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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of ISBA's Policy Update Service

From: April Hoy, Research & Policy Coordinator

Re: **Summer 2021 ISBA Policy Update Release**

We at ISBA are trying out a couple of changes in how we distribute these policy updates. First, instead of sending the updated items as attachments, we're sending a link to a Google Drive folder where you can download them. We're hopeful this will help stop the problem of updates being stopped by subscribers' email security measures. Second, we're changing the way we show the edits made to each item. Instead of using our traditional "highlight and strikethrough" approach, we're using Word's track changes feature. This approach makes it easier for us to ensure all edits are clearly marked and make it easier for you to identify all of the changes. If you're using the copy of the policy, procedure, or form provided with the update as your starting point, adding the update can be done by simply accepting all of the changes.

If you have any difficulties with these changes, please reach out to me at april@idsba.org.

2150P: These changes update the language of this policy in light of advancements in technology, especially with regard to how video is viewed and copied. This includes replacing details on how the requirements regarding recording television programs with a statement that such copying will comply with the law, and such copying may be less frequent than it used to be. It also includes new details on the retention of records related to use of copyrighted materials. **This is an optional update to a recommended procedure (related policy required).**

2340: These changes were prompted by the new laws on the teaching of controversial topics passed by the legislature near the end of the last legislative session amid the controversy over alleged indoctrination using "Critical Race Theory." The existing policy already largely addressed the requirement to allow difference of opinion in the classroom, so changes have been kept as minimal as possible. **This is a recommended update to an optional policy.**

2375: This update provides clearer direction on how different groups (students, employees, and the general public) can bring a service animal to school with them and includes other minor corrections. **This is a recommended change to a recommended policy.**

2570 & 2570F: Like the update to 2150P, these changes update the language of this policy in light of advancements in technology, especially with regard to how video is viewed and copied. **This is an optional update to a required policy.**

2585 & 2585F: This new policy was created at the request of Boards seeking guidance on allowing therapy dogs in school. It establishes guidelines for such a process and clarifies the distinction between therapy animals (which may be allowed in school at the discretion of administrator), service animals (which are allowed with limited requirements), and emotional support animals, (which we do not recommend allowing in schools). **If your District is considering allowing therapy animals in school, we recommend consulting an attorney. This is new optional policy.** If you adopt this item, be sure to add it to your policy manual's table of contents.

2700: This minor update adds a reference related to the update to 2700P. **This is an optional update to a recommended policy.**

2700P: This update clarifies that the process for a student to graduate early is different from the process for a student to demonstrate college/career readiness early and be allowed a flexible schedule. **This is a recommended update to a recommended procedure.**

2800: This update is a small correction in how the required standards are referred to. A reference to "learning styles" has also been removed, as this model for learning is now disputed. **This is a recommended update to an optional policy.**

3570P: This update brings the contents of the students record and the order in which they are listed into alignment with 3570F1. It also replaces references to "student" files with student records, because "files" may imply physical records rather than physical and electronic records. It also adds the option of including in the list of directory information student photos when used to recognize the student's accomplishments or for District/Charter School informational or promotional material. **This is a recommended update to a recommended procedure.**

3570F1: See 3570P above. **This is a recommended update to a recommended form.**

4120: This update clarifies when this policy should be used and when personnel grievance policies should be used instead. It also expands the information that should be included in a written grievance and offers clarification on how to modify the process when the building principal and superintendent are the same person. Finally, it also clarifies the Board's that some aspects of the process are at the Board's discretion. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

Note: If the Board adopts these updates to 4120, including the change of the policy name, make sure to update the name in your table of contents and in the cross references in the following policies: 2410, 2500, 2530, 3060, 3085, 3290, 3296, 4105, 4135, 4150, 5240, 5250, and 5395.

4120F: This update attempts to make it clearer that the process is for cases in which a person feels their rights have been violated rather than for general complaints. **This is an optional update to an optional form.**

5750: This update provides further details on the requirements when a retired teacher or administrator is hired. **This is a recommended update to a recommended policy.**

5751: This new policy describes the requirements for a retired school resource officer or bus driver to be hired. **This is a new recommended policy.** If you adopt this item, be sure to add it to your policy manual's table of contents.

7402: This new policy describes the requirements regarding purchasing and boycotts of Israel passed during the most recent legislative session. **This is a new recommended policy.** If you adopt this item, be sure to add it to your policy manual's table of contents.

7407: This update removes material on procurement and child nutrition that was mistakenly included in this policy. This topic is addressed Policy 7403. **This is an optional update to a recommended policy.**

8605: This update adds Procedure 2150P's new record retention guidelines related to copyrighted materials to the table summarizing all record retention guidelines.

Spring 2021 Update Follow-Up

The previous quarterly update included updates to the items listed below. If the Board hasn't addressed them yet, they may wish to do so alongside the current updates. If you need a copy of the Spring 2021 Update, please contact April Hoy at april@idsba.org.

1300	District/Charter School Policy
1303	Policies and Procedures to Review Annually
1315	District Planning/Continuous Improvement Plan
1500	Board Meetings
1650	New Board Member Workshop
2125	K-3 Reading Intervention
2210P2	Health Emergency Related School Closure
2220	Prekindergarten Programs and Kindergarten Jump Start Program
2400	Special Education
2700P	High School Graduation Requirements
2710	High School Graduation Requirements – Specialty Diplomas
3030	Part-Time Attendance/Dual Enrollment
3031	Extracurricular Activities – Eligibility for Students Not Enrolled for Academic Activities
3330	Student Discipline
3340P	Corrective Actions and Punishment
3500	Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations
3525	Immunization Requirements

3570	Student Records
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4420	Visitors to District Property, Including Sex Offenders
5100	Hiring Process and Criteria
5105	Certificated Personnel Employment
5340	Evaluation of Certificated Personnel
7403	Procurement of Goods and Services for School Meal Programs
7408	Entering into Professional Service Contracts with Design Professionals, Construction Managers, and Professional Land Surveyors—The Request for Qualifications Procedure
7409	(Charter Schools only) Acquisition of Real and Personal Property
7460	Use of Public Funds – Prohibition on Contracting with Abortion Providers
7700	Bond Account
7710	Bond Continuing Disclosure and Certification Requirements
8605	Retention of District Records

Note: Required policies are policies on topics that a law or administrative rule requires a district or charter school to have a policy on. Recommended policies address practices districts and charter schools are required to comply with by law, administrative rule, or other guidance, or which are strongly recommended by one of the attorneys we consult on policy matters. Optional policies mainly describe practices that are not required, but which may be of use to the district or charter school.