

PUHSD – BOARD POLICIES

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 5000 (STUDENTS)

(Pending Board Adoption January 15, 2020)

Background

BP/AR 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to delete references to the Open Enrollment Act since schools are not currently being identified as low achieving based on the Academic Performance Index, update legal cites, and clarify the continuing requirement to register as a school district of choice with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and county board of education before enrolling students under that program. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2826)** which adds a requirement, applicable to districts that have entered into interdistrict attendance agreements, to post on their web site the procedures and timelines for requests for interdistrict transfer permits. Regulation also reflects timelines added by AB 2826 for notifying parents/guardians of the district's granting or denial of the transfer request, which differ for current-year and future-year transfer requests, and for the parent/guardian's appeal of the district's decision to the county office of education. In section on "School District of Choice Program," material deleted regarding the denial of a transfer into the district based on a negative impact on a desegregation plan or the racial/ethnic balance of the district, as such grounds are only applicable to transfers out of the district.

BP 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

(BP revised)

Policy updated to make minor revision reflecting current law pertaining to the requirement to provide remedial instruction to students who are recommended for retention or are identified as being at risk for retention.

AR 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma and Transcripts

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1974)** which allows districts to offer any student, other than a current or former homeless student, nonmonetary means to settle debt owed for property loss or damage resulting from the student's willful misconduct and to withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts until the work or other alternative is completed.

BP 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

(BP revised)

Policy updated to provide optional language providing that passage of any of the three high school equivalency tests approved by the State Board of Education is not equivalent to completing all graduation requirements for participation in graduation ceremonies. Option for student-initiated, student-led prayer at graduation ceremonies deleted consistent with court decisions which suggest that such prayer could be unconstitutional. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1248)** which permits students to wear tribal regalia or recognized religious or cultural adornments to the cap and gown, unless the district determines that an item is likely to cause substantial disruption of the ceremony.

BP 5131.2 - Bullying

(BP revised; AR added)

Policy updated and regulation added to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 2291, 2018)** which mandates districts to adopt, on or before December 31, 2019, procedures for preventing acts of bullying, including cyberbullying.

Regulation includes material formerly in BP regarding bullying prevention measures, staff development, student instruction, reporting, and corrective actions. Regulation also adds definition of bullying and examples of behaviors that may constitute bullying and cyberbullying, and reflects CDE's online training module on bullying developed pursuant to AB 2291.

BP/AR 5132 - Dress and Grooming

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to address communication of the dress code to students and staff; grant enforcement authority to the principal or designee; prohibit discriminatory enforcement of the dress code, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, or religious or cultural observance; and address disciplinary action for repeated violations or refusal to comply with the dress code. Policy also provides that the determination of specific items of clothing defined as gang apparel shall be free from bias based on race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, or other protected characteristics. Regulation updated to provide general, gender-neutral guidelines for the dress code that may be revised to reflect district practice; add circumstances under which the dress code should be modified for classes, activities, or individual students; and call for collaboration with law enforcement agencies to update definitions of gang-related apparel.

BP/AR 5136 - Gangs

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to expand material related to supports and services for students identified as gang members and reflect best practices for gang prevention, intervention, and suppression described in **NEW RESOURCE** from the National Gang Center and in publication from the Los Angeles Police Department.

E 5145.6 - Parental Notifications

(E revised)

Exhibit reflects **NEW LAWS** requiring parental notice of the rights of pregnant and parenting students (**AB 2289**), mental health services available in the school and community (**AB 2022**), risks and effects of lead exposure when child enrolls in a licensed child care center or preschool (**AB 2370**), and specified educational rights of migrant students and newly arrived immigrant students in grades 11-12 (**AB 2121**). Exhibit also deletes two items related to Open Enrollment Act transfers since schools are not currently being identified as low achieving under this program. Section V updated to add legal cite pursuant to **NEW LAW (AB 1808)** which requires classroom notice on Williams UCP to include health and safety issues in license-exempt California State Preschool Programs.