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Date: July 11, 2024

BOARD INFORMATION: _____

BOARD ACTION: X

FROM: Matt Smith, Policy Services Consultant

THROUGH: Melanie Kay-Wyatt, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Proposed Policy Updates from the 2024 Virginia Legislative Session

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

- Goal 1: Systemic Alignment
- Goal 2: Instructional Excellence
- Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support
- Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation
- Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

SY 2024-2025 FOCUS AREA:

N/A

FY 2025 BUDGET PRIORITY:

- Recruitment and Retention
- Tier 1 Instruction: Alignment, Rigor and Engagement
- CASEL Social Emotional Learning Competencies
- Collective Bargaining
- MS Athletics
- Student Connection and Attendance

SUMMARY:

During the 2024 Virginia Legislative Session a number of bills were enacted that require adjustments to ACPS policies and regulations. Other bills may have implications for ACPS but do not require revisions to policies and/or regulations. VSBA has provided revised model policies which incorporate these changes.

Staff are proposing the update of 26 policies and the establishment of one new policy due to these changes. In addition, two regulations are proposed for update by the Superintendent.

Three key documents are attached:

1. A summary report which includes the proposed policy changes.
2. A bundle of clean and red-line changes for all proposed revisions. This bundle has bookmarks with links to each proposed revision.

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3. A report of key enacted legislation.

These revisions are following the Policy Update Process. They have been reviewed by division council, the SLT, and the Board Policy Subcommittee.

These revisions were provided in a Board Brief on June 21, 2024.

DETAILS:

The following revisions are proposed.

AC - Nondiscrimination

- Policy and Legal References updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code §§ 2.2-3900, et seq. by [HB 18](#).

AF - Comprehensive Plan

- Content relocated to new policy AG - Literacy Plan

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- Policy created to comply with the Virginia Literacy Act established in 2022 by [HB 319](#) and amended by [HB 1526](#), [HB 2137](#), and [SB 1175](#) in 2023 and HB [647](#)/SB 624 in 2024.

BCF-R2 - Electronic Participation in Advisory Committees to the School Board Meeting Regulations

- July 2024 update
- Regulation and Legal References updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code §§ 2.2-3701 and 2.2-3708.3 by [HB 1040](#)/SB 85.

BDD - Electronic Participation in Meetings From Remote Locations

- Policy and Legal References updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code §§ 2.2-3701 and 2.2-3708.3 by [HB 1040](#)/SB 85.

BDDH - Public Participation at School Board Meetings (also KD)

- Policy and Legal References updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-79(14) and 22.1-79(15) by [HB 253](#).

BDDL - Electronic Participation in Committee Meetings From Remote Locations

- Updated Per the amendment of Va. Code §§ 2.2-3701 and 2.2-3708.3 by HB [894](#)/SB 734

CLA - Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse

- Policy and Legal References updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-279.9 by [HB 719](#)/SB 379.

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DJ - Small Purchasing

- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-4303 by [HB 1116](#).

EB - School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan

- Policy and Legal References updated to include enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-137.4 by [HB 501](#).

EBCB - Emergency Preparedness Response Drills

- Policy and Legal References updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-137 by [HB 66](#).

GBL - Personnel Records

- Policy and Legal References updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-296.5 by HB [355](#)/SB 441.

GC - Licensed Staff

- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-298.1 by [HB 632](#)/SB 352.

GCA - Reading Specialists

- Policy created to comply with provisions of the Virginia Literacy Act established in 2022 by [HB 319](#) and amendment to Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:2 by [SB1175](#) in 2023.

GCL - Professional Staff Development

- Policy revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-253.13:4 by [HB 1089](#)/SB 220

IA - Instructional Goals and Objectives

- Policy updated to reflect the Virginia Literacy Act
- Policy updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-237.1, et seq. by [HB 1087](#)/SB 627

IGAD - Career and Technical Education

- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:1 by [HB 1345](#)/SB 199

IGAE/IGAF - Health/Physical Education

- Policy updated to reflect amendments of Va. Code §§ 22.1-207 and 22.1-253.13:1 by [HB 1221](#), [HB 98](#), [HB 719](#)/SB 379, and [HB 603](#)

IGAG - Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

- Policy updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-206.01 by [HB 1473](#).

IGBA - Programs for Students with Disabilities

- Policy updated to reflect amendments to Va. Code §§ 22.1-253.13:2 and 22.1-253.13:4 by [HB 1089](#)/SB 220.

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IGBD - Programs for Students with Reading Disabilities

- Policy created to comply with provisions of the Virginia Literacy Act established in 2022 by [HB 319](#), the amendment to Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:2 by [SB1175](#) in 2023 and [HB 647/SB 624](#) in 2024

IGBK - Extended Instructional Day Opportunities

- Renumbered from IGBD to accommodate the new VSBA Reading policy

IGBI - Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment Courses

- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:1 by HB [1087](#)/SB 627.

IJD - College and Career Planning

- Policy updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-237.3 by [HB 1087](#)/SB 627

IKH - Retaking SOL Assessments

IKH-R - Retaking SOL Assessments Regulations

- Policy and Regulation updated to comply with Virginia Literacy Act provisions established by [HB 319](#) in 2022.

JEC - School Admissions

- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-3 and 22.1-3.4 by HB [777](#).

JO - Student Records

- Policy, Legal References and Cross References updated to reflect 8 VAC 20-81-170 and amendments to Va. Code § 22.1-289 by [HB1089](#)/SB 220 and Va. Code § 16.1-305.1 by [HB1317](#)/SB443

LEB - Advanced Alternative Courses for Credit

- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:1 by [HB 1087](#)/SB 627 and HB [1345](#)/SB 199

BACKGROUND:

The proposed revisions are part of the Board's ongoing work to provide ACPS with high-quality governance. ACPS has over 400 policies and regulations and has established the target of reviewing at least 100 policies and regulations each school year. Candidate policies for revision are drawn from code changes, changes in the VSBA model policies, the code requirement that policies are reviewed every 5 years, and policies and regulations that have been identified by the Board and/or staff for review.

Drafts of proposed revisions are available for public review as part of the Policy Subcommittee, Board Information, and Board Action processes.

RECOMMENDATION:

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The Superintendent recommends that the School Board approve the proposed policy revisions.

IMPACT:

By auditing policies for equity, code compliance, and appropriate guidance the School Board ensures that ACPS has high-quality governance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 240711_2024 Legislative Session Policy Updates Report.pdf
2. 240711_2024 Legislative Session Policy Revisions Bundle.pdf
3. 240711_2024 Legislative Session Key Passed Bills Report.pdf

REFERENCES:

1. June 13, 2024 SB Policy Subcommittee Meeting
2. June 21, 2024 Board Brief

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