

## Memorandum

**TO:** ACPS School Board Policy Committee  
**FROM:** Matt Smith, Policy Services Consultant  
**DATE:** February 1, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Policy Revisions

Staff are proposing revisions to the following policies:

- GAE - Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting (also JHG)
- GAE-R - Interagency Reporting Agreement (also JHG-R)
- GAE-R - Regulations for Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting (also JHG-R)
- IGE - Adult Education
- IGE-R - Individual Student Alternative Education Program (ISEAP)

These policies have been revised to align with the ACPS Policy Style Guide, aligned with the VSBA model policy and the Code of Virginia, and reviewed by the Equity Audit Team, ACPS staff members, and the Senior Leadership Team

### Revision Summaries

#### [IGE - Adult Education](#)

#### [IGE-R - Individual Student Alternative Education Plan \(ISAEP\)](#)

- Winter 2024 revision
- 5-year review
- Standard changes
- Alignment with the VSBA model policy
- Updated Legal and Cross Refs.
- Policy amended to reflect 2018 amendment and enactment of Va. Code §§ 22.1-223 through 22.1-225 by [HB 803](#)
  - **Department of Education and Board of Education; special education.**  
Extends eligibility to participate in programs of preparation and instruction to take a high school equivalency examination approved by the Board of Education to individuals who are at least 16 years of age. Under current law, such programs are available only to adults who did not complete high school, students who have been granted permission by their division superintendent, and those who have been ordered by a court to participate in the program.
- Struck the provision for required TB testing. Adult students who are enrolled in ACPS are subject to the same health requirements as other students. Surrounding jurisdictions do not require TB testing for Adult Ed students not enrolled in the division (such as those working on a GED).
- Created new Regulation for Individual Student Alternative Education Plan (ISAEP) to provide governance over ISAEP

### JHG/GAE - Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting

### JHG-R/GAE-R - Regulations for Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting

### JHG-R/GAE-R - Interagency Reporting Agreement

- 5 year review
- Standard Changes
- Clarified that the policy and regulation focus on any child abuse and neglect reporting. As currently worded it might be inferred that this was focused on child abuse and neglect by ACPS staff. Staff abuse would be covered by Policy GBBA.
- Added a provision that substantial revisions to the Interagency Reporting Agreement will be reported to the Virginia Board of Education.
- The current regulation is the Interagency Reporting Agreement and does not provide a clear process for ACPS staff to follow.
  - The Interagency Reporting Agreement will become a stand-alone agreement between the City and ACPS (not a regulation).
  - Created a new regulation to provide clear child abuse and neglect reporting processes for ACPS staff to follow.