



Policy Revisions

School Board Meeting
November 30, 2023





Essential Questions

1. Do the revisions support Equity for All?
 - Who is the policy intended to impact?
 - Who does it impact?
 - Who is adversely impacted?
 - How do we mitigate the adverse impact?

2. Do the revisions align with the Code of Virginia?
 1. Do the revisions improve Systemic Alignment?



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Key Teams

- Equity Audit Team
 - Reviews from an equity lens
 - Targeted stakeholder input
- Staff Revision Team
 - Reviews from a staff lens
 - Reviews from a legal lens
- Senior Leadership Team
 - Reviews from a leadership lens
- School Board Policy Subcommittee
 - Reviews from a School Board lens
 - Opportunity for public comment



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Policies and Regulations

- *Policy is a basic statement of the intent of the School Board which creates rights and responsibilities for the conduct of the school division's business. Policies are adopted by the Board.*
- *Regulation is the manner or method of implementation of policy by the Superintendent and staff, subject to change as conditions and/or circumstances may dictate. Regulations are approved by the Superintendent.*

Reference: Policy BFC - Policy Adoption



Standard Changes

Standard Changes used on all policies and regulations

- Remove gender affirming terms
- Replace parent with parent/guardian
- Reduce the use of 'shall' per VSBA model policy changes
- Add breadcrumbs to other policies
- Reword and reformat to improve readability
- Relocate definitions to the beginning

Details of revisions are in the comments on the draft policies.



Revision Drivers

- Code changes
- VSBA model policy revisions
- Improving equity
- Need for new governance
- Need to remove governance

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Draft Revisions

BBA - School Board Powers and Duties

- Code change
- Added definitions
- Clarified that the policy does not reflect all Board duties
- Changed the title as the policy does not list powers, only duties
- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-79 by
 - [HB 1630](#)/SB 1479. Reduces the required break in service for retiree-rehires to return to work while retaining their VRS pension
 - [HB 2021](#). Requires each school board to ensure that at any back to school night event in the local school division to which the parents of enrolled students are invited, any such parent in attendance receives prominent notification of and access, in paper or electronic form, or both, to information about application and eligibility for free or reduced price meals for students and a fillable free or reduced price meals application that may be completed and submitted on site.
 - [HB 2025](#). Requires ACPS to send home SNAP information and fillable applications every year
 - [HB 2161](#) and SB 1151. Standardizes the times for meeting notifications

BDDH-R - Procedures for Public Communications with the School Board (also KD-R)

- Update requested by the Board
- Updated to reflect that Board Retreats are open to the public



Draft Revisions

JEC - School Admissions

JEC-R - School Admission Regulations

JEC-R2 - Kindergarten and Grade One Placements

- Requested review
- Code change
- VSBA model policy alignment
- Struck language around kinship care that went beyond the code
- Struck language about students leaving during the school year, the topic is part of JC/JCD
- Removed the forms from the regulation. This permits ACPS to begin transitioning to an annual verification process for families living in shared housing (in alignment with Arlington and Fairfax) Clarified the process about placements of students who are age six but did not complete a kindergarten program
- Policy updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-369, 22.1-370, and 22.1-373 by [HB 1929](#).
 - Establishes certain rights and privileges for any school-age child who is a dependent of a foreign service employee or civilian member of the Armed Forces of the United States under federal orders which results in the student's relocation from another state to a school division in the Commonwealth, including rights and privileges relating to educational records, enrollment, placement, attendance, extracurricular activities, and graduation.



Draft Revisions

JHCF - Student Wellness

JHCF-R - Wellness Guidelines for ACPS

JHCF-R2 - School Health Guidelines - Managing Allergies in Schools

- Requested review
- Standard Changes
- Removed general illness guidelines
- Removed COVID-19 guidelines from the regulation
- Transitioned JHCF-R2 from a regulation to a publication
- Replaced content that was redundant with Policy IGAE/IGAF - Health / Physical Education with breadcrumbs to the policy



Draft Revisions

JHCF - Student Wellness

JHCF-R - Wellness Guidelines for ACPS

JHCF-R2 - School Health Guidelines - Managing Allergies in Schools

- Aligned the policy with the [VDOE Wellness Policy Guidance](#) (Wellness Policy Checklist, Model Wellness Policy, Wellness Policy Template)
 - Refined the Goals to align with the goals in the guidance
 - Added the role of SHAB
 - Added breadcrumbs to show where nutrition standards are in ACPS policy
 - Added roles and a process to implement the policy
 - Added a Triennial Assessment section
 - Added Public Involvement
 - Added Recordkeeping



Draft Revisions

KBA-E - Rights and Responsibilities

- Code Change
- Updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3704.1 by [HB 2007](#).
 - Requires a public body to make available upon request and post on its website or otherwise publish a written policy (i) explaining how the public body assesses charges for accessing or searching for requested records and (ii) noting the current fee charged, if any, by the public body for accessing and searching for the requested records.



Revision of School Board Policies

Target

The ACPS Board will review for equity and adopt at least 100 policies during the 2023-24 School Year.

Last 12 Months	Count
Policies Adopted	106
Equity Review	188
Staff Review	98
SB Policy Subcommittee Review	109

161 Policies/Regulations are currently undergoing revision
Equity Audit is 63% Complete (275 Policies/Regulations)



Next Steps

Policy JHCF will be discussed at the Dec 7, 2023 Policy Subcommittee meeting. Depending on feedback it will be on the Consent Calendar or presented for Action at the Dec 14, 2023 Board Meeting.

The other policies presented this evening will be on the agenda for approval via the Consent Calendar at the next School Board meeting.



Questions?

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