

BOARD MEMO

Date: February 16, 2023
For ACTION x
For INFORMATION
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. These policies have been presented to the Board for information and are proposed for action via the Consent Calendar.

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

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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 approve the policies. Staff recommends that the Superintendent approves the regulations.

IMPACT:

By auditing policies for equity, the School Board ensures that ACPS's governance is equitable.

ATTACHMENTS:

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