

PUHSD – BOARD POLICIES

JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 5000 (STUDENTS)

(Pending Board August 19, 2020)

BP/AR 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment

(BP/AR revised)

Policy and regulation updated to delete material related to transfers under the state Open Enrollment Act and federal Program Improvement, as those programs are no longer operational. Policy also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1127)** which requires districts to approve an intradistrict transfer request for a student who is a victim of bullying, as defined. Optional item added for districts electing to offer intradistrict transfers to all students in a school identified by the California Department of Education (CDE) for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI), in which case priority must be given to the lowest achieving students from low-income families. Regulation revised to clarify timelines for transfers out of schools identified by CDE as "persistently dangerous." For districts that offer transfers out of CSI schools, regulation allows a transfer student the opportunity to remain in the school of enrollment until completing the highest grade offered at that school.

AR 5125 - Student Records

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 711)** which requires districts to update the records of a former student who submits a written request or government-issued documentation of a name and/or gender change. Regulation also revised to reflect current law regarding the timeline for submitting the grade point average of students in grade 12 to the Student Aid Commission for use in the Cal Grant postsecondary financial aid program and the timeline for notifying students and parents/guardians of their right to opt out.

BP 5131 - Conduct

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 272)** which authorizes boards to limit or prohibit, except under specified circumstances, student use of smartphones while at school or while under the supervision and control of a district employee. Details regarding student use of mobile communication devices moved to BP 5131.8 - Mobile Communication Devices.

BP/AR 5131.2 - Bullying

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1127)** which requires a district to approve an intradistrict transfer request for a victim of bullying and, if the district does not have another school with the same grade level, allows a victim of bullying to transfer out of the district. Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 34)** which requires districts to make specified information on bullying and harassment prevention readily accessible on their web sites beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

BP 5131.8 - Mobile Communication Devices

(BP added)

New policy reflects **NEW LAW (AB 272)** which authorizes boards to limit or prohibit student use of smartphones while at school or while under the supervision and control of a district employee, except under specified circumstances (i.e., in an emergency, with permission of teacher or administrator, when directed by student's health care provider, when required by student's individualized education program). Policy also addresses reasonable search of students' mobile communication devices, employees' authority to confiscate a device, and discipline for off-campus use of a mobile communication device which poses a threat of danger to the safety of students, staff, or district property or substantially disrupts school activities.

BP 5132 - Dress and Grooming

(BP revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 188)** which prohibits discrimination against traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and "protective hairstyles" such as braids, locks, and twists.

BP/AR 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 233)** which authorizes the board to adopt policy allowing a parent/guardian, but not school personnel, to administer medicinal cannabis in a nonsmokeable, nonvapeable form at a school site to a student who is a qualified patient. Policy explains the conflict between state and federal law and provides options for districts to authorize or not authorize administration of medicinal cannabis at a school site. For districts that choose to authorize medicinal cannabis, policy reflects the components that are mandated to be in policy, including requirements for parents/guardians to provide a written medical recommendation for the student to be administered medicinal cannabis, sign in at the school before administering the cannabis, and remove any remaining cannabis from the school site. Regulation reflects **NEW LAW (AB 743)** which requires districts to accept a physician statement for inhaled asthma medication from a health plan operating under the laws of Mexico that is licensed in California.

AR 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing

(AR revised)

Regulation updated to reflect guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the Child Health and Disability Prevention office of the California Department of Health Care Services clarifying that the health screening for school entry includes testing for tuberculosis only when required by the local health department. Regulation also reflects law authorizing parents/guardians to submit a signed waiver indicating that they do not want or are unable to obtain the health screening for their child.

BP/AR 5142 - Safety

(BP/AR revised)

Policy updated to add the district's responsibility to provide for the proper supervision of students during before- and after-school programs, morning drop-off at school, and afternoon pick-up and to provide for appropriate student instruction in emergency procedures. Policy adds section reflecting the requirement to print safety hotline numbers on student identification cards for students in grades 7-12, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and, pursuant to **NEW LAW (SB 316)**, the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Regulation updated to add communication of school rules to students, the responsibility of individuals supervising students to remain alert for unauthorized persons, and the requirement for inspection of new playgrounds by a certified safety inspector. Regulation also updates the list of activities with safety risks in accordance with the legal definition of "hazardous recreational activity" and prohibits any such activity unless it is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and participants have insurance coverage. Section on "Laboratory Safety" expanded to include student instruction in safety procedures, proper handling of hazardous materials and bloodborne pathogens, and accessibility of emergency information and first aid supplies.