Policy Services
MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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2024 Legislative Session Model Policy Updates

MSBA is committed to providing ongoing updates to model policies as state laws and other developments give rise to changes.

One-Meeting Adoption: The updates listed below quote directly from new Minnesota laws and other legal sources or are clerical updates that do not affect the substance of a policy. As such, a school board may choose to adopt updates in a single meeting pursuant to MSBA Model Policy 208. School boards may contact MSBA if questions arise regarding revisions.

Cell phone policy: MSBA updated Model Policy 524 to include language regarding the recently enacted law regarding cell phones. **School districts are not required to have a cell phone policy until March 2025.** For now, the new model policy language provides broad direction to school administrators to create cell phone rules and procedures if none exist. Please note that the Minnesota legislature directed the two Minnesota school principal associations to make best practices available to Minnesota schools. When these best practices are available, MSBA will review them and revise Model Policy 524 as appropriate.

Notes: MSBA is expanding its use of explanatory **Notes** to assist school board members as they review the updates. School boards may decide whether to include or remove the Notes in their district policies.

A .zip file of the updated policies (clean and redlined versions) can be found on the MSBA website:

1. Click on **Services**

2. Click on **Policy Services**

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June 2024 Updates

Model Policy Number	Update
102	Adds legislative change to "discrimination" definition
104	Removes WBWF from statutory reference
204	Adds NOTE on new, temporary law for districts without local newspapers
207	Removes address requirement
413	Updates "familial status" definition

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416	Adds "oral fluid testing"
418	Adds protection for persons in MN Patient Registry Program
419	Adds smudging as a permissible activity
425	Adds paraprofessional training provisions
503	Updates excused absences; Adds note on unexcused absences
506	Adds unscheduled student removal provision
507	Adds reasonable force language; corrects Legal Reference
509	Removes School Readiness Plus; Adds School of Parents' Choice law
512	Adds student journalist law
513	Removes WBWF
515	Adds explanatory note for directory information
516	Adds new statutory provisions; rearranges sections for clarity
521	Updates statutory definition of "disability"
524	New title; adds cell phone provision
532	Adds school resource officer language
535	Adds protections for persons with disabilities
601	Removes WBWF
602	Updates Note to align with revised Minnesota law
603	Removes WBWF
604	Adds pending change to health standards
606.5	Adds new laws regarding school libraries
607	Adds a Note on voluntary prekindergarten programs
608	Adds "child with a disability" provisions
609	Adds cultural observance provision
613	Updates graduation requirements; updates references
614	Adds retaliation prohibition
615	Updates references
616	Removes WBWF
619	Removes WBWF
620	Adds weighted grades provision; PSEO dates
624	Adds tuition and fee provision
707	Add and fix citations
708	Changes "shall" to "must"
709	Adds electric bicycle provision
802	Add MS 471.85 to Legal References
806	Adds note re: permissive cardiac emergency response plan

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1. Please visit www.mnmsba.org.
2. Go to the Resources tab and select Policies
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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 found at the bottom of the policy page, below the Legal References and Cross References.

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