



Policy Revisions

School Board Meeting
October 19, 2023





Essential Questions

1. Do the revisions support Equity for All?
 - Who is the policy intended to impact?
 - Who does it impact?
 - Who is adversely impacted?
 - How do we mitigate the adverse impact?

2. Do the revisions align with the Code of Virginia?
 1. Do the revisions improve Systemic Alignment?



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ACPS Policy Revision Process



EQUITY-FOCUSED





Key Teams

- Equity Audit Team
 - Reviews from an equity lens
 - Targeted stakeholder input
- Staff Revision Team
 - Reviews from a staff lens
 - Reviews from a legal lens
- Senior Leadership Team
 - Reviews from a leadership lens
- School Board Policy Subcommittee
 - Reviews from a School Board lens
 - Opportunity for public comment



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Policies and Regulations

- *Policy is a basic statement of the intent of the School Board which creates rights and responsibilities for the conduct of the school division's business. Policies are adopted by the Board.*
- *Regulation is the manner or method of implementation of policy by the Superintendent and staff, subject to change as conditions and/or circumstances may dictate. Regulations are approved by the Superintendent.*

Reference: Policy BFC - Policy Adoption



Standard Changes

Standard Changes used on all policies and regulations

- Remove gender affirming terms
- Replace parent with parent/guardian
- Reduce the use of 'shall' per VSBA model policy changes
- Add breadcrumbs to other policies
- Reword and reformat to improve readability
- Relocate definitions to the beginning

Details of revisions are in the comments on the draft policies.



Revision Drivers

- Code changes
- VSBA model policy revisions
- Improving equity
- Changed processes
- Need for new governance
- Need to remove governance

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Draft Revisions

BBFA - Conflict of Interests and Disclosure of Economic Interests

- Policy provisions regarding required COIA training updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3132 by [HB 2122](#)/SB 1460.
- Policy provisions regarding gifts from certain foreign dignitaries updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 2.2-3103.1 by [HB 1911](#)/SB 1002.

IL - Testing Programs

- VSBA model policy alignment
- Standard changes
- Minor wording adjustments to improve readability
- Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-253.13:3 by HB 2225/[SB 1253](#). Requires each school board to provide teachers, parents, principals, and other school leaders with their students' results on any Standards of Learning assessment or Virginia Alternate Assessment Program assessment as soon as practicable after the assessment is administered.



Draft Revisions

IMG - Animals in the Instructional Program

IMG-R - Regulations for Animals in the Instructional Program

- New policy
- Regulation renamed from JHC-R Animals in Schools and revised
- Added permission for baby chicks to be used under the supervision of TLL or a TLL approved Partner organization
- Reorganization to improve readability
- Removed size requirements for turtles
- Updated section on dog health requirements
- Added a requirement that parents must provide specific permission for a student to help with animal care
- Added a section to recommend using invertebrates for observations when possible

LEB - Advanced Alternative Courses for Credit

LEB-R - Advance Alternative Courses for Credit Regulations

- Added a requirement that the course aligns with VDOE approved courses
- Policy updated to reflect amendment of 8 VAC 20-131-140.
 - Students participating in courses offered by an institution of higher education are permitted to exceed a full course load in order to participate in courses that lead to a degree, certificate, or credential at such institution.



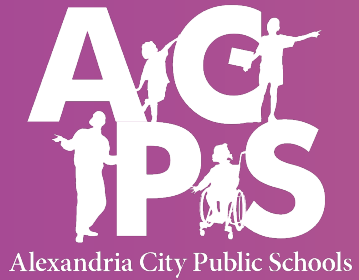
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Revision of School Board Policies

Target

The ACPS Board will review for equity and adopt at least 100 policies during the 2023-24 School Year.

Milestone	Completed
Standard Changes	358
Equity Review	260
Policy Team Review	42
Leadership Review	42
SB Policy Subcommittee Review	38
Board Information	25
Board Adoption	19



Questions?

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