Model Policy Updates

The wide range of new Minnesota laws and the ongoing clarifications that state agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Education, will continue to provide, MSBA is committed to providing ongoing updates to model policies.

Unless otherwise noted, the updates provide clarification and correction. These would not require board action unless a local board prefers to take action. If action is necessary, a single board meeting would be sufficient.

MSBA will issue a Model Policy Update every two weeks starting on Friday, July 14, 2023. In addition, time-dated updates will be posted as they occur on the MSBA website under Services----Policy Services----Policy Services Newsletter.

Updates as of July 14, 2023:

1. Policy 604--Instructional Curriculum--is updated to remove the Civics Test requirement, which is no longer required under Minnesota law (July 5, 2023)

2. Policy 601--Curriculum and Instructional Goals--is updated to add a Note explaining the two effective dates related to Articles III and IV. (July 14, 2023)

3. Policy 507--Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint--is updated to correct Article V. reference to Policy 506 (Student Discipline). (July 14, 2023)

4. Policy 515 (form) is updated to align with the model policy revisions regarding student directory information. (July 14, 2023)

5. Policy 516.5—Overdose Medication—is updated to include MDE clarification regarding "school site."

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. Click on a desired policy
5. A clean version (e.g., Policy 418) and a redlined version (e.g., Policy 418 Redline) can be

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Redlines: To clean up the policy library, we removed redlines that are more than ten years old to reduce possible confusion. The removed redlines are available upon request.

The current and recent Policy Services Newsletters can be found on the MSBA website under Services—>Policy Services,

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

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