

EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Agenda Item:

Date: August 8, 2022

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Item Requires Board Action: X

Item is for Information Only: _____

Item: Approval of existing board policies reviewed and revised by staff for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Background:

In order to ensure adherence with State and federal laws, it is recommended the Board approve the following policies as presented.

REVISED

The following are current policies that have been revised to provide clarity or alignment with changes in law or procedures.

5000 Series - Student Services

5020 - Suicide Prevention Policy

- Added student planners to the section under Student Identification Cards as an added area that the national Suicide Prevention lifeline will be added to.

5110 - Cell Phones, Smartphones, Pagers, and Other Electronic Signaling Devices Policy

- Added electronic watches to list of devices

6000 Series - Instruction

6010 - Independent Study Policy

- Revised tiered reengagement strategies language

- Added wording regarding the optional nature of enrolling in EACS
- Added paragraph regarding content aligned standards and approved high school courses
- Added verbiage to the procedures section to include chronic absenteeism
- Added paragraph regarding transitioning students to in person instruction
- Incorporated clarifying language in section #7
- Added verbiage to state that the independent study agreement is valid for no longer than one year
- Included verbiage regarding maintaining a written agreement for course credits and other academic accomplishments within each student's file, along with academic supports used to supports students
- Added section regarding written agreements for students enrolled in less than 15 school days
- Removed the first paragraph in the section regarding synchronous and live interaction opportunities for students; the paragraph was too broad and vague.

6015 - California Healthy Youth Act Policy

- Added paragraph regarding parents being notified when a guest speaker will be giving instruction.

6020 - Education for Homeless Children policy

- Adjusted procedure for sending families their explanation of rights and protections as homeless students.

6035 - Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 Policy

- Added Algebra 1 and integrated math readiness assessment with a score of 85 or higher as an indicator of readiness to enroll in Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1.1
- Added a paragraph regarding the procedure for students' math placement that requires adjustment.

6070 - Special Education IEE Policy

- Added section regarding parents needing to take responsibility to coordinate with their chosen assessors, and Excel will not reimburse for time spent in excess to the agreed upon contract for the IEE.

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REVIEWED

The following documents were reviewed for accuracy and may include minor edits such as a correction to a typographical error, grammar, spelling, or punctuation. The document may also include a change from Human Resources manager to simply Human Resources. The edits did not affect the content or meaning and intent of the policy.

5015 - Title IX Harrassment, Intimidation, Discrimination, and Bullying Policy

5030 - Immunization Policu

5035 - Student Freedom of Speech and Expression Policy

It is recommended the Board approve the revised board policies for the 2022-2023 school year.

Fiscal Impact: None.