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TO: PUSD Families
FROM: Tom Taylor, Superintendent
DATE: August 6, 2021
SUBJECT: AB 104

In July 2021, AB 104 was passed and signed into law. AB 104 provides options for students in the areas of retention, transcripts for high school and graduation requirements. The table below outlines the options. Although these options are available, parents should carefully consider the long-term impacts for their student before requesting any changes.

Grade Level in 20-21	Overview of Support Available	Specifics
Kindergarten - 11th grade	Grade Retention Consultation	Students in grades K-11 during the 2020-2021 school year with unsatisfactory grades (“-“ in Kindergarten/TK; “1” or “2” in grades 1-6; or “D” or “F” in grades 7-12) may request to have a consultation meeting to discuss being retained in the previous grade level. Parents requesting this consultation should complete the Retention Request Form (a copy can be found at your child’s school) and return it to the office. A meeting will be scheduled within 30 days to discuss your request and next steps. During this meeting the impacts of a retention will be shared. The team will determine if retention is appropriate for your student.
Grades 9-12	Pass/No Pass on Transcripts	High school students during the 2020-2021 school year may request to have one or more of their letter grades converted to Pass/No Pass. Please understand that this change will not affect the student’s GPA, but that some universities may not accept a grade of “Pass.” If requesting this option, please complete the Grade Change Form found on our website. Universities who will accept Pass/No Pass transcripts can be found here . Some universities or post-secondary institutions, including those out of state, may not accept a Pass or No Pass for admission consideration.

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Grades 11- 12	Modified Graduation Requirements	<p>If the student was in the 11th or 12th grade in the 2020-2021 school year and failed to meet one or more classes needed to meet high school graduation requirements, <u>and</u> either did not graduate or is not on-track to graduate, the student may request to reduce the graduation requirements to the State minimum requirements for graduation. However, students may not be eligible to attend a 4-year university directly after high school and may first need to attend a community college. Student and parents wishing to do this will need to sign a contract outlining the revised credit requirements.</p> <p><i>**Please note that requesting to graduate under modified requirements may affect eligibility for enlisting in military service. Please consult a military recruiter before making a decision.</i></p>
Grades 11 and 12	Fifth Year of High School	<p>If the student was in the 11th or 12th grade in the 2020-2021 school year and the student did not graduate or is not on-track to graduate, the student may request to remain in high school for a fifth year.</p>

Timeline: Parents/Guardians or students over the age of 18 will have only 15 days from the date we post this notice to request a grade change. PUSD is not allowed to change grades to Pass/No Pass after the 15 days. Once the request is received, PUSD will have 15 days to change the transcript and notify the parents/guardians or student over the age of 18 of the change. Additional information and all forms can be found on the PUSD website at <https://www.pusdk12.org/>.

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