Bellflower USD **February 19, 2026**
Board Policy Review **Submitted by: Dr. Ulloa**

Administrative Regulation: Response to Immigration Enforcement		
What prompted the review of the regulation:		
This administrative regulation review was initiated to comply with **AB 495 (2025)**, which requires districts to update immigration enforcement policies by **March 1, 2026**, consistent with the California Attorney General's model guidance. The review also updated and consolidated existing provisions to maintain compliance and protect students, families, and employees.		
Summary of change(s):		
Administrative Regulation 1445: Response to Immigration Enforcement New regulation includes a significant amount of material that was formerly in Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement, and addresses a district's response to immigration enforcement including **NEW LAW (AB 495, 2025)** which requires districts to update their policies by **March 1, 2026**, with language that is equivalent to the model policy language developed by the California Attorney General in, "Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Requests for Access and Information for Immigration Enforcement Purposes." Additionally, new regulation provides direction on responding to (1) requests by an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement for information about a student, a student's family or household, or a district employee, (2) requests by an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement for access to a student or permission to enter a school bus, any other transportation provided by the district, a nonpublic area of any district property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any district-sponsored program or activity is occurring, (3) immigration enforcement when any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement is actually or imminently present on district property, and (4) instances when a student's parent/guardian has been detained by an agency conducting immigration enforcement or deported. **DELETE - Administrative Regulation 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement Regulation deleted by CSBA**, as being too narrowly focused on students given **NEW LAW (AB 495, 2025)** which expands requirement to develop policies in response to immigration enforce to encompass protections for staff, with significant amount of material added to new Administrative Regulation 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement.		
Staff input review:		**How will the new regulation be communicated to concerned parties?**
Cabinet and district leadership reviewed this item to ensure legal compliance, CSBA alignment, and consistency with existing district practice. The policy and regulation align with CSBA model language and current laws.		The regulation will be published in the district's policy manual.
Mandated Regulation: Yes	**Annual Review Required:** No	**Annual Report to Board Required:** No

AR 1445: Response To Immigration Enforcement

Responding to Requests for Information or Documents

Upon receiving any request by an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement for information about a student, a student's family or household, or a district employee as described in the accompanying Board policy, district staff shall deny the request, to the extent practicable, unless any of the following apply: (Education Code 234.7; 34 CFR 99.30, 34 CFR 99.31)

1. The request is for student directory information

   District staff shall respond to the request in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information.

2. The district is required to release the records or information by state or federal law, in order to administer a state or federally supported educational program, or due to a valid judicial subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order

3. For records or information about a student or a student's family or household, the parent/guardian has provided written consent unless prohibited by a valid judicial subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order, or in cases involving investigation of child abuse, neglect, or dependency or, if the student is at least 18 years age, the student has provided written consent

Such written consent shall include all of the following: (34 CFR 99.30)

   a. The signature and signature date of the parent/guardian, or student if the student is at least 18 years of age

   b. A description of the records to be disclosed

   c. The reason for the release of information

   d. The parties or class of parties receiving the information

   e. A copy of the records to be released, if requested by the parent/guardian or student

4. For records or information about a district employee, the employee has provided written consent and the district's human resource department or equivalent has been consulted

Such written consent shall include all of the following:

   a. The signature and signature date of the employee

   b. A description of the records to be disclosed

   c. The reason for the release of information

   d. The parties or class of parties receiving the information

   e. A copy of the records to be released, if requested by the employee

Regardless of whether the district discloses the requested records or information, district staff shall do all of the following when such a request has been received:

1. Make a copy of the request and notify the Superintendent or designee

2. For requests regarding student information, provide the student's parent/guardian, or the student, if the student is at least 18 years of age, with notice, a description of the request, and any documentation provided to the district describing the request, unless prohibited by a valid judicial subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order, or in cases involving investigation of child abuse, neglect, or dependency

3. For requests regarding district employee information, provide the employee with notice, a description of the request, and any documentation provided to the district describing the request, unless prohibited by a valid judicial subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order

In accordance with law and Board Policy 5125 - Student Records, the Superintendent or designee shall annually notify parents/guardians that the district will not release student information to third parties for immigration enforcement purposes, unless the parent/guardian consents or as required to do so by a valid judicial subpoena, judicial warrant or court order.

Responding to Requests for Access to Students or for Access to District-Provided Transportation, Nonpublic Area of District Property or Facility, or Nonpublic Area in which District-Sponsored Activity is Occurring

If an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement requests access to a student, such as for purposes of interviewing, searching, or detaining the student, or permission to enter a school bus, any other transportation provided by the district, a nonpublic area of any district property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any district-sponsored program or activity is occurring, district staff shall take the following actions:

1. Advise the officer or employee that before district staff can respond to the request, they must first receive notification and direction from the Superintendent, principal, or designee

2. Request to see and record or otherwise document the officer's or employee's valid identification, including the officer's or employee's name and, if applicable, badge number, the phone number of the officer's or employee's supervisor

3. Request that the officer or employee produce any documentation that authorizes the officer's or employee's request, make copies of all such documentation, and retain at least one copy for district records

4. Contact and consult with the district's legal counsel or Superintendent or designee

5. Follow the direction from the district's legal counsel or Superintendent or designee

For a request to access a student, the district shall deny the request unless any of the following apply: (Education Code 234.7)

1. The officer or employee provides a valid judicial warrant or court order

2. District staff receives parent/guardian consent or, if the student is at least 18 years of age, the student's consent, unless the officer or employee presents a valid judicial warrant or court order that authorizes and directs the district to give such permission without parent/guardian consent or, if the student is at least 18 years of age, the student's consent

Regardless of whether the officer or employee is given access to the student, the student's parent/guardian shall be immediately notified, unless prohibited by a valid judicial warrant or court order, or in cases involving investigations of child abuse, neglect, or dependency. (Education Code 48906)

Additionally, district staff shall notify the Superintendent or designee as early as possible of any request by an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement for access to a student. (Education Code 234.7)

For a request for permission to enter a school bus, any other transportation provided by the district, a nonpublic area of any district property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any district-sponsored program or activity is occurring, the district shall deny the request unless any of the following apply: (Education 234.7)

1. The officer or employee provides a valid judicial warrant or court order

2. Permission is required to be granted by state or federal law or in order to administer a state or federally supported educational program

3. The officer or employee is a sworn law enforcement officer, declares that exigent circumstances exist, and demands immediate access

In this situation, district staff shall comply with the officer's or employee's orders and immediately contact the Superintendent or designee and then the district's legal counsel.

An officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement who, pursuant to this administrative regulation, is granted permission to enter district property or facilities which are not open to all visitors shall first register in accordance with Board Policy 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders, except in cases where the officer or employee is a sworn law enforcement officer and states that exigent circumstances exist. (Penal Code 627.2, 627.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall email the Bureau of Children's Justice in the California Department of Justice (BCJ@doj.ca.gov) regarding any attempt by a law enforcement officer to access a student or a school site for immigration enforcement purposes.

Responding to Immigration Enforcement Activity on District Property

When any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement is actually or imminently present on district property, district staff shall notify staff working at the property and, if the district property is a school, the parents/guardians of students at the school in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

District staff shall report the presence of any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement on district property to district police and other appropriate administrators.

District staff shall not obstruct, interfere with, or otherwise impede, or attempt to obstruct, interfere with, or otherwise impede, any officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement, even if the officer or employee appears to be acting outside the law or in excess of the stated or documented authorization. If such an officer or employee enters the premises without consent, district staff shall document their actions but only to the extent that documentation does not impede their actions and shall, at all times, obey any direction from such officers or employees.

After all officers and employees of an agency conducting immigration enforcement leave, each district staff member who observed or interacted with them shall promptly provide the following to the district's legal counsel or other district official designated by the Superintendent:

1. Copies of any information and documents collected from the officers or employees such as valid identification, name, badge number, phone number of the officer's or employee's supervisor, and documentation that authorizes the officer's or employee's request

2. The identity of all other district staff known to have communicated with the officers or employee

3. A description of all requests and activities by the officers and employees

4. The type of documentation, such as a warrant or subpoena, that authorized the officer's or employee's request or actions

5. District staff's response to the officer's or employee's request

6. Written notes of any other actions taken by and any other interactions with any officer or employee

Responding to the Detention or Deportation of Student's Parent/Guardian

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians to update their emergency contact information as needed at any time. The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians that the district will only use information provided on the emergency cards in response to specific emergency situations and not for any other purpose. (Education Code 234.7)

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee may encourage all students and families to learn their emergency phone numbers and be aware of the location of important documentation, including birth certificates, passports, social security cards, physicians' contact information, medication lists, lists of allergies, and other such information that would allow the students and families to be prepared in the event that a student's parent/guardian is detained or deported.

In the event that a student's parent/guardian is detained or deported, the Superintendent or designee shall release the student to the person(s) designated in the student's emergency contact information or to any individual who presents a caregiver's authorization affidavit on behalf of the student. The Superintendent or designee shall only contact child protective services if district personnel are unable to arrange for the timely care of the student by the person(s) designated in the emergency contact information maintained by the school or identified on a caregiver's authorization affidavit. (Education Code 234.7)

In an instance where a student's parent/guardian was detained or deported, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student, as well as the individuals designated in the student's emergency contact information and any individual who presented a caregiver's authorization affidavit on behalf of the student, that the student continues to meet the residency requirements for attendance in the district if the student and the student's parent/guardian who was detained or deported satisfy the conditions as specified in Education Code 48204.4.

The Superintendent or designee may refer a student or the student's family members to other resources for assistance, including, but not limited to, an U.S. Immigrant and Customs Enforcement detainee locator, legal assistance, or the consulate or embassy of the parent/guardian's country of origin.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
Civ. Code 1798.3	Information Practices Act of 1977; definitions
Ed. Code 200	Prohibition of discrimination
Ed. Code 200	Equal rights and opportunities in state educational institutions
Ed. Code 234.1	Student protections relating to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying
Ed. Code 234.7	Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status
Ed. Code 32282	Comprehensive School Safety Plan
Ed. Code 48204.4	Evidence of residency for school enrollment
Ed. Code 48906	Exception to parent/guardian notifications
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 48985	Notices to parents/guardians in language other than English
Fam. Code 6552	Caregiver's authorization affidavit
Gov. Code 7285-7285.3	Prohibitions on Employer Cooperation with Immigration Enforcement Agents
Gov. Code 8310.3	California Religious Freedom Act
Pen. Code 422.55	Definition of hate crime
Pen. Code 627-627.10	Access to school premises
Federal	**Description**
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
34 CFR 99.30-99.31	FERPA Regulations
U.S. Constitution, Fourth Amendment	Unreasonable search and seizure
Management Resources	**Description**
CA Office of the Attorney General Publication	Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's TK-12 Schools in Responding to Requests for Access and Information for Immigration Enforcement Purposes, December 2025
Court Decision	Plyler v. Doe (1982) 457 U.S. 202
Website	California Department of Education, Resources to Include Immigrant Families
Website	California Department of Education, LEA Immigration Enforcement Policy Submission
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Online Detainee Locator System
Website	California Office of the Attorney General
Website	CSBA
Website	U.S. Department of Education
Website	U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights
Website	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Website	California Civil Rights Department

Cross References

Code	Description
0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
	Comprehensive Safety Plan

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1250	Visitors/Outsiders
1250	Visitors/Outsiders
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E(1)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1312.3-E(2)	Uniform Complaint Procedures
1340	Access To District Records
1340	Access To District Records
3515.3	District Police/Security Department
3515.3	District Police/Security Department
3515.31	School Resource Officers
3555	Nutrition Program Compliance
3555-E(1)	Nutrition Program Compliance
5111	Admission
5111	Admission
5111.1	District Residency
5111.1	District Residency
5125	Student Records
5125	Student Records
5125.1	Release Of Directory Information
5125.1	Release Of Directory Information
5125.1-E(1)	Release Of Directory Information
5131.2	Bullying
5131.2	Bullying
5141	Health Care And Emergencies
5141	Health Care And Emergencies
5141.4	Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting
5141.4	Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting
5142	Safety
5142	Safety
5145.12	Search And Seizure
5145.12	Search And Seizure
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
6142.3	Civic Education
6143	Courses Of Study
6143	Courses Of Study
6175	Migrant Education Program
6175	Migrant Education Program