

Date: October 21, 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, twelve policies and regulations from the classifications below are proposed for creation and/or revision:

- 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:

October 21, 2021 Proposed Policy Revisions

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.
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' water quality monitoring program.

EECA	School Bus and Vehicle Idling	N/A	Newly Proposed Policy	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	Oct 2016	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	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	Sep 2021	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.
KBA	Requests for Information	May 2020	Dec 2018	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3704.4, 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.
LC	Charter Schools	May 2020	Feb 2020	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-212.6:1 adding to the policy's existing anti-discrimination 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 review 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.

CONTACT:

Jennifer Abbruzzese, policy@acps.k12.va.us