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

Board Policy: Response to Immigration Enforcement		
What prompted the review of the policy:		
This policy 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):		
Board Policy 1445: Response to Immigration Enforcement The new policy consolidates and expands material formerly included in Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5145.13 (Response to Immigration Enforcement) and reflects **new law (AB 495, 2025**), which requires districts to update policies by **March 1, 2026** using language equivalent to the California Attorney General's model guidance, *Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All*. The policy outlines the district's response to immigration enforcement and specifies actions district staff are prohibited from taking—unless an exception applies—related to: (1) the citizenship or immigration status of students or their families; (2) student education records or information about students or their families or households; (3) employee personnel records or other confidential employee information; and (4) granting immigration enforcement access to school buses, nonpublic areas of district property or facilities, or nonpublic areas where district-sponsored programs or activities occur. The policy reiterates that staff may not obstruct or interfere with immigration enforcement officials who nonetheless enter such areas. It also requires the Superintendent or designee to report immigration enforcement requests to the Governing Board; prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status or refusal to provide related information; prohibits the use of district resources or data to compile registries based on protected characteristics; and requires the provision of specified notices and information to parents/guardians regarding immigration status, religious beliefs, and related rights. Complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying based on immigration status must be filed under BP/AR 1312.3 (Uniform Complaint Procedures), and the Superintendent or designee must provide required policy documents to the California Department of Education pursuant to Education Code 234.7. **DELETE - Board Policy 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement Policy has been 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 Board Policy 1445 - Response to Immigration Enforcement.		
Staff input review:		**How will the new policy 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 policy will be published in the district's policy manual.
Mandated Policy: Yes	**Annual Review Required:** No	**Annual Report to Board Required:** No

BP 1445: Response To Immigration Enforcement

The Governing Board is committed to the success of all students and to providing a safe and welcoming place for students, their families, and staff irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status.

Unless required by state or federal law, required to administer a state or federally supported educational program, or presented with a valid judicial subpoena, judicial warrant, or court order, district staff shall not do any of the following:

1. Solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of a student or the student's family members (Education Code 234.7)

2. Seek or require information or documents, to the exclusion of other permissible information or documents, regarding the citizenship or immigration status of a student or the student's family members (Education Code 234.7)

3. To the extent practicable, disclose or provide in writing, verbally, or in any other manner to an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement:

    a. The education records of or any information about a student or a student's family or household such as personal information as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, information about a student's home, or information about a student's travel schedule without parent/guardian written consent (Education Code 234.7)

    b. The personnel records of any district employee, personal information of any district employee as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, or any other confidential employee information (Education Code 234.7; Government Code 7285.2)

4. Grant permission to an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement 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 (Education Code 234.7; Government Code 7285.1)

However, district staff shall not obstruct, interfere with, or otherwise impede an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement who nonetheless enters district-provided transportation, a nonpublic area of any district property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any district-sponsored program or activity is occurring.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board in a timely manner any requests by an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement for any of the following: (Education Code 234.7)

1. Education records of or any information about a student or a student's family or household

2. Personnel records of any district employee, personal information of any district employee as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, or any other confidential employee information

3. 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

Such reports shall be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information. (Education Code 234.7)

In accordance with law, Board Policy 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, and Board Policy 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment, no student shall be denied equal rights and opportunities, nor be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in the district's programs and activities on the basis of the student's or family's immigration status or for the refusal to provide information related to the student's or family's immigration status. (Education Code 200, 220, 234.1)

Resources and data collected by the district shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on national origin, immigration status, religion, or other category of individual characteristics protected against unlawful discrimination. (Government Code 8310.3)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with information and notifications as specified in Education Code 234.7, including information regarding their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs and their rights related to immigration enforcement.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for, and may provide training to staff on, interactions with an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement, including a request for any of the following:

1. Education records of or any information about a student or a student's family or household

2. Personnel records of any district employee, personal information of any district employee as defined in Civil Code 1798.3, or any other confidential employee information

3. 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

Complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status shall be filed in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to the California Department of Education, upon request and in the manner requested, copies of this policy, any associated administrative regulation, and any other Board policies and administrative regulations required by Education Code 234.7.

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

Cross References	Description
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