Policy Services
MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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ISD Model Policy Updates

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

MSBA Policy Services Announcements

1. A new section—**Resources**—is added to policies as MSBA identifies helpful information.

2. Going forward, MSBA will issue *Policy Services Updates* in **October**, **February**, and **June** (following the legislative session). If a policy update is needed immediately, MSBA will issue a special update.

3. We have added yellow highlighting to places where schools should add information.

4. We use blue highlighting for very small changes that might otherwise be overlooked.

Policy Updates

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**

3. Scroll down to **Policy Services Newsletter**

Technical Updates

Technical updates do not change a policy's substantive provisions. MSBA recommends that school boards permit staff to make technical updates. Formal board action to accept technical changes is not necessary under Model Policy 208, though school boards have the authority to require formal board action if they choose.

Model Policy Number	Technical Update
417	Removes duplicative phrase in Art. IV.C.2; updates a Cross Reference
507.5	Adds Resources
513	Updates References

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519	Add a phrase from Minn. Stat. 260E.22, Subd. 2
601	Deletes reference to World's Best Workforce
612.1	Adds a Resource
616	Removes outdated language in Art.IV.C.2
621	Add statutory reference to Art. IX.A
709	Removes "handicapping condition" in Art. VIII.C and D

Substantive Updates

These model policy updates should be reviewed and approved by the school board.

One-Meeting Adoption: Several of the updates listed below quote directly from Minnesota or federal laws or other legal sources. A school board may choose to adopt legal updates in a single meeting pursuant to MSBA Model Policy 208. School boards may contact MSBA if questions arise regarding revisions.

Model Policy Number	Substantive Update
306	Inserts Minnesota's Code of Ethics for School Administrators and removes NAESP Statement 1100.2 Statement of Ethics
606	Adds Art. V paragraph D (which quotes 20 USC 1232h(a))
712	Changes 'surveillance' to 'recording' per MSBA's attorneys' recommendation; clarifies video recording rule in Art.II.A.3
722	Adds 2025 legislative update to Minnesota Statutes 13.03 on data requests to Art. IV

Upcoming Policy Updates

MSBA is in the process of updating the following policies. We anticipate that these policy updates should be available soon.

Model Policy Number	Upcoming Update
515 (MSBA's law firm is reviewing)	Updates Art. VI.B.16 on immunization data and VI.C on nonpublic students. Updates Resources.
530 (MSBAs' law firm is reviewing)	Updates Art. V on exchange of immunization data
721 (Awaiting MDE review and comment)	Updates in response to MDE auditor recommendations

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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 found at the bottom of the policy page, below the Legal References and Cross References.

If you experience trouble viewing the redlined version, please go to the **Review** tab on Microsoft Word and ensure that "**All Markup**" is clicked in the Tracking section. If the "Simple Markup" box is checked, one cannot see the redlined changes.

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.

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 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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