

## **PUHSD – BOARD POLICIES**

### **JUSTIFICATION FOR SERIES 6000 (INSTRUCTION)**

**(Pending Board Approval September 15, 2021)**

#### **Background**

##### **Board Policy 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity**

Policy updated to add statement on equal access and equal opportunities for participation in physical education regardless of gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, and mental or physical disability, as included in CDE's Federal Program Monitoring instrument. Policy also reflects U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommendations for moderate to vigorous physical activity in children, clarifies credential requirements for teachers of physical education, and reflects the requirement that students who have been granted a permanent exemption from physical education must still be offered physical education courses of at least 400 minutes each 10 school days.

##### **Administrative Regulation 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity**

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 75, 2019)** which extends the use of uniform complaint procedures (UCP) to include complaints alleging noncompliance with physical education instructional minutes in grades 7-12. Regulation also reflects U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommendations for moderate to vigorous physical activity in children and expands the list of duties of the physical fitness test coordinator as described in state regulations.

##### **Board Policy 6159 - Individualized Education Program**

Policy updated to include the requirement, formerly in BP/AR 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education, to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students who have been suspended or expelled from school or who are placed by the district in a nonpublic, nonsectarian school. Policy adds the requirement to provide FAPE to individuals age 18-21 who are incarcerated in an adult correctional facility if they had been identified as students with disabilities or had an individualized education program (IEP) in their prior educational placement. Paragraph on the rights of foster parents moved to AR.

##### **Administrative Regulation 6159 - Individualized Education Program**

Regulation updates the section on "Contents of the IEP" to consolidate lists of IEP requirements for clarity. Regulation reflects **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which requires the IEP to describe the means by which the IEP will be provided under emergency conditions in which instruction and/or services cannot be provided to the student at school or in person for more than 10 school days. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 947, 2019)** which (1) authorizes districts to consider elements of the "expanded core curriculum," as defined, when developing an IEP for a student who is blind, has low vision, or is visually impaired, and (2) establishes requirements for orientation and mobility evaluations conducted for such students. Regulation also reflects **NEW LAW (AB 605, 2019)** which requires districts to provide assistive technology devices for use in a student's home or other setting when required by the student's IEP, and requires that such students be given continued access to assistive technology devices for up to two months after transferring out of the district. Section on "Parent/Guardian Consent for Provision of Special Education and Services" revised to more directly reflect law.

##### **Board Policy 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards for Special Education**

Policy updated to encourage early, informal resolution of any dispute regarding special education services. Policy also reflects **NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2020, No. 21)** which establish a complaint process, separate from UCP, for complaints alleging noncompliance with federal or state laws related to the provision of FAPE to students with disabilities, such as the district's violation of the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act or state law on special education, violation of a settlement agreement, failure to implement a due process hearing order, or physical safety concerns that interfere with the provision of FAPE.

#### **Administrative Regulation 6159.1 - Procedural Safeguards for Special Education**

Regulation updated to clarify that due process complaints should be filed with the state Office of Administrative Hearings and that such complaints must generally be filed within two years of the date the parent/guardian or district knew or should have known about the alleged violation. Regulation also adds new section on "State Compliance Complaints" reflecting **NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2020, No. 21)** which establish a complaint process, separate from UCP, for complaints alleging noncompliance with federal or state laws related to the provision of FAPE to students with disabilities, such as the district's violation of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or state law on special education, violation of a settlement agreement, failure to implement a due process hearing order, or physical safety concerns that interfere with the provision of FAPE.

#### **Board Policy 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education**

Policy updated to include the provision of nonpublic, nonsectarian school and agency (NPS/A) services in the comprehensive local plan of the Special Education Local Plan Area. Policy reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1172, 2019)** which requires districts to verify that the NPS/A provides staff training in the use of practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the student population at the NPS/A. Policy also reflects the requirement for the district to pay the full amount of the school's tuition or, as amended by AB 1172, the fees for the agency. Legal cite for Education Code 56366.3 deleted as it has been repealed.

#### **Administrative Regulation 6159.2 - Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Special Education**

Regulation updated to include the maximum term of the master contract between the district and NPS/A, expand the components of the contract in accordance with state law and regulations, and include the ability to terminate the contract for cause with 20 days' notice. Regulation also provides more detail regarding the annual IEP review focused on NPS/A students. New section on "On-Site Visits" reflects **NEW LAW (AB 1172, 2019)** which (1) requires the district to conduct an on-site visit of an NPS/A the first time the district places a student at that NPS/A, and (2) requires the district to annually conduct an on-site monitoring visit to review the services provided to the student, the facilities, and the student's progress.

#### **Board Policy 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 820, 2020)** which revises the definition of "technology-based materials" to include the electronic equipment required to make use of those materials, making such equipment subject to the determination of sufficiency. Policy also deletes unnecessary legal citations related to the State Board of Education's (SBE) adoption of academic standards, deletes section on "Review Process" which was moved to the AR, deletes option in regard to public hearings on the sufficiency of textbooks and other instructional materials for schools that operate on a multitrack year-round calendar since such schools can use the same language as those that operate on a traditional calendar, and adds references to sample board policy and regulations for complaints concerning instructional materials.

#### **Administrative Regulation 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials**

Regulation updated to add section on "Review Process" formerly in the BP and revise the section to encourage input from a diverse group of stakeholders. Section on "Criteria for Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials" revised to delete unnecessary legal citations related to SBE's adoption of academic standards; move material regarding publisher requirements for grades 9-12 to end of list to make it easier for K-8 districts to delete; replace the list of nondiscrimination categories with a reference to BP 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities; add a new item on criteria for technology-based materials; emphasize the importance of the accurate portrayal of the cultural and racial diversity of society in instructional materials; and delete an outdated item regarding quality, durability and appearance. "Conflict of Interest" section revised to delete redundant and difficult-to-enforce item.

#### **Exhibit 6161.1 - Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials**

Exhibit updated to delete unnecessary legal citations related to SBE's adoption of academic standards and to change "foreign language" to "world language" consistent with current law.