



DATE: March 19, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Kerstin Kramer, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: First Read of Proposed Revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144 Discipline

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Annamarie Cohen, Executive Director of Student Services

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Policy updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 291, 2023)** which, beginning with the 2024-25 school year, prohibits a school staff member from denying a student's recess unless the student's participation poses an immediate threat to the physical safety of the student or one or more of the student's peers. Additionally, policy updated to clarify that the Governing Board may, but is not required, to review approved discipline rules for consistency with Board policy and state law. In addition, policy updated to include interventions and supports to students as a priority in determining appropriate discipline.

Regulation updated to clarify that "junior high" and "high school students" are interpreted to mean students in grades 7-12, which affects the list of representatives for the development of site-level disciplinary rules, and that supervised suspension is one of the means of discipline that may be used when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct. Additionally, regulation updated to reflect **NEW LAW (SB 10, 2023)** which expresses the legislative intent that districts use alternatives to a referral of a student to a law enforcement agency in response to an incident involving the student's misuse of an opioid to the extent that the alternative is not in conflict with any other law requiring a referral, and that a multi-tiered system of supports may be utilized, **NEW LAW (AB 1165, 2023)** which encourages districts to have a student who has been suspended, or for whom other means of correction have been implemented, for an incident of racist bullying, harassment, or intimidation, and the victim, to engage in a restorative justice practice suitable to address the needs of both of the students, engage the perpetrator in a culturally sensitive program, and to regularly check on the victim to ensure that the victim is not in danger of suffering from any long-lasting mental health issues, and **NEW LAW (SB 291, 2023)** which, beginning with the 2024-25 school year, prohibits a school staff member from denying a student's recess unless the student's participation poses an immediate threat to the physical safety of the student or one or more of the student's peers.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: N/A

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Attachment: BP/AR 5141.12 5144 Discipline