

## Perris Union High School District – BOARD POLICIES

### JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 5000 (STUDENTS)

(Pending Board Approval October 16, 2024)

#### Background

##### **Board Policy 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which (1) clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex, including sex-based harassment, for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status, and (2) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1165, 2023)** which encourages districts to have a student who has been suspended, or for whom other means of correction have been implemented pursuant to Education Code 48900.5 for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation, as well as the victim, to engage in a restorative justice practice suitable to address the needs of both the victim and the perpetrator.

##### **Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment**

Regulation updated to provide that the individual identified as the Compliance Officer for coordinating the district's efforts to comply with applicable state and federal laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies be the same as the Compliance Officer specified in Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful discrimination of a student, and the Title IX Coordinator specified in Administrative Regulation 5145.7 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment as the responsible employee to handle complaints alleging unlawful sex discrimination and sex-based harassment. Additionally, regulation updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which (1) clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex, including sex-based harassment, for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status, (2) require the Title IX notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex to be posted on the district's website and published in district handbooks, catalogs, announcements, bulletins, and application forms, and (3) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct. In addition,

regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1327, 2023)** which requires a district that participates in the California Interscholastic Federation to post on its website the California Department of Education's (CDE) standardized incident form to track racial discrimination, harassment, or hazing that occurs at high school sporting games or events, including information on how to submit a completed incident form to the district. Regulation also updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 153, 2024)** which requires a district that serves students in any of grades 7-12 to provide certificated school employees information on existing school and community resources related to the support of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) students, or related to the support of students who may face bias or bullying, and **NEW LAW (AB 5, 2023)** which requires a district that serves students in any of grades 7-12, starting in the 2025-26 school year, to provide at least one hour of training annually to all teachers and certificated employees which incorporates CDE's online training curriculum to support LGBTQ+ cultural competency. Additionally, regulation updated to provide that employees are required to report incidents of prohibited discrimination within one workday, which may be modified to reflect the district's timeline, in order to maintain consistency of such reporting requirements across the policy manual, and to move the section "Issues Unique to Intersex, Nonbinary, Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students," to Administrative Regulation 5145.7 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment in order to keep related material together.

#### **Board Policy 5145.7 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment**

Policy updated to include material related to sex discrimination, in addition to sex-based harassment. Additionally, policy updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which (1) clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex, including sex-based harassment, for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status, (2) require employees with knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sex-based harassment in a district education program or activity to notify the Title IX Coordinator, (3) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct, (4) require the Title IX Coordinator to offer and coordinate supportive measures when notified of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment (5) require specified training related to sex discrimination for all district employees, as well as additional training for investigators, decisionmakers, and other persons who are responsible for implementing the district's grievance procedures or have the authority to modify or terminate supportive measures; facilitators of an informal resolution process; and the Title IX Coordinator(s) and designees, and (6) require specified records to be maintained for seven years. In addition, policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1955, 2024)** which prohibits a district, including a Governing Board member from retaliating or

otherwise taking adverse action against an employee, including by placing the employee on administrative leave, on the basis that the employee supported a student exercising rights specified in certain Education Code provisions, performed work in a manner consistent with the district's legal obligations related to educational equity, or provided instruction to students consistent with current content standards, curriculum frameworks, instructional materials adopted by the state board, and state law. Policy also updated to (1) provide that employees are required to report incidents of prohibited discrimination within one workday, which may be modified to reflect the district's timeline, in order to maintain consistency of such reporting requirements across the policy manual, and (2) delete material related to requirements for posting and publishing the district's sexual harassment policy which are located in Administrative Regulation 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment, and the accompanying administrative regulation by reference.

### **Administrative Regulation 5145.7 - Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment**

Regulation updated to include material related to sex discrimination, in addition to sex-based harassment. Additionally, regulation updated to emphasize that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any of its programs or activities, prohibits such conduct, and complies with Title IX. In addition, regulation updated to include definitions of sex discrimination and sex-based harassment, and reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which (1) clarify that discrimination on the basis of sex, including sex-based harassment, for the purpose of Title IX includes sex stereotypes; sex characteristics; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation, including related medical conditions or recovery; and parental, marital, and family status, (2) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct, and (3) provide that a district (a) may not exclude a student from participation in, deny a student the benefits of, or otherwise subject a student to discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity, (b) that in the limited circumstances in which different treatment or separation on the basis of sex is permitted, a district may not carry out such different treatment or separation in a manner that discriminates on the basis of sex by subjecting a student to more than de minimis harm, and (c) that preventing a student from participating in an education program or activity consistent with the person's gender identity subjects a person to more than de minimis harm on the basis of sex. Regulation also updated to provide that employees are required to report incidents of prohibited discrimination within one workday, which may be modified to reflect the district's timeline, in order to maintain consistency of such reporting requirements across the policy manual. Additionally, regulation updated to (1) include material formerly in Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment related to issues that are unique to intersex, nonbinary, transgender, and gender nonconforming students, (2) reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1955, 2024)** which clarifies that under existing law a district, including a Governing Board member, may not require an employee or contractor to disclose any

information related to a student's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression to any other person, or enact or enforce any policy, rule, or administrative regulation that would require the same, without the student's consent unless otherwise required by state or federal law, and (3) reflect **NEW LAW (SB 760, 2023)** which requires, beginning July 1, 2026, each school with more than one female student restroom and more than one male student restroom to provide and maintain at least one all-gender restroom for student use that meets the requirements of law.

### **Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures**

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which make extensive and significant changes to the title IX grievance procedures including that they (1) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct, (2) require district's to follow "basic requirements" when implementing the Title IX grievance procedures, (3) modify the definition of a "complaint" and who may bring a complaint, (4) modify the Title IX Coordinator's responsibilities related to the initiation of a complaint when the alleged victim chooses to not bring a complaint, (5) modify the requirements related to the offering and coordination of supportive measures, (6) expand the requirements related to the dismissal of complaints, including the appeal of dismissals, (7) expand the requirements related to the informal resolution process, (8) amend requirements related to notice of allegations when a formal investigation is initiated by the district, (9) expand requirements related to the investigation procedures, (10) modify requirements related to the written decision, (11) alter the process for the appeal of the decision, (12) provide for extension of timelines, and (13) amend requirements for remedies, disciplinary actions, and record-keeping. Additionally, regulation updated to delete material defining sex-based harassment as the definitions for sex discrimination and sex-based harassment are contained within Administrative Regulation 5145.7 – Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment, and to delete material in regard to reporting of sex-based harassment as such material is contained within other related policies. Regulation also updated to add a section on Consolidation of Complaints, and material related to record-keeping requirements for complaints containing allegations of childhood sexual assault.

### **Exhibit(1) 5145.71 - Title IX Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Complaint Procedures**

Exhibit updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which amend the Title IX notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex.

### **Board Policy 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS (89 Fed. Reg. 33474)** which (1) provide that a student's current, potential, or past pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy or lactation, and related medical conditions and recovery, as

well as a student's current, potential, or past parental, family, or marital status are protected from discrimination pursuant to Title IX and its implementing regulations, (2) require an employee, when a student or a person who has a legal right to act on behalf of a student informs any employee of the student's pregnancy or related conditions, to provide that person with the Title IX Coordinator's contact information and inform that person that the Title IX Coordinator can coordinate specific actions to prevent sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, and ensure the student's equal access to the district's education program or activity, (3) require the district to provide the district's notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex and take specified actions once notified of a student's pregnancy or related conditions, (4) prohibit the district from requiring a student who is pregnant or has related conditions to provide certification from a healthcare provider or any other person verifying that the student is physically able to participate in the district's class, program, or extracurricular activity unless the certified level of physical ability of health is (a) necessary for participation in the class, program, or extracurricular activity, (b) the district requires such certification of all participating students, and (c) the information obtained is not used as a basis for sex discrimination, (5) require the district to allow a student who is pregnant or who has related conditions to voluntarily take a leave of absence to cover, at a minimum, the period of time deemed medically necessary by the student's licensed healthcare provider, and, if the district has a leave policy that allows for a greater period of time than the medically necessary period and the student qualifies for leave under such policy, to permit the student to take leave under that policy, (6) require the district to reinstate a student who has returned to school after taking parental leave to the academic status and, as practicable, to the extracurricular status that the student held when the voluntary leave began, (7) require the district to provide reasonable accommodations for students who are pregnant or parenting, or have related conditions, as specified, (8) require the district to provide a student who is lactating with access to a lactation space, as specified, and (9) require a district with knowledge of alleged conduct, which occurs in a district program or activity on or after August 1, 2024, that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX, including sex-based harassment, to follow Title IX grievance procedures when investigating and resolving a complaint based on the alleged conduct.