

## **Perris Union High School District – BOARD POLICIES**

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

(Pending Board Approval December 14, 2022)

#### **Background**

#### **Board Policy 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

Board policy updated to clarify that districts are not required, but are authorized, to include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum in the instructional program, add material regarding displaying posters on campus notifying students of the appropriate telephone number to call to report child abuse or neglect, include the requirement for student identifications cards for students in grades 7-12 to include the National Domestic Hotline telephone number, and clarify that the training regarding duties of mandated reporters be according to law and administrative regulation.

#### **Administrative Regulation 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (AB 1145, 2020)** which amends the definition of sexual assault for purposes of mandated reporting to not include voluntary conduct in violation of Penal Code 286, 287, or 289 (sodomy, oral copulation, or sexual penetration) if there are no indicators of abuse unless such conduct is between a person who is 21 years of age or older and a minor who is under 16 years of age. Regulation also adds licensees of licensed child day care facilities to the list of mandated reporters, reflects that the California Department of Justice form is now titled BCIA 8572, clarifies that when a staff member or volunteer aide is selected by a child to be present at an interview where child abuse is being investigated that the principal or designee inform the person of specified requirements prior to the interview, and reflects **NEW STATE REGULATION (Register 2020, No. 21)** which authorizes parents/guardians of special education students to file a complaint with CDE for safety concerns that interfere with the provision of a free appropriate public education pursuant to 5 CCR 3200-3205 rather than through uniform complaint procedures.

#### **Board Policy 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention**

Policy updated to expand material regarding stakeholder engagement and best practices for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention, and for consistency with CDE's Model Youth Suicide Prevention Policy, including an enhanced list of participants for staff development, the importance of resiliency skills to student instruction, the review of materials and resources for alignment with safe and effective messaging, information to be provided to parents/guardians and caregivers, and the establishment of district and/or school site crisis intervention team(s). Policy also updated to clarify that the policy may be reviewed more frequently than the five-year review requirement of law, and that district data pertaining to reports of suicidal ideation, attempts, or death and data that reflect school climate be periodically reviewed to aid in program development.

#### **Administrative Regulation 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention**

Regulation updated to expand the section on "Staff Development" by adding to the list of participants for suicide prevention training, topics to be included in such training, and additional professional development for specified groups and to enhance the section on "Instruction" by adding to the list of topics to be taught and authorizing the development and implementation of school activities that raise awareness about mental health wellness and suicide prevention. Regulation also updated to include, for districts that have crisis intervention teams, the contact

information for district and/or school site crisis intervention team members, add that school counselors may disclose a student's personal information to report child abuse and neglect as required by law, and include providing comfort to a student who has attempted or threatened to attempt suicide.

#### **Board Policy 5145.12 - Search and Seizure**

Policy updated to reflect court decision upholding a school policy that called for limited searches without individualized suspicion if students left campus and returned in the middle of the day. Policy also updated to reflect law which places restrictions on searches of electronic devices such as cellular phones, court decision regarding searches of lockers without individualized suspicion, and court decision upholding policy of random weapons screening with a handheld metal detector.

#### **Board Policy 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior**

Policy updated to bolster the governing board's commitment to providing a respectful, inclusive, and safe learning environment, including adding a definition of hate-motivated behavior which incorporates a list of characteristics which may motivate prohibited behavior, reflecting the importance of celebrating diversity, enhancing the list of topics for student instruction and staff development, adding material regarding regularly occurring staff training, and including student and staff discipline for engaging in hate-motivated behavior. Policy also updated to include the requirement to post the policy in a prominent location on the district's web site and add that, in addition to other staff listed, complaints may be reported to the district's compliance officer.

#### **Board Policy 5148 - Child Care and Development**

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which transfers responsibility for state administration of child care and development programs from CDE to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) effective July 1, 2021. Information about the Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund deleted as the fund is no longer operative. Policy also reflects **NEW STATE REGULATIONS (Register 2020, No. 21)** which retain the requirement to refer health and safety complaints regarding licensed child care and development programs to CDSS but eliminate the requirement that complaints regarding a license-exempt facility be referred to a Child Development regional administrator.

#### **Administrative Regulation 5148 - Child Care and Development**

Regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 98, 2020)** which transfers responsibility for state administration of child care and development programs from CDE to CDSS effective July 1, 2021. Regulation also contains information about the delay, due to COVID-19, of CDSS' adoption of regulations implementing a new, single license for infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age child care programs. References to the Desired Results Developmental Profile made more general to account for possible future changes in program requirements. New section on "Health and Safety" adds requirement for licensed centers to test drinking water for lead contamination between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2023 if the building was constructed before January 1, 2010, and to notify parents/guardians of the test results. Section on "Health Examination and Immunizations" expanded to reflect the requirement that a child care center may only accept a medical exemption request that is made on an electronic, standardized form developed by the California Department of Public Health.