



Newsletter

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Model Policy Revisions

MSBA is undertaking revision of the Model Policies listed below to reflect statutory requirements that the Minnesota legislature enacted through the 2019 legislative session and other federal and state requirements. Highlighted Model Policies are available on the MSBA website (instructions available at the end of this newsletter).

MSBA will update this information in July and in August as additional Model Policy revisions are finalized.

Statutory and Recommended Changes		
Model Policy Number	Model Policy Title	Summary of Changes
414	Mandated Reporting	Statutory change adds two crimes under the definition of 'sexual abuse'
419	Tobacco-Free Environment	Policy title change; statutory change adding electronic devices and definition of 'smoking'
516	Student Medication	Statutory change adds student possession and use of sunscreen
532	Use of Peace Officers	Statutory change to dates of seclusion reports to MDE
601	Curriculum and Instruction	Statutory change adding dyslexia screening and additional reporting requirements

603	Curriculum Development	Statutory change requiring information to students who do not meet or exceed MN academic standards
611	Home Schooling	Statutory change to add teacher's materials to the definition of 'textbook'
613	Graduation Requirements	Statutory changes revise Graduation Assessment Requirements (Art. V) and Graduation Credit Requirements (Art. VI)
616	School District Accountability	Statutory change adds items to school performance report
618	Assessment of Achievement	Statutory changes required MDE Commissioner to create form regarding state assessments; district must post form
620	Credit for Learning	Statutory change deletes North Central Assn. of Colleges and Schools from 'eligible institution' definition
624	On-Line Learning	Statutory change adds weighted grades provision
713	Student Activity Accounting	Student activity accounts must be under board control
721	Uniform Grant Guidance	Federal change increases two threshold levels under "Procurement Methods"
802	Obsolete Equipment	Statutory change expands potential recipients of surplus school computers and adds option to sell/give surplus school computers to 'qualifying students'

Non-substantive Changes

Model Policy Number	Model Policy Title	Summary of Changes
205	Open Meeting and Closed Meeting	These changes reflect updates to the legal and cross references (including changes in statute numbers and/or names, new statutes, rules, or cases), changes to the notes within the policies, and minor corrections. The substance of the policy language is not affected.
402	Disability Nondiscrimination	
423	Employee-Student Relationships	
506	Student Discipline	
523	Policies Incorporated	

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)
4. Access the MSBA/MASA Policy Reference Manual

Within the Policy Reference Manual, you may access, download, and search all of 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 also 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.

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.