

## **PUHSD – BOARD POLICIES**

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

**(Pending Board Approval October 20, 2021)**

#### **Background**

##### **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.

##### **Board Policy 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment**

Policy updated to clarify that, in some instances, it may be necessary to concurrently review a sexual harassment complaint under both the Title IX sexual harassment complaint procedures and the district's uniform complaint procedures (UCP) in order to meet the applicable timelines. Policy also adds the requirement to provide supportive measures to the respondent as well as the complainant.

##### **Administrative Regulation 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment**

Regulation updated to add section on "Definitions," including the federal definition of sexual harassment for purposes of applying the Title IX complaint procedures. Section identifying the Title IX Coordinator(s) moved and revised to reference CSBA's AR 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures. Section on "Notifications" adds requirement to notify students and parents/guardians that the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex and that inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or the U.S. Department of Education; deletes requirement to provide contact information of the Title IX Coordinator to employees, bargaining units, and job applicants which is addressed in AR 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment; and reflects **NEW LAW (AB 34, 2019)** which requires districts to post the definition of sex discrimination and harassment in a prominent location on the district's web site.

##### **Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures**

Regulation updated to clarify that a sexual harassment complaint that is dismissed or denied under Title IX may still be subject to review under the district's UCP and thus the two procedures should be implemented concurrently in order to meet the applicable timelines. Regulation also updated to clarify that the applicability of the Title IX sexual harassment complaint procedures is limited to conduct that allegedly occurs in an education program or activity over which the district exercises control; add optional language providing that an employee must forward a report of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator within one day, consistent with AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment; revise the timeframe for concluding the complaint process from 45 to 60 days to align with requirements of the UCP; reflect the right to appeal the district's decision to the California Department of Education consistent with the UCP or to pursue civil law remedies; and add the requirement to maintain a record of any actions, including supportive measures, taken in response to a report or formal complaint of sexual harassment.