

BOARD MEMO

Date: February 2, 2023

For ACTION ____

For INFORMATION x

Board Agenda: Yes x

No ____

FROM: Matt Smith, Policy Services Consultant

THROUGH: Melanie Kay-Wyatt Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Schools

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

TOPIC: Proposed Revisions to Policies

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

Goal 3: Student Accessibility and Support

Goal 4: Strategic Resource Allocation

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

FY 2023 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Implementation of the 2025 Strategic Plan

SUMMARY:

As part of the Board's continuing Equity Audit of School Board Policies, changes to the Code of Virginia, the requirement that policies are reviewed every 5 years, and policies and regulations that have been identified for revisions, staff are proposing the revision of six policies and regulations. Summaries of the revision, including links to code changes where appropriate, are below. All policies and regulations receive the standard changes listed below. Red-line changes and additional comments are in the draft policies.

Standard Changes:

- 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 reform to improve readability
- Align content with VSBA model policies and the Code of Virginia
- Use abbreviations consistently
- Add line numbers

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REVISION SUMMARIES:

BBBA - Qualifications of School Board Members

- 5-year review
- Affirmed

BBBC - Board Member Oath of Office

- 5-year review
- Affirmed

BBD - Board Member Removal from Office

- 5-year review
- Affirmed

BBE - Unexpired Term Fulfillment

- 5-year review
- Affirmed

BCB - School Board Officers

- 5-year review
- Standard changes

IEC - Bill of Rights

- Code requirement passed in 2003
- ACPS had not previously adopted this policy

BACKGROUND:

As part of the standard ACPS policy revision process, these policies have been:

- Reviewed for code changes and alignment with the VSBA model policies
- Reviewed for equity
- Reviewed by staff members whose work is closely related to the policy and/or regulation
- Reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team
- Reviewed by the School Board Policy Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the policies and regulations.

IMPACT:

By auditing policies for equity, code compliance, and appropriate governance the School Board ensures that ACPS has high-quality policies.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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