

## POLICIES REQUIRED BY LAW or HIGHLY RECOMMENDED<sup>1</sup>

(for BOCES without schools or educational programs)

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NOTE: This list is applicable to BOCES that do NOT operate a school or educational program.

## **POLICIES REQUIRED BY LAW**

- √ State or federal law requires the BOCES to have a policy on this subject and the law may direct some or all of the policy's content, as noted below
- Companion to legally required policy or regulation

√AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity

29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq., 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 6101-6107, 34 C.F.R. Part 106, C.R.S. § 24-34-301 et seq., C.R.S. § 24-34-401 et seq., C.R.S. § 24-34-402.3(3)(a), C.R.S. § 22-1-143, C.R.S. § 24-34-402 et seq (must adopt policy that commits to nondiscrimination and directs annual written notice)

√AC-R-1

Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Students 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, 28 C.F.R. § 35.107, 34 C.F.R. §§ 104.7-104.8, 34 C.F.R. § 106.8, 34 C.F.R. § 110.25, 45 C.F.R. § 86.8, C.R.S. § 22-1-143 (grievance procedure is required)

√AC-R-2

Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Employees, Applicants for Employment and Members of the Public 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, 28 C.F.R. § 35.107, 34 C.F.R. §§ 104.7-104.8, 34 C.F.R. § 106.8, 34 C.F.R. § 110.25, 45 C.F.R. § 86.8, C.R.S. § 24-34-402 *et seq.* (grievance procedure is required)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This list references sample BOCES policies developed by the Colorado Association of School Boards. Policies developed by a specific BOCES board may contain content or language different from the CASB sample policies noted. It is important to understand the policy content requirements and not assume that a locally developed policy with a particular policy code or title meets the requirements of law. In the alternative, a BOCES board may have met the need for a legally required policy using a policy title and code that is different than the CASB sample BOCES policies.

<sup>\*</sup>Code not found in the NEPN/NSBA policy classification system; code created by CASB to meet a Colorado-specific policy need.

√AC-R-3 Sexual Harassment Investigation Procedures – Regulation 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688, 34 C.F.R. § 106.8, 45 C.F.R. § 86.8 (grievance procedure is required) - AC-E-1 Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Sample notice) – Exhibit - AC-E-2 Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Complaint Form) – Exhibit

√ BCB **Board Member Conflict of Interest** 

2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) (must have written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest concerning the selection, award and administration of contracts funded by federal funds), C.R.S. § 22-32-109(1)(y) (must adopt

bylaws on conflict of interest)

√BE **Board of Directors Meetings** C.R.S. § 22-32-108(5)(c) (policy must require recordings of regular and

special board meetings to be retained for at least 90 days) √BEAA\* Electronic Participation in Board of Directors Meetings

> C.R.S. § 22-5-104(5) (policy is legally required if the Board wishes to attend and participate electronically in Board meetings)

√DAC\* Federal Fiscal Compliance 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (must adopt policy to comply with federal Uniform **Grant Guidance**)

√DJB\* Federal Procurement

√ DJB\*-R Federal Procurement – Regulation

> 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.318-200.326 (must adopt procurement procedures that reflect requirements of the Uniform Grant Guidance, for purchases made—in whole or in part—with federal funds)

√ DJE **Bidding Procedures** 

C.R.S. § 22-32-109 (1)(b) (must adopt competitive bidding procedures for purchase of goods and services, except professional services)

√DKC Expense Authorization/Reimbursement (Mileage and Travel) 2 C.F.R. § 200.474 (must adopt travel reimbursement policy to comply with federal Uniform Grant Guidance)

√EGAEA **Electronic Communication** C.R.S. § 24-72-203(1) (must adopt policy on retention, archiving and destruction of public electronic records), C.R.S. § 24-72-204.5 (must adopt policy on monitoring email)

**√**EHC

Safeguarding Personal Identifying Information

C.R.S. § 24-73-101(1) (must adopt policy for the destruction or proper disposal of documents containing personal identifying information), C.R.S. § 24-73-102(1) (must adopt reasonable security procedures and practices to protect personal identifying information), C.R.S. § 24-73-103(3) (must have notification of security breach procedures consistent with requirements of C.R.S. § 24-73-103(2)(k))

√ GBA

Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity

29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq., 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 6101-6107, C.R.S. § 24-34-301 et seq., C.R.S. § 24-34-401 et seq., C.R.S. § 24-34-402.3(3)(a) (must adopt policy that commits to nondiscrimination and directs annual written notice)

√GBAA

Sexual Harassment

42 U.S.C. § 2000e, C.R.S. § 24-34-301 et seq., C.R.S. § 24-34-401 et seq. (must adopt policy that commits to nondiscrimination and directs annual written notice)

√ GBEA

Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest

2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) (must have written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest concerning the selection, award and administration of contracts funded by federal funds)

√ GBEC

Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace

41 U.S.C. § 8103, 34 C.F.R. §§ 84.205-84.215 (must publish and distribute statement prohibiting controlled substances if the BOCES receives federal funds)

√GBI\*

Criminal History Record Information

P.L. 92-544, 28 § C.F.R. 20.33(b), 28 § C.F.R. 50.12(b) (must adopt policy meeting FBI and CBI Criminal Justice Information Services requirements)

√ GCO

**Evaluation of Licensed Personnel** 

C.R.S. § 22-9-106(1), C.R.S. § 22-9-103 (must adopt written system for evaluation of all licensed staff)

√JLCDC\*

Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting

C.R.S. 22-20-121 (If the BOCES is an administrative unit, it is required to adopt a policy that addresses how a student who has an order or recommendation from a qualified health-care provider for medically necessary treatment receives such treatment in the school setting as required by state and federal law)

-JLCDC\*-R Authorizing Private Health-Care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary

Treatment in School Setting – Regulation (there is no specific legal requirement to adopt this regulation; however, if the BOCES is an administrative unit, it is required by law to adopt a policy that addresses how a student who has an order or recommendation from a qualified health-care provider for medically necessary treatment receives such treatment in the school setting as required by state and federal law, and this regulation accompanied by sample policy JLCDC\* meet the

content/language intent and requirements)

√ KDB Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

 $C.R.S.~\S~24-72-205(6)(a)~\text{(if the BOCES imposes a fee for the research and retrieval of public records, the BOCES must adopt a policy regarding}$ 

such fee)

√ KDBA\* Parent Notification of Employee Criminal Charges

C.R.S. § 22-1-130(4)(g) (must adopt policy to comply with parent

notification requirements when school is not in session)

KLG
 Relations with State and Federal Agencies
 √KLG-R
 Relations with Federal Immigration Officials

C.R.S. 24-74.1-102 (must adopt policies and/or procedures to provide access and information to federal immigration officials as required by

law)

## **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED POLICIES**

The following policies (and any accompanying regulations) are highly recommended because they comprise the Board's bylaws:

BBA Board of Directors – Governance, Powers and Responsibilities

BBBC\* Power to Abstain and Withdrawal
BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest
BDA Board Organizational Meeting

BDB Board Officers

BDF Advisory Committees

BE Board of Directors Meetings (also on the legally required list)

BEAA\* Electronic Participation in Board of Directors Meetings (also on the legally

required list)

BEC Executive Sessions

BEDA Notification of Board Meetings

BEDB Agenda

BEDD Rules of Order BEDF Voting Method

BEDG Minutes

BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings

The following policies (and any accompanying regulations) may be highly recommended, dependent on the BOCES's circumstances, to protect the BOCES from legal liability, give adequate notice of rights and responsibilities to BOCES employees and the BOCES community, or provide certain assurances to the Colorado Department of Education or other regulatory agencies. The Board should consult with its own attorney to make this determination.

CBI Evaluation of Executive Director

DAB\* Financial Administration

DB Annual Budget

DBD Determination of Budget Priorities
DJ/DJA Purchasing/Purchasing Authority

EBAB Hazardous Materials
EBBB Accident Reports
EGAD Copyright Compliance

GBAB\* Workplace Health and Safety Protection
GBEB Staff Conduct (And Responsibilities)
GBEE\* Staff Use of Technology (Option 2)

GBGF Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave (if the BOCES employs 50 or

more employees)

GBGI Staff Military Leave GBGK Staff Legal Leave

[NOTE: Care should be taken to ensure that any policies in the GC section preserve the at-will status of professional/licensed employees.]

GCA Professional Staff Positions

GCE/GCF Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring

GCQF Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff

[NOTE: Care should be taken to ensure that any policies in the GD section preserve the at-will status of classified employees.]

GDA Support Staff Positions

GDBC Support Staff Supplementary Pay/Overtime

GDE/GDF Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring

GDQD Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff

IHBA Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities (if the BOCES

provides special education and/or related services to students with

disabilities)

JICAA\* Student Conduct and Discipline Code (if the BOCES provides educational

services to students and follows a member school district's student conduct

and discipline code)

JLF Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection (if the BOCES provides educational

services to students)

JLF-R Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection – Regulation

KFA Public Conduct on BOCES Property

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