



Policy Revisions

School Board Meeting
September 21, 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?
3. Do the revisions improve Systemic Alignment?



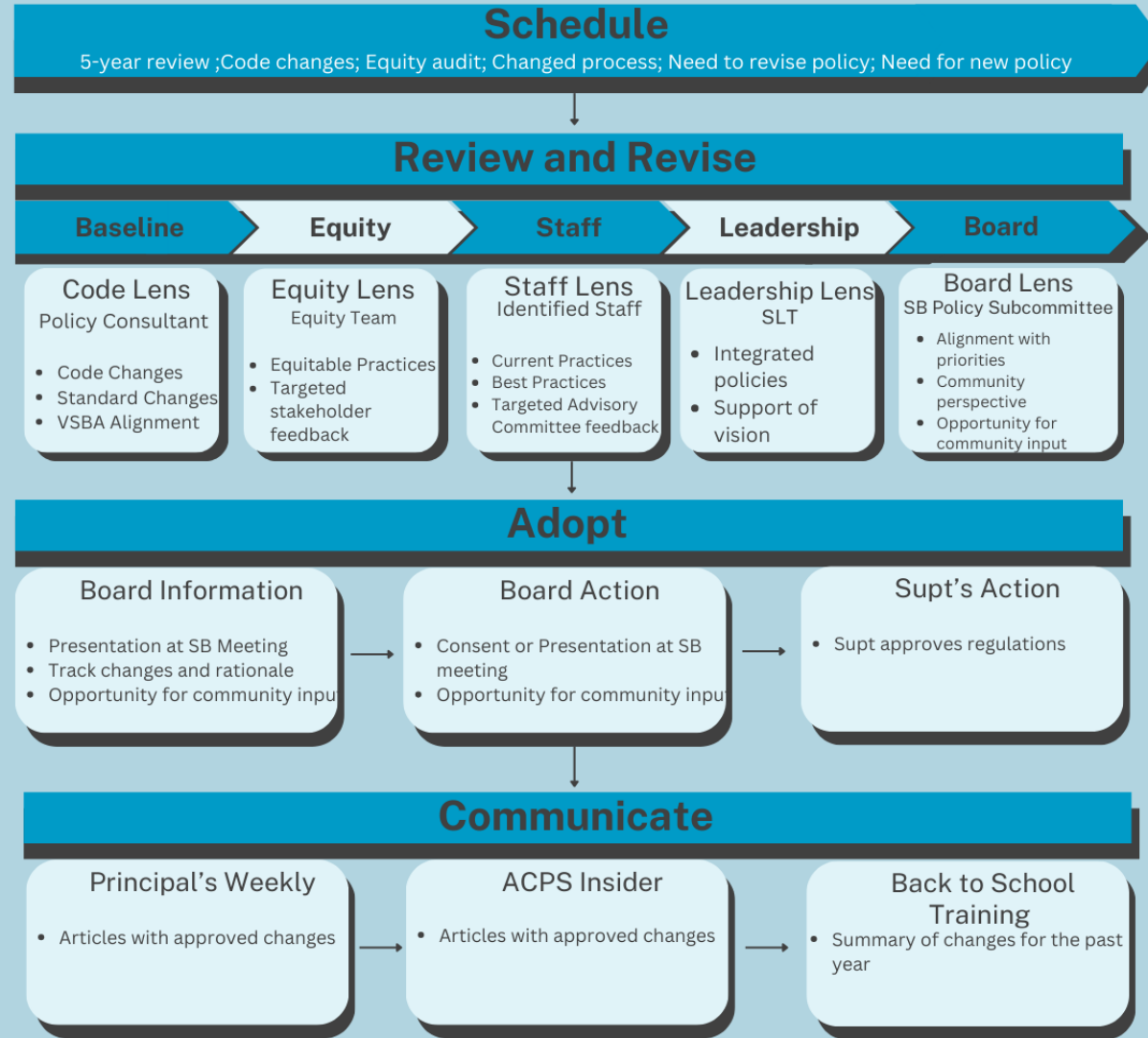
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EQUITY-FOCUSED



ACPS Policy Revision Process





Key Teams

- Equity Audit Team
 - Reviews from an equity lens
 - Targeted stakeholder input
- Staff Revision Team
 - Reviews from a staff 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
- Changed processes
- Need for new governance
- Need to remove governance

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Draft Revisions

IGAD - Career and Technical Education

- 5-year review
- Standard Changes
- VSBA model policy alignment
- Added a Board Belief statement
- Policy updated to reflect 2019 amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-227.1 by [HB 1729](#)
 - Changes the name of guidance counselors to school counselors
- Policy updated to reflect 2019 amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:1 by [HB 2123](#).
 - Permits each local school board to enter into College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships (Partnerships), currently referred to as agreements, with comprehensive community colleges or other public institutions of higher education or educational institutions that offer a career and technical education curriculum.
- Policy updated to reflect 2020 amendment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-253.13:1 by [HB1276](#)
 - Requires each school board to include, as part of each student's academic and career plan in the career and technical education curricula, a list of (i) the top 100 professions in the Commonwealth by median pay and the education, training, and skills required for each such profession and (ii) the top 10 degree programs at institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth by median pay of program graduates.



Draft Revisions

GBE - Staff Health

GBE-R2 - Staff COVID Procedures

- Code change (2023)
- Revised COVID language to reflect current practices
- Retired the Staff COVID Procedures regulation
- Updated to replace 'nurse practitioner' with 'advanced practice registered nurse' amendment of Va. Code § 54.1-2957.02 by [SB 975](#).

JHCB - Student Immunizations

JHCB-R - ACPS Health Requirements for Registration

- Standard Changes
- Updated to replace 'nurse practitioner' with 'advanced practice registered nurse' amendment of Va. Code § 54.1-2957.02 by [SB 975](#).

JHCC - Communicable Diseases

- Standard Changes
- VSBA Model policy alignment
- Updated to replace 'nurse practitioner' with 'advanced practice registered nurse' amendment of Va. Code § 54.1-2957.02 by [SB 975](#).



Draft Revisions

JECA - Admission of Children Experiencing Homelessness

- Standard changes
- Relocated the definitions to the beginning of the policy as part of a new policy standard
- Policy updated to reflect amendment of 42 U.S.C. § 11302.
 - Expanded the definition of “student experiencing homelessness” to include individuals who are fleeing violence, including sexual violence.

JHCA - Physical Examinations of Students

- Standard Changes
- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-270 by [HB 1450](#)/SB 798
 - **Individuals with disabilities; terminology.** Replaces various instances of the terms "handicap," "handicapped," and similar variations throughout the Code of Virginia with alternative terms, as appropriate in the statutory context, such as "disability" and "impairment."



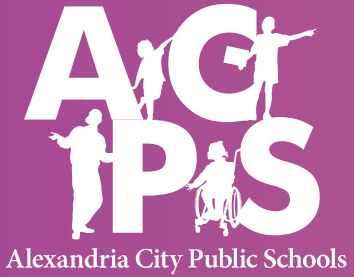
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Revision of School Board Policies

Target

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

Milestone	Completed
Standard Changes	358
Equity Review	149
Policy Team Review	33
Leadership Review	20
SB Policy Subcommittee Review	14
Board Information	8
Board Adoption	0



Questions?

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