

## **PUHSD – BOARD POLICIES**

### **JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 5000 (Students)**

**(Pending Board Adoption March 20, 2019)**

#### **Background:**

##### **BP 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus**

(BP revised)

Policy revised to clarify options for open campus and add optional language regarding district criteria for student eligibility for open campus privileges. Policy also includes the requirement for written parental notification of the open campus policy, formerly in AR, and clarifies that a student's unauthorized absence from school constitutes an unexcused absence but is not classified as truancy unless it meets the legal definition of truancy based on the number of absences during the school year.

##### **AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses**

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2289)** which (1) amends the definition of "immediate family" for the purpose of authorizing certain excused absences, (2) prohibits a district from requiring a physician's note for an absence by a parenting student to care for a sick child, and (3) clarifies that students may be excused from school, under specified conditions, for work in the entertainment or allied industry, participation with a nonprofit performing arts organization in a performance for a public school audience, or other reasons at the discretion of school administrators.

##### **AR/E 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information**

(AR/E revised)

Regulation and exhibit updated to reflect the California Attorney General's model policy, developed pursuant to **NEW LAW (AB 699)**, which requires that the annual parental notification include a statement that directory information does not include citizenship status, immigration status, place of birth, or national origin.

##### **AR 5131.41 - Use of Seclusion and Restraint**

(AR added)

New regulation reflects **NEW LAW (AB 2657)** which prohibits seclusion and behavioral restraint of students as a means of discipline, and provides that seclusion and restraint may be used only to control behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to a student or others if that behavior cannot be immediately prevented by a less restrictive response. Regulation specifies the conditions for such use, reporting requirements, and a list of seclusion and behavioral techniques that are always prohibited.

##### **BP/AR 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2639)** which requires boards of districts that serve grades 7-12 to review the district's suicide prevention policy at least every five years and update it as necessary. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 972)** which requires districts that issue student identification cards to print specified suicide prevention hotline numbers on the cards effective July 1, 2019. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which requires CDE to identify online training programs that districts can use to train students and staff regarding suicide awareness and prevention.

##### **BP/AR 5141.6 - School Health Services**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to delete references to the obsolete API, Healthy Start program, and Healthy Families program. Regulation updated to expand section on "Types of Health Services" to include additional services for which districts can receive Medi-Cal reimbursement. Regulation also includes the requirement for employees to complete a random-moment time study for the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities program

and reflects **NEW LAW (AB 3192)** which requirements the Department of Health Care Services to develop a program guide for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option.

**BP/AR 5144 - Discipline**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2657)** which prohibits seclusion and behavioral restraint of students as a means of discipline, and to encourage staff development regarding equitable implementation of discipline. Regulation updated to revise section on "Detention After School" to more directly reflect state regulations and delete a specific timeline for advance notice to parents/guardians of a student's detention.

**BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process**

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 752, 2017)** which prohibits the expulsion of a child enrolled in a California State Preschool Program (CSPP) unless the district has taken specified steps and the child's continued enrollment presents a serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children. Policy also adds data collection on the type of firearm involved in any expulsion for firearm possession, in accordance with federal law. Regulation also revises section on "Final Action by the Board" to correct the location in policy where acts requiring "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" are listed.

**BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students**

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2289)** which requires notification to parents/guardians and to pregnant and parenting students of their rights under the law; authorizes an excused absence for a parenting student to care for a sick child without a physician's note; provides that a pregnant or parenting student is entitled to eight weeks of parental leave, or longer if deemed medically necessary by the student's physician; and authorizes the use of uniform complaint procedures for complaints alleging noncompliance with the law.

**BP/AR 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education – NOT APPLICABLE**