



## Review of Proposed Board Policy Changes

Superintendent's Report – September 12, 2022

## Section II – Community Relations: Required – Shelley Arrott

**Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act (New):**  
*(Recommended Placement 2.13-2.0. Employee Fundraising would move to 2.13-3.0)*

In addition to the procedure for accepting gifts outlined in the District's Public Gifts to the Schools policy, the District, and approved public school foundations, may also accept financial contributions from individuals and business entities consistent with the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Act, allowing for tax credits to donors.

The policy outlines definitions, application, and details of being approved by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Also included are protocols for information collection, reporting, and notification requirements. A donor form accompanies the policy.

# Section III - Administration: Required – Ryan Dooley

## 3.21-1.0 Internet and Technology Systems Safety (Revised) Required:– Internet and Technology Systems Safety – Currently Policy 3.21-1.0

The proposed RFR Policy suggests a few updates to our policy to align with legislation found in Okla. Stat. tit. 70 § 11-201 as well as giving the district the ability to determine what is “inappropriate” for minors while leaving the terms “minor”, “child pornography”, “harmful to minors”, “obscene,” “technology protection measures,” “sexual act” and “sexual contact” to be defined in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act.

To Further comply with Legislation, the RFR policy suggests the addition of 3 sub sections to the Policy.

**Certification and Verification** – The district is to provide proof that we are following the requirement presented by the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and enforcement of Internet and Technology Safety Policy. This is a process we already follow to receive our E-Rate funding but was not previously required by law. This section also requires us to obtain verification from any digital or online database resources that they follow Oklahoma law and the district’s Internet and Technology Safety Policy. If the provider fails to comply, the district should withhold payment pending compliance.

**Reporting** – If there are any issues with the digital or online library database resources, the district will be required to submit a report the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and President Pro Temp of the Oklahoma State Senate any issues related to compliance or non-compliance as required under Oklahoma Law.

**Employee Liability** – No employee will be exempt from prosecution for willful violations of state laws prohibiting indecent exposure to obscene material or child pornography as provided under Oklahoma law.

# Section III - Administration: Required – Shelley Arrott

## Use of Multiple Occupancy Restrooms and Changing Areas (NEW)-Required: (Recommended Placement 3.22-Community Relations - Policies below will move down)

Pursuant to SB615 (2022), each multioccupancy restroom and changing area located in public schools serving students in prekindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades shall be designated as either for the exclusive use of the male sex or for the exclusive use of the female sex.

Any individual not wishing to comply by using the appropriate restroom or changing room based on sex as defined, will be provided a reasonable accommodation by providing access to a single-occupancy restroom or changing room.

If a student refuses to comply after reasonable accommodations are provided, the student shall be disciplined pursuant to the District's student behavior policy.

If an employee refuses to comply after reasonable accommodations are provided, the employee shall be disciplined pursuant to the District's policy and Oklahoma law based on the employee's position with the District.

Patrons may be removed from the premises for interfering with peaceful orderly conduct in accordance with 21 O.S. §§ 1375 and 1376.

If a complaint is filed with the State Department of Education that the district or an employee is not complying with Oklahoma law on this topic, the board of education will have fifteen (15) days to request an opportunity to appear before the State Board of Education and/or submit a written response to address the allegations.

**Exceptions are provided:** For custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes; or to render emergency medical assistance

## **Section IV- Instruction: Required – Dalana Hawkins**

### **4.2-4.0 Media Center – Selection of Library Books (Revised)** **Required: – Dalana Hawkins**

#### **Additions to existing policy:**

- Define materials
- Include community standards in the existing selection criteria
- Include specifications of censorship in the ‘citizens request for review’ section.

## Section IV- Instruction: Required – Teri Vogele

**4.3 Student Promotion and Retention and Student Pass/Failure of a Course (Revised) Required:** Policy Placement: (This policy is currently under Section IV: Instruction. Under the Heading Mid-Year Promotions and Retained 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders)

Changes or updates to the section of the policy under the above heading were created for guidelines or requirements regarding the Reading Sufficiency Act/RSA law for Mid-Year Promotions. Policy currently outlines that 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students retained due to RSA can only be considered for mid-year promotion before Labor Day. Students must score at the 4.1 Grade Level on the STAR reading assessment or the IOWA Reading Skills Test.

To promote using a Portfolio there must be evidence that the student demonstrates grade level proficiency on OAS as assessed by the OSTP testing program.

Policy Placement: This policy is currently under Section V: Instruction. Under the Heading Mid-Year Promotions and Retained 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders.

## Section VI –Personnel: Required – Teri Vogele

Dyslexia/Dysgraphia Awareness Program (Revised)-Required: (Recommended placement-Section VI-Personnel-6.11, which would move Lactation Policy to 6.12)

Starting with the 2023-24 SY, the annual Professional Development Program shall include information and training regarding Dysgraphia:

- Training in awareness of dyslexia and dysgraphia in students
- Training in effective classroom instruction to meet the needs of the students with dyslexia and dysgraphia and
- Available dyslexia and dysgraphia resources for teachers, students, and parents.

**Note:** PCPS made Dyslexia Training for staff required as part of GCN, since we knew this requirement was coming next year.

## **Section V – Business Management: Required – Brenda Storie**

### **5.2 – 7.0 Procurement (Updated)-Required:**

Sealed bids required for all contracts involving expenditure of \$50,000 or more was changed effective Nov. 1, 2021, to \$100,000 for the purpose of constructing or building or making improvements or repairs to school buildings in accordance with Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974.

Now, sealed bids are required for expenditures more than \$100,000 or for any construction management trade contract or subcontract exceeding \$50,000.



# Section VI –Personnel: Required – Jennifer Dye

## 6.5 Leaves and Vacations (New)-Required: (Recommended Placement – 6.5-7.0)

### Employee Association Leave

- A certified or support employee may request a leave of absence to hold office as an officer of a national, state, or district employee association.
- The board of education may grant the request, but the leave will be without pay and without benefits from the district. The leave will have a clear beginning and end date.
- During the leave, the employee's position with the district will be maintained without advancement on the salary schedule and without accrual of leave. The employee will not accumulate credit within the Teacher's Retirement System of Oklahoma.
- The employee will be prohibited from accessing district office space.

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# Section VII –Students: Required – Dalana Hawkins

## 7.5-4.0 Student Transfers (Revised)-Required:

### Additions to existing policy:

- Add virtual capacity numbers
- Add deadline for principals to notify parents in writing of discontinuation of transfer after first year by July 15
- Change:

For grades 6-12, capacity is set based on the number of ELA teachers at each grade level. To be able to plan for in-district growth, provide adequate staffing, and ensure that teachers do not exceed class size limits set forth in 70 O.S. § 18-113.3:

Capacity for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> is 120 per ELA Teacher

Capacity for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> is 128 per ELA Teacher

- Virtual Capacity:
  - 20 per teacher total in grades K-8
  - 28 per teacher total grades 9-12

## Section VII –Students: Required – Amy Swartz

### Mental Health Accommodations (New)-Required: (Recommended Placement-7.7-5.0)

Pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit 70 § 3-169, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the parent or guardian of a student shall have the option to disclose to the district prior to enrollment that the student has received certain inpatient or emergency outpatient mental health treatment in the previous 24 months so that a meeting can be scheduled to discuss whether the student may require accommodations.

**Note:** At PCPS, we have often had a meeting anyway with parents if/when they provide discharge paperwork from an institution. They are often they are already on a 504 or IEP, but not always.

## Section VII –Students: Required – Amy Swartz

### Student Mental Health Crisis Protocol (New)-Required: (Recommended Placement-VII-7.7-5.0)

As required by Okla. Stat. tit. 70 § 24-159, the District will develop and maintain a protocol for responding to students in mental health crisis with the goal of preventing student suicide, self-harm and harm to others.

**Note:** PCPS has a threat assessment procedure and a self-harm assessment so we will be able to streamline the existing procedures in place, tweak what is necessary, and have it as one crisis protocol. We will be working with Grand Lake Mental Health. We plan to create the one document then meet and go over with a Grand Lake representative for their input as we move forward. We may need an additional agreement with GLMH for crisis response specifically to accompany this policy for the board to consider in October when these policies are considered.

## Section VII –Students: Required – Adam Leaming

Student Identification Cards (New)-Required: (Recommended Placement-VII-7.10)

**STUDENT ID CARDS** - adding suicide hotline information on all future badges on July 2023, or whenever our stock of badges is depleted. Whichever comes last.

Pursuant to SB 1307, beginning July 1, 2023, for those students in grades seven through 12 who are issued student identification cards, such cards shall have printed on either side the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which can be accessed by calling or texting 988. The district can also print the phone number of the Crisis Text Line.

# Section VII –Students: Required – Jason Leavitt

## Save Women’s Sports Act (New)-Required: (Recommended Placement-VII-7.23-9.0)

Pursuant to SB2 (2022), prior to the beginning of each school year, the parent or legal guardian of a student who competes on a school athletic team shall sign an affidavit acknowledging the biological sex of the student at birth. If a student is 18 years of age or older and competes on a school athletic team, the student shall sign an affidavit acknowledging his or her biological sex at birth.

School athletic teams shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on biological sex.

1. “Males,” “men,” or “boys”;
2. “Females,” “women,” or “girls”; or
3. “Coed” or “mixed.”

School athletic teams designated for “Females,” “women,” or “girls” shall not be open to the students of the male sex.

**Note:** All student athletes complete an affidavit of biological sex within Rank One, and all birth certificates are on file in PowerSchool.

# Housekeeping-Shelley Arrott:

## Updating Names of Responsible Administrators in Relevant Policies:

- Replacing Adam Leaming, Executive Director of Operations *to* Adam Leaming, Assistant Superintendent



# Questions?

- It is required by law to accept public comments on policy changes for 30 days.
- The BOE will consider policies for approval at the regular October BOE Meeting