

## **Perris Union High School District - Board Policies**

### **JUSTIFICATION (SERIES 4000)**

#### **Background**

##### **BP 4030/AR4030 (Added) - Nondiscrimination in Employment**

Policy and regulation updated to clarify applicability of the policy to nonemployees providing services to the district pursuant to a contract. Policy reflects **NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2018, No. 20)** which add a definition of national origin and make it an unlawful employment practice to inquire into or discriminate against an employee on the basis of immigration status. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1300)** which (1) prohibits districts from requiring an employee, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, to sign a nondisparagement agreement or release the right to file a claim against the district for unlawful acts in the workplace, including sexual harassment, and (2) provides that a district may be responsible for any harassment (not just sexual harassment) of employees by nonemployees if the district knows or should have known of the conduct and failed to take action. Regulation revises section on "Measures to Prevent Discrimination" to reflect a requirement, formerly in BP, to post the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) poster on workplace discrimination and harassment and to add the requirement to post the DFEH poster on the rights of transgender employees. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (SB 1300)** which authorizes training on bystander intervention.

##### **AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment**

(AR ~~deleted~~)

Regulation deleted and complaint procedures incorporated into AR 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment.

##### **AR 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation (*minor change*)**

##### **BP 4114 - Transfers**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to delete provision regarding a principal's right to refuse a teacher's transfer request for a school ranked in deciles 1-3 on the API, as the API is no longer being calculated. Policy also adds philosophical statement regarding the assignment of staff in an equitable manner that meets the needs of students and each school.

##### **AR 4117.7/4317.7 - Employment Status Reports**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated pursuant to Education Code 44940 to include a violation or attempted violation of Penal Code 187 (murder) in the definition of a "mandatory leave of absence offense."

## **BP 4119.24/4219.24/4319.24 - Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions**

(BP added)

New policy addresses the avoidance of unlawful and inappropriate interactions between staff and students, an employee's responsibility to report another employee's violation of this policy, disciplinary consequences for staff, referral to law enforcement when appropriate, the requirement to post the code of conduct on school and/or district websites, and examples of conduct that are inappropriate or can create the appearance of impropriety.

## **BP 4119.22/4219.22/4319.22 - Dress and Grooming**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect laws which allow employees to appear and dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity, gender expression, or religious creed. Policy also adds material regarding the communication of the district's dress and grooming policy to employees.

## **BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW COURT DECISION** (Janus v. AFSCME) which held that public employees cannot be compelled to pay mandatory "fair share service fees" to an employee organization. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW** (SB 866, 2018) which prohibits districts from deterring or discouraging employees or job applicants from becoming or remaining members of an employee organization and prohibits sharing the date, time, and place of new employee orientations with anyone other than employees, the exclusive representative, or a vendor contracted to provide a service for the orientation. Policy deletes material regarding the employee organization's provision of a financial report, which is required by law to be submitted to the Public Employment Relations Board rather than the district board.

## **AR 4161.1/4361.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to revise section on "Continued Absence After Available Sick Leave Is Exhausted/Differential Pay" to clarify that, for districts choosing Option 2, employees must receive "at least" 50 percent of their regular salary during the additional period of absence. Section on "Parental Leave" updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2012)** which requires that, regardless of the type of differential pay system used by the district, employees must receive at least 50 percent of their regular salary for any portion of the 12-week parental leave that remains following the exhaustion of sick leave.

## **BP/AR 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action**

(BP added; AR revised)

New policy contains material formerly in AR pertaining to board actions in disciplinary hearings for classified employees and new material consistent with BP 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action for certificated employees. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2234, 2018)** which requires the board to delegate its authority to an administrative law judge in cases involving allegations of egregious misconduct with a minor. Regulation updates and consolidates the causes for disciplinary action. Regulation also adds the requirement to set a timeline by which the employee may request a hearing, which must be not less than five days after serving notice upon the employee. Section on "Compulsory Leave of Absence" expanded to define "mandatory" and "optional" leave of absence offenses and reflect requirements pertaining to extension of the leave and compensation during the leave. Material pertaining to merit system districts moved to BP/AR 4218.1 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action (Merit System).

### **AR 4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave**

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### **AR 4200 - Classified Personnel**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2160)** which eliminates the exemption of part-time playground positions from the classified service in merit system districts, thereby making those positions part of the classified service. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2261)** which eliminates the exemption from the classified service, in merit system districts, of community representatives employed in advisory or consulting capacities for not more than 90 working days per fiscal year. Paragraph moved to emphasize that employees in either merit or non-merit system districts who are exempted from the classified service must fulfill obligations related to physical examinations, fingerprinting, and tuberculosis tests.

### **BP/AR 4161.3 - Professional Leaves**

(BP added; AR deleted)

Regulation deleted and moved to new policy since the responsibility for granting professional leaves rests with the board pursuant to law. Policy reorganized for clarity, revised to more directly reflect law, and expanded to add board philosophical statement and an exception in law allowing a professional leave under an approved national recognized fellowship or foundation to be included in computing the service requirement for a subsequent leave.

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### **BP 4312.1 - Contracts**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 1436, 2016)** which requires the board, prior to taking final action on the salary or benefits of employees whose position within the district is established through an employment contract, to orally report a summary of the recommended action during open session of a board meeting. Updated policy also clarifies the limited circumstances under which salary and benefits may be discussed in closed session and the prohibition against discussing salary or other compensation during a special meeting of the board.