

To: Members of ISBA's Policy Update Service From: Quinn Perry, Policy & Government Affairs Director Re: Winter 2020/2021 ISBA Policy Update Release – Charter Schools

2700P: Earlier this year, the State Board of Education temporarily waived the "Senior Project" as a minimum graduation requirement for the 2020/2021 school year. Your school district or charter school may still require it, if you choose to do so. This is an **optional update to a recommended procedure**.

3060: As requested by the State Department of Education, this amends a definition related to which pupils are covered by this policy. It also revises a requirement for transportation services to ensure qualifying students' full participation in the district's programs. **This is a required change to a required policy**.

3085 – This revision adds a reference to the appropriate procedure, which was missing in the original version. It is a **recommended change to a required policy**.

3503C/3503CF: Based on a "Question of the Day" related to testing students and staff for COVID-19, we have issued this model policy and consent form for those offering onsite testing for COVID-19. This is a new **recommended policy** for districts and charter schools that offer such testing.

4120: This updates your uniform grievance procedure to align with the new Title IX regulations. **This is a required update to a required policy.**

4605: ISBA has received multiple requests for a policy on student teachers. This new **optional policy** outlines the steps for acceptance and coordinating student teacher placements.

4600P: This **optional update** corrects a minor typo.

5400C: Because the Families First Coronavirus Response Act expired at the end of 2020, we have removed this section. The district or charter school may still offer the leave as outlined in the policy if you choose to do so, but you are no longer federally required to offer it. This is a **recommended change to a recommended policy**.

5410/5410P: This update clarifies that employees are only eligible for FMLA leave if there are at least 50 employees of the charter school within a 75 mile radius. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

7218: This update reflects recent changes in Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) requirements, which increased the micro-purchasing amount from \$25,000 to \$30,000. This is a **required change to a required policy**.

7230: This changes the recipient of the School's audit report from Legislative Services to the charter school's authorizer. **This is a required policy.**

7450P1: This update reflects recent changes in Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) that now requires a "close-out" section in which you have a 120-day period to submit all reports required by the terms and conditions of the federal award. This is a **recommended update to a recommended procedure**.

7455: This update reflects recent changes in Federal Wards (Uniform Guidance) requirements, which increased micro-purchasing amount from \$25,000 to \$30,000. This is a **required change to a required policy**.

8605 – This update makes three minor adjustments. On p.2, is makes a minor correction to terminology related to public record requests. On page 5, it updates a Fiscal Funding Record retention requirement to include IDEA Part B. On page 6, it outlines a suggested record retention for distance learning that is recorded by the district or charter school. This is a **recommended update to a required policy**.