

Memorandum

TO: ACPS School Board Policy Subcommittee
FROM: Matt Smith, Policy Services Consultant
DATE: April 10, 2023
SUBJECT: Proposed Policy Revisions

Staff are proposing revisions to the following policies:

- EFEA - Vending Machines
- IGAA - Writing Instruction
- IGAK - Alternatives to Animal Dissection
- IGBG - Homebound, Correspondence, and Alternative Means of Instruction
- IJD - College and Career Planning

These policies have been revised to align with the ACPS Policy Style Guide, aligned with the VSBA model policy and the Code of Virginia, and reviewed by the Equity Audit Team, ACPS staff members, and the Senior Leadership Team

These policies are proposed for information on May 4, 2023.

Revision Summaries

EFEA - Vending Machines

- 5-year review
- No VSBA model policy
- Standard Changes
- Added breadcrumbs to other policies and regulations that provide governance

IGAA - Writing Instruction

IGAA-R Regulations Governing Writing Instruction and Assessment Policy

- No VSBA model policy
- Recommended for retirement
- This is the only core subject area policy and isn't necessary

IGAK - Alternatives to Animal Dissection

- 5 year review
- VSBA model policy alignment
- Updated alternatives to reflect current technologies

IGBG - Homebound, Correspondence, and Alternative Means of Instruction

- Renamed to Off-Site Instruction and Virtual Courses and revised to reflect the amendment of 8 VAC 20-131-180 in 2018
- Standard changes
- Revised to align with the VSBA model policy

IJD - College and Career Planning

- Alignment with the VSBA Model Policy
- Added breadcrumbs to the Program of Studies
- Legal references updated
- Added a section on Students with Disabilities
- Policy updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-206.1 by HB 1299/[SB 738](#).
 - **Department of Education; State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; instruction concerning post-graduate opportunities for high school students.** Requires the Department of Education to collect and distribute to public schools and publicly post on its website information that assists high school students in making more informed decisions about their futures after graduating from high school and in doing so ensure that such students are aware of the costs and benefits of different educational and certificate programs. The bill directs the Department to annually collect and compile such information in consultation with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and any other entity that can assist the Department with collecting and compiling such information and to update its distribution materials accordingly each year. The bill requires the Department to post and distribute the information to school boards, with any relevant updates, no later than October 1 each year and requires each school board to ensure that the information is readily available to each high school student and distributed to each high school student who expresses an interest in attending an institution of higher education or completing another training program as described in the bill. This bill is identical to HB 1299.