

PERRIS UNION HIGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Paloma Valley High School**  
Comprehensive School Safety Plan  
Pursuant to Education Code 32280 - 32289

**2020-21**

Grant Bennett, Superintendent  
Jennifer Thomasian, Principal  
(Revised 03/05/20)

# COVID19- Preparation and Precautions for the 2020/2021 School year

Our path to reopening PUHSD will be driven by our student centered approach to maintain a caring and supportive educational environment for our students while being diligent of everyone's health, wellness, and safety. We will also work in conjunction with local health agencies, Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Education (CDE) to be compliant with their guidelines.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

PUHSD will take essential actions to keep teachers, students, and staff physically and emotionally safe and healthy. Our schools shall embrace individuality, strengths and challenges with support, understanding, and encouragement in order to maintain a healthy learning environment.



### COUNSELING AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Offer multi-level supports for the impact of physical distancing requirements
- When applicable provide resources, in person, and/or virtual individual and group counseling.
- Train teachers and staff on trauma informed practices and psychological awareness and safety.

### ADJUST INSTRUCTION TO PRIORITIZE STUDENT HEALTH

- Adhere to distancing guidelines
- Limit activities with high proximity that can lead to student contact
- Provide health education regarding the spread of infectious disease and how to lower risks of infection.
- Comply with health and hygiene guidelines

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

PUHSD will take essential actions to keep teachers, students, and staff physically and emotionally safe and healthy. Our schools shall embrace individuality, strengths and challenges with support, understanding, and encouragement in order to maintain a healthy learning environment.



### SAFETY

- Focus on digital citizenship, prevention of cyber bullying and inappropriate sites.
- Prevent discrimination and/or stigma and inappropriate behaviors related to COVID-19.
- Support health and hygiene guidelines.

### CLEANING & DISINFECTING

- Enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols at all sites
- Encourage protocols that reduce infectious disease spread (hand washing, hand sanitation, avoiding face touching, etc.)

### RETURNING FROM ILLNESS

- Follow public health guidelines and work closely with local doctors and health departments for readmission to the classroom / work site.

### PREVENTION MANAGEMENT

- Implement safety measures according to public health guidelines.
- Follow established safety and health protocols

### STUDENTS IN NEED OF HEALTH SUPPORT

- Additional precautions are recommended to support medically vulnerable students from others who are symptomatic while preserving HIPPA and FERPA privacies.

# Safe Schools Plan- Table of Contents

*(Numeric # Indicates Notebook Tab #)*

## **Section I** – School & District Philosophy Statements

1. School Site
  - Mission Statement
  - Vision Statement
2. School District
  - Mission
  - Vision Statement
  - BP 0200-Goals for the School District
  - BP 0100-Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans
  - BP 0450 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans
  - AR 0450 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

## **Section II** – Assessment of current status of school crime committed on school campus and at school related activities

1. Suspensions and Expulsions Data
  - BP 5144.1 - Suspension & Expulsion/ Due Process
  - AR 5144.1 - Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process
  - AR 5144.2 - Suspension & Expulsion/Due Process (Special Education)
2. State and Local Policies and Reports
  - EC 48902 - Reporting Crimes to Law Enforcement
  - BP 5135.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
  - AR 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
  - BP 5136 - Gangs
  - AR 5136 - Gangs
  - Site Procedures

## **Section III** – Identify appropriate strategies and programs that provide or maintain a high level of school safety

1. Emergency Response Plan
  - SEMS/NIMS Compliant Emergency Response Plan Education  
Code Section 35294.2 (a)(2)(B): 35295-35297
  - Emergency Response Plan
2. Drills
  - AR 3516.1 – Fire Drills and Fires
  - AR 3516.3 – Earthquake Emergency Procedure System
  - Drill Schedule (fire, earthquake, lockdown)
  - Site Procedures

3. Crisis Response
  - EC 32282 (A)[2](j)
  - Tactical Response
  - Site Procedures
  
4. Child Abuse
  - BP 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting
  - AR 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting
  - Site Procedures
  
5. Suspension and Expulsion
  - BP 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
  - AR 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
  - Site Procedures
  - District Behavior Guidelines
  
6. Notifying Teachers
  - EC 49079 - Notifying Teachers of a student violating Ed. Code 48900
  - Site Procedures
  
7. Sexual Harassment
  - BP 4119.11 – Sexual Harassment
  - BP 4219.11 – Sexual Harassment
  - BP 4319.11 – Sexual Harassment
  - AR 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11 – Sexual Harassment
  - BP 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment (Student)
  - AR 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment (Student)
  - Site Procedures
  
8. Dress Code
  - ~~EC 35183 – Schools Implementation of Dress Code~~
  - BP 5132 – Dress & Grooming
  - AR 5132 – Dress & Grooming
  - Site Procedures
  
9. Ingress and Egress of Pupils, Parents, and Staff
  - AR 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services
  - BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders
  - AR 1250 Visitors/Outsiders
  - Site Procedure for Safe Ingress and Egress of Pupils, Parents, and Staff
  
10. Safe and Orderly Environment Conducive to Learning – Safe School Strategies
  - BP 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan
  - AR 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan
  - AR 3515 – Campus Security
  - BP 3515.2 - Disruptions

- AR 3515.2 - Disruptions
  - BP 5137 – Positive School Climate
  - BP 5142 - Safety
  - AR 5142 - Safety
  - Site Procedures
11. Rules and procedures on school discipline – (Education Code Section 35294.2(a)(2)(I); 35291; and 35291.5)
- EC 35291 Prescribing Rules school discipline
  - EC 35291.5 Rules and procedures on school discipline
  - BP 5144 - Discipline
  - AR 5144 - Discipline
  - Site Procedures
12. Safe and Drug Free Schools
- BP 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools
  - AR 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools
  - BP 3513.4 - Drug And Alcohol Free Schools
  - Site Procedures
13. Hate Violence
- EC 200 - All Access to School
  - EC 233 - Hate Violence Prevention
  - EC 48900.3 - Act of Hate Violence
  - Site Procedures
14. School Resource Officer and Nurses Information
- School Resource Officer Contact
  - Riverside County S.T.A.R. (School Threat Assessment and Response) Protocol
  - School Nurse Contact
15. Other conflict resolutions programs
- CPI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention for staff
  - Peer Counselors or Peer Mediation Program/P.L.U.S.
  - After School Activity Program
  - Anger Management Program
  - Community/parent partnerships (Describe)
  - BP 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation
  - Site Procedures
16. Integrated Pest Management Plan
- Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (summary)
  - School District requirements of the Law
  - PUHSD Integrated Pest Management Plan
17. Injury and Illness Prevention
- PUHSD Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP )

18. Site Safety Inspection Checklists
  - BP 3514.1 – Hazardous Substances
  - AR 3514.1 – Hazardous Substances
  - Site Procedures

## **Section IV** – Recommendations for Improvement

1. Action Plan “People and Programs” (Component 1)
  - Site Action Plan
2. Site Action Plan “Physical Environment” (Component 2)
  - Site Action Plan

## **Section I – School & District Philosophy Statements**

### **1) School Site**

#### **School Mission Statement**

ROAR-- The mission of Paloma Valley High School is to provide a safe educational environment which develops students to be RESPECTFUL of all individuals and property, OPTIMISTIC about their current and future endeavors, AMBITIOUS about their academic and extracurricular passions and goals, and RESPONSIBLE for their actions, decisions and accomplishments.

#### **School Vision Statement**

The vision of Paloma Valley High School is to work with the students, staff, parents, and community members to meet the diverse needs of all students by preparing them to be responsible citizens and meet their post-secondary education or career goals.

## 2) School District

### **District Mission Statement**

The mission of Perris Union High School District is to create high quality relevant learning opportunities for all in a safe and caring environment. We will develop a high quality, caring staff who will be dedicated to learning, and connect students to their education and potential goals. We will care for all students while developing a growth mindset through collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking.

### **District Vision Statement**

Perris Union High School District will be a caring, diverse, and supportive learning environment in which all are committed towards working in relationships to foster innovative and creative learning opportunities.

### **BP 0200 - Goals for the School District**

As part of its responsibility to set school district, the Board shall adopt long-term goals focused on the achievement and needs of all district students. The district's goals shall be aligned with the district's vision, mission, philosophy, and priorities and shall be limited in number so as to be reasonably achievable within established timelines.

### **BP 0100 - Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans**

As part of its responsibility to establish a guiding vision for the district, the Governing Board shall develop and regularly review a set of fundamental principles which describe philosophy's beliefs, values, and goals. The Board and district staff shall incorporate this

It is the philosophy of the district that:

1. All students can learn and succeed.
2. Every student in the district, regardless of gender, special needs, or social, ethnic, language or economic background has a right to a high-quality education that challenges the student to achieve to his/her fullest potential.
3. The future of our nation and community depends on students possessing the skills to be lifelong learners and effective, contributing members of society.
4. A safe, nurturing environment is necessary for learning.
5. Parents/guardians have a right and an obligation to participate in their child's schooling.
6. The ability of children to learn is affected by social, health and economic conditions and other factors outside the classroom.
7. Early identification of student learning and behavioral difficulties contribute to student success.
8. Students and staff respond positively to high expectations and recognition for their accomplishments.
9. Continuous school improvement is necessary to meet the needs of students in a changing economy and society.
10. The diversity of the student population and staff enriches the learning experience for all students.
11. A highly skilled and dedicated staff has a direct and powerful influence on students' lives and learning.

12. A high level of communication, trust, respect and teamwork among Board members and the Superintendent contributes to effective decision making.
13. The community provides an essential resource to the educational program.
14. Effective communication with all stakeholders helps build support for the schools.
15. Accountability for the district's programs and operations is shared by the entire educational community, with the ultimate accountability resting with the Board as the basic embodiment of representative government.

**BP 0450 - Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans**

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure learning environment. The Board is committed to practical strategies for safety and security, including the Board's responsibility to establish policies for safety and security, and high expectations for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

The school safety plan shall take into account the school's staffing, available resources, and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site.

Each school shall forward its comprehensive safety plan to the Board for approval. (Education Code 32288)

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year. (Education Code 32286)

The Board shall review the comprehensive safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall approve the plan(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.

**AR 0450 - Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans**

In the Development and Review of Comprehensive School Safety and Security Plans, the school site council shall consult with other school site councils and safety committees.



**Section II** – Assessment of current status of school crime committed on school campus and at school related activities

**1) Suspension and Expulsion Data**

Suspensions

	2015-16 PVHS	2015-16 PUHS D	2016-17 PVHS	2016-17 PUHSD	2017-18 PVHS	2017-18 PUHSD	2018-19 PVHS
Incidents	247	1721	245	1465	170	1322	157
Enrollment	3205	11544	3332	11592	3396	11663	3415
Suspension Rate	5.3	8.4	5.0	8.0	3.6	7.8	3.3

Expulsions

	2015-16 PVHS	2015-16 PUHSD	2016-17 PVHS	2016-17 PUHSD	2017-18 PVHS	2017-18 PUHSD	2018-19 PVHS
Expulsions	0	9	2	44	4	44	2
Enrollment	3205	11544	3332	11592	3396	11592	3415
Expulsion Rate	0	.08	0.6	.38	.12	.38	.06

**BP5144.1 - Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process**

The Governing Board desires to provide district students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. The Board shall develop rules and regulations setting the standards of behavior expected of district students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion.

**AR5144.2 - Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities)**

A student identified as an individual with a disability pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC 1400-1482, is subject to the same grounds and procedures for suspension and expulsion which apply to students without disabilities, except as otherwise specified in this administrative regulation.

**AR5144.1 - Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process**

Suspension means removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. However, suspension does not mean any of the following: (Education Code 48925)

1. Reassignment to another education program or class at the same school where the student will receive continuing instruction for the length of day prescribed by the Governing Board for students of the same grade level
2. Referral to a certificated employee designated by the principal to advise students
3. Removal from the class, but without reassignment to another class or program, for the remainder of the class period without sending the student to the principal or designee as provided in Education Code 48910

Expulsion means removal of a student from the immediate supervision and control or the general supervision of school personnel. (Education Code 48925)

Notice of Regulations

At the beginning of each school year, the principal of each school shall ensure that all students and parents/guardians are notified in writing of all school rules related to discipline, including suspension and expulsion. (Education Code 35291, 48900.1, 48980)

**2) State and Local Policies/Regulations and Reports**

**EC 48902 - Reporting Crimes to Law Enforcement**

(a) The principal of a school or the principal's designee shall, before the suspension or expulsion of a pupil from the school or any acts of the pupil that may violate Section 645 of the Penal Code:  
 (b) The principal of a school or the principal's designee shall, within one school day after the school has been notified by the appropriate law enforcement authority of any acts of the pupil that may violate subdivision (c) or (d) of Section 48900.  
 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the principal of a school or the principal's designee shall not be held liable for any acts of the pupil that may violate subdivision (c) or (d) of Section 48900 if the principal's designee or a reporter of the acts of the pupil reports the acts of the pupil to the school security department or the school police department, as applicable.  
 (d) A principal, the principal's designee, or any other person reporting a known or suspected act of the pupil that may violate this article is liable for the injury or damage that also results from the act only if the reporter, the principal, the principal's designee, or any other person reporting the act of the pupil was negligent in the reporting of the report.  
 (e) The principal of a school or the principal's designee reporting a criminal act of a pupil or any other act that is prohibited by Section 645 of the Penal Code or the Penal Code of the State of California shall not be held liable for any act of the pupil that may violate this article if the principal's designee or any other person reporting the act of the pupil was negligent in the reporting of the report.

**AR 3515.1 - Photo Identification Badges**

Each employee of the Perris Union High School District will be issued a photo identification badge which shall contain a photograph of the employee and the employee's name. The district will remove the former employee's name from the master list. The district will photograph new employees who are to receive photo identification badges. The former employee's name and photograph will be returned to the employee. Photo identification badges will be issued to all employees of the Perris Union High School District including board of trustees. All employees are required to wear their photo identification badge at all times when they are on campus or at any other location where they are working. A visitor's badge is required to obtain a visitor's badge. An employee who consistently fails to wear his/her photo identification as defined by this policy will be considered to be in violation of the policy. Visitor badges are provided by the district. Anyone entering the PUHSD main office or any school site who is not wearing a photo identification badge or a visitor's badge must report to a receptionist or designee. Visitors must wear their badge at all times while on PUHSD property. When his/her business is concluded the visitor must return the visitor badge to the receptionist.

**No Visible Badges**

All PUHSD employees can contribute to student, employee and property safety and security by not wearing their photo identification badge or visitor's badge in buildings where they do not work. If an employee or visitor is seen wearing a badge in a building where they do not work, they should immediately surrender the badge to a supervisor, administrator or campus supervisor.

**PP 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments**

Weapons and dangerous instruments are defined as any object that is capable of being used to cause death or serious bodily injury and the right to a safe and secure learning environment. Weapons and dangerous instruments include, but are not limited to: (Education Code 48915, 49530, 49531, 49532, 49533, 49534, 49535, 49536, 49537, 49538, 49539, 49540, 49541, 49542, 49543, 49544, 49545, 49546, 49547, 49548, 49549, 49550, 49551, 49552, 49553, 49554, 49555, 49556, 49557, 49558, 49559, 49560, 49561, 49562, 49563, 49564, 49565, 49566, 49567, 49568, 49569, 49570, 49571, 49572, 49573, 49574, 49575, 49576, 49577, 49578, 49579, 49580, 49581, 49582, 49583, 49584, 49585, 49586, 49587, 49588, 49589, 49590, 49591, 49592, 49593, 49594, 49595, 49596, 49597, 49598, 49599, 49600, 49601, 49602, 49603, 49604, 49605, 49606, 49607, 49608, 49609, 49610, 49611, 49612, 49613, 49614, 49615, 49616, 49617, 49618, 49619, 49620, 49621, 49622, 49623, 49624, 49625, 49626, 49627, 49628, 49629, 49630, 49631, 49632, 49633, 49634, 49635, 49636, 49637, 49638, 49639, 49640, 49641, 49642, 49643, 49644, 49645, 49646, 49647, 49648, 49649, 49650, 49651, 49652, 49653, 49654, 49655, 49656, 49657, 49658, 49659, 49660, 49661, 49662, 49663, 49664, 49665, 49666, 49667, 49668, 49669, 49670, 49671, 49672, 49673, 49674, 49675, 49676, 49677, 49678, 49679, 49680, 49681, 49682, 49683, 49684, 49685, 49686, 49687, 49688, 49689, 49690, 49691, 49692, 49693, 49694, 49695, 49696, 49697, 49698, 49699, 49700, 49701, 49702, 49703, 49704, 49705, 49706, 49707, 49708, 49709, 49710, 49711, 49712, 49713, 49714, 49715, 49716, 49717, 49718, 49719, 49720, 49721, 49722, 49723, 49724, 49725, 49726, 49727, 49728, 49729, 49730, 49731, 49732, 49733, 49734, 49735, 49736, 49737, 49738, 49739, 49740, 49741, 49742, 49743, 49744, 49745, 49746, 49747, 49748, 49749, 49750, 49751, 49752, 49753, 49754, 49755, 49756, 49757, 49758, 49759, 49760, 49761, 49762, 49763, 49764, 49765, 49766, 49767, 49768, 49769, 49770, 49771, 49772, 49773, 49774, 49775, 49776, 49777, 49778, 49779, 49780, 49781, 49782, 49783, 49784, 49785, 49786, 49787, 49788, 49789, 49790, 49791, 49792, 49793, 49794, 49795, 49796, 49797, 49798, 49799, 49800, 49801, 49802, 49803, 49804, 49805, 49806, 49807, 49808, 49809, 49810, 49811, 49812, 49813, 49814, 49815, 49816, 49817, 49818, 49819, 49820, 49821, 49822, 49823, 49824, 49825, 49826, 49827, 49828, 49829, 49830, 49831, 49832, 49833, 49834, 49835, 49836, 49837, 49838, 49839, 49840, 49841, 49842, 49843, 49844, 49845, 49846, 49847, 49848, 49849, 49850, 49851, 49852, 49853, 49854, 49855, 49856, 49857, 49858, 49859, 49860, 49861, 49862, 49863, 49864, 49865, 49866, 49867, 49868, 49869, 49870, 49871, 49872, 49873, 49874, 49875, 49876, 49877, 49878, 49879, 49880, 49881, 49882, 49883, 49884, 49885, 49886, 49887, 49888, 49889, 49890, 49891, 49892, 49893, 49894, 49895, 49896, 49897, 49898, 49899, 49900, 49901, 49902, 49903, 49904, 49905, 49906, 49907, 49908, 49909, 49910, 49911, 49912, 49913, 49914, 49915, 49916, 49917, 49918, 49919, 49920, 49921, 49922, 49923, 49924, 49925, 49926, 49927, 49928, 49929, 49930, 49931, 49932, 49933, 49934, 49935, 49936, 49937, 49938, 49939, 49940, 49941, 49942, 49943, 49944, 49945, 49946, 49947, 49948, 49949, 49950, 49951, 49952, 49953, 49954, 49955, 49956, 49957, 49958, 49959, 49960, 49961, 49962, 49963, 49964, 49965, 49966, 49967, 49968, 49969, 49970, 49971, 49972, 49973, 49974, 49975, 49976, 49977, 49978, 49979, 49980, 49981, 49982, 49983, 49984, 49985, 49986, 49987, 49988, 49989, 49990, 49991, 49992, 49993, 49994, 49995, 49996, 49997, 49998, 49999, 50000).

Any employee may take any weapon or dangerous instrument from the personal possession of a student while the student is on school premises or under the authority of the district. (Education Code 49531.49532)

In determining whether to take possession of the weapon or dangerous instrument, the based upon this analysis, shall take one of the following actions:

1. Confiscate the object and deliver it to the principal immediately;
2. Immediately notify the local law enforcement agency and the principal

BP 2130-110888  
The Governing Board desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful state superintendent of public instruction, to prevent gang-related activities of students and information and establish mutually supportive efforts with local law enforcement agencies.

**Gang-Related Symbols:** As added and amended by SBX 3.4 (Ch. 12, Third Extraordinary Session) effective October 27, 2015, public districts, counties, and charter schools of the state shall prohibit school-related activities, including the display of gang-related symbols, on school grounds, school buses, and school-related events. For further information, please contact the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In accordance with Governing Board policy, individual schools that have a gang presence shall be notified of the presence of gang-related symbols on school grounds, school buses, or school-related events. The principal of a school or the principal's designee shall, before the suspension or expulsion of any pupil, notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county in which the school is situated, of any acts of the pupil that may violate Section 48900.

(b) The principal of a school or the principal's designee shall, within one schoolday after notification of the suspension or expulsion of any pupil, report to the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county in which the school is situated, of any acts of the pupil that may violate subdivision (c) or (d) of Section 48900.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the principal of a school or the principal's designee shall not be held liable for a civil or criminal action if the principal or the principal's designee has acted in good faith and in compliance with the provisions of this section. The principal or the principal's designee shall not be held liable for a civil or criminal action if the principal or the principal's designee has acted in good faith and in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(d) A principal, the principal's designee, or any other person reporting a known or suspected gang-related activity to a law enforcement agency shall not be held liable for a civil or criminal action if the principal or the principal's designee has acted in good faith and in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(e) The principal of a school or the principal's designee reporting a criminal act on school grounds shall be held liable for a civil or criminal action if the principal or the principal's designee has acted in good faith and in compliance with the provisions of this section.

### Site Procedures

All personnel are expected to maintain a safe environment for students by confiscating any suspicious material or item that may cause injury or be used as a weapon. The student(s) are then interviewed, including any witnesses, to determine due process for the situation based on District guidelines.

Any incidence of graffiti vandalism is reported to District maintenance personnel for prompt removal.

### Visitor Badges

Anyone entering the PUHSD main office who is not wearing a photo identification badge must check with the receptionist or designee for a visitor's badge. District employees participating in staff development activities while at the district office should wear their site photo identification badge or obtain a visitor badge from the receptionist or designee.

Visitors are required to wear a badge at all times while on PUHSD property. When the visitors business is concluded badge should be returned to the receptionist.

The Governing Board recognizes that students and staff have the right to a safe and secure campus free from physical and psychological harm and desires to protect them from the dangers presented by firearms and other weapons.

The Board prohibits any student from possessing weapons, imitation firearms, or other dangerous instruments, as defined in law and administrative regulation, in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, at school-related or school-sponsored activities away from school, or while going to or coming from school.

Under the power granted to the Board to protect the safety of students, staff, and others on district property and to maintain order and discipline in the schools, any school employee is authorized to confiscate any prohibited weapon, imitation firearm, or dangerous instrument from any student on school grounds.

The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement authorities when any student possesses a firearm, explosive, or other prohibited weapon or dangerous instrument without permission, sells or furnishes a firearm, or commits any act of assault with a firearm or other weapon.

#### Possession of Pepper Spray

To prevent potential misuse that may harm students or staff, students are prohibited from carrying tear gas or tear gas weapons such as pepper spray on campus or at school activities.

#### Reporting of Dangerous Objects

The Board encourages students to promptly report the presence of weapons, injurious objects, or other suspicious activity to school authorities. The identity of a student who reports such activity shall remain confidential to the extent permitted by law.

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which exhibit drug use, violence or disruptive behavior. The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to deter gang intimidation of students and staff and confrontations between members of different gangs. He/she shall exchange information and establish mutually supportive efforts with local law enforcement authorities.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide in-service training which helps staff to identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Staff shall be informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources.

The Board realizes that many students become involved in gangs without understanding the consequences of gang membership. Gang violence prevention education shall start with students in the early elementary grades and may start in kindergarten.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct are enforced consistently and that all students have access to counselors and other appropriate resource personnel as needed. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent/guardian.

In accordance with Governing Board policy, individual schools that have a gang presence may, in their safety plans, include school wide dress codes which prohibit the presence of gang-related apparel at school or school activities. School Wide dress codes shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus.

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

#### Prevention and Intervention Measures

In order to discourage the influence of gangs, school staff shall take the following Measures:

1. Any student displaying behavior, gestures, apparel or paraphernalia indicative of gang affiliation shall be referred to the principal or designee.
  - a. The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff.
  - b. The student may be sent home to change clothes if necessary.
  - c. Students who seek help in rejecting gang associations may be referred to community-based gang suppression and prevention organizations.
2. Any gang graffiti on school premises shall be removed, washed down or painted over as soon as discovered.
  - a. Daily checks for graffiti shall be made throughout the campus.
  - b. Graffiti shall be photographed before it is removed. These photographs shall be shared with local law enforcement authorities and used in future disciplinary or criminal action against the offenders.
3. Classroom and after-school programs at each school shall be designed to enhance individual self-esteem, provide positive reinforcement for acceptable behavior, and foster interest in a variety of constructive activities. These programs may:
  - a. Explain the dangers of gang membership
  - b. Provide counseling for targeted at-risk students
  - c. Include lessons or role-playing workshops in nonviolent conflict resolution and gang avoidance skills
  - d. Assign individual gang members to cooperative learning groups in which they may work toward common goals with students who are not members of their gang
  - e. Provide school-to-career instruction

Gang prevention lessons may be taught jointly by teachers and law enforcement staff.

4. Staff shall actively promote membership in authorized student organizations which can provide students companionship, safety, and a sense of purpose and belonging, including:
  - a. Positive sports and cultural activities and affiliations with the local community
  - b. Structured, goal-oriented community service projects

#### Community Outreach

Gang prevention classes or counseling offered for parents/guardians shall address the following topics:

1. The dangers of gang membership
2. Warning signs which may indicate that children are at risk of becoming involved with gangs

**Section III** – Identify appropriate strategies and programs that provide or maintain a high level of school safety

### **1) Emergency Response Plan**

**SEMS/NIMS Compliant Emergency Response Plan  
(Education Code Section 35294.2 (a)(2)(B): 35295-35297)**

School districts and sites must use the Standardized Emergency Management System/National Incident Management System (SEMS/NIMS) or risk losing state assistance for emergency response-related personnel costs following an emergency declared by the state (California Government Code Section 8607 and 3100).

**Emergency Response Plan**

District Emergency Response Plan uses a core set of concepts, principles, procedures, processes, standards, and terminology that creates a common operating picture, promotes mutual goals and responsibilities, and ultimately, ensures a more efficient and effective response.

This core is consistent with SEMS/NIMS standards and includes the following management components:

1. Command and Management
  - The District has adopted the Incident Command System (ICS) as the organization structure for its Emergency Response Plan (ERP). The use of ICS aligns the District with other responding entities and ensures deployment can be accomplished in a consistent, efficient and effective manner.
  - The adoption of ICS includes its fourteen principles and the use of Incident Action Plans, Activity Logs and a standardized Crisis Communication Plan.
  - All ICS assignments, along with position descriptions, are maintained on Hour-Zero Online.

Some examples of ICS activities include:

- Using ICS to manage all related activities before, during, and after school and campus events to provide for the safety and well-being of attendees.
  - Determining, designating, and documenting in advance key personnel and their roles and responsibilities within ICS, including the chain of command;
  - Determining, designating, and documenting back-ups to personnel with leadership positions within ICS;
  - Integrating ICS into functional and system-wide emergency operations policies, plans, and procedures;
  - Ensuring compatibility of communication devices internally and externally with local responders.
2. Preparedness
    - The District has conducted risk and hazard assessments on each of its school sites and administrative buildings. These risk and hazards are documented on Hour-Zero Online and are prioritized according to a hazard index.
    - Mitigation strategies have been developed to address these identifies hazards and risks. Strategies range in scope from administrative procedures to emergency protocols to facility changes/renovations.
    - The District has developed emergency maps, which identify critical infrastructure, along with needed emergency maps for evacuations,

lock-downs and shelter-in-place. These maps are readily available to first responders through Hour-Zero Online.

### 3. Resource Management

- The District has an extensive inventory of emergency supplies that has been procured for all its sites. This includes:
  1. Emergency supplies in all classrooms
  2. Incident Command Post Kits
  3. Emergency Response Kits
  4. Medical trauma kits
- Resources are managed by each site, with an inventory list maintained on Hour-Zero Online.

### 4. Communications and Information

- The District has a Crisis Communications Plan, which identifies the processes and procedures for communication before, during and after an emergency.
- The Plan identifies a designated Information Officer, along with two alternates for the position.
- The Plan uses a “Single Source Policy, and assigns the Information Officer as the primary liaison for communicating with all stakeholders during an emergency.

### 5. Plan Management

- The District Plan outlines the roles, responsibilities and operating procedures for the District Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- The EOC Team, referred to as the Administrative Command Team (ACT) is responsible for providing policy direction and clarification, along with coordinating response activities.
- The team’s role focuses on District-level activities, rather than on-site management.
- In addition, the District has an Emergency Program Coordinator, whose role it is to ensure the day-to-day management of the program is taken care of.

### 6. Supporting Technologies

- The District maintains its Plan through the use of Hour-Zero Online, a web-application that has undergone a NIMStep evaluation.
- More specifically annual checklists, drills and training, contact information and resources are managed and tracked through the web-application to ensure the Plan remains current.
- First responders and local government authorities are able to access current information and data through the web-application, ensuring they always have the most current information at hand.

### 7. Training

- The District Plan includes an extensive training program that provides for training for all staff in the District.
- Training is provided in a variety of formats – online training, in person workshops, exercises and drills.
- The training syllabus includes both NIMS compliant courses (ICS 100, 200, NIMS 700, 800) along with courses specific to school operations (Lock-Down, Shelter-in-Place, Earthquake, Communications, etc.)

8. Collaboration
  - The District works with local police and government partners to support its emergency preparedness activities, including involving its partners in training and providing them with access to school plans through HZ Online.
  - This relationship helps the partners are able to effectively work together at time of emergency.
9. Common Terminology
  - ICS principles, The District's Emergency Plan uses standardized and consistent terminology, that applies plain English to all protocols and procedures. To this end, the District has conducted communications training activities with its leadership to reinforce this principle.

## 2) Drills

### **AR 31516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires**

#### Fire Drills

The principal shall cause the fire alarm signal to be sounded at least once every month. (Education Code 32001)

The principal shall also hold fire drills at least once a month at the elementary level, four times every school year at the intermediate level, and not less than twice every school year at the secondary level. (Education Code 32001)

1. The principal shall notify staff as to the schedule for fire drills.
2. Whenever a fire drill is held, all students, teachers and other employees shall be directed to leave the building. (5 CCR 550)
3. Teachers shall ascertain that no student remains in the building.
4. Teachers shall be prepared to select alternate exits and shall direct their classes to these exits whenever the designated escape route is blocked.
5. The principal or designee shall keep a record of each fire drill conducted and file a copy of this record with the office of the Superintendent or designee.

#### Fires

When a fire is discovered in any part of the school, the following actions shall be taken:

1. The principal or designee shall sound fire signals, unless the school and/or building is equipped with an automatic fire detection and alarm system. (Education Code 32001)
2. The principal or designee shall call 911.
3. All persons shall be directed to leave the building and shall proceed outside to designated assembly areas.
4. Staff shall give students clear direction and supervision and help maintain a calm and orderly response.
5. In outside assembly areas, teachers shall take roll, report missing students, and provide assistance to any injured students.



6. In outside assembly areas, the principal, designee and/or each department head shall account for their staff, report missing staff, and provide assistance to any injured staff.
7. If the fire is extensive, students shall be taken to an alternate location for protective custody until parents/guardians can pick them up or until they can be safely transported to their homes.

### **AR 3516.3 – Earthquake Emergency Procedure System**

#### Earthquake Preparedness

Earthquake emergency procedures shall be established in every school building having an occupant capacity of 50 or more students, or more than one classroom, and shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

Earthquake emergency procedures shall be aligned with the Standardized Emergency Management System and the National Incident Management System. (Government Code 8607; 19 CCR 2400-2450)

The Superintendent or designee may work with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Seismic Safety Commission to develop and establish the earthquake emergency procedures. (Education Code 32282)

Earthquake emergency procedures shall outline the roles and responsibilities of students and staff during and after an earthquake.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (Education Code 32282)

1. A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining the safety and care of students and staff
2. A drop procedure whereby each student and staff member takes cover under a table or desk, dropping to his/her knees, with the head protected by the arms and the back to the windows.

Drop procedures shall be practiced at least once each school quarter in elementary schools and at least once each semester in secondary schools.

3. Protective measures to be taken before, during, and following an earthquake
4. A program to ensure that students and staff are aware of and properly trained in the earthquake emergency procedure system

Staff and students shall be informed of the dangers to expect in an earthquake and procedures to be followed. Students shall be instructed to remain silent and follow directions given by staff in such an emergency. Staff and students also shall be taught safety precautions to take if they are in the open or on the way to or from school when an earthquake occurs.

Earthquake emergency procedures shall designate primary and alternative locations outside of buildings, which may include areas off campus if necessary, where individuals on a school site will assemble following evacuation. In designating such areas, the Superintendent or designee shall consider potential post-earthquake hazards outside school buildings including, but not limited to, power lines, trees, covered walkways,

chain link fences that may be an electric shock hazard, and areas near buildings that may have debris.

Earthquake emergency procedures also shall outline primary and alternative evacuation routes that avoid areas with potential hazards to the extent possible. The needs of students with disabilities shall be considered when planning evacuation routes.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify at least one individual within each building to determine if an evacuation is necessary, the best evacuation location, and the best route to that location when an earthquake occurs.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify potential earthquake hazards in classrooms and other district facilities, including, but not limited to, areas where the main gas supply or electric current enters the building, suspended ceilings, pendant light fixtures, large windows, stairwells, science laboratories, storage areas for hazardous materials, shop areas, and unsecured furniture and equipment. To the extent possible, dangers presented by such potential hazards shall be minimized by securing equipment and furnishings and removing heavy objects from high shelves.

#### Earthquake While Indoors at School

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken inside buildings and classrooms:

1. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure. Students should stay in the drop position until the emergency is over or until further instructions are given.
2. In laboratories, burners should be extinguished, if possible, before taking cover.
3. As soon as possible, staff shall move students away from windows, shelves, and heavy objects or furniture that may fall.
4. After the earthquake, the principal or designee shall determine whether planned evacuation routes and assembly locations are safe and shall communicate with teachers and other staff.
5. When directed by the principal or designee to evacuate, or if classrooms or other facilities present dangerous hazards that require immediate evacuation, staff shall account for all students under their supervision and shall evacuate the building in an orderly manner.

#### Earthquake While Outdoors on School Grounds

When an earthquake occurs, the following actions shall be taken by staff or other persons in authority who are outdoors on school grounds:

1. Staff shall direct students to walk away from buildings, trees, overhead power lines, power poles, or exposed wires.
2. Staff shall have students perform the drop procedure.
3. Staff shall have students stay in the open until the earthquake is over or until further directions are given.

#### Earthquake While on the Bus

If students are on the school bus when an earthquake occurs, the bus driver shall take proper precautions to ensure student safety, which may include pulling over to the side of the road or driving to a location away from outside hazards, if possible. Following the earthquake, the driver shall contact the Superintendent or designee for instructions before

proceeding on the route or, if such contact is not possible, drive to an evacuation or assembly location.

### Subsequent Emergency Procedures

After an earthquake episode has subsided, the following actions shall be taken:

1. Staff shall extinguish small fires if safe.
2. Staff shall provide first aid to any injured students, take roll, and report missing students to the principal or designee.
3. Staff and students shall refrain from lighting any stoves or burners or operating any electrical switches until the area is declared safe.
4. All buildings shall be inspected for water and gas leaks, electrical breakages, and large cracks or earth slippage affecting buildings.
5. The principal or designee shall post staff at safe distances from all building entrances and instruct staff and students to remain outside the buildings until they are declared safe.
6. The principal or designee shall request assistance as needed from the county or city civil defense office, fire and police departments, city and county building inspectors, and utility companies and shall confer with them regarding the advisability of closing the school.
7. The principal or designee shall contact the Superintendent or designee and request further instructions after assessing the earthquake damage.
8. The Superintendent or designee shall provide updates to parents/guardians of district students and members of the community about the incident, any safety issues, and follow-up directions.

### **Drill Schedule (fire, earthquake, lockdown)**

<b>Dates of Drills</b>	<b>Drill Type</b>
08/06/19	Fire Evacuation (Teachers only)
09/18/19	Fire Evacuation (School wide)
10/17/19	CA Shake Out (Earthquake)
11/14/19	Hold and Secure
12/12/19	Hold and secure that moves to a lockdown
01/16/20	Emergency Slide (Upstairs buildings)
02/11/20	Fire Evacuation (Alternate Site)
03/24/20	Lockdown at passing period
04/16/20	Drop, Cover, Hold
05/04/20	Radio Communications (Office/Campus Sups)

### **Site Procedures**

### Fire Drills

Paloma Valley High School holds fire drills on a regular basis. As amended by SB 575 (Ch 725, Statutes of 2001) Education Code 32001 requires fire drills not less than twice every school year at the secondary level.

1. The principal shall notify the staff as to the schedule for fire drills.
2. Whenever a fire drill is held, all students, teachers, and other employees shall be directed to leave the building. (5 CCR 550)
3. Teachers shall ascertain that no student remains in the building.
4. Teachers shall be prepared to select alternate exits and shall direct their classes to these exits whenever the designated escape route is blocked.
5. The principal or designee shall keep a record of each fire drill conducted and file a copy of this record with the office of Superintendent or designee.

Fires: When a fire is discovered in any part of the school, the following actions shall be taken:

1. The principal or designee shall sound fire signals, unless the school and/or building is equipped with an automatic fire detection and alarm system.
2. The principal or designee shall call 911.
3. All persons shall be directed to leave the building and shall proceed outside to a designated assembly area.
4. Staff shall give students clear direction and supervision and help maintain a calm and orderly response.
5. In outside assembly areas, teachers take roll, report missing students, and provide assistance to any injured student.
6. In outside assembly areas, the principal or designee and/or each department head shall account for their staff, report missing staff, and provide assistance to any injured staff.
7. If the fire is extensive, students shall be taken to an alternative location for protective custody until parents/guardians can pick them up or until they can be safely transported to their homes.

### Earthquakes

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an emergency procedure system to be followed in case of earthquakes. This system shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A school building disaster plan, ready for implementation at any time, for maintaining safety and care of students and staff.
2. A Drop/Cover/Hold procedure in which students and staff members:
  - a. Drop to their knees
  - b. Take cover under a table or desk
  - c. Protect their head with their arms
  - d. Face away from windows
3. Protective measures to be taken before, during, and after an earthquake
4. A training program to ensure that all students and all certificated and classified staff are aware of, and properly skilled in, the earthquake emergency procedure system.

School disaster plans shall outline roles, responsibilities, and procedures for students and staff.

### 3) Crisis Response

#### EC 32282 (A)[2](j)

- A. The comprehensive school safety plan shall include, but not be limited to, both of the following:
  2. Identifying appropriate strategies and programs that will provide or maintain a high level of school safety and address the school's procedures for complying with existing laws related to school safety, which shall include the development of all of the following:
    - j. Procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including procedures related to individuals with guns on school campuses and at school-related functions. The procedures to prepare for active shooters or other armed assailants shall be based on the specific needs and context of each school and community.

#### **Tactical Response**

THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

In collaboration with law enforcement, tactical response strategies have been developed to address criminal incidents. As defined in EC, "tactical responses to criminal incidents" means steps taken to safeguard pupils and staff, to secure the affected school premises, and to apprehend the criminal perpetrator or perpetrators.

As allowable within EC 32281 (f) (1), this portion of the CSSP has been developed by administrators of the school district in consultation with law enforcement officials, and with a representative of an exclusive bargaining unit of employees of the District.

The strategies incorporate security measures, defensive tactics, and offensive response.

In accordance with EC 32281(f), the District has elected not to make the tactical response plans available to the public. This is due to the sensitive nature of this information, and the negative ramifications of its misuse.

---

#### **Site Procedures**

Definition of Crisis: Any event that causes emotional reactions in the student body to such an extent that a normal school day is disrupted. Examples: Catastrophic Illnesses, Earthquakes, Suicides, Murder, Kidnapping, Accidents, etc.

Duties: The crisis team will be at the site to manage a crisis situation. Administration will activate the district crisis team.

#### Crisis Teams:

Team A - August 1 - Nov 30

Team B - December 1 to March 31

Team C - April 1 to July 31

Crisis Team Responsibilities:

- Administration needs to call the crisis to action.
- The team lead will meet with administration to evaluate the situation and assign responsibilities to each member.
- Identify different groups that are in need of intervention.
- If administration is not available, provide the lead counselor rights/responsibilities; as in, being allowed to designate a room for the crisis team.
- Set up different locations per site for the specific groups that need to be targeted.
- When necessary, two crisis counselors will visit classrooms to follow the student(s) schedule and state only the facts, dispel rumors, sharing the grieving process and assess students who need to receive additional interventions.
- Counsel students in small and large groups.
- Document interventions.
- Document referrals.
- Provide referral to students that need it (one on one) and follow up information.
- Debrief at the end of the day. Note any students that will need follow up and refer to the ERMHS counselor or outside resources. The team needs to discuss how the crisis management was handled and document any changes for the future.

Administration responsibilities:

- Needs to call the crisis team to action.
- Direct the crisis team.
- Alert other sites of possible impact. Because students/staff of other campuses might know the victim.
- Hold all-staff meeting lead by site administration at the beginning and/or at the end of the school day.
- Keep open lines of communication, send out an email to students to calm the situation. Admin should also use social media to mitigate rumors.
- Informational emails/social media/phone dialers to parents, teachers, students, and district officials.
- Follow up with crisis team throughout the day.
- Attendance corrects victims information.
- Notify ERMHS Therapist, site nurse, and school psychologist for additional support.
- Provide coffee, snacks and lunch for the crisis team.
- Work with local churches - possible need for clergymen
- If necessary, establish a command center and/or media room.
  - Cooperate, but set parameters
  - Work with law enforcement agencies
  - Set parameters for time, place, and length of interviews and briefings.

- Have a prepared statement

#### **4) Child Abuse**

##### **BP 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention And Reporting**

The Governing Board is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of district students and desires to facilitate the prevention of and response to child abuse and neglect. The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies for preventing, recognizing, and promptly reporting known or suspected child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee may provide a student who is a victim of abuse with school-based mental health services or other support services and/or may refer the student to resources available within the community as needed.

##### Child Abuse Prevention

The district's instructional program shall include age-appropriate and culturally sensitive child abuse prevention curriculum. This curriculum shall explain students' right to live free of abuse, include instruction in the skills and techniques needed to identify unsafe situations and react appropriately and promptly, inform students of available support resources, and teach students how to obtain help and disclose incidents of abuse.

The district's program also may include age-appropriate curriculum in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Upon written request of a student's parent/guardian, the student shall be excused from taking such instruction. (Education Code 51900.6)

The Superintendent or designee shall, to the extent feasible, seek to incorporate community resources into the district's child abuse prevention programs and may use these resources to provide parents/guardians with instruction in parenting skills and child abuse prevention.

##### Child Abuse Reporting

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the identification and reporting of known and suspected child abuse and neglect in accordance with law.

Procedures for reporting child abuse shall be included in the district and/or school comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282)

District employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training regarding the duties of mandated reporters.

## Site Procedures

Certificated employees and classified employees must report known or suspected child abuse to a child protective agency by telephone immediately or as soon as practically possible and in writing within thirty-six (36) hours. The reporting duties are individual and cannot be delegated to another individual. Contact a site administrator for assistance in reporting.

"Child Abuse", as defined by law, includes the following:

1. Physical abuse resulting in a non-accidental physical injury;
2. Physical neglect, including both severe and general neglect resulting in negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child;
3. Sexual abuse including both sexual assault and sexual exploitation;
4. Emotional abuse and emotional deprivation including willful cruelty or unjustifiable punishment;
5. Severe corporal punishment.

"Mandated Reporters" are those people defined by law as "child care custodians", "medical practitioners", and "non-medical practitioners" and include virtually all school employees. The following school personnel are required to report:

1. Teachers
2. Administrators
3. Supervisors of child welfare and attendance
4. Certificated pupil personnel employees
5. School psychologists
6. Licensed nurses
7. Counselors
8. Those instructional aides or other classified employees trained in child abuse reporting

Mandated reporters have absolute immunity. School employees required to report are not civilly or criminally liable for filing a required or authorized report of known or suspected child abuse.

A mandated reporter who fails to report an instance of child abuse, which he/she knows to exist or reasonably should know to exist, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by confinement in jail for a term not to exceed six (6) months or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or both. The mandated reporter may also be held civilly liable for damages for any injury to the child after a failure to report.

AB 2238, Chapter 136, which became effective January 1, 1979, amended Penal Code Section 11161.6 and provides immunity for those required to report child abuse from civil or criminal liability as a result of taking or causing to be taken, photographs of suspected victims of child abuse and the dissemination of such photographs with the required reports.

AB 2303 (Cromer), requires that the identity of reporting school persons be recorded by the Department of Justice whether the report be written or oral. The identity of the reporter is confidential under these new rules.



## 5) Suspension and Expulsion

### **BP 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process**

The Governing Board desires to provide district students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. The Board shall develop rules and regulations setting the standards of behavior expected of district students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion.

The grounds for suspension and expulsion and the procedures for considering, recommending, and/or implementing suspension and expulsion shall be only those specified in law, in this policy, and in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Except when otherwise permitted by law, a student may be suspended or expelled only when his/her behavior is related to a school activity or school attendance occurring within any district school or another school district, regardless of when it occurs, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 48900(s))

1. While on school grounds
2. While going to or coming from school
3. During the lunch period, whether on or off the school campus
4. During, going to, or coming from a school-sponsored activity

District staff shall enforce the rules concerning suspension and expulsion of students fairly, consistently, equally, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

#### Appropriate Use of Suspension Authority

Except when a student's act violates Education Code 48900(a)-(e), as listed in items #1-5 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" of the accompanying administrative regulation, or when his/her presence causes a danger to others, suspension shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5, 48900.6)

A student's parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible when there is an escalating pattern of misbehavior that could lead to on-campus or off-campus suspension.

No student may be suspended for disruption or willful defiance, except by a teacher pursuant to Education Code 48910. (Education Code 48900)

Students shall not be suspended or expelled for truancy, tardiness, or absenteeism from assigned school activities.

#### On-Campus Suspension

To ensure the proper supervision and ongoing learning of students who are suspended for any of the reasons enumerated in Education Code 48900 and 48900.2, but who pose no imminent danger or threat to anyone at school and for whom expulsion proceedings have not been initiated, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a supervised suspension classroom program which meets the requirements of law.

Except where a supervised suspension is permitted by law for a student's first offense, supervised suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. (Education Code 48900.5)

#### Authority to Expel

A student may be expelled only by the Board. (Education Code 48918(j))

As required by law, the Superintendent or principal shall recommend expulsion and the Board shall expel any student found to have committed any of the following "mandatory recommendation and mandatory expulsion" acts at school or at a school activity off school grounds: (Education Code 48915)

1. Possessing a firearm which is not an imitation firearm, as verified by a certificated employee, unless the student had obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence
2. Selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm
3. Brandishing a knife at another person
4. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058
5. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in Penal Code 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289, or committing a sexual battery as defined in Penal Code 243.4
6. Possessing an explosive as defined in 18 USC 921

For all other violations listed in the accompanying administrative regulation under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades K-12" and "Additional Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion: Grades 4-12," the Superintendent or principal shall have the discretion to recommend expulsion of a student. If expulsion is recommended, the Board shall order the student expelled only if it makes a finding of either or both of the following: (Education Code 48915(b) and (e))

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct
2. That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others

A vote to expel a student shall be taken in an open session of a Board meeting.

The Board may vote to suspend the enforcement of the expulsion order pursuant to the requirements of law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 48917)

No student shall be expelled for disruption or willful defiance. (Education Code 48900)

#### Due Process

The Board shall provide for the fair and equitable treatment of students facing suspension and/or expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The

Superintendent or designee shall comply with procedures for notices, hearings, and appeals as specified in law and administrative regulation. (Education Code 48911, 48915, 48915.5, 48918)

#### Maintenance and Monitoring of Outcome Data

The Superintendent or designee shall annually present to the Board a report of the outcome data which the district is required to collect pursuant to Education Code 48900.8 and 48916.1, including the number of students recommended for expulsion, the grounds for each recommended expulsion, the actions taken by the Board, the types of referral made after each expulsion, and the disposition of the students after the expulsion period.

In presenting the report to the Board, the Superintendent or designee shall disaggregate data on suspensions and expulsions by school and by numerically significant student subgroups, including, but not limited to, ethnic subgroups, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, and homeless students. Based on the data, the Board shall address any identified disparities in the imposition of student discipline and shall determine whether and how the district is meeting its goals for improving school climate as specified in its local control and accountability plan.

#### **Site Procedures**

Classroom discipline procedures at Paloma Valley High School are the responsibility of the individual teacher. However, serious misbehaviors including, but not limited to, fighting, openly defying adults, possession of weapons or illegal drugs results in the student being sent immediately to the office where the principal or his/her designee will conference with the student.

Depending on the severity and circumstances, further action may be required such as detention, suspension or expulsion. In these instances, parents will be notified either by phone or mail. Offenses subject to suspension include:

- A. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
- B. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object.
- C. Possess, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.
- D. Offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another substance and represented that substance as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant (i.e., look-alike)
- E. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- F. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
- G. Stolen or attempted to steal school property or private property.
- H. Possessed or used tobacco, or any product containing tobacco or nicotine products, including clove cigarettes, snuff or betel.
- I. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- J. Possessed, offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia.

- K. Disrupted school activities or willfully defied the authority of school personnel.
- L. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
- M. Possess an imitation firearm.
- N. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault
- O. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is complaining witness or witnesses in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of either preventing that pupil from being a witness or retaliating against that pupil for being a witness or both.
- P. Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell the prescription drug Soma.
- Q. Engaged in, or attempted to engage in, hazing.
- R. Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act.
- S. A pupil who aids or abets the infliction or attempted infliction of physical injury to another person may suffer suspension, but not expulsion.

CE 48900.2 Committed sexual harassment (grades 4-12 only)

CE 48900.3 Caused, attempted to cause or participated in an act of hate violence (grades 4-12 only)

CE 48900.4 Created an intimidating or hostile educational environment by intentionally engaging in harassment, threats or intimidation against a pupil or group of pupils.

CE 48900.7 Terrorist threats against school officials, school property, or both.

#### Due Process

All suspensions are preceded by an informal conference between the student and a school administrator during which the student shall be informed of the reason for the suspension and the evidence that supported the action. It is the policy of the school to telephone parents at the time of the suspension, but in all cases, a notice is mailed within 24 hours. Usually a parent conference is requested to take place as soon as is practicable. Parents or guardians are requested to respond to such conferences.

A suspended student shall not:

1. Be allowed to loiter on or around any school ground;
2. Be allowed to participate in any school activities not open to the public

#### Suspension Authority

Classroom teacher: 1-2 days (from classroom)

Site Administrator: Up to 20 days

When a suspension of over 20 days is desired, the case goes to the expulsion board and hearing with parents is scheduled to give and excuse/rebuttal. The expulsion board then votes on the outcome of the hearing.

Students suspended from the classroom for one-two days are sent to Behavior Support Room (BSR) for that period and supervised by the BSR instructor.



# Perris Union High School District Behavior Guidelines

**EC=Education Code**

**PC=Penal Code**

**HSC=Health and Safety Code**

Other Means of Correction	CONSEQUENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Study Teams</li> <li>➤ Behavior Contracts</li> <li>➤ Daily Progress Reports</li> <li>➤ Referral to programs teaching pro-social behavior</li> <li>➤ Parent Teacher Conferences</li> <li>➤ Referral to Counselor</li> <li>➤ Community Service</li> <li>➤ Campus Beautification</li> <li>➤ Restorative Justice Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lunch Detention</li> <li>➤ After School Detention</li> <li>➤ Class Suspension</li> <li>➤ On Campus Suspension</li> <li>➤ School Suspension</li> <li>➤ Alternative Placement</li> <li>➤ Expulsion</li> </ul>

ISSUES	VIOLATIONS	CONSEQUENCES
<p><b>1. PHYSICAL INJURY &amp; VIOLENCE</b> <i>MUTUAL COMBAT/FIGHTING/THREATS/ASSAULT</i> EC § 48900 (a)(1) EC § 48900 (s) EC § 48915 (a)(1), (a)(5)</p>	<p>(a)(1) Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person; fighting/mutual combat. Threats (telephone, written, electronic): Bomb Threats, verbal threats (not terroristic threats-see below); Assault: Verbal attack, attempt to cause injury, place person in fear. (s) Aiding or abetting infliction of physical injury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (a)(1) or (s).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Counseling.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Citation - Fighting on school grounds: PC 415, 242.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation – Mandatory consideration for assault on school official EC § 48915 (a)(5).</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. BATTERY</b> EC § 48900 (a)(2) EC § 48915 (a)(5)</p>	<p>(a)(2) Willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense: striking, shoving, and kicking. Assault with deadly weapon. Not mutual combat. Battery against student, battery against staff member. Battery: Unlawful injury, beating, hitting of another person – does not fight back.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (a)(2).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Counseling.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 242, 243.2.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation – Mandatory consideration for assault on school official EC § 48915 (a)(5).</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. WEAPONS/DANGEROUS OBJECTS EXPLOSIVES/REPLICA WEAPONS</b> EC § 48900 (b), (m) US Code, Section 921, Title 18 EC § 48915 (a)(2) EC § 48915 (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(5)</p>	<p>(b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm (handgun, rifle, shotgun, pistol), knife (dirk, dagger, fixed, sharpened blade for stabbing, screwdriver), explosive, or other dangerous object (aims or points a laser pointer at another), possession, use of fireworks, firecrackers, snappers, poppers, lighter, matches, razor blades, shocking pens. <b>EC 48915 (c)(5)</b> Explosives: M80, bottle rocket, dynamite, bomb, grenade, nitroglycerin, blasting caps. (m) Possessed an imitation (replica) firearm: BB gun, pellet gun, paint gun.</p>	<p><b>EC § 48900 (m) Requires others means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (b), (m). <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 626.9, 244.5, 417, 653 (g). <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department Intervention (Explosives) PC 148.1, HSC 12000, 12301 (a). <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation – EC § 48915 [Mandatory for brandished knife (c)(2), possession of a firearm (c)(1), explosives (c)(5)]. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation – locking blade or similar knife or other dangerous object regardless of size. <input type="checkbox"/> Other weapons: to include, but not be inclusive of: switchblade, stiletto, box cutter, billy club, sandbag, nunchuk, ninja star, mace, pepper spray, sling shot, sword, stun gun, brass knuckles.</p>
<p><b>4. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES DRUGS &amp; ALCOHOL</b> EC § 48900 (c), (d) EC § 48900 (p) HSC 11366-11375 EC § 48915 (a)(3), (c)(3)</p>	<p>(c) Possessed, used, sold, furnished, or been under the influence of, any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind. (d) Offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, and then sold, delivered, or furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented it as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant. (p) Offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma. <b>EC 48915 (a)(3)</b> Possession of any controlled substance. Cannot recommend expulsion for first time marijuana possession offense of less than one ounce.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (c), (d).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 308(b), 380, 381, 647 (f), HSC 11053.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Counseling.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation – EC § 48915 [Mandatory for sales of controlled substances (c)(3)].</li> </ul>

	Controlled substances: Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine, etc.	
<b>5. ROBBERY, BURGLARY, OR EXTORTION</b> EC § 48900 (e) EC § 48915 (a)(4)	(e) Committed or attempted to commit robbery (take personal property by means of force or fear) or extortion (obtaining of property from another, with his/her consent induced by a wrongful use of force or fear). Burglary: Entry with intent to commit a theft.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (e). <input type="checkbox"/> Restitution to Victim/Community Service <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention - Burglary: PC 459; Robbery/Extortion: PC 211, 212, 518, 519. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation EC § 48915 (a)(4).
<b>6. PROPERTY DAMAGE/ VANDALISM GRAFFITI / ARSON</b> EC § 48900 (f)	(f) Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.  Possession of graffiti implements (markers, scribes, liquid or aerosol paint).	<b>Requires other means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-House Suspension or Suspension EC § 48900 (f). <input type="checkbox"/> Restitution to Victim/Community Service. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Citation - Graffiti: PC 594 (a)(1), 594.1, 640.5; Vandalism: PC 594; Arson: PC 451, 452. <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department Intervention PC 451, 452. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.
<b>7. THEFT</b> EC § 48900 (g), (l)	(g) Caused or attempted to steal school property or private property. (l) Knowingly received stolen school property or private property (Possession of stolen goods).	<b>Requires other means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-House Suspension or Suspension EC § 48900 (g). <input type="checkbox"/> Restitution to Victim/Community Service. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 484, 487, 488. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.
<b>8. TOBACCO</b> EC § 48900 (h) EC § 48901	(h) Possessed or used tobacco, or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigar, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets betel, and electronic cigarettes.	<b>Requires other means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Citation PC 308 (b). <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Smoking Cessation Program. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (h). <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Counseling.
<b>9. PROFANITY &amp; VULGARITY OBSCENITY</b> EC § 48900 (i)	(i) Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity: Indecent exposure (may/may not be sexual harassment), mooning, pantsing, urinating in public, possession of pornographic literature or use of pornographic Internet websites, lewd or obscene gestures	<b>Requires other means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher warning; Teacher suspension; Detention or In-House Suspension. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Conference. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension Automatic if profanity is directed toward a school official EC § 48900 (i). <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention.
<b>10. PARAPHERNALIA</b> EC § 48900 (j) HSC 11364	(j) Possessed, offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia: Pipes, smoking or injecting devices, syringes, Zig Zags (rolling papers), roach clips, bowls, bongs.	<b>Requires other means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (j). <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Counseling. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.
<b>11. DISRUPTION &amp; DEFIANCE</b> EC § 48900 (k)	(k) Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. Unlawful assembly, inciting riot. Cheating, bus misconduct, classroom disruption, not complying with assigned discipline consequence, forgery, gambling, littering, throwing objects, setting-off fire alarm.	<b>Requires other means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher warning; Removal from class/activity; Teacher suspension. <input type="checkbox"/> Detention or In-House Suspension. <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Meeting and Counseling. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (k). <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention.
<b>12. SEXUAL ASSAULT OR BATTERY</b> EC § 48900 (n) EC § 48915 (c)(4)	(n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, or committed a sexual battery: Rape, sodomy, child molestation, statutory rape. Refer to PC 243.4, 261 - 269, 286, 288.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (n). <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 243.4, 261 - 269, 286, 288. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation EC § 48915 (c)(4).
<b>13. ELECTRONIC SIGNALING &amp; OTHER DEVICES</b> EC § 48901.5, EC § 48900 (k). May possess on school campus during the day, not activated.  <b>ELECTRONIC MUSIC EQUIPMENT OR GAMES</b> EC § 48900 (k).	Activated, used, or lent to another any electronic signaling device (i.e. cell phone, pager, walkie talkies, PDAs, etc.) on campus during the school day, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of a school district employee.  Possession, use of electronic games, portable music equipment: Radios, Walkman, Discman, MP3, watch radio, headsets, earphones.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense: Confiscation of device. Parent/Guardian contacted to pick up device. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense: Confiscation of device. Parent/Guardian contacted to pick up device. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense: Confiscation of device. Parent/Guardian contacted to pick up device. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension for defiance EC § 48901.5, 48900 (k).
<b>14. SEXUAL HARASSMENT</b> EC § 48900.2, PC 212.5 <i>Grades 4 to 12</i>	Committed acts of sexual harassment: Unwanted sexual advances; sexual favors; sexual gestures, objects, or pictures; touching, assault; derogatory comments, slurs, or jokes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900.2. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 212.5. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.

<b>15. HATE VIOLENCE</b> EC § 48900.3 <i>Grades 4 to 12</i>	Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in any act of hate violence (expression of hostility due to race, gender, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation): Racial slurs over time, e-mail, insults, taunts, posting or distributing posters or leaflets, jokes, physical assault, vandalism, telephone calls, cross burning, destroying religious symbols.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900.3. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 422.6 - 422.76, 628.1. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.
<b>16. HARASSMENT/BULLYING</b> EC § 48900.4, (o), (r)	<p>(o) Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a pupil who is a complaining witness in a school disciplinary procedure (expulsion hearing).</p> <p>(r) Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined in subdivision (f) and (g) of Section 32261, directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel".</p> <p>Intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against a student or group of students or school employees: Stalking, kidnapping.</p>	<b>Requires other means of correction for 1st Offense</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900.4. <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to Counseling. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention - Kidnapping: PC 135. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.
<b>17. TERRORISTIC THREATS</b> EC § 48900.7	Made terroristic threats against school officials, students, staff, or school property, or both, written or oral that could result in death, great bodily injury, or property damage in excess of \$1,000, even if not carried out. Person is in sustained fear of his or her own safety or family's safety.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900.7. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 422. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.
<b>18. DRESS CODE</b> EC § 48900 (k)	Wore any inappropriate dress such as clothing, attire, apparel, accessories, head coverings (hats, bandanas, knit caps, doo rags, skull caps, etc.), or gang attire, except "for outdoor use (P.E.), articles of sun-protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats (wide brim with neck covering only), and sunscreen."	<input type="checkbox"/> Dress changed/Accessory seized/Detention/In-House Suspension. <input type="checkbox"/> Loaner T-shirt or school uniform provided. <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian notified. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (k).
<b>19. HAZING</b> EC § 48900 (q) EC § 32050	<p>(q) Engaged in or attempted to engage in hazing as defined in EC § 32050.</p> <p>Hazing: Initiation into school/student body clubs or organizations in a manner that causes or is likely to cause bodily damage, harm, degradation, disgrace, or physical or mental harm to a student.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension EC § 48900 (q). <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention PC 242, 212.5. <input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion Recommendation.
<b>20. ATTENDANCE</b> EC § 48260, EC § 48262, EC § 48264.5 (a) <i>RESTRICTED AREA</i> EC § 48900 (k)	<p>Left campus during school day without obtaining permission through the attendance office first; no hall pass, left class without permission.</p> <p>Truant from school or contributed to the truancy of other students.</p> <p>Excessive tardiness to school or class.</p> <p>In unauthorized / restricted areas on-campus.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Detention/In-House Suspension. <input type="checkbox"/> Truancy Letters/SART. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Citation EC § 48264.5 (a) - ages 13 and above. <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to SARB EC § 48320. <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to District Attorney Mediation/Juvenile Court.
<b>21. VISITORS/TRESPASSING/ ADULT CAMPUS DISRUPTION/ THREATS, ASSAULTS TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS</b> EC § 32211, 44811, 44014	Invited visitors to school for any reason during the school day; loitering/ unauthorized presence on campus; threats to school officials by parents or adults; students visiting campus during suspension or expulsion period or during off-track vacation period without permission	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor escorted off campus. <input type="checkbox"/> Persona non grata declaration/Restraining Order. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff/Police Intervention/Citation - Trespassing PC 626.7-626.9; Threats to school officials: PC 71; Terroristic Threats: PC 422.

## 6) Notifying Teachers

### EC 49079 - Notifying Teachers of a student violating Ed. Code 48900

- a. A school district shall inform the teacher of each pupil who has engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, any of the acts described in any of the subdivisions, except subdivision (h), of Section 48900 or in Section 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, or 48900.7 that the pupil engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, those acts. The district shall provide the information to the teacher based upon any records that the district maintains in its ordinary course of business, or receives from a law enforcement agency, regarding a pupil described in this section.
- b. A school district, or school district officer or employee, is not civilly or criminally liable for providing information under this section unless it is proven that the

information was false and that the district or district officer or employee knew or should have known that the information was false, or the information was provided with a reckless disregard for its truth or falsity.

- c. An officer or employee of a school district who knowingly fails to provide information about a pupil who has engaged in, or who is reasonably suspected to have engaged in, the acts referred to in subdivision (a) is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.
- d. For the 1994–95 school year, the information provided shall be from the previous two school years. For the 1996–97 school year and each school year thereafter, the information provided shall be from the previous three school years.
- e. Any information received by a teacher pursuant to this section shall be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher.

(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 345, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2001.)

### **Site Procedures**

Paloma Valley High School teachers are well acquainted with where student files are kept, what information can be found in the files, as well as how to use that information. New teachers are educated on this teacher resource through Mentor workshops at the beginning of each school year. CUM files are available to check out and review during regular school hours.

In accordance with PUHSD procedures: The notifications of students who have violated Education Code 48900 are now automated and teachers get an electronic message regarding students.

### Process of Informing Teachers of Students Engaged in Acts Described in EC 48900

As directed in EC 49079, teachers who have students that have engaged in acts described in EC 48900, need to be informed of such, Perris Union High School District has devised this process.

### Notification to Teachers: Pupils Who Have Violated or Who Are Reasonably Suspected of Violating a Subsection of Education Code 48900

Procedures for Teacher Notification:

- 1) First week of each semester the teacher will receive a list, from the school secretary, of students in their classes that are deemed to have violated or been suspected of violating one the 48900 Education Codes.



- 2) The teacher will receive daily emails of students that have had schedule changes that come to their class that are deemed to have violated or been suspected of violating one the 48900 Education Codes.
- 3) The teacher will receive daily notification by email of students that have violated or who are reasonably suspected of violating Education Code 48900 that day.
- 4) The teacher will have access, through Infinite Campus, to a list of students in their classes that have violated or been suspected of violating Education Code 48900.

## **7) Sexual Harassment**

### **BP 4119.11 - Sexual Harassment**

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment of district employees and job applicants. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees or other persons who complain, testify or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to staff
3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints
4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (5 CCR 4964)

Any district employee or job applicant who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee, a job applicant or a student, shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor, the principal, district administrator or Superintendent.

A supervisor, principal or other district administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment against a district employee, job applicant, or student is in violation of this policy and is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

**BP 4219.11 - Sexual Harassment**

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment of district employees and job applicants. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees or other persons who complain, testify or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to staff
3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints
4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (5 CCR 4964)

Any district employee or job applicant who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee, a job applicant or a student, shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor, the principal, district administrator or Superintendent.

A supervisor, principal or other district administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment against a district employee, job applicant, or student is in violation of this policy and is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

**BP 4319.11 - Sexual Harassment**

The Governing Board prohibits sexual harassment of district employees and job applicants. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against district employees or other persons who complain, testify or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to staff
3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints
4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. (5 CCR 4964)

Any district employee or job applicant who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee, a job applicant or a student, shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor, the principal, district administrator or Superintendent.

A supervisor, principal or other district administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Superintendent or designee.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

Any district employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment against a district employee, job applicant, or student is in violation of this policy and is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

#### **AR 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11 - Sexual Harassment**

This administrative regulation shall apply to all allegations of sexual harassment involving employees, interns, volunteers, and job applicants, but shall not be used to resolve any complaint by or against a student.

#### Definitions

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the work or educational setting when: (Education Code 212.5; Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11034)

1. Submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the individual's employment.

2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the individual.
3. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits, services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the district.

Prohibited sexual harassment also includes conduct which, regardless of whether or not it is motivated by sexual desire, is so severe or pervasive as to unreasonably interfere with the victim's work performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Examples of actions that might constitute sexual harassment in the work or educational setting, whether committed by a supervisor, a co-worker, or a non-employee, include, but are not limited to:

1. Unwelcome verbal conduct such as sexual flirtations or propositions; graphic comments about an individual's body; overly personal conversations or pressure for sexual activity; sexual jokes or stories; unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, innuendoes, derogatory comments, sexually degrading descriptions, or the spreading of sexual rumors
2. Unwelcome visual conduct such as drawings, pictures, graffiti, or gestures; sexually explicit emails; displaying sexually suggestive objects
3. Unwelcome physical conduct such as massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body; touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way; cornering, blocking, leaning over, or impeding normal movements

### Training

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all employees receive training regarding the district's sexual harassment policies when hired and periodically thereafter. The training shall include how to recognize prohibited or harassing conduct, the procedures for reporting and/or filing complaints involving an employee, employees' duty to use the district's complaint procedures, and employee obligations when a sexual harassment report involving a student is made to the employee. The training shall also include information about processes for employees to informally share or obtain information about harassment without filing a complaint.

Every two years, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that supervisory employees receive at least two hours of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding sexual harassment. All such newly hired or promoted employees shall receive training within six months of their assumption of the new position. (Government Code 12950.1)

A supervisory employee is any employee having the authority, in the interest of the district, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or the responsibility to direct them, adjust their grievances, or effectively recommend such action, when the exercise of the authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment. (Government Code 12926)

The district's sexual harassment training and education program for supervisory employees shall be aimed at assisting them in preventing and effectively responding to incidents of sexual harassment, as well as implementing mechanisms to promptly address and correct wrongful behavior. The training shall include, but is not limited to, the following: (Government Code 12950.1; 2 CCR 11024)

1. Information and practical guidance regarding federal and state laws on the prohibition, prevention, and correction of sexual harassment, the remedies available to sexual harassment victims in civil actions, and potential district and/or individual exposure or liability
2. The types of conduct that constitute sexual harassment and practical examples which illustrate sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation using training modalities such as role plays, case studies, and group discussions, based on factual scenarios taken from case law, news and media accounts, and hypotheticals based on workplace situations and other sources
3. A supervisor's obligation to report sexual harassment, discrimination, and retaliation of which he/she becomes aware and what to do if the supervisor himself/herself is personally accused of harassment
4. Strategies for preventing harassment, discrimination, and retaliation and appropriate steps to ensure that remedial measures are taken to correct harassing behavior, including an effective process for investigation of a complaint
5. The essential elements of the district's anti-harassment policy, including the limited confidentiality of the complaint process and resources for victims of unlawful sexual harassment, such as to whom they should report any alleged sexual harassment, and how to use the policy if a harassment complaint is filed
6. A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and administrative regulation, which each participant shall acknowledge in writing that he/she has received
7. The definition and prevention of abusive conduct that addresses the use of derogatory remarks, insults, or epithets, other verbal or physical conduct that a reasonable person would find threatening, intimidating, or humiliating, and the gratuitous sabotage or undermining of a person's work performance
8. Practical examples of harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation

The Superintendent or designee shall retain for at least two years the records of any training provided to supervisory employees. Such records shall include the names of trained employees, date of the training, the type of training, and the name of the training provider. (2 CCR 11024)

#### Notifications

A copy of the Board policy and this administrative regulation shall: (Education Code 231.5)

1. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building, district office, or other area of the school where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted
2. Be provided to every district employee at the beginning of the first quarter or semester of the school year or whenever a new employee is hired
3. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct

All employees shall receive a copy of an information sheet prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) or the district that contains, at a minimum, components on: (Government Code 12950)

1. The illegality of sexual harassment
2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state and federal law
3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
4. The district's complaint process available to the employee
5. The legal remedies and complaint process available through DFEH and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
6. Directions on how to contact DFEH and the EEOC
7. The protection against retaliation provided by 2 CCR 11021 for opposing harassment prohibited by law or for filing a complaint with or otherwise participating in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by DFEH and the EEOC

In addition, the district shall post, in a prominent and accessible location, the DFEH poster on discrimination in employment and the illegality of sexual harassment and the DFEH poster regarding transgender rights. (Government Code 12950)

#### **BP 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment**

The Governing Board is committed to maintaining a safe school environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. The Board prohibits, at school or at school-sponsored or school-related activities, sexual harassment targeted at any student by anyone. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who reports, files a complaint or testifies about, or otherwise supports a complainant in alleging sexual harassment.

The district strongly encourages any student who feels that he/she is being or has been sexually harassed on school grounds or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity by another student or an adult who has experienced off-campus sexual harassment that has a continuing effect on campus to immediately contact his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Any employee who receives a report or observes an incident of sexual harassment shall notify the principal or a district compliance officer. Once notified, the principal or compliance officer shall take the steps to investigate and address the allegation, as specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate actions to reinforce the district's sexual harassment policy.

#### **Instruction/Information**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all district students receive age-appropriate information on sexual harassment. Such instruction and information shall include:

1. What acts and behavior constitute sexual harassment, including the fact that sexual harassment could occur between people of the same sex and could involve sexual violence
2. A clear message that students do not have to endure sexual harassment under any circumstance

3. Encouragement to report observed incidents of sexual harassment even where the alleged victim of the harassment has not complained
4. A clear message that student safety is the district's primary concern, and that any separate rule violation involving an alleged victim or any other person reporting a sexual harassment incident will be addressed separately and will not affect the manner in which the sexual harassment complaint will be received, investigated, or resolved
5. A clear message that, regardless of a complainant's noncompliance with the writing, timeline, or other formal filing requirements, every sexual harassment allegation that involves a student, whether as the complainant, respondent, or victim of the harassment, shall be investigated and prompt action shall be taken to stop any harassment, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students
6. Information about the district's procedure for investigating complaints and the person(s) to whom a report of sexual harassment should be made
7. Information about the rights of students and parents/guardians to file a civil or criminal complaint, as applicable, including the right to file a civil or criminal complaint while the district investigation of a sexual harassment complaint continues
8. A clear message that, when needed, the district will take interim measures to ensure a safe school environment for a student who is the complainant or victim of sexual harassment and/or other students during an investigation and that, to the extent possible, when such interim measures are taken, they shall not disadvantage the complainant or victim of the alleged harassment

#### Complaint Process and Disciplinary Actions

Sexual harassment complaints by and against students shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with law and district procedures specified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Principals are responsible for notifying students and parents/guardians that complaints of sexual harassment can be filed under AR 1312.3 and where to obtain a copy of the procedures.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any student found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4-12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that, in imposing such discipline, the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

Upon investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, any employee found to have engaged in sexual harassment or sexual violence toward any student shall have his/her employment terminated in accordance with law and the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

#### Record-Keeping

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of sexual harassment to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive harassing behavior in district schools.

### **AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment**

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be investigated and resolved under AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. Any student who believes he/she has been sexually harassed by another student, an employee, a third party may file a complaint. Irrespective of whether or when a complaint is filed, the district will take affirmative steps to address allegations of unlawful discrimination, in a manner appropriate to the particular circumstances once it has received notice of such allegations through other means, such as a verbal complaint or an unsigned statement. If an investigation reveals that discrimination has occurred, the District will take steps to prevent recurrence of discrimination and correct its discriminatory effects on the student, and on others, if appropriate.

The district designates the following individual as the responsible employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and California Education Code 234.1, as well as to investigate and resolve sexual harassment complaints under AR 1312.3. The coordinator/compliance officer may be contacted at:

Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources or Designee  
155 E. Fourth Street  
Perris, CA 92570  
(951) 943-6369 ext. 80302

A student may file an unlawful discrimination complaint under AR 1312.3 and, if desired, simultaneously proceed with a criminal complaint. The coordinator/compliance officer shall regularly inform the complainant and the subject of the complaint, i.e., the respondent, of the status of the investigation conducted by the District under AR 1312.3. If applicable, the district will take interim measures to protect the complainant as further described in AR 1312.3 and AR 5145.7. When and if applicable, the coordinator/compliance officer will inform the complainant and respondent of the status of the investigation and when the investigation resumes if any temporary delay is caused by the initiation of a criminal investigation.

Where applicable, the complainant and the respondent will be provided notice if the district needs to extend the time to complete the investigation. As with the complainant, the respondent may file a complaint with the Board if dissatisfied with the coordinator's/compliance officer's decision with respect to the investigation prior to the district's final written decision as further described in AR 1312.3.

Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for sexual favors, or other unwanted verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature made against another person of the same or opposite sex in the educational setting, under any of the following conditions: (Education Code 212.5; 5 CCR 4916)

1. Submission to the conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of a student's academic status or progress.
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by a student is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting the student.



3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact on the student's academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.
4. Submission to or rejection of the conduct by the student is used as the basis for any decision affecting the student regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through any district program or activity.

Examples of types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

1. Unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations, or propositions
2. Unwelcome sexual slurs, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions
3. Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body or overly personal conversation
4. Sexual jokes, derogatory posters, notes, stories, cartoons, drawings, pictures, obscene gestures, or computer-generated images of a sexual nature
5. Spreading sexual rumors
6. Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single-sex class
7. Massaging, grabbing, fondling, stroking, or brushing the body
8. Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
9. Impeding or blocking movements or any physical interference with school activities when directed at an individual on the basis of sex
10. Displaying sexually suggestive objects
11. Sending of sexual pictures, images, web pages, or messages through text messaging, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communications device
12. Sexual assault, sexual battery, or sexual coercion.

In conducting its investigation under AR 1312.3, the coordinator/compliance officer will consider whether any off-campus sexual harassment has continuing effects on campus in evaluating whether a hostile educational environment exists.

#### Reporting Process and Complaint Investigation and Resolution

Any student who believes that he/she has been subjected to sexual harassment or who has witnessed sexual harassment is strongly encouraged to report the incident to his/her teacher, the principal, or any other available school employee. Within one school day of receiving such a report, the school employee shall forward the report to the principal or the district's compliance officer identified in AR 1312.3. In addition, any school employee who observes an incident of sexual harassment involving a student shall, within one school day, report his/her observation to the principal or a district compliance officer. The employee shall take these actions, whether or not the alleged victim files a complaint.

In any case of sexual harassment involving the principal, compliance officer, or any other person to whom the incident would ordinarily be reported or filed, the report may instead be submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

When a report of sexual harassment is submitted, the principal or compliance officer shall inform the student or parent/guardian of the right to file a formal written complaint in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.

If a complaint of sexual harassment is initially submitted to the principal, he/she shall, within two school days, forward the report to the compliance officer to initiate investigation of the complaint. The compliance officer shall contact the complainant and investigate and resolve the complaint in accordance with law and district procedures specified in AR 1312.3.

#### Confidentiality

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential except as necessary to carry out the investigation or take other subsequent necessary action. (5 CCR 4964)

However, when a complainant or victim of sexual harassment notifies the district of the harassment but requests confidentiality, the compliance officer shall inform him/her that the request may limit the district's ability to investigate the harassment or take other necessary action. When honoring a request for confidentiality, the district will nevertheless take all reasonable steps to investigate and respond to the complaint consistent with the request.

When a complainant or victim of sexual harassment notifies the district of the harassment but requests that the district not pursue an investigation, the district will determine whether or not it can honor such a request while still providing a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students.

#### Response Pending Investigations

When an incident of sexual harassment is reported and irrespective of whether a related criminal investigation is pending, the principal or designee, in consultation with the compliance officer, shall determine whether interim measures are necessary pending the results of an AR 1312.3 and/or criminal investigation. The principal/designee or compliance officer shall take immediate measures necessary to stop the harassment and protect students and/or ensure their access to the educational program. Such measures may include placing the individuals involved in separate classes or transferring a student to a class taught by a different teacher, in accordance with law and Board policy. The school should notify the individual who was harassed of his/her options to avoid contact with the alleged harasser and allow the complainant to change academic and extracurricular arrangements as appropriate. The school should also ensure that the complainant is aware of the resources and assistance, such as counseling, that are available to him/her. As appropriate, such actions shall be considered even when a student chooses to not file a formal complaint or the sexual harassment occurs off school grounds or outside school-sponsored or school-related programs or activities.

#### Notifications

A copy of the district's sexual harassment policy and regulation shall:

1. Be included in the notifications that are sent to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year (Education Code 48980; 5 CCR 4917)

2. Be displayed in a prominent location in the main administrative building or other area where notices of district rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct are posted, including school web sites (Education Code 231.5)
3. Be provided as part of any orientation program conducted for new students at the beginning of each quarter, semester, or summer session (Education Code 231.5)
4. Appear in any school or district publication that sets forth the school's or district's comprehensive rules, regulations, procedures, and standards of conduct (Education Code 231.5)
5. Be included in the student handbook
6. Be provided to employees and employee organizations

### **Site Procedures**

Paloma Valley High School adheres to the guidelines on sexual harassment set forth by the Perris Union High School District Board of Education. The Board of Education prohibits sexual harassment in the working environment of District employees or applicants by any person in any form. Sexual harassment of or by any employee is not tolerated. The Board considers sexual harassment to be a major offense, which may result in disciplinary action or dismissal of the offending employee or suspension/expulsion of any offending student.

It is the policy of the Perris Union High School District that sexual harassment is unacceptable conduct in the workplace and is not tolerated. Prohibited sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by someone from or in the work or education setting.

Sexual harassment guidelines apply to school personnel, as well as students. Kindergartens through third grade students are not responsible for their behavior according to California State Law. However, students in fourth through fifth grade are subject to all legal actions under the law.

### Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide the work environment free of sexually harassing conduct or behavior and to provide uniform guidance and procedures on this subject.

### General Procedures and Definitions

Pursuant to Education Code 212.5, unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to the conduct is made either an explicit or implicit condition of employment or status for promotion.
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the harassed employee.
3. The harassment substantially interferes with an employee's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
4. Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct is the basis for any decision affecting benefits, services, honors, programs or other available activities.

### Examples

- Other examples of sexual harassment, whether committed by a supervisor or any other employee include:
- 1: unwelcome leering, sexual flirtations or propositions
  - 2: hostile or intimidating verbal comments, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments or slurs
  - 3: hostile verbal comments about an individual's body, or overly personal remarks
  - 4: sexual jokes, stories, drawings, pictures or gestures
  - 5: sexual touching, fondling, pinching or rubbing
  - 6: sexual advances or blocking of body or clothes in a sexual manner
  - 7: displaying sexual photographs or objects in the educational or work environment
  - 8: displaying retaliation against an object in the educational or work environment
  - 9: displaying sexual harassment policy or who participates in the investigation of a sexual harassment claim

The site administrator has the responsibility of maintaining an educational and work environment free of sexual harassment. This responsibility includes discussing the District's harassment policy with his/her students and/or employees and assuring them that they are not required to endure sexually insulting, degrading or exploitative treatment or any other form of sexual harassment.

### Complaint Procedures

Employees at Paloma Valley High School are encouraged to avail themselves of our internal complaint procedure if they are confronted with sexual harassment or any prohibited form of harassment.

Such internal complaints are investigated promptly, confidentially and corrective action is taken where allegations are verified.

Any employee or applicant for employment who feels that he/she or another individual in the District is being sexually harassed is encouraged to immediately contact his/her supervisor, principal, other district administrator or the Superintendent or designee in order to obtain procedures for reporting a complaint.

Complaints of harassment are filed in accordance with AR 4031, "Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment". Any supervisor who receives a harassment complaint notifies the Superintendent or designee, who ensures that the complaint is appropriately investigated.

All employees receive either a copy of information sheets prepared by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing or a copy of the District's information sheets that contain, at minimum, components on:

1. The illegality of sexual harassment
2. The definition of sexual harassment under applicable state/federal law
3. A description of sexual harassment, with examples
4. The District's complaint process available to the employee
5. Directions on how to contact the Fair Employment and Housing Department and Commission (Government Code 12950)

In addition, Paloma Valley High School educates its personnel on sexual harassment guidelines at the beginning of each school year. New District employees must sign that they have received a copy of sexual harassment descriptions, guidelines, policies, and procedures for filing a claim. Policy updates are disseminated to the staff throughout the year.

The Perris Union High School district has also contracted with the Keenan Safe School training program. Management staff, as well as all other employees, has access to log in with employee identification number and take a video course on proper conduct in an

effort to avail sexual harassment. This portal can be accessed at <http://puhsd.ca.safeschools.com/login>.

If further information, interpretation or advice is needed regarding sexual harassment, please contact the Director of Human Resources for the Perris Union High School District.

## **8) Dress Code**

### **EC 35183 - Schools Implementation of Dress Code**

A. The Legislature finds and declares each of the following:

1. The children of this state have the right to an effective public school education. Both students and staff of the primary, elementary, junior and senior high school campuses have the constitutional right to be safe and secure in their persons at school. However, children in many of our public schools are forced to focus on the threat of violence and the messages of violence contained in many aspects of our society, particularly reflected in gang regalia that disrupts the learning environment.
2. "Gang-related apparel" is hazardous to the health and safety of the school environment.
3. Instructing teachers and administrators on the subtleties of identifying constantly changing gang regalia and gang affiliation takes an increasing amount of time away from educating our children.
4. Weapons, including firearms and knives, have become common place upon even our elementary school campuses. Students often conceal weapons by wearing clothing, such as jumpsuits and overcoats, and by carrying large bags.
5. The adoption of a schoolwide uniform policy is a reasonable way to provide some protection for students. A required uniform may protect students from being associated with any particular gang. Moreover, by requiring schoolwide uniforms teachers and administrators may not need to occupy as much of their time learning the subtleties of gang regalia.
6. To control the environment in public schools to facilitate and maintain an effective learning environment and to keep the focus of the classroom on learning and not personal safety, schools need the authorization to implement uniform clothing requirements for our public school children.
7. Many educators believe that school dress significantly influences pupil behavior. This influence is evident on school dressup days and color days. Schools that have adopted school uniforms experience a "coming together feeling," greater school pride, and better behavior in and out of the classroom.

B. The governing board of any school district may adopt or rescind a reasonable dress code policy that requires pupils to wear a schoolwide uniform or prohibits pupils from wearing "gang-related apparel" if the governing board of the school district approves a plan that may be initiated by an individual school's principal, staff, and parents and determines that the policy is necessary for the health and safety of the school environment. Individual schools may include the reasonable dress code policy as part of its school safety plan, pursuant to Section 32281.

- C. Adoption and enforcement of a reasonable dress code policy pursuant to subdivision (b) is not a violation of Section 48950. For purposes of this section, Section 48950 shall apply to elementary, high school, and unified school districts. If a schoolwide uniform is required, the specific uniform selected shall be determined by the principal, staff, and parents of the individual school
- D. A dress code policy that requires pupils to wear a schoolwide uniform shall not be implemented with less than six months' notice to parents and the availability of resources to assist economically disadvantaged pupils.
- E. The governing board shall provide a method whereby parents may choose not to have their children comply with an adopted school uniform policy.
- F. If a governing board chooses to adopt a policy pursuant to this section, the policy shall include a provision that no pupil shall be penalized academically or otherwise discriminated against nor denied attendance to school if the pupil's parents chose not to have the pupil comply with the school uniform policy. The governing board shall continue to have responsibility for the appropriate education of those pupils.
- G. A policy adopted pursuant to this section shall not preclude pupils that participate in a nationally recognized youth organization from wearing organization uniforms on days that the organization has a scheduled meeting.

*(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 828, Sec. 10. Effective January 1, 2004.)*

**AR 5132 – Dress & Grooming**

In cooperation with teachers, students and parents/guardians, the principal or designee shall establish school rules governing student dress and grooming which are consistent with law, Governing Board policy and administrative regulations. These school dress codes shall be regularly reviewed.

Each school shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day. (Education Code 35183.5)

In addition, the following guidelines shall apply to all regular school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals must have heel straps. Thongs or backless shoes or sandals are not acceptable.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items (backpacks, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Hats, caps and other head coverings shall not be worn indoors.
4. . Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
5. Gym shorts may not be worn in classes other than physical education.
6. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be sprayed by any coloring that would drip when wet.

Coaches and teachers may impose more stringent dress requirements to accommodate the special needs of certain sports and/or classes.

No grade of a student participating in a physical education class shall be adversely affected if the student does not wear standardized physical education apparel because of circumstances beyond the student's control. (Education Code 49066)

The principal, staff, students and parent/guardians at each school may establish reasonable dress and grooming regulations for times when students are engaged in extracurricular or other special school activities.

#### Gang-Related Apparel

At individual schools that have a dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel at school or school activities, the principal, staff and parents/guardians participating in the development of the school safety plan shall define "gang-related apparel" and shall limit this definition to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment if it were worn or displayed on a school campus. (Education Code 32282)

Because gang-related symbols are constantly changing, definitions of gang-related apparel shall be reviewed at least once each semester and updated whenever related information is received.

#### Uniforms

In schools where a schoolwide uniform is required, the principal, staff and parents/guardians of the individual school shall jointly select the specific uniform to be worn. (Education Code 35183)

At least six months before a school uniform policy is implemented, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of this policy. (Education Code 35183)

Parents/guardians shall also be informed of their right to have their child exempted.

Students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization shall be allowed to wear organization uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting. (Education Code 35183)

#### **Site Procedures**

Paloma Valley High School adheres to the Perris Union High School District dress code, which has established standards for student dress and grooming. The Board of Education expects students to represent themselves in a manner that is conducive to educational policies and standards. Each site administrator establishes, publishes, and enforces the appropriately specific dress code for their students based on the following guidelines:

The dress code is in effect during school hours as well as during school sponsored activities. Paloma Valley High School seeks to maintain a positive learning environment where mutual respect and high personal standards are established. Because of this, it is expected that clothing policies at Paloma Valley High School will be followed by all students/staff and reflect the following:

- All clothing and accessories must be school appropriate.

- Covering tops that violate dress code with vests, coats, etc, does not satisfy the dress code requirement.
- Skirts and shorts must be longer than your thumb tip when hands are to your sides.
- Leggings and tights are only permitted if the shirt is equal to or longer than the length of your middle finger. Yoga pants are ok.
- Pants must not have holes or worn areas that reveal undergarments or are disruptive to the educational environment.
- Clothing and accessories must not promote illegal substances, drug paraphernalia, profanity, violence, alcohol, or sexually explicit material.
- No guns, explosives, knives, brass knuckles or weapons of any kind on any article of clothing.
- Clothing and accessories must not discriminate against any religious or ethnic groups.
- Clothing and accessories must be free of safety pins and spikes.
- No strapless clothing or blouses with only one strap
- Excessive cleavage is not permitted to show. When a student places their hand on their chest with the thumb at the collarbone and fingers together (not spread), the bottom of the hand shall touch the clothing.
- No backless shirts.
- No see through clothing.
- Shirts must be worn at all times.
- Clothing shall be sufficient and size –appropriate to conceal all undergarments at all times.
- The bottom of the shirt and the top of the pants must overlap.
- No lace tops
- No clothing to deliberately conceal the identity of student (hoods, scarves, bandanas).
- Sweatbands may be worn during physical education classes only.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must be appropriate for the school activity and school safety (bedroom slippers, steel toed shoes and boots are not to be worn at school). It is recommended that sandals have heel straps.
- Chains are not permitted when attached to a wallet or worn on clothing. These will be confiscated and picked up only by a parent or guardian.
- Any hat per an administrator or teacher's instruction that may lead to disruption in or out of the classroom may be confiscated or banned from being worn at school.
- Sunglasses may not be worn indoors (unless under doctor's prescription).
- Body piercings and tattoos are highly discouraged. Piercing related jewelry must not be sharp or excessively protruding.
- No pajamas will be worn at anytime.

When a new fashion trend becomes a symbol that may be dangerous, anti social or the arrangement of specific clothing items denotes gang affiliation (There are certain brand names that are not acceptable: Skin, SRH, Hustler, Metal Mulisha, 187, Playboy, Hooters and city attire not sports related). Paloma Valley High School Administration reserves the right to prohibit such items and arrangements. This dress code is in effect during school hours as well as during school sponsored events.



Students who come to school in clothing that is inappropriate will be asked to change into school appropriate attire. If students refuse loaner dress code items or if a parent cannot bring them a clothes from home the student will be sent to OCD for the remainder of the day. Students will receive one warning and be required to change their clothes, if they violate the dress code a second time they will be assigned a consequence. If a student continues to violate the dress code, they will be assigned OCD or home suspension for defiance of school rules. Administration will make the final decision on any student where the dress code is questionable.

## **9) Ingress and Egress of Pupils, Parents, and Staff**

### **AR 3541 - Transportation Routes and Services**

The Superintendent or designee shall design transportation routes and stops within district boundaries that promote student safety, maximum efficiency in the use of buses, and decreased traffic in and around the schools.

Students shall be eligible for transportation service to and from school if the distance between their school-established bus stop and the school is beyond the minimum listed below:

1. For students attending a middle school: Grades 7-8: three miles
2. For students attending a four-year high school: Grades 9-12: five miles

The Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation below these limits when safety problems or hazards exist.

The Superintendent or designee shall communicate in writing to parents/guardians regarding bus routes, schedules, and stops. He/she may also arrange for local media to publish such information.

With the Governing Board's authorization, transportation services may be provided or arranged by the district for:

1. Students traveling to and from school during the regular school day (Education Code 39800)
2. Field trips and excursions (Education Code 35330)
3. School activities, exhibitions or fairs, or other activities determined to be for the benefit of students (Education Code 39860)
4. District employees, parents/guardians, and adult volunteers traveling to and from educational activities authorized by the district (Education Code 39837.5)
5. Students traveling to full-time occupational classes provided by a regional occupational center or program (Education Code 39807.5, 41850)
6. Students traveling to and from their places of employment during the summer in connection with a summer employment program for youth (Education Code 39837)
7. Matriculated or enrolled adults traveling to and from school, or adults for educational purposes other than to and from school (Education Code 39801.5)
8. Private school students, upon the same terms, in the same manner, and on the same routes provided for district students (Education Code 39808)
9. Nonschool purposes as allowed by law, such as:
  - a. Community recreation (Education Code 39835)
  - b. Public transportation (Education Code 39841)

Students who attend school outside of their school attendance area or district boundaries may be eligible for transportation services in accordance with district policy.

The district shall provide home-to-school transportation and additional transportation services as needed for students with disabilities as specified in their individualized education program or Section 504 plan. (Education Code 41850; 20 USC 1400-1482; 34 CFR 104.4, 300.17, 300.34)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide transportation to homeless students in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. When the student resides outside of district boundaries, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the superintendent of the district of residence to apportion the responsibility and costs of transportation. (42 USC 11432)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the local child welfare agency to determine the provision, arrangement, and funding of transportation to enable foster youth to attend their school of origin when it is in the student's best interest to do so. (20 USC 6312)

### **BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders**

The Governing Board believes that it is important for parents/guardians and community members to take an active interest in the issues affecting district schools and students. Therefore, the Board encourages interested parents/guardians and community members to visit the schools and participate in the educational program.

To ensure the safety of students and staff and minimize interruption of the instructional program, the Superintendent or designee shall establish standardized District wide procedures, which facilitate visits during regular school days. Visits during school hours should be arranged with the principal or designee. When a visit involves a conference with a teacher or the principal, an appointment should be scheduled during non-instructional time.

Any person who is not a student or staff member shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds when school is in session. Instructions shall be posted at each entrance directing visitors to proceed directly to the location for visitor registration. During the registration process, visitors shall be informed of the District policy relating to visitors. (Education Code 32211; Penal Code 627.6)

The principal or designee shall provide a visible means of identification for all individuals who are not students or staff members while on school premises. Visitors are required to display the visitor identification at all times. Failure to display visitor identification may be grounds for removal.

No electronic listening or recording device may be used by any person in a classroom without the teacher's and principal's permission. (Education Code 51512)

The Board encourages all individuals to assist in maintaining a safe and secure school environment by behaving in an orderly manner while on school grounds and by utilizing the district's complaint processes if they have concerns with any district program or employee. In accordance with Penal Code 626.7, the principal or designee may request that any individual who is causing a disruption, including exhibiting volatile, hostile, aggressive, or offensive behavior, immediately leave school grounds.

### **Presence of Sex Offender on Campus**

Any person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290, including a parent/guardian of a district student, shall request written permission from the principal before entering the school campus or grounds. As necessary, the principal shall consult with local law enforcement authorities before allowing the presence of any such person at school or other school activity. The principal also shall report to the Superintendent or designee anytime he/she gives such written permission.

The principal shall indicate on the written permission the date(s) and times for which permission has been granted. (Penal Code 626.81)

## **AR 1250 Visitors/Outsiders**

The Superintendent or designee shall post at every entrance to each school and school grounds a notice describing registration requirements, school hours or hours during which registration is required, the registration location, the route to take to that location, and the penalties for violation of registration requirements (Education Code 32211; Penal Code 627.6)

### Principal's Registration Authority

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a standardized District wide visitor registration process. This process may include visitors providing some form of identification as part of the registration process. Visitors will be given a visitor identification that shall be worn at all times during the visit. Visitors shall also be provided with the District policy regarding visitors and their conduct while on the campus.

The principal or designee may refuse to register any visitor if he/she reasonably concludes that the individual's presence or acts would disrupt the school, students, or employees; would result in damage to property; or would result in the distribution or use of a controlled substance. The principal or designee or school security officer may revoke any visitor's registration if he/she has a reasonable basis for concluding that the individual's presence on school grounds would interfere or is interfering with the peaceful conduct of school activities or would disrupt or is disrupting the school, students, or staff (Penal Code 627.4)

When a visitor fails to register, or when the principal or designee denies or revokes a visitor's registration privileges, the principal or designee may request that the individual promptly leave school grounds. When a visitor is directed to leave, the principal or designee shall inform him/her that if he/she reenters the school within seven days he/she may be guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a fine and/or imprisonment (Penal Code 627.7)

### Dependent Children at District Sites

The District has a long standing practice of prohibiting employees and volunteers from bringing their children to the work site during working hours, including in-service training, professional development, and similar District programs. When dependents are brought to work, they create potential medical, safety and liability issues, supervision concerns, work day violations, and additionally, may be distracting to students who are trying to learn. For your children's safety, the safety of our students and the reasons listed above, please do not bring your children to work with you, nor should you allow volunteers to bring their non-student children to the work site or school events. Emergency and unique situations must be discussed with your supervisor. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in making our school district a safer working and learning environment.

## **Site Procedure for Safe Ingress and Egress of Pupils, Parents, and Staff**

Egress and Ingress to the campus have been effectively created at Paloma Valley High School. Both classified and certificated personnel have report times that are significantly prior to student arrival.

The regular school hours are 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Two daytime custodians are scheduled during student hours with the focus on picking up trash and maintaining clean restrooms for students and staff. A full team of campus supervisors are also on campus during student hours.

All unauthorized persons entering the campus must sign in and identify their purpose and destination. In addition, parents or guardians picking up students prior to the end of the school day must sign in and be authorized according to emergency card information. We encourage alumni to return and visit our campus, however, if they plan to visit staff during the school day, we require that they request, then schedule an appointment prior to the visit. If approved, we have the appointment on file with the campus supervisor “check-in” desk and are aware they are coming. All visitors are required to show ID and are provided a highly visible “Visitors’ Pass” unless they are a district employee.

In the unlikely event that a student leaves our campus without permission, the parent or guardian is immediately contacted. If the parent or guardian is unavailable, law enforcement is contacted, and appropriate steps are taken to locate the child.

The staff at Paloma Valley makes every effort to provide meaningful opportunities for students to learn and become engaged in school. These opportunities are available during class and outside of class. We want students to want to attend school. We know that any absence from school breaks the continuity of learning, which may lead to frustration and acting out. According to state law, our students are required to attend school each day they are physically able. At Paloma Valley High School, valid reasons for an absence from school follow California Education Code guidelines, Section 46010.

## **11) Safe and Orderly Environment Conducive to Learning**

**BP 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan**  
The Governing Board of the County of Fresno students and staff have the right to a safe and orderly environment. The Board is fully committed to maximizing the school's safety and promoting and positive learning environment for student conduct, responsible behavior, and respect for others.

The school safety plan shall take into account the school's staffing, available resources, and building design, as well as other factors unique to the site.

Each school shall forward its comprehensive safety plan to the Board for approval. (Education Code 32288)

The comprehensive safety plan(s) shall be reviewed and updated by March 1 of each year. (Education Code 32286)

The Board shall review the comprehensive safety plan(s) in order to ensure compliance with state law, Board policy, and administrative regulation and shall approve the plan(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting.

**AR 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan**  
In the Development and Review of Comprehensive School Safety Plan, the school site council shall consult with local law enforcement, the writing and developing the plan shall consult with other school site councils and safety committees.

### **AR3515 – Campus Security**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's campus security plan includes strategies to:

1. Secure the campus perimeter and school facilities in order to prevent criminal activity

These strategies include a risk management analysis of each campus' security system, lighting system, and fencing. Procedures to ensure unobstructed views and eliminate blind spots caused by doorways and landscaping shall also be considered. In addition, parking lot design may be studied, including methods to discourage through traffic.

2. Secure buildings from outsiders and discourage trespassing

These strategies may include requiring visitor registration, staff and student identification tags, and patrolling of places used for congregating and loitering.

3. Discourage vandalism and graffiti

These strategies may include plans to immediately cover graffiti as well as campus beautification projects and shall also include students and the community in these projects.

4. Control access to keys and other school inventory
5. Detect and intervene with school crime

These strategies may include the creation of a school watch program, an anonymous crime reporting system, analysis of school crime incidents, and collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, including providing for law enforcement presence.

All staff shall receive training in building and grounds security procedures.

### **Keys**

All keys used in a school shall be the responsibility of the principal or designee. Keys shall be issued only to those employees who regularly need a key in order to carry out normal activities of their position.

The principal or designee shall create a key control system with a record of each key assigned and room(s) or building(s) which the key opens.

Keys shall be used only by authorized employees and shall never be loaned to students. The master key shall not be loaned.

The person issued a key shall be responsible for its safekeeping. The duplication of school keys is prohibited. If a key is lost, the person responsible shall immediately report the loss to the principal or designee and shall pay for a replacement key.

### **BP3515.2 – Disruptions**

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe and orderly environment for students, staff, and others on district property or while engaged in school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall remove any individual who, by his/her presence or action, disrupts or threatens to disrupt normal operations at a school campus or any other district facility, threatens the health or safety of anyone on district property, or causes or threatens to cause damage to district property or to any property on school grounds.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a plan describing staff responsibilities and actions to be taken when an individual is causing or threatening to cause a disruption. The plan shall address, as appropriate, visitor registration procedures; campus security measures; evacuation procedures; lock-down procedures; possible responses to an active shooter situation; communications within the school and with parents/guardians, law enforcement, and the media in the event of an emergency; and crisis counseling or other assistance for students and staff after a disruption. In developing such a plan, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with law enforcement to create guidelines for law enforcement support and intervention when necessary.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to school staff on how to identify and respond to actions or situations that may constitute a disruption.

Any employee who believes that a disruption may occur shall immediately contact the principal. The principal or designee shall notify law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 48902 and 20 USC 7151 and in other situations, as appropriate.

### **AR3515.2 – Disruptions**

The principal or designee may direct any person, except a student, school employee, or other person required by his/her employment to be on school grounds, to leave school grounds or school activity if:

1. The principal or designee has reasonable basis for concluding that the person is committing or has entered the campus with the purpose of committing an act which is likely to interfere with the peaceful conduct, discipline, good order, or administration of the school or a school activity, or with the intent of inflicting damage to any person or property. (Education Code 44810, 44811; Penal Code 626.7)
2. The person fights or challenges another person to a fight, willfully disturbs another person by loud and unreasonable noise, or uses offensive language which could provoke a violent reaction. (Penal Code 415.5)
3. The person, without lawful business for being present, loiters around a school or reenters a school within 72 hours after he/she was asked to leave. (Penal Code 653b)
4. The person is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 and does not have a lawful purpose and written permission from the principal or designee to be on school grounds. (Penal Code 626.81)
5. The person is a specified drug offender, as defined in Penal Code 626.85, and does not have written permission from the principal or designee to be on school grounds. However, such specified drug offender may be on school grounds during any school activity if he/she is a student or the parent/guardian of a student attending the school. (Penal Code 626.85)
6. The person willfully or knowingly creates a disruption with the intent to threaten the immediate physical safety of students, staff, or others while attending, arriving at, or leaving school. (Penal Code 626.8)
7. The person has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on school grounds. (Penal Code 626.8)

The principal or designee shall allow a parent/guardian who was previously directed to leave school grounds to reenter for the purpose of retrieving his/her child for disciplinary

reasons, medical attention, or family emergencies, or with the principal or designee's prior written permission. (Penal Code 626.7, 626.85)

When directing any person to leave school premises, the principal or designee shall inform the person that he/she may be guilty of a crime if he/she: (Education Code 32211; Penal Code 626.7, 626.8, 636.85)

1. Fails to leave or remains after being directed to leave
2. Returns to the campus without following the school's posted registration requirements
3. Returns within seven days after being directed to leave

Whenever an individual is causing or threatening to cause a disruption at any district facility other than a school campus, the Superintendent or designee may direct that individual to leave the facility consistent with this regulation and the accompanying Board policy.

#### Appeal Procedure

Any person who is asked to leave a school building or grounds may appeal to the Superintendent or designee. This appeal shall be made no later than the second school day after the person has departed from the school building or grounds. After reviewing the matter with the principal or designee and the person making the appeal, the Superintendent or designee shall render his/her decision within 24 hours after the appeal is made, and this decision shall be binding. (Education Code 32211)

The decision of the Superintendent or designee may be appealed to the Governing Board. Such an appeal shall be made no later than the second school day after the Superintendent or designee has rendered his/her decision. The Board shall consider and decide the appeal at its next scheduled regular or adjourned regular public meeting. The Board's decision shall be final. (Education Code 32211)

In any circumstance where a person has been directed to leave a school building or ground where the Superintendent's or Board's office is situated, he/she may nevertheless enter the school building or ground solely for the purpose of making the appeal. (Education Code 32211)

#### **BP 5137 – Positive School Climate**

The Governing Board desires to enhance student learning by providing an orderly, caring, and nurturing educational and social environment in which all students can feel safe and take pride in their school and their achievements. The school environment should be characterized by positive interpersonal relationships among students and between students and staff.

All staff are expected to serve as role models for students by demonstrating positive, professional attitudes and respect toward each student and other staff members. Teachers shall use effective classroom management techniques based on clear expectations for student behavior.

Staff shall consistently enforce Board policies and regulations which establish rules for appropriate student conduct, including prohibitions against bullying, cyberbullying,

harassment of students, hazing, other violence or threats of violence against students and staff, and drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

The district's curriculum shall include age-appropriate character education which includes, but is not limited to, the principles of equality, human dignity, mutual respect, fairness, honesty, and citizenship. Teachers are encouraged to employ cooperative learning strategies that foster positive interactions in the classroom among students from diverse backgrounds.

The Superintendent or designee may develop other strategies to enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools, such as campus beautification projects, graffiti removal, development of extracurricular activities and after-school programs, pairing of adult mentors with individual students, recognition of student achievement, and encouragement of strong family and community involvement in the schools.

Students shall have opportunities to voice their concerns about school policies and practices and to share responsibility for solving problems that affect their school.

The schools shall promote nonviolent conflict resolution techniques in order to encourage attitudes and behaviors that foster harmonious relations. As part of this effort, students shall be taught the skills necessary to reduce violence, including communication skills, anger management, bias reduction, and mediation skills

Staff shall receive professional development designed to improve classroom management, conflict resolution techniques, and communications with students and parents/guardians including persons of diverse backgrounds.

#### **BP 5142 – Safety**

The Governing Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe school environment that is conducive to learning and helps ensure student safety and the prevention of student injury. The Superintendent or designee shall implement appropriate practices to minimize the risk of harm to students, including, but not limited to, practices relative to school facilities and equipment, the outdoor environment, educational programs, and school-sponsored activities.

Staff shall be responsible for the proper supervision of students during school hours, during school-sponsored activities, and while students are using district transportation to and from school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that students receive appropriate instruction on topics related to safety, as well as injury and disease prevention.

#### **AR 5142 – Safety**

Each principal or designee shall establish school rules for the safe and appropriate use of school equipment and materials and for student conduct consistent with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Copies of the rules shall be distributed to parents/guardians and shall be readily available at the school at all times.

#### Release of Students

Students shall be released during the school day only to the custody of an adult if:



1. The adult is the student's custodial parent/guardian.
2. The adult has been authorized on the student's emergency card as someone to whom the student may be released when the custodial parent/guardian cannot be reached, and the principal or designee verifies the adult's identity.
3. The adult is an authorized law enforcement officer acting in accordance with law.

### Supervision of Students

Teachers shall be present at their respective rooms and shall open them to admit students not less than 30 minutes before the time when school starts. (5 CCR 5570)

Every teacher shall hold students accountable for their conduct on the way to and from school. (Education Code 44807)

The principal or designee shall require all individuals supervising students to remain alert in spotting dangerous conditions, promptly report any such conditions to the principal or designee, and file a written report on such conditions as appropriate.

In arranging for appropriate supervision on playgrounds, the principal or designee shall:

1. Where playground supervision is not otherwise provided, provide for certificated employees to supervise the conduct and safety, and direct the play, of students who are on school grounds before and after school and during recess and other intermissions (5 CCR 5552)
2. Clearly identify supervision zones on the playground and require all playground supervisors to remain outside at a location from which they can observe their entire zone of supervision
3. Consider the size of the playground area, the number of areas that are not immediately visible, and the age of the students to determine the ratio of playground supervisors to students

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that teachers, teacher aides, playground supervisors, yard aides, and volunteers who supervise students receive training in safety practices and in supervisory techniques that will help them to forestall problems and resolve conflicts. Such training shall be documented and kept on file.

### Playground Safety

Any new playground or any replacement of equipment or modification of components inside an existing playground shall conform to standards set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

Any playground installed between January 1, 1994, and December 31, 1999, shall conform to these standards not later than 15 years after the date of installation. (Health and Safety Code 115725)

### Activities with Safety Risks

Because of concerns about the risk to student safety, the principal or designee shall not permit the following activities on campus or during school-sponsored events unless the activity is properly supervised, students wear protective gear as appropriate, and each participant has insurance coverage:

1. Trampolining
2. Scuba diving
3. Skateboarding or use of scooters
4. In-line or roller skating or use of skate shoes
5. Sailing, boating, or water skiing
6. Snow trips
7. Motorcycling
8. Target shooting (approved ROTC activities excluded)
9. Horseback riding
10. Rodeo
11. Other activities determined by the principal to have a high risk to student safety

Students who operate or ride as a passenger on a bicycle, nonmotorized scooter, or skateboard upon a street, bikeway, or any other public bicycle path or trail shall wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of law. Students also shall be required to wear such helmets while wearing in-line or roller skates. (Vehicle Code 21212)

#### Laboratory Safety

The principal of each school offering laboratory work shall develop procedures for laboratory safety and designate a trained certificated employee to implement and regularly review these procedures.

#### Eye Safety Devices

The Superintendent or designee shall provide schools with eye safety devices for use whenever students, teachers, or visitors are engaged in or observing an activity or using hazardous substances likely to cause injury to the eyes. Eye safety devices may be sold to students for an amount not to exceed their actual cost to the district. (Education Code 32030, 32031, 32033)

#### **Site Procedures**

In addition to procedures in the event of an emergency, Paloma Valley High School has incorporated many safe school strategies in the daily lives of our students. They include:

- Enhanced fencing around the perimeter of the campus
- Improved locks on staff gates
- A “closed campus” sign-in policy for all visitors
- Campus supervisor AM and PM campus duty stations, with additional campus supervisors present covering nutrition and lunch periods when the number of students on campus at one time is maximized.
- Campus safety rules signed by both students and parents
- Referral system for rude or unsafe conduct
- Saturday School available once a month
- Two daytime custodians focused on removing trash and maintaining student and staff restrooms.

To create a school culture that promotes self-monitoring behavior, Paloma Valley High School provides its students with an education on a wide range of safety issues. Some of

the trainings include: anti-bullying, bystander anti-bullying, cyberbullying and drug awareness. Student support groups are also available on a wide variety of topics and are offered periodically throughout the year or as a need arises.

The Paloma Valley staff teaches students to respect others and come to school with a positive outlook to the day. In accordance with the Paloma Valley High School Student Handbook: The District/PVHS believes that all students, staff and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance. The school will not tolerate behavior that infringes on the safety of any student. A student shall not intimidate, or harass another student through words or actions. Such behavior includes direct physical contact, such as hitting or shoving, verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling, social isolation or manipulation. Students are encouraged to come forward and report instances of bullying or harassment of any kind.

Cyberbullying includes the posting of harassing messages, direct threats, social cruelty, or harmful text or images on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies, as well as breaking into another person's account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation or friendships.

This policy applies whenever a student is on school grounds, traveling to and from school, during lunch period, whether on/off campus, and during a school sponsored activity. In addition to this, in the case of cyber bullying, it can be done at home, but if the actions impact school activities or school attendance, then they may be subject to discipline in accordance with district policies and regulations.

The Perris Union High School District provides a clean, safe, and supportive climate for students to learn and staff to work. The Air Pollution District (APCD) will notify the District Office, who in turn will notify the Principal/designee to take the necessary action, when the air quality is at undesirable limits.

Stage 1 Alert:

Discontinue strenuous outdoor physical activities for all students and move indoors.

Stage 2 and 3 Alerts:

The air quality will be determined by the APCD. The schools will be notified by the District Office of the appropriate action in accordance with existing health and safety laws.

## **11) School Discipline**

### **EC 35291 Prescribing Rules school discipline**

The governing board of any school district shall prescribe rules not inconsistent with law or with the rules prescribed by the State Board of Education, for the government and discipline of the schools under its jurisdiction. The governing board of each school district which maintains any of grades 1 through 12, inclusive, may, at the time and in the manner prescribed by Sections 48980 and 48981, notify the parent or guardian of all pupils registered in schools of the district of the availability of rules of the district pertaining to student discipline.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1032, Sec. 2. Effective September 28, 2002.)

**EC 35291.5 Rules and procedures on school discipline**

- A. (a) On or before December 1, 1987, and at least every four years thereafter, each public school may, at its discretion, adopt rules and procedures on school discipline applicable to the school. For schools that choose to adopt rules pursuant to this article, the school discipline rules and procedures shall be consistent with any applicable policies adopted by the governing board and state statutes governing school discipline. In developing these rules and procedures, each school shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups:
1. Parents.
  2. Teachers.
  3. School administrators.
  4. School security personnel, if any.
  5. For junior high schools and high schools, pupils enrolled in the school.

Meetings for the development of the rules and procedures should be developed and held within the school's existing resources, during nonclassroom hours, and on normal schooldays.

The final version of the rules and procedures on school discipline with attendant regulations may be adopted by a panel comprised of the principal of the school, or his or her designee, and a representative selected by classroom teachers employed at the school.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the rules and procedures on school discipline adopted under this section.

- B. The governing board of each school district may prescribe procedures to provide written notice to continuing pupils at the beginning of each school year and to transfer pupils at the time of their enrollment in the school and to their parents or guardians regarding the school discipline rules and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a).
- C. Each school may file a copy of its school discipline rules and procedures with the district superintendent of schools and governing board on or before January 1, 1988.
- D. The governing board may review, at an open meeting, the approved school discipline rules and procedures for consistency with governing board policy and state statutes.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 1032, Sec. 3. Effective September 28, 2002.)

**BP 5144 - Discipline**

The Governing Board is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive school environment which is conducive to student learning and to preparing students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and

classroom management strategies, provision of appropriate intervention and support, and parent involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

The Superintendent or designee shall design a complement of develop effective, age-appropriate strategies for maintaining a positive school climate and correcting student misbehavior at district schools. The strategies shall focus on providing students with needed supports; communicating clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations and consequences for student conduct; and ensuring equity and continuous improvement in the implementation of district discipline policies and practices.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee's strategies for correcting student misconduct shall reflect the Board's preference for the use of positive interventions and alternative disciplinary measures over exclusionary discipline measures.

Disciplinary measures that may result in loss of instructional time or cause students to be disengaged from school, such as detention, suspension, and expulsion, shall be imposed only when required or permitted by law or when other means of correction have been documented to have failed. (Education Code 48900.5)

School personnel and volunteers shall not allow any disciplinary action taken against a student to result in the denial or delay of a school meal. (Education Code 49557.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall create a model discipline matrix that lists violations and the consequences for each as allowed by law.

The administrative staff at each school may develop disciplinary rules to meet the school's particular needs consistent with law, Board policy, and district regulations. The Board, at an open meeting, shall review the approved school discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law. Site-level disciplinary rules shall be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan. (Education Code 32282, 35291.5)

At all times, the safety of students and staff and the maintenance of an orderly school environment shall be priorities in determining appropriate discipline. When misconduct occurs, staff shall attempt to identify the causes of the student's behavior and implement appropriate discipline. When choosing between different disciplinary strategies, staff shall consider the effect of each option on the student's health, well-being, and opportunity to learn.

Staff shall enforce disciplinary rules fairly, consistently, and in accordance with the district's nondiscrimination policies.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide professional development as necessary to assist staff in developing the skills needed to effectively implement the disciplinary strategies adopted for district schools, including, but not limited to, consistent school and classroom management skills, effective accountability and positive intervention techniques, and development of strong, cooperative relationships with parents/guardians.

District goals for improving school climate, based on suspension and expulsion rates, surveys of students, staff, and parents/guardians regarding their sense of school safety, and other local measures, shall be included in the district's local control and accountability plan, as required by law.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board regarding disciplinary strategies used in district schools in the immediately preceding school year and their effect on student learning.

## **AR 5144 - Discipline**

### Site-Level Rules

Site-level rules shall be consistent with district policies and administrative regulations. In developing site-level disciplinary rules, the principal or designee shall solicit the participation, views, and advice of one representative selected by each of the following groups: (Education Code 35291.5)

1. Parents/guardians
2. Teachers
3. School administrators
4. School security personnel, if any
5. For junior high and high schools, students enrolled in the school

Annually, site-level discipline rules shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated to align with any changes in district discipline policies or goals for school safety and climate as specified in the district's local control and accountability plan. A copy of the rules shall be filed with the Superintendent or designee for inclusion in the comprehensive safety plan.

School rules shall be communicated to students clearly and in an age-appropriate manner.

It shall be the duty of each employee of the school to enforce the school rules on student discipline. (Education Code 35291)

### Disciplinary Strategies

To the extent possible, staff shall use disciplinary strategies that keep students in school and participating in the instructional program. Except when a student's presence causes a danger to himself/herself or others or he/she commits a single act of a grave nature or an offense for which suspension or expulsion is required by law, suspension or expulsion shall be used only when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. Disciplinary strategies may include, but are not limited to:

1. Discussion or conference between school staff and the student and his/her parents/guardians
2. Referral of the student to the school counselor or other school support service personnel for case management and counseling
3. Convening of a study team, guidance team, resource panel, or other intervention-related team to assess the behavior and develop and implement an individual plan to address the behavior in partnership with the student and his/her parents/guardians

4. When applicable, referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating an individualized education program or a Section 504 plan
5. Enrollment in a program for teaching prosocial behavior or anger management
6. Participation in a restorative justice program
7. A positive behavior support approach with tiered interventions that occur during the school day on campus
8. Participation in a social and emotional learning program that teaches students the ability to understand and manage emotions, develop caring and concern for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations capably
9. Participation in a program that is sensitive to the traumas experienced by students, focuses on students' behavioral health needs, and addresses those needs in a proactive manner
10. After-school programs that address specific behavioral issues or expose students to positive activities and behaviors, including, but not limited to, those operated in collaboration with local parent and community groups
11. Recess restriction as provided in the section below entitled "Recess Restriction"
12. Detention after school hours as provided in the section below entitled "Detention After School"
13. Community service as provided in the section below entitled "Community Service"
14. In accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation, restriction or disqualification from participation in extracurricular activities
15. Reassignment to an alternative educational environment
16. Suspension and expulsion in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation

When, by law or district policy, other means of correction are required to be implemented before a student could be suspended or expelled, any other means of correction implemented shall be documented and retained in the student's records. (Education Code 48900.5)

#### Detention After School

Students may be detained for disciplinary reasons up to one hour after the close of the maximum school day. (5 CCR 353)

If a student will miss his/her school bus on account of being detained after school, or if the student is not transported by school bus, the principal or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the detention at least one day in advance so that alternative

transportation arrangements may be made. The student shall not be detained unless the principal or designee notifies the parent/guardian.

In cases where the school bus departs more than one hour after the end of the school day, students may be detained until the bus departs. (5 CCR 307, 353)

Students shall remain under the supervision of a certificated employee during the period of detention.

Students may be offered the choice of serving their detention on Saturday rather than after school.

### Community Service

As part of or instead of disciplinary action, the Governing Board, Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee may, at his/her discretion, require a student to perform community service during nonschool hours on school grounds or, with written permission of the student's parent/guardian, off school grounds. Such service may include, but is not limited to, community or school outdoor beautification, campus betterment, and teacher, peer, or youth assistance programs. (Education Code 48900.6)

This community service option is not available for a student who has been suspended, pending expulsion, pursuant to Education Code 48915. However, if the recommended expulsion is not implemented or the expulsion itself is suspended, then the student may be required to perform community service for the resulting suspension. (Education Code 48900.6)

### Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, in writing, about the availability of district rules related to discipline. (Education Code 35291, 48980)

### **Site Procedures**

The Paloma Valley staff understands that teenagers are transitioning to full adulthood, college and the workplace. The staff makes every effort to provide a positive, supportive and engaging school atmosphere where the campus is clean and students, parents and staff are treated with respect. Behavior modification is first attempted in a positive manner. Occasions arise when students continue to misbehave and must be handled through disciplinary procedures. Parents are expected to comply with the laws governing the conduct and education of their children. They shall also be expected to cooperate with school authorities regarding the behavior of their children. Parents/guardians are also liable for defacement, injury, or loss of any property belonging to the District. Penalties shall be those specified by the law.

All students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to contribute to a positive and productive learning environment. Each individual's conduct on the campus



and going to and from school shall be orderly and in keeping with the rules and regulations of the school, the school district, and the laws of the state. Paloma Valley strives to provide a college atmosphere where learning is serious and everyone is treated with respect. An educationally sound environment does not allow anyone to interfere with the teacher's right to teach and/or the student's right to learn. Students will be held accountable for all aspects of the Discipline Guide.

Students should have the freedom and be encouraged to express their individuality in any way as long as their conduct does not infringe upon the freedom of other students or interfere with the instructional program. We continue to add student clubs and opportunities for students to shine in their own manner. Students who violate the law or the rules and regulations of the District may be subject to transfer to alternative programs, suspension, exclusion, or expulsion.

#### School Jurisdiction

It should be noted that a pupil may be suspended or recommended for expulsion for acts which are enumerated in Education Code Section 48900 and related to school activity or attendance which occur at any time including, but not limited to, the following circumstances:

1. While on school grounds or school transportation
2. While going to or coming from school.
3. During the lunch period whether on or off campus
4. During or while going to or coming from a school sponsored activity.

Note: Campus jurisdiction also extends 1,000 feet from campus boundaries at all times, per California law.

#### Classroom Discipline

The classroom teacher, under state law, is given the authority to act in the place of the parent/guardian during the time the student is under the teacher's direction. To ensure suitable control, teachers will utilize a variety of methods of controlling students' behavior. Strategies teachers may use include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Confer with student and explain the District's school behavior policy.
2. Take away privileges enjoyed by other students.
3. Lower a student's citizenship rating.
4. Assign special tasks which must be completed within a specified time.
5. Contact the parents/guardians so that concerted action can be taken to mutually correct the inappropriate behavior patterns of the student.
6. Give student detention as authorized by state law. (Education Code Section 44807.5)
7. Class suspension of student for up to two days per infraction.
8. Refer student to school administration for correction and control.

Students may be required by their teachers to restore cleanliness to a classroom after such students have been involved in any instructional activity which created physical disorder in the classroom; or to any area on school premises in which students littered or disrupted the cleanliness thereof.

### Rewards for Appropriate Behavior

The Paloma Valley staff believes that the greatest reward for positive student behavior is successfully passing classes which prepare them for success in college and the workplace. A good attitude at school is the first step to academic success. Paloma Valley High School believes that when students choose to follow school rules, their positive behavior should be rewarded. As opportunities arise, special events or activities are used to reward students for positive behavior. Students who choose to follow the rules will have the following rewards:

**Classroom:** Individual teachers determine their own procedures in collaboration with the school wide system. Most core classroom teachers offer grade increase incentives for students who demonstrate proficiency on standardized tests. Typically, these grade increases are not awarded unless a student has positive behavior in class.

**Schoolwide:** Paloma Valley High School recognizes one student each month for excellence in academics, exemplary citizenship, outstanding school activity participation, community service and leadership skills. These students are recognized at the Student of the Month luncheon and one student is selected to be “Student of the Year” and is honored at an end of the year banquet.

Paloma Valley High School also reinforces positive behavior for all students through use of Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS). Students are taught expected behavior throughout the year and are incentivized with various rewards for displaying this behavior. Examples of incentives include school spirit gear, gift certificates to local establishments, attendance at special assemblies.

**Off Campus Lunch Pass:** Beginning in 2014-15, Seniors who achieved a GPA of 2.5 or higher the previous semester, have less than 3 day unexcused in a 6 week grading period (@semester 9 days), no F’s, and no classes/Plato to makeup not including A-G are eligible for an off campus lunch pass their senior year so long as their parents sign the parent permission form.

**Senior Awards:** Every year, seniors are recognized for their four years of effort. Many awards are given to seniors for a variety of accomplishments.

**Extracurricular Activities:** Students are only eligible to purchase tickets and/or attend extracurricular activities if they maintain positive school behavior. Students with poor discipline may not attend extracurricular activities.

## **12) Safe and Drug Free School**

### **BP 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools**

The Governing Board recognizes that smoking and other uses of tobacco and nicotine products constitute a serious public health hazard and are inconsistent with district goals to provide a healthy environment for students and staff.

The Board prohibits smoking and/or the use of tobacco products at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles. (Health and Safety Code 104420, 104559)

These prohibitions apply to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Any written joint use agreement governing community use of district facilities or grounds shall include notice of the district's tobacco-free schools policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, tobacco, or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or form, and includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates aerosol or vapor or of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking. (Business and Professions Code 22950.5; Education Code 48901)

Tobacco products include: (Business and Professions Code 22950.5; Education Code 48901)

1. Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff
2. An electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah
3. Any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately

This policy does not prohibit the use or possession of prescription products and other cessation aids that have been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, such as nicotine patch or gum.

Smoking or use of any tobacco-related product or disposal of any tobacco-related waste is prohibited within 25 feet of any playground, except on a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of the playground. In addition, any form of intimidation, threat, or retaliation against a person for attempting to enforce this policy is prohibited. (Health and Safety Code 104495)

### **AR 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools Notifications**

Information about the district's tobacco-free schools policy and enforcement procedures shall be communicated clearly to employees, parents/guardians, students, and the community. (Health and Safety Code 104420)

The Superintendent or designee may disseminate this information through annual written notifications, district and school web sites, student and parent handbooks, and/or other appropriate methods of communication.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs stating "Tobacco use is prohibited" are prominently displayed at all entrances to school property. (Health and Safety Code 104420, 104559)

#### Enforcement/Discipline

Any employee or student who violates the district's tobacco-free schools policy shall be asked to refrain from smoking and shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate.

Any other person who violates the district's policy on tobacco-free schools shall be informed of the district's policy and asked to refrain from smoking. If the person fails to comply with this request, the Superintendent or designee may:

1. Direct the person to leave school property
2. Request local law enforcement assistance in removing the person from school premises
3. If the person repeatedly violates the tobacco-free schools policy, prohibit him/her from entering district property for a specified period of time

The Superintendent or designee shall not be required to physically eject a nonemployee who is smoking or to request that the nonemployee refrain from smoking under circumstances involving a risk of physical harm to the district or any employee. (Labor Code 6404.5)

#### **BP 3513.4 - Drug And Alcohol Free Schools**

The Governing Board recognizes the need to keep district schools free of drugs and alcohol in order to create a safe and healthy environment conducive to learning and promote student health and well-being. The Board prohibits the possession, use, or sale of drugs and alcohol at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles, unless otherwise permitted by law.

The following substances are prohibited on all district property:

1. Any substance which may not lawfully be possessed, used, or sold in California
2. Cannabis or cannabis products (Health and Safety Code 11362.3; 21 USC 812, 844)
3. Alcoholic beverages, unless approved by the Superintendent or designee for limited purposes specified in Business and Professions Code 25608

Prescription medication, except for prescribed cannabis, may be administered at school in accordance with law, district policy and regulations, and written statements by the parent/guardian and the student's authorized health care provider as applicable.

Information about the district's drug- and alcohol-free schools policy and the consequences for violations shall be communicated clearly to employees, parents/guardians, students, and the community.

#### Enforcement/Discipline

The Superintendent or designee shall take appropriate action to eliminate the possession, use, or sale of alcohol and other drugs and related paraphernalia in district facilities, on district property, in district vehicles, or at school-sponsored activities. As appropriate, he/she may direct anyone violating this policy to leave school property and/or refer the matter to law enforcement.

Students and employees who violate the terms of this policy may be subject to discipline and/or referred to assistance programs in accordance with law and Board policy.

### **Site Procedures**

The Paloma Valley High School/PUHSD health curriculum is designed for the students to gain knowledge and develop life skills in the many areas of health which include: mental & emotional health; family living; growth & development; nutrition; personal health; alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; communicable & chronic diseases; injury prevention & safety; consumer & community health; and environmental health.

Teachers, administration, classified staff members, parents, and members of the community have the opportunity to assist in and support these programs. A site coordinator, in collaboration with the administration and the district SDFS Coordinator directs our Safe & Drug Free Schools effort.

To ensure proper campus supervision and student safety, Paloma Valley employs five, eight-hour campus supervisors and four, five-hour campus supervisors to assure a safe and secure environment for the student population. Particular attention is paid to supervision during the nutrition and lunch periods. One campus supervisor works until 6:00 pm to ensure that everyone on campus after school hours has a purpose for being there.

## **13) Hate Violence**

### **EC 200 - All Access to Schools**

It is the policy of the State of California to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of their disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, including immigration status, equal rights, and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state. The purpose of this chapter is to prohibit acts that are contrary to that policy and to provide remedies therefor.

(Amended by Stats. 2017, Ch. 493, Sec. 2. (AB 699) Effective January 1, 2018.)

### **EC 233 - Hate Violence Prevention**

- A. At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education shall do all of the following as long as the board's actions do not result in a state mandate or an increase in costs to a state or local program:
  1. Adopt policies directed toward creating a school environment in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, that is free from discriminatory attitudes and practices and acts of hate violence.
  2. Revise, as needed, and in accordance with the State Board of Education's adopted Schedule for Curriculum Framework Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials developed pursuant to Section 60200, the state curriculum frameworks and guidelines and the moral and civic education curricula to include human relations education, with the aim of fostering

- an appreciation of the diversity of California's population and discouraging the development of discriminatory attitudes and practices.
3. Establish guidelines for use in teacher and administrator in-service training programs to promote an appreciation of diversity and to discourage the development of discriminatory attitudes and practices that prevent pupils from achieving their full potential.
  4. Establish guidelines for use in teacher and administrator in-service training programs designed to enable teachers and administrators to prevent and respond to acts of hate violence occurring on their school campuses.
  5. Establish guidelines designed to raise the awareness and sensitivity of teachers, administrators, and school employees to potentially prejudicial and discriminatory behavior and to encourage the participation of these groups in these programs.
  6. Develop guidelines relating to the development of nondiscriminatory instructional and counseling methods.
  7. Revise any appropriate guidelines previously adopted by the board to include procedures for preventing and responding to acts of hate violence.
- B. The State Department of Education, in accordance with policies established by the State Board of Education for purposes of this subdivision, shall do all of the following:
1. Prepare guidelines for the design and implementation of local programs and instructional curricula that promote understanding, awareness, and appreciation of the contributions of people with diverse backgrounds and of harmonious relations in a diverse society. The guidelines shall include methods of evaluating the programs and curricula and suggested procedures to ensure coordination of the programs and curricula with appropriate local public and private agencies.
  2. Provide grants, from funds appropriated for that purpose, to school districts and county offices of education to develop programs and curricula consistent with the guidelines developed in paragraph (1).
  3. To the extent possible, provide advice and direct services, consistent with the guidelines developed in paragraph (1), to school districts and county offices of education that implement the programs and curricula developed in paragraph (2).
- C. The State Board of Education shall carry out this section only if private funds, in an amount sufficient to pay for related State Department of Education staff activities on behalf of the board, are made available.
- D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the governing board of a school district to offer any ethnic studies or human relations courses in the district.
- E. As used in this section, "hate violence" means any act punishable under Section 422.6, 422.7, or 422.75 of the Penal Code.  
(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 955, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2001.)

### **EC 48900.3 - Act of Hate Violence**

In addition to the reasons set forth in Sections 48900 and 48900.2, a pupil in any of grades 4 to 12, inclusive, may be suspended from school or recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of, hate violence, as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 233.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 646, Sec. 25. Effective January 1, 2000.)

### **Site Procedures**

The first priority of all PVHS staff members is to ensure a positive school environment where students feel safe both physically and emotionally; we want our students to want to come to school. In addition, we provide a climate where staff members feel safe and comfortable helping kids learn. We have multiple opportunities where staff can express concerns and suggestions for making the campus safer. These opportunities include: School Safety Committee, Department Chair Leadership Committee, School Site Council, WASC Leadership Team, and the WASC Parent Leadership Team. In addition, all four administrators promote an “open door” policy where any staff member can walk in and share concerns or suggestions for making the school safer. Paloma Valley High School utilizes a variety of staff to reduce and avoid violence on campus. All staff members deal on a daily basis with students who may have minor conflicts on campus. In addition to the Lead Campus Supervisor and seven Campus Supervisors, a full-time school psychologist, five counselors, principal, and three assistant principals are on site to counsel students regarding peer relationships, conflict mediation, anger management, teen dating violence, and crisis intervention. In addition, we have two teachers who are released from teaching classes three periods per day who are also available to counsel and work with students on issues in their specific areas. These individuals are the ASB Advisor and Athletic Director. Although Paloma Valley does not have a School Resource Officer, we access the Youth Accountability Team (YAT) for serious conflicts that may carry over into our community.

Paloma Valley is currently participating in a grant program titled the Safe & Supportive Schools Grant or S3 Grant. Through this grant, we have a grant coordinator who is responsible for many activities that help make the campus more positive and safe. One of the most important topics is to advertise and recruit students who participate in support groups that help them address topics like self-esteem, depression, violence and drug and alcohol abuse. The goal of the grant is to make the campus a positive and safe place where students want to be involved.

Paloma Valley High School recognizes that gangs exist in Riverside County and that some students are aware of gangs in the vicinity. Some students may even have gang affiliations. Currently, Paloma Valley does not have any identified gang activity. Gang activity is not allowed on the campus. The Governing Board desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which exhibit drug use, violence or disruptive behavior. The Principal or designee shall take steps to deter gang intimidation of students and staff and confrontations between members of different gangs. If gang activity becomes prevalent, school personnel will attempt to track any gang affiliation and report it to the local law enforcement. The school will request that this information then be forwarded to the Gang Task Force.

Clothing that may have gang implications is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, belt buckles with gang-related insignia, sports team designations that are gang related, and any form of “tagging”.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide in-service training which helps staff to identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations or disruptive activities,

and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Although gang activity is not present at Paloma Valley, the school has offered gang awareness meetings for parents and staff.

In order to discourage the influence of gangs, school staff shall take the following measures:

- Any student displaying behavior, gestures, apparel, or paraphernalia indicative of gang affiliation shall be referred to the principal or designee.
- The student’s parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff.
- The student may be sent home to change clothes if necessary. (cf. 5132 – Dress and Grooming)
- Staff members shall be provided with the names of known gang members.
- Students who seek help in rejecting gang associations may be referred to community-based gang suppression and prevention organizations. (cf. 1020 – Youth Services)
- Any gang graffiti on school premises shall be removed, washed down, or painted over as soon as discovered. A custodian arrives to work at 6:00 am. His first priority is to inspect the campus for graffiti or vandalism and cover and or repair it before students and staff arrive. Custodians and campus supervisors continuously inspect the campus for graffiti during the day as well. In addition, Paloma Valley has an extensive camera surveillance system that monitors activity after hours and notifies the plant supervisor or administration regarding all suspicious activity.
- Graffiti shall be photographed before it is removed. These photographs shall be shared with local law enforcement authorities and used for future disciplinary or criminal action against the offenders.

#### 14) School Resource Officer and Nurses Information

<b>School Resource Officer Contact</b>	
School Site	Officer
PHS,	Deputy Greco
PVHS	Deputy Chafin
HHS	Deputy Magdaleno
PLHS, CDS & PMS	Call dispatch- Patrol

#### **School Threat Assessment and Response (STAR)**

The nation continues to be stunned by violent threats or incidents involving students on school campuses. Research indicates these potentially violent youth do not just snap; rather, they exhibit warning signs prior to acting out. The Secret Service found that in more than 75% of the incidents they studied, other youth knew about the attack before it occurred, and an adult had expressed concerns about the student. In more than half of the cases, more than one person had expressed concern. Over half of the attackers developed the idea to harm the target at least two weeks prior to the incident. Noting the devastation and wishing to avoid the tragic experiences of other communities which have suffered



senseless violence on school campuses, a Multi-Agency Team (MAT) has been comprised, consisting of the Superior Court of CA in Riverside, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the Probation Department, the District Attorney's Office, Department of Public Social Services and Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health, the Riverside County Office of Education, and local school districts.

This Protocol is to be used in school-related incidents for prevention, threat assessment, intervention, and response to youth who are at risk to commit or have committed a violent act. Members of the MAT have agreed to the uniform implementation, enforcement, and reporting of incidents involving youth and guns/explosive devices or threat of great harm to students, schools, or school staff. Based upon law enforcement's assessment of the situation, the Protocol may also be used for other weapon or broad ranging criminal threat offenses.

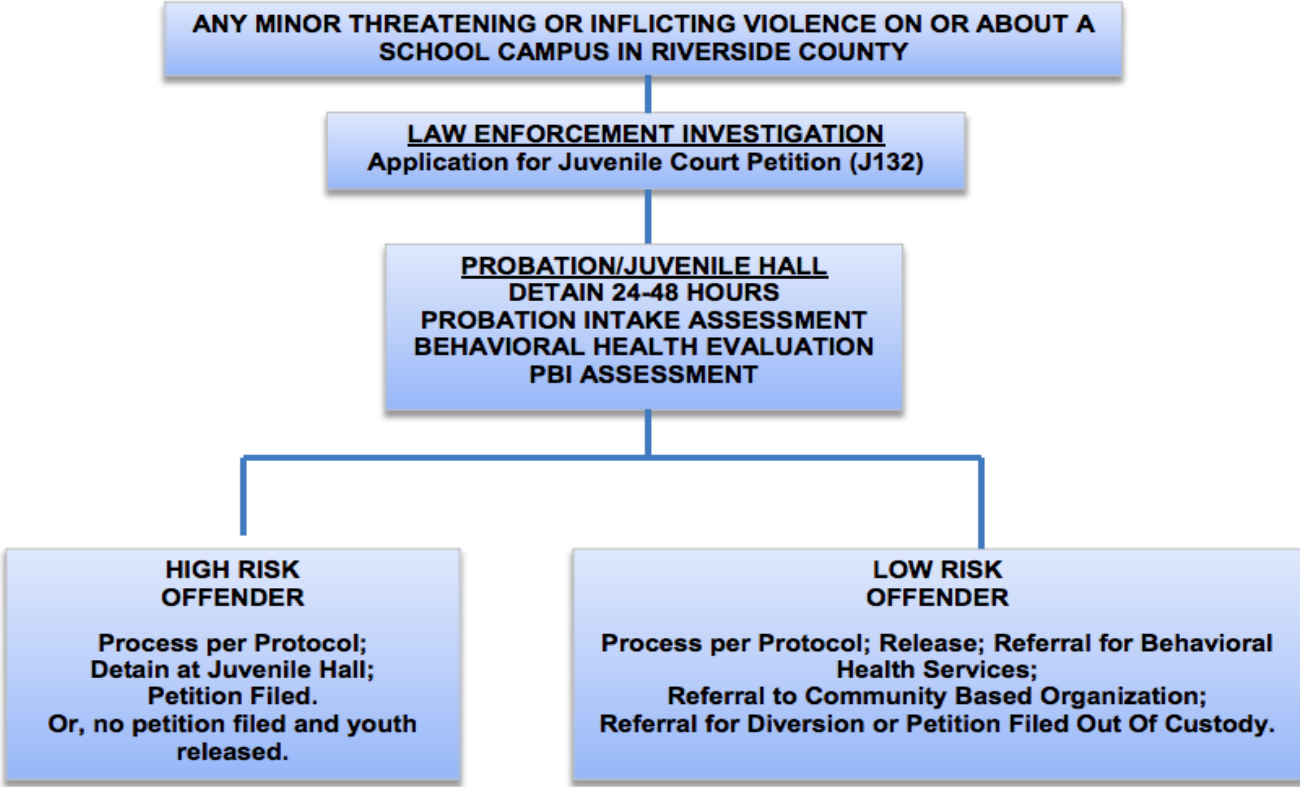
The members of the Multi-Agency Team (MAT) have also agreed in principle that:

1. Law Enforcement will investigate and prepare a written report of the circumstances of the incident. They will expand the investigation by contacting the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) and make a home visit to conduct a safety evaluation.
2. The Probation Department (Probation) will detain the youth at Juvenile Hall pursuant to a law violation. The Detention Control Officer will notify the Juvenile Field Intake Unit of the youth being detained under the STAR Protocol. Information and assessment from the combined members of the team will be used to determine future intervention strategies, including continued detention.
3. The Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) will make information available concerning the youth to the appropriate agencies, and serve as a liaison between MAT and local school districts.
4. The Riverside University Health System – Department of Behavioral Health (Behavioral Health) will administer and interpret the results of the Problem Behavior Inventory assessment tool within 24 hours of the youth being booked into Juvenile Hall, and complete an evaluation to determine if the youth is a danger to themselves or others. Information from other cooperating agencies will be considered while completing the assessment, which will be shared with members of the team where appropriate, pursuant to rules and regulations regarding confidentiality.
5. The District Attorney's Office (District Attorney) will review all reports for legal sufficiency and prosecute any youth found to have threatened great harm to students, schools, or school staff, or youth in possession of a gun, explosive device, or other dangerous weapon on a school campus. Prosecution against the parent, legal guardian, or responsible party will be enforced when appropriate. The District Attorney's Office will coordinate with the MAT to ensure the interests of public safety and the youth are protected.
6. The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Child Protective Services Division (CPS) will respond upon request from law enforcement to conduct a

family and child welfare assessment to determine the overall well-being and functioning of other children in the home. CPS will also research its database to determine if there is an open file or CPS history on the youth or their family and share the information with the MAT.

7. The Juvenile Court judge will hear and make an order on School Threat Assessment and Response cases whenever a Juvenile Court petition has been filed.
8. The STAR Protocol will be reviewed and updated biennially.

**Community Response Plan Diagram**



<b>School Nurse Contact</b>	
<b>School Site</b>	<b>Nurse</b>
CMI	Amanda Horta
Heritage High School	Bevy Escobar
Paloma Valley High School	Amanda Horta
Perris High School	Bevy Escobar
Perris Lake High School	Bevy Escobar
Pinacate Middle School	Amanda Horta

## **15) Other conflict resolutions programs**

### **CPI Nonviolent Crisis Intervention for staff**

(Obtain list of currently trained staff from Risk Management) Any staff members

### **Peer Leaders Uniting Students (PLUS)**

Paloma Valley has been a leader in implementing Peer Leaders Uniting Students (PLUS). We have a class which meets every day and trains students to facilitate discussion in PLUS forums on topics relevant to high school students. Approximately 80 students are randomly selected each month to participate in PLUS forums. The topics are relevant to sensitive issues that high school students encounter. Our school has found PLUS forums to be highly successful.

### **After School Activity Program**

Paloma Valley offers 25 extracurricular clubs for students to join. These clubs meet after school and on weekends. Many of these clubs are service-related and provide opportunities for students to serve their community.

### **Anger Management Program**

Through Positive Solutions staff, we offer anger management to small groups of students as the need arises on Monday's periods 6 and 7.

### **Community/parent partnerships**

We have worked hard to develop a strong Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) which emphasizes partnering with the school in community outreach opportunities. We want our students to learn to serve their community and we want the community to know that we are a "community school" that exists to support their needs. Some of these activities include: "Veteran's Day recognition," "Susan Komen Race for the Cure" and "Princess for an Evening" prom dress collection/distribution.

### **BP 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation**

To promote student safety and contribute to the maintenance of a positive school climate, the Governing Board encourages the development of school-based conflict resolution programs designed to help students learn constructive ways of handling conflict. The Board believes that such programs can reduce violence and promote communication, personal responsibility and problem-solving skills among students.

Conflict resolution strategies shall be considered as part of each school's comprehensive safety plan and incorporated into other district discipline procedures as appropriate.

Conflict resolution programs shall not supplant the authority of staff to take appropriate

action as necessary to prevent violence, ensure student safety, maintain order in the school, and institute disciplinary measures.

Schoolwide programs may include curriculum in conflict resolution, including, but not limited to, instruction in effective communication and listening, critical thinking, problem-solving processes and the use of negotiation to find mutually acceptable solutions. In addition, the curriculum may address students' ethical and social development, respect for diversity, and interpersonal and behavioral skills.

Conflict resolution programs may incorporate peer mediation strategies in which selected students are specially trained to work with their peers in resolving conflicts.

Students' participation in any peer mediation program shall be voluntary and kept confidential by all parties involved.

In developing a conflict resolution and/or peer mediation program, school-site teams shall address, as appropriate:

1. The grade levels and courses in which the conflict resolution curriculum shall be delivered
2. Staff development related to the implementation of the curriculum and modeling of appropriate behaviors and communication skills
3. The selection of peer mediators involving, to the extent possible, a cross-section of students in terms of grade, gender, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, and including some students who exhibit negative leadership among peers
4. Training and support for peer mediators, including training in mediation processes and in the skills related to understanding conflict, communicating effectively and listening
5. The process for identifying and referring students to the peer mediation program
6. The types of conflicts suitable for peer mediation
7. Scheduling and location of peer mediation sessions
8. Methods of obtaining and recording agreement from all disputants
9. The appropriate involvement of parents/guardians, the community and staff, including counseling/guidance and security staff
10. Communications to students, parents/guardians and staff regarding the availability of the program
11. Methods of following up with students to determine the effectiveness of the process
12. Development of assessment tools to periodically evaluate the success of the program including, but not limited to, measurements of whether there has been a reduction in violence at the school and whether the school's suspension rates have fallen since the program has been introduced

### **Site Procedures**

The Paloma Valley staff teaches students to resolve their issues in a positive manner before allowing the issue to result in a physical altercation. Students are taught to take all precautions to avoid conflict escalation and violent situations. Students are welcome to walk-in and visit any administrator, counselor or teacher regarding conflicts that surface either at school or through electronic communication. In addition, campus supervisors are trained and expected to communicate with students in a positive manner, listen to their concerns and encourage students to resolve their issues in a positive manner. Each week, the lead campus supervisor serves on the “Cabinet” committee and shares the current “pulse” of the campus and alerts administration, counseling, the athletic director and ASB advisor of potential student problems and “hot spots” on campus. Administration, in turn, pro-actively plans ahead to prevent problems from escalating.

As administration and counselors become involved in more serious issues, the Perris District Director of Child Welfare and Attendance as well as the Riverside County Youth Accountability Team (YAT) are brought in to intervene. As a final step, law enforcement is contacted.

## **16) Integrated Pest Management Plan**

### **Healthy Schools Act of 2000**

In September 2000 Governor Davis signed into law the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (Assembly Bill 2260). This law requires schools to notify parents, guardians and school employees about pesticides used in their schools, and require the Department of Pesticide Regulation to promote the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) practices in California schools. Most provisions of the law took effect January 1, 2001.

### **School District requirements of the Law**

- Notification of all pesticide products the school District expects to use on school grounds must be sent annually to parents or guardians of all students. These products include over-the-counter pesticides available at retail outlets, but do not include certain products exempted under the law. The notifications must list the active ingredients in each pesticide product and the Internet address for the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to access additional information.
- Each school will establish a list of parents or guardians who want to be notified before individual pesticide applications are made.
- Each school district will ensure that warning notices are posted in areas where pesticides will be applied. These signs will be posted 24 hours in advance and 72 hours after application of pesticides, and will contain information as specified in the law.
- Each school will maintain records of all pesticide use at the school for four years and the records will be available to the public upon request.

### **Perris Union High School District’s Integrated Pest Management Plan**

We have implemented a database application and other related systems to ensure that our District is in compliance with the law. In addition we have developed an “Integrated Pest Management Plan” that utilizes regular monitoring and record keeping determining if and when treatments are needed, and employs a combination of strategies and tactics to keep pest numbers low enough to prevent unacceptable damage or annoyance.

#### Important Guidelines

These guidelines should be followed by all staff to assist in effectively managing the use of pesticides on our sites:

- Site staff should notify their site administrator when pest control is needed.
- Administrative staff should notify Maintenance and Operations via a work order when pest control is needed.
- Staff must not use any type of pest control chemicals at any school site.
- Staff should eliminate food stuffs in their work areas that might attract pests, i.e., cakes, cookies, candies, sack lunches, sugary beverages, etc.

For immediate pest control response, i.e. swarming bees or ants, Maintenance & Operations should be contacted via phone @ (951) 943-6369, x80252.

## **17) Injury and Illness Prevention**

### **Perris Union High School District’s Injury and Illness Prevention Plan**

The Perris Union High School District is committed to providing a safe and healthful workplace for all of its employees and to providing a safe and healthful facility for all students and site visitors. To fulfill its obligation the District has incorporated an Injury and Illness Prevention Program. The intent of this Program is to prevent or minimize the probability of injuries and illnesses to workers, students and visitors, and to comply with applicable State, Federal and local health and safety codes, standards and regulations.

The Injury and Illness Prevention Program is intended to standardize various safety programs and procedures into one effective, uniform program and to ensure compliance with State and Federal safety regulations.

The Program identifies the District’s responsibilities and also defines responsibilities of the Program Coordinator, administrators, managers, supervisors and all other employees.

The components described in the District’s IIPP are:

- Communication
- Identification & Evaluation of Workplace Hazards
- Corrections of Unsafe or Unhealthful Conditions
- Investigations of Occupational Injury, Illness or Exposure to Hazardous Substances
- Employee Training
- Record Keeping

- Plan Review

The District, its Board and its management pledges support of this Program to ensure that it remains a viable method of protecting all employees and all other site occupants.

## **18) Site Safety Inspection Checklists**

### **BP 3514.1 – Hazardous Substances**

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students and employees from exposure to any potentially hazardous substances used in the district's educational program and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment.

Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. When hazardous substances must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all potentially hazardous substances on district properties are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a written hazard communication program in accordance with 8 CCR 5194 and shall ensure that employees, students, and others as necessary are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include the development and implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in accordance with 8 CCR 5191 and instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

The Superintendent or designee shall not order or purchase for use in grades K-6 any arts and crafts materials containing a substance determined by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to be toxic. The Superintendent or designee shall not purchase any such toxic material for use in grades 7-12 unless it includes a warning label as specified in Education Code 32065 that identifies any toxic ingredients, warns of potential adverse health effects, and describes procedures for safe use and storage. (Education Code 32064)

### **AR 3514.1 – Hazardous Substances**

Cautionary Notice 2013-14: AB 110 (Ch. 20, Statutes of 2013) amended Government Code 17581.5 to relieve districts from the obligation, until July 1, 2014, to perform any activities that are deemed to be reimbursable state mandates under that section. As a result, certain provisions of the following policy or administrative regulation that reflect those requirements may be suspended.

Hazardous substance means a substance, material, or mixture which is likely to cause illness or injury by reason of being explosive, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, oxidizing, an irritant, or otherwise harmful. Hazardous substances, as identified by the Department of Industrial Relations, are listed in 8 CCR 339. (8 CCR 339, 5161)  
Storage and Disposal of Chemicals

The Superintendent or designee shall adopt measures to ensure that hazardous substances on any district property are stored and disposed of properly in accordance with law. Such measures shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (8 CCR 5164)

1. Substances which react violently or evolve toxic vapors or gases when mixed, or which in combination become toxic, flammable, explosive, or otherwise hazardous, shall be separated from each other in storage by distance, partitions, secondary containment, or otherwise so as to preclude accidental contact between them.
2. Hazardous substances shall be stored in containers which are chemically inert to and appropriate for the type and quantity of the hazardous substance.
3. Containers of hazardous substances shall not be stored in such locations or manner as to result in physical damage to or deterioration of the container or where they are exposed to heat sufficient to rupture the container or to cause leakage.
4. Containers used to package a substance which gives off toxic, poisonous, corrosive, asphyxiant, suffocant, or anesthetic fumes, gases, or vapors in hazardous amounts, excluding small quantities of such materials kept in closed containers or materials kept in tank cars or trucks, shall not be stored in locations where it could be reasonably anticipated that persons would be exposed.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly remove and dispose of all chemicals whose estimated shelf life has elapsed. (Education Code 49411)

#### Hazard Communication Program

The district's written hazard communication program shall include at least the components listed below and shall be available upon request to all employees and their designated representatives. The program shall apply to any hazardous substance which is known to be present in the workplace in such a manner that employees may be exposed under normal conditions of use or in a reasonably foreseeable emergency resulting from workplace operations. (8 CCR 5194)



1. Container Labeling

No container of hazardous substance, unless exempted by law, shall be accepted by the district or any district school unless labeled, tagged, or marked by the supplier with the identity of the hazardous substance, hazard warning statements, and the name and address of the chemical manufacturer or importer. No label on an incoming container shall be removed or intentionally defaced unless the container is immediately marked with the required information.

Whenever hazardous substances are transferred from their original containers to other containers, the secondary containers shall likewise be labeled with the identity and hazard warning statement, unless the substances are intended only for the immediate use of the employee who performs the transfer.

2. Safety Data Sheets

Upon receiving a hazardous substance or mixture, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the manufacturer or importer has furnished a safety data sheet (SDS) as required by law. If the SDS is missing or obviously incomplete, the Superintendent or designee shall, within seven working days of noting the missing or incomplete information, request a new SDS from the manufacturer or importer. If a response is not received within 25 working days, the Superintendent or designee shall send a copy of the district's written inquiry to the California Occupational Safety and Health Division (Cal/OSHA). (8 CCR 5194)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the required SDS for each hazardous substance in the workplace and shall ensure that it is readily accessible to employees in their work area during working hours. The SDS may be maintained in paper copy, electronically, or through other means, provided that employees have immediate access and understand how to use the alternative system.

3. Employee Information and Training

Employees shall receive information and training on hazardous substances in their work area at the time of their initial assignment and whenever a new hazard is introduced into their work area. The information and training shall include, but are not limited to, the following topics: (8 CCR 5194)

- a. The requirements of 8 CCR 5194, including employee rights described therein
- b. The location and availability of the district's written hazard communication program, including the list of hazardous materials and all SDS
- c. Any operations in the work area where hazardous substances are present
- d. The physical and health effects of the hazardous substances in the work area

- e. Methods and observations that may be used to detect the presence or release of hazardous substances in the work area
  - f. Measures that employees can take to protect themselves from exposure to hazardous substances, including specific procedures the district has implemented to protect employees, such as appropriate work practices, emergency procedures, and personal protective equipment to be used
  - g. How to read and use the labels and SDS
4. List of Hazardous Substances  
The written hazard communication program shall include a list of the hazardous substances known to be present in the workplace as a whole or for individual work areas. (8 CCR 5194)
  5. Hazardous Nonroutine Tasks  
When employees are required to perform hazardous nonroutine tasks or to work on unlabeled pipes that contain hazards, they shall first receive information about the specific hazards to which they may be exposed during this activity and the protective/safety measures which must be used, such as ventilation, respirators, other personal protective equipment, and/or the presence of another employee. They shall also receive information about emergency procedures to follow if accidentally exposed to the hazardous substance.
  6. Information to Contractors  
To ensure that outside contractors and their employees work safely in district facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall inform contractors of hazardous substances which are present on the site and precautions that they may take to lessen the possibility of exposure. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to disseminate this information to his/her employees and subcontractors.

#### Chemical Hygiene Plan

The district's chemical hygiene plan shall address exposure to hazardous chemicals in school laboratories and shall include the following components: (8 CCR 5191)

1. Standard operating procedures relevant to safety and health considerations to be followed when laboratory work involves the use of hazardous chemicals
2. Criteria that the district will use to determine and implement control measures to reduce exposure to hazardous chemicals, including engineering controls, the use of personal protective equipment, and hygiene practices
3. A requirement that protective equipment comply with state regulations and that specific measures be taken to ensure proper and adequate performance of such equipment

4. Provision of specified information at the time of an employee's initial assignment to a work area where hazardous chemicals are present and prior to assignments involving new exposure situations
5. Provision of specified employee training in accordance with the schedule determined by the Superintendent or designee
6. The circumstances under which a particular laboratory operation, procedure, or activity shall require prior approval of the Superintendent or designee before implementation
7. Provisions for medical consultations and examinations whenever there is evidence, as specified, that the employee may have been exposed to a hazardous chemical
8. Designation of employee(s), who is/are qualified by training or experience, to serve as the district's chemical hygiene officer to provide technical guidance in the development and implementation of the chemical hygiene plan
9. Provisions for additional employee protection for work with particularly hazardous substances, as specified

The plan shall be readily available to employees and employee representatives, and, upon request, to Cal/OSHA. (8 CCR 5191)

The Superintendent or designee shall review and evaluate the effectiveness of the chemical hygiene plan at least annually and shall update it as necessary. (8 CCR 5191)

### **Site Procedures**

Paloma Valley High School participates in regular safety inspections conducted by campus staff. The purpose of safety inspections is to help identify and evaluate unsafe conditions.

Safety inspections are part of the District's written Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

Some areas on the checklist include but are not limited to athletic facilities, grounds & fields, multi-use rooms, gymnasiums & theaters.

Paloma Valley High School participates in District-wide Hazardous Materials Inspections.

The District's Third Party Administrator conducts an annual Hazardous Materials Inventory and Inspection throughout the Perris Union High School District.

The purpose of the inspection is to assist our District in obtaining a current, detailed inventory of hazardous material supplies on school sites and throughout the District and to meet the regulatory requirements under Hazard Communication: Right-to-Understand (GHS), Hazardous Materials Disclosure Laws, and as required by Cal/OSHA – CCR, Title 8, Section 5194.

The inventory not only provides information to management, it is also a valuable tool to be used to monitor and control chemicals in the workplace.

The inspection also provides the District with a hazardous materials survey that addresses and identifies specific conditions regarding storage, labeling, compatibility, fire extinguishers, eyewash stations, etc., which were present at the time of the inventory.

Using the chemical inventories, District staff put together binders that contain Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for each item listed. These binders can be found in the staff workrooms or lounges, in the science chemical storerooms, and in the custodial closets. In addition, electronic SDS folders have been created and are located at <http://puhsd.ca.schoolsmsds.com>.

## **Section IV – Recommendations for Improvement Instructions**

### **1) Action Plan “People and Programs” (Component 1)**

**Site Action Plan** (*Look at your site data, “Healthy Kids Survey” or any other surveys taken to see if current programs are working. Where do they need to be improved?*)

1. **CAT CODE (Character, Attendance, Trustworthiness)** -- CAT Code was introduced in 2019 as a positive behavior recognition system. Every site staff member was encouraged to recognize the good we have in our students and nominate them for the reward. Recipients of the award are given a certificate and CAT Code shirt to wear at school. Students who are nominated more than once

receive a gift card. The program is still in its infancy, but has already acknowledged more than 200 students displaying amazing behavior on campus.

2. **SALT Team** (Student-Admin Leadership Team)-- Started in the fall of 2016, the administrative team in conjunction with the ASB President started SALT with the intent to connect the culture and vision of the adults with the students. Bi-weekly meetings include administrators and approximately 10 student leaders (from ASB, athletics, ROTC, Black Student Union, clubs, PLUS, Link, AVID) to discuss current issues on campus, calendar of events, and solutions. Morale and connection within the student body and administration has seen significant improvement.
3. **PLUS (Peer Leaders Uniting Students)** program. A PLUS class, where students receive ongoing training to facilitate small groups and address difficult issues that arise on campus, has been a continually supported and celebrated program that reaches out to our at-risk students. Our PLUS program meetings one day per month for community “Forums” where approximately 70 students are invited to meet, discuss, and participate in activities that allow them to share their views on topics that are challenging for teenagers such as relationships, drugs, violence, challenges of school, and depression. The coordinator of the PLUS program also works closely with our teachers of the Severely Handicapped. The PLUS students have created an annual tradition of having a Prom Dance for the Severely Handicapped students. Since re-introducing PLUS in 2010, we have seen a decline in discipline, bullying, and student conflicts, despite an increase in student enrollment.
4. Paloma Valley has a student **Link Crew**, a large organization of students whose purpose is to help incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students with the difficult transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Currently, their focus is to work with students during the “Freshmen Orientation Day” in August. Although this continues to prove to be a successful day, we continue brainstorming ways to further connect our 9<sup>th</sup> graders to school activities as the year progresses. Efforts from Link Crew as well as other inclusive programs on campus have resulted in fewer referrals and discipline issues on our campus.
5. The **Paloma Achievement Committee** was created in the fall of 2016 to target the highest 1% at-risk students that were non-SpEd on the PVHS campus for issues related to truancy, defiance, violence, and social issues. The goal is to avoid escalations in suspension/expulsion and other events and identify other means of intervention. The team involves identifying key students, having a intervention team (admin, counselor, teachers, parents, SRO, psychologists) who assess the student and potential services, then coordinate an SST meeting with the student to develop a PAC plan. In the 2016-17 school year, 25 students have been identified at PAC students. As of the 2018-2019 school year, we have reduced the number to 12, none of which have been expelled, and significant decreases in suspensions since placed on the intervention plan.
6. The 2018-19 school year has seen an expansion of the **PBIS** awareness and implementation that manifested into **MTSS**. During staff professional development times (pre-fall and pre-spring), basic PBIS classroom strategies and protocols are modeled and explained. The language of the the discipline office has now shifted to “Behavioral Support,” and restorative justice techniques are being used to reconcile disputes. An MTSS Committee was developed consisting of teachers, classified staff, students, and parents. The Committee meets monthly.

The 19-20 school year has seen an expansion of MTSS presence on campus with monthly school wide focuses. The systems of support are now streamlined and teachers are more aware of interventions in play. The security teams are reporting less tension and incidents.

7. **Future plans** for PVHS include further development of the PAC team, administrative outreach to the Freshman Foundation courses and Credit Recovery courses, as well as the athletic PE courses. There is the additional goal to raise club participation and development, and attain full connection of students to some kind of extra-curricular activity.

## 2) Action Plan “Physical Environment” (Component 2)

**Site Action Plan** - (Create a *physical environment that communicates respect* for learning and for individuals.)

1. Campus supervisor relationships and geographic placement on campus has been a priority to recognize and be in position to observe student behavior and incidents. In 2019-2020 school year we gained an additional Campus Supervisor and adjusted hours to better meet the campus needs. Supervision is focusing primarily on providing better coverage during nutrition, both lunches, and passing periods. Administrators assist in supervising students during breaks and lunch. Campus Supervisors were given areas on the campus, divided into 9 areas.
2. Recent construction led to the ability to walk behind the kitchen for easier and faster routes between classes. An additional building was added to campus to incorporate 10 more classrooms and a plaza area for student to have more seating at lunch and space to spread out; deucing tension.
3. Our custodial crews have increased their focus on maintaining the cleanliness of student restrooms. We shifted one custodian from working the night crew to working a day shift; we now have two custodians on campus during the day. These two custodians have staggered start times so that the campus has custodial coverage throughout the entire time that students are on campus. These two custodians focus first on checking, stocking and cleaning the student restrooms. Their second focus is on picking up trash from the campus. In addition, administrators regularly pick-up trash in the quad so that students see the importance of throwing away their trash. As a result of all these efforts, our student restrooms are cleaner and our campus has less trash. Finally, we have assigned campus supervisor’s to check student restrooms throughout the morning before school begins and regularly throughout the day. Since implementing this responsibility, we have found that we have less smoking in the restrooms before school and our restrooms are cleaner throughout the day. By making a clean campus a school priority by all staff and students, Paloma Valley is recognized as a meticulously clean high school facility.

4. In efforts to increase school pride and spirit, PVHS administration has reached out to our creative arts classrooms and teachers and commissioned paintings and murals that are now on display in the administrative offices.
5. ASB also purchased school pride shirts for each student. During “walk around” days, each freshman student was given a maroon shirt with their graduating class year on it. 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students are given a class shirt every other year after their freshman year. Students were encouraged to wear their shirt on the first day of school and subsequent Fridays. A sea of maroon is often visible on any day of the week.
6. Future plans include the track being redone, pool being built, moving the Administration building to the front of the school, and a student union.