

MSBA/MASA Model Policy Revisions

MSBA and MASA have completed revisions of the Model Policies listed in the chart immediately below. These revisions reflect federal and state statutory changes, recent court decisions, and similar sources.

Statutory and Recommended Changes

Model Policy Number	Model Policy Title	Summary of Changes
102	Equal Educational Opportunity	Adds contact information as directed by MDE
406	Public and Private Personnel Data	Updates definitions; clarifies information about applicants; re-aligns some provisions
413	Harassment and Violence	Updates language and aligns with Minnesota statutory law
425	Staff Development	Retitles policy and adds new legislative provisions regarding mentoring.
501	School Weapons Policy	Adds language to definition of 'weapon' to align with MN statute; adds referral to law enforcement; clarifies provisions on p.3; revises citations
503	Student Attendance	Adds newly enacted law on religious observances and annual notification to parents
507	Corporal Punishment	Minor revisions; adds charter schools to policy
515	Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records	Revises provisions to align better with FERPA; adds language to police liaison provisions; addresses obligations related to records of students with a disability; modifies other language

524	Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy	Revises policy to reflect recent U.S. Supreme Court opinion in <i>Mahanoy</i> ; updates citations
534	Unpaid Meal Charges (now 'School Meals Policy')	Revises language to align with changes enacted in 2021.

MSBA/MASA Model Policy Substantive Revisions: **Set 2 will be issued soon and will include:**

417	Chemical Use and Abuse	Updates reflect Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant provisions
418	Drug-Free Workplace/ Drug-Free School	Updates reflect Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant provisions

Instructions to access the Policy Manual online

1. Please visit www.mnmsba.org.
2. Go to the Resources tab and select Policies
3. Log into the Members area (access is limited to Policy Services subscribers)

Within the Policy Reference Manual, you may access, download, and search all the policies. To download the entire Policy Reference Manual at once, click on the link labeled "Download the Entire Manual" and follow the dialog boxes that appear. A separate link for "Revision History" is available to review or download redlined versions of the revisions and access a list of revised policies.

If you would prefer to receive the revised policies on CD or paper, please contact the MSBA office. Additional charges apply. These items are available to Policy Services subscribers only.

Policy Modification Process

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 208 describes the process for adopting policy modifications. Typically, substantive revisions undergo a three-meeting process. A board may choose to adopt modifications that do not affect the substance of the policy or because the modification reflects a legal change over which the board has no control. The board can make the determination regarding the policy modifications listed in this newsletter.



Notes

1. Many model policies include Notes that provide context and explanation for the policy language. The Notes are not part of the model policy. Districts may remove the notes before adopting and publishing the policies.
2. The model policies include references to MSBA/MASA on the title page and in the References section. Districts should replace the references to MSBA/MASA and insert their district's name and policy number.

If you have questions about Policy Services, how to navigate the online Policy Reference Manual, or the content of the model policies, please contact Terry Morrow at (507) 934-8126 or (800) 324-4459 or by email at tmorrow@mnmsba.org

