

**Subject: Resolution No.**

**Rescission of Previous Board Resolutions on JROTC and Adoption of JROTC Policy Authorizing PE Independent Study for JROTC Students or PE Credit for JROTC If Specific Criteria Are Satisfied**

- Commissioners Emily M. Murase and Jill Wynns

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Education seeks to adopt Board Policy that clearly articulates San Francisco Unified School District policies and practices related to the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC); and

**WHEREAS:** Over the past nine years the Board has adopted a series of resolutions that create limitations on the JROTC program, set specific requirements for the program, and that set and subsequently extend timelines for meeting these requirements; and

**WHEREAS:** The resolutions related to JROTC have included the following actions: a 2006 resolution that sought to phase out the JROTC program by fall 2008 (Resolution 65-23A1); a 2007 Special Order of Business to extend the JROTC program as an elective course through the 2008-2009 school year (Amendment of Resolution 65-23A1); a 2008 resolution to cease the provision of PE credit for JROTC (Resolution 86-17A1); a 2009 resolution to provide the JROTC program in the 2009-2010 school year and beyond (Resolution 93-24A1); a 2009 resolution to permit JROTC students to utilize independent study to obtain PE credit beginning in fall 2009, require JROTC instructors to obtain certification to provide general supervision of PE independent study by fall 2011, and terminate PE independent study at every site that did not have at least one JROTC instructor with the required certification to supervise PE independent study by fall 2011 (Resolution 95-26A2); a 2011 resolution to extend the JROTC instructor certification deadline to fall 2013, require new JROTC hires to possess the necessary certification to supervise PE independent study, and provide that SFUSD will adopt any future guidance from CCTC that would allow JROTC to meet the PE requirement, if feasible (Resolution 115-24Sp2 (Amendment of Resolution 95-26A2)); a 2011 resolution to exempt 3 new hires from the independent study certification requirement (Resolution 118-9A1 (Reconsideration of 115-24Sp2 --Amendment of Resolution 95-26A2)); and a 2012 resolution to provide that one JROTC instructor can provide general supervision of PE independent study at up to 2 sites, omit the requirement that all new hires must have the certification to supervise independent study, and clarify that JROTC compensation costs must be paid entirely by Department of Defense funding, private funding or school site budgets (Resolution 125-8A1 (Reconsideration and Amendment of 118-9A1 (Reconsideration of 115-24Sp2—Amendment of 95-26A2)); and

**WHEREAS:** The repeated amendments and reconsiderations of these resolutions has created confusion for staff and the larger school community, and therefore the Board wishes to provide clarity regarding the JROTC program.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education hereby adopts a Board Policy on JROTC that continues to allow students enrolled in JROTC to opt to take PE through independent study, in conformance with the Administrative Regulations adopted for this purpose or subsequent revisions of those regulations. The school site principal shall have the discretion to determine which school certificated staff will supervise PE independent study based on legal and policy requirements, and the needs of the school site; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the JROTC Policy shall also authorize the provision of PE credit for JROTC if the following criteria have been satisfied:

1. The JROTC course must provide at least 400 minutes of physical education every 10 days as required by EC 51222, and will include outdoor physical activities and vigorous physical training; and
2. The course, as part of the overall course of study at the school, must substantially meet the objectives and criteria of EC Section 33352(b)(7)(the effects of physical activity upon dynamic health, the mechanics of body movement, aquatics, gymnastics and tumbling, individual and dual sports, rhythms and dance, team sports, and combatives), but does not need to include all 8 areas of study; and
3. The JROTC instructor must possess a credential or authorization that permits instruction in physical education, including but not limited to a Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education or a Special Teaching Authorization in Physical Education Designated Subjects Special Subjects (DSSS) in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Basic Military Drill (BMD); and
4. The JROTC instructor must possess a Bachelor of Arts degree (while a BA is not legally required to offer PE credit for JROTC, the Board has determined that a BA is necessary if JROTC will be offered for PE credit); and
5. The physical fitness test designated by the State Board of Education shall be administered as required by law.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board rescinds any inconsistent previous resolutions, amendments, reconsiderations or provisions therein that conflict with this JROTC Board Policy or this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Board specifically rescinds previous resolution provisions that required JROTC instructors to obtain certification to provide general supervision of PE independent study, along with any deadlines or limitations associated with this requirement; and rescinds previous resolution provisions that imposed funding limitations on the JROTC program or compensation.

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