

Date: November 4, 2021
For ACTION ____
For INFORMATION _____
Board Agenda: Yes ____
No _____

FROM: Jennifer Abbruzzese, Director of Policy & Board Initiatives

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Revisions to E, I, K and L Policies/Regulations

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

SUMMARY:

As part of the Board’s continuing, five-year policy review cycle, the twelve policies and regulations from the classifications below were proposed for creation and/or revision at the October 21, 2021 Board Meeting:

- E Policies: Support Services
- I Policies: Instructional Program
- K Policies: School-Community Relations
- L Policies: Education Agency Relations

The proposed revisions reflect statutory changes in effect for the 2021-22 school year, current ACPS practice, or new ACPS programs.

The following chart outlines the proposed policy and regulatory revisions:

November 4, 2021 Policy Revisions for Approval

Yellow Fill = ACPS-Initiated Revision

White Fill = Statutory Revision

Policy	Title	Statute/ Reg./VSBA Revised	ACPS Last Revised	Revision
EBAA/GBDA	Reporting of Hazards	Feb 2014	April 2021	Policy updated to reflect newly proposed Regulation EBAA-R/ GBDA-R.
EBAA-R/ GBDA-R	Hazardous Chemical Use and Reporting	N/A	Newly Proposed Regulation	Regulation created to establish a Hazard Communication Program for all ACPS schools and departments; reflects Virginia Occupational Health and Safety Standard 1910.1200.
			*ORANGE TEXT REFLECTS FEEDBACK SINCE THE 10/21/21 BOARD MEETING. (Correction to Dept. of Facilities and Operations reference.)	
EC	Buildings and Grounds Management and Maintenance	Feb 2020	Dec 2019	Policy updated to reflect newly proposed Regulation EC-R.
EC-R	Indoor Air and Water Quality: Testing and Reporting	N/A	Newly Proposed Regulation	Regulation created to create an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Management Plan to monitor and improve air quality in ACPS schools; and to reflect ACPS'
			*ORANGE TEXT REFLECTS FEEDBACK FROM THE 10/21/21 BOARD MEETING. (Schedule added for water quality, mold and radon testing.)	

				water quality monitoring program.
EECA	School Bus and Vehicle Idling	N/A	<p>Newly Proposed Policy</p> <p>*ORANGE TEXT REFLECTS FEEDBACK FROM THE 10/21/21 BOARD MEETING. (Requirement added for annual staff notification of policy.)</p>	Policy proposed to define and prohibit unnecessary idling for school buses and ACPS-owned vehicles in order to maintain a healthy school environment; aligned with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Air Quality Regulations and the City of Alexandria Noise Ordinance .
IA	Instructional Goals and Objectives	July 2021	<p>Oct 2016</p> <p>*ORANGE TEXT REFLECTS FEEDBACK SINCE THE 10/21/21 BOARD MEETING. (Correction to IB Programme reference.)</p>	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-215.2, regarding parental notification of literacy and Response to Intervention screening and services; and parental notification for students who do not meet benchmarks on assessments used to determine at-risk

				learners. Policy further revised to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:1.(D)(13), regarding the provision of reading and algebra-readiness intervention services.
IC/ID	School Year/ School Day	July 2021	June 2021 *ORANGE TEXT REFLECTS FEEDBACK FROM THE 10/21/21 BOARD MEETING. (Text revised to clarify that unscheduled remote learning days, when instruction is provided, are not recorded as “missed days,” and that a maximum of 10 unscheduled remote learning per year are permitted without an extension from the Superintendent of Public Instruction.)	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-98, allowing school divisions to declare unscheduled remote learning days in cases of severe weather conditions or other emergency situations.
IGAJ	Driver Education	May 2021	June 2017	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code §22.1-205, requiring the driver education program to include instruction on the dangers of speeding.

IKC-R	Regulations Governing the Grading Policy	N/A	<p style="text-align: center;">Sep 2021</p> <p>*ORANGE TEXT REFLECTS FEEDBACK FROM THE 10/21/21 BOARD MEETING. (References to T.C. Williams updated to Alexandria City High School on pg. 4 of regulation.)</p>	<p>Regulation updated to clarify timelines for completing reassessments and for submitting late work during the 2021-22 school year; and to address situations when students must quarantine.</p>
KBA	Requests for Information	May 2020	<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 2018</p>	<p>Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3704.2, which changes the required frequency of the FOIA Officer's training from annually to biannually; and amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3714, which imposes civil penalties for failing to properly provide a public record under FOIA.</p>
LC	Charter Schools	May 2020	<p style="text-align: center;">Feb 2020</p>	<p>Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-212.6:1 adding to the policy's existing anti-discrimination</p>

				provisions, that no public charter school may discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
LC-R	ACPS Charter School Application Addendum	May 2020	Feb 2020	Regulation updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-23.3, correct a typo on pg. 5, and update the legal and cross references.

BACKGROUND:

The Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:7 and Policy BF require the School Board to maintain and follow up-to-date policies, and that all policies shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the School Board approve the proposed policy and regulatory revisions.

IMPACT:

By reviewing policies periodically, the School Board ensures that ACPS operations are aligned to support excellence and high performance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Revisions to policies and regulations listed above.

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