



PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

Recommendation for the Board of Education

Meeting: May 20th, 2025

Item: School and Extracurricular Handbooks for 2025-2026

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Education approve the PCPS-PCES, PCJH, PCHS, and Extracurricular handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year. All handbooks are annually reviewed by teams of stakeholders led by the building Principal(s). Most changes in any given year are required by legislative updates and changes. All changes have been noted in separate documents for simplified review.

Notable Items:

- All school handbooks have a section about artificial intelligence (AI) that was developed by a committee of administrators, teachers, and staff. This procedure will be reviewed and updated as needed, but at least annually, to ensure it meets the changing landscape of technology.
- All school handbooks have reference to the updated PC 3535 Device Policies and User Agreement.
- The PCHS Handbook includes an update to Cellular Communication Devices, specifically prohibiting them from use during the school day and updated discipline for violation of the policy.
- The Extracurricular Handbook includes several changes to promote the collaboration and articulation of expectations among sports from 5th-grade through high school, use of TeamReach for communications, emphasis on use of the weight room, sending of results to media, and clarifying the drug and alcohol drug testing program for off campus students.