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### MEMORANDUM

To: Members of ISBA's Policy Update Service

From: April Hoy, Research & Policy Coordinator

Re: **Summer 2022 ISBA Policy Update Release**

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**A Note on Self-Directed Learners:** Following the 2022 Legislative Session, SB1238 was signed into law, granting students the right to be designated self-directed learners and granted additional flexibility in pursuing their learning goals if they meet certain criteria. ISBA is currently working on a policy and related materials on addressing this legislation and will be releasing it within the month as an addendum to this update.

#### **1210 Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers**

These edits change the policy to align with ISBA's current recommended practices for board chairs making motions. Instead of prohibiting this, ISBA recommends the Chair hand over responsibility for chairing the meeting to another board member before making a motion. **This is an optional update to an optional policy.**

#### **1420 Trustee Expenses**

This update includes a few different changes. First, it provides the option of setting a firmer policy for when board members should submit their requests for reimbursement of expenses. Secondly, it calls for the reimbursement of board members' costs in travelling to Board meetings, regardless of travel distance, if requested by the board member. This aligns with more closely with the interpretation of the law by the attorney who consulted on this update than the old policy language. Finally, this update removes an obsolete mention of reimbursement for telephone services. **This is a recommended update to an optional policy.**

#### **2310 Nutrition Education**

This edit changes an ambiguous mention of "school celebrations" to "classroom celebrations" to make it clearer this refers to events like classroom birthday parties, not school fundraiser events. It also changes a reference to the "school nutrition team" to the term "District Nutrition Committee. Finally, it removes some loosely related information about educating the public on nutrition which has now been moved into 4180. **This is a required update to a recommended policy.**

#### **2385 English Learners Program**

These edits were made to bring this policy into compliance with federal code, which imposes stricter requirements for participation in of English learners in assessments than the state code on which the old language is based. **This is a required update to a recommended policy.**

### **2415 Supporting Students with Characteristics of Dyslexia**

This new policy addresses new requirements regarding screening for dyslexia, supporting students with characteristics of dyslexia, and ensuring staff have received training on dyslexia. These requirements were passed by the State Legislature during the 2022 Legislative Session. **This is a new recommended policy.**

### **2520 Curricular Materials**

This year, the Legislature changed the law related to curricular materials adoption committees to make them required rather than optional and changed their composition. The edits to this policy reflect those changes. **This is a required update to a recommended policy.**

### **2540 Selection, Adoption, and Removal of Curricular Materials**

Prompted by the same legislation that required the change to 2520, this update makes it clearer that a curriculum committee must make recommendations regarding instructional materials, regardless of whether the materials under consideration have already been approved by the State curricular materials committee. The pre-update version of the policy doesn't contradict the new legislation, but it's less clear on this point. **This is an optional update to an optional policy.**

### **2605 Advancement Requirements (Grades 6 through 9)**

This update adds a new career exploration instruction requirement recommended by the State Board of Education and passed by the Legislature during their 2022 session via state administrative rule. **This is a recommended update to a recommended policy.**

### **2700 High School Graduation Requirements**

This update adds a cross references to a couple of policies relevant to new content in the procedure that goes with this policy. The changes in-text are intended to make the phrasing clearer and smoother. **This is an optional update to an optional policy.**

### **2700P High School Graduation Requirements**

Most of these updates remove items that were required by state administrative rule until the Idaho Legislature concurred in their rejection of these rules. The Board can still require students to meet these requirements if they wish. These deletions include the senior year math requirement, the requirement to complete Algebra II before using Computer Science as a math credit, and the requirement that students take a college entrance exam. The college entrance exam is still a part of the state's comprehensive assessment system, and Districts/Schools will still need to offer it, however, students are no longer required to take it to graduate.

This update also deletes a caveat for the Health/Wellness requirement that notes the requirement only applies to students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Fall 2015 or later. This deletion is suggested as most District/Schools likely no longer have students who started long enough ago for the caveat to apply. If your District/School still has a current student who started 9<sup>th</sup> grade before Fall 2015, I suggest keeping this caveat until the student graduates or leaves the district/school unless the Board wishes to apply this requirement to the student even though the state does not require it.

Finally, the update adds mention of a couple of new programs to the Alternative Programs subsection. **This is an optional update to a recommended procedure.**

### **3370P Searches and Seizure**

This update is based on recommendations provided at the Idaho Ed Law Conference hosted by Anderson, Julian & Hull to contact a student's parents as soon as possible if you conduct a search of the student's person. **This is a recommended update to a recommended procedure.**

### **4110 Public Complaints and Suggestions**

These changes are part of an effort to draw a clearer distinction between the Uniform Grievance Policy, (intended for cases in which a member of the public believes the District/Charter School has violated their rights), and public complaints that don't relate to a possible violation of rights. The Board has a great deal of freedom in determining the details of this policy. In general, ISBA recommends that it be simpler and more streamlined than the Uniform Grievance Policy. While your public complaint policy does not have to look like this one, ISBA recommends ensuring it does not simply direct readers to use the grievance policy. **This is a recommended update to an optional policy.**

### **4180 Community Involvement in Student Nutrition and Exercise**

This new policy is comprised of material that used to be in Policy 2310. It was deemed long enough and distinct enough in topic to warrant its own policy. **This is a new optional policy.**

### **5105 Certificated Personnel Employment**

This update adds material to the definition of "retired" to address recent legislation on hiring retired employees. **This is a recommended update to a recommended policy.**

### **5480 Leadership Premiums**

The section of Idaho Code related to leadership premiums was repealed by the Legislature during this year's session. Your Board will need to rescind this policy unless you intend to continue this program despite the State no longer providing dedicated funding for it. **This is a recommended policy deletion.**

### **5750 Employing Retired Teachers and Administrators**

This update adds material related to the same legislation as the update to 5105. It notes that the District/School may hire anyone retired from a PERSI employer who is at least 55 years of age. However, they can only be employed until June 30, 2026 unless the Legislature removes the sunset clause from this section of Idaho Code. **This is a recommended update to a recommended policy.**

### **8105 Extracurricular Transportation**

This update is based on recommendations provided at the Idaho Ed Law Conference hosted by Anderson, Julian & Hull to avoid organizing, encouraging, or promoting carpooling to District/School sites or events. Carpools that seem to bear the District/School's approval are a 'worst of both worlds' option from a liability standpoint; the

District/School takes on responsibility for things that might go wrong but no control over the safety of the vehicles or the drivers. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

### **8160 Contracting for Transportation Services**

This update adds an exception to the requirement that transportation contracts not be in effect for more than five years. The exception is related to the federal Clean School Bus Program. **This is a recommended update to a required policy.**

### **Spring 2022 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. This update can be access on the ISBA website along with the current update.

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*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.*