (AB 130, 2021) which (1) revised the timespans for mandatory transitional kindergarten (TK) admittance requirements to be phased in starting in the 2022-23 school year to the 2025-26 school year, (2) created a grant program for the construction or modernization of new preschool classrooms pursuant to the California Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program, (3) requires, in combination

with NEW STATE GUIDANCE, as a condition of funding, that a CSPP 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 the California Department of Education, (4) requires districts receiving grants through the California Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program to develop a plan for how all children in the attendance area of the district will have access to full-day learning programs the year before kindergarten, and (5) prohibits TK eligibility from impacting family eligibility for a preschool or childcare program. Policy also updated to reflect that a CSPP program may be a part-day or full-day program and that a child under four years of age must be served in a CSPP facility licensed in accordance with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Additionally, policy updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 1363, 2021) which requires the quality indicators for CSPP programs to include activities and services that meet the needs of dual language learners for support in the development of their home language and English.

Administrative Regulation 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Regulation updated to include definitions of three- and four-year-old children and to reflect NEW LAW (AB131, 2021) which (1) amended and renumbered the statutes governing the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) within the Education Code, (2) clarifies that four-year-old children who are eligible to participate in a CSPP program include those children whose fifth birthday occurs after September 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled in a CSPP program and whose parent/guardian has opted to retain or enroll the child in a CSPP program, (3) requires CSPP programs to include certain components including minimum days per year for a full-day CSPP program, (4) repeals applicable code sections, (5) revises the eligibility criteria and enrollment priorities for part-day CSPP programs, (6) adds eligibility criteria and enrollment priorities for full-day CSPP programs, (7) waives fees for families receiving subsidized child care services for the 2021-22 school year, and (8) revises the order by which families must be disenrolled from CSPP programs if disenrollment is necessary. Policy also updated to delete section on "Wraparound Child Care Services" to reflect the repeal of code sections as stated above.

December 2022

Board Policy 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Policy updated to reflect NEW LAWS (AB 210, 2022, AB 185, 2022 and SB 1047, 2022) to revise and update requirements for California State Preschool Programs (CSPP), including requirements related to dual language learners, children with exceptional needs, and enrollment data collection and reporting. Policy also updated to reflect CSPP-specific NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2022, No. 26).

Administrative Regulation 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAWS (AB 210, 2022, AB 185, 2022, AB 321, 2022, and SB 1047, 2022) which revised enrollment criteria, priorities, and requirements for California State Preschool Programs (CSPP). Sections of the regulation affected include "Eligibility and Enrollment Priorities for Part-Day CSPP Programs" and "Eligibility and Enrollment Priorities for Full-Day CSPP Programs," which were reorganized and revised to comply with law. Other updated sections are "Minimum Hours/Days of Operation" and "Staffing." Regulation was also updated to reflect NEW LAW (AB 2806, 2022) with new requirements related to expulsion/unenrollment and/or suspension from a CSPP Program based on behavior. Regulation also updated with CSPP-specific NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2022, No. 26).

December 2023

Board Policy 5148.3 - Preschool/ Early Childhood Education

Policy updated to include that that the district may enroll children who are in a transitional kindergarten (TK) or kindergarten program in a California State Preschool Program (CSPP) before and/or after the regular school day in order to provide families with the option of a full-day, high-quality instructional program, and reflect NEW LAW (SB 141, 2023) which requires a district that offers TK to early enrollment children to concurrently offer enrollment in a CSPP, if offered by the district, and space permitting.

Administrative Regulation 5148.3 - Preschool/ Early Childhood Education

Regulation updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 141, 2023) which requires a district that offers transitional kindergarten (TK) to early enrollment children to concurrently offer enrollment in a California State Preschool Program (CSPP), and to add the definition of "early enrollment child." Regulation also updated to reflect NEW LAW (SB 141, 2023) which revises the enrollment priorities for part-day CSPP programs, and NEW LAW (AB 116, 2023) which allows family fees accrued but not collected prior to October 1, 2023, to be forgiven, and not collected. Additionally, Regulation updated to reflect NEW CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE which provides definitions related to suspension.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment:

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