

Date: October 21, 2021
For ACTION ____
For INFORMATION ____
Board Agenda: Yes ____
No ____

FROM: Jennifer Abbruzzese, Director of Policy & Board Initiatives

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Statutory and Regulatory Policy Revisions

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

SUMMARY:

As part of the Board’s continuing, five-year policy review cycle, five policies and regulations from the classifications below were proposed for revision at the October 7, 2021 School Board Meeting:

B Policies: School Board Governance and Operations

E Policies: Support Services

J Policies: Students

The proposed revisions reflect statutory changes taking effect for the 2021-22 school year, or current ACPS practice.

The following chart outlines the proposed policy and regulatory revisions:

October 21, 2021 Policy Revisions for Approval

Yellow Fill = ACPS-Initiated Revision

White Fill = Statutory/Regulatory/VSBA Revision

Policy	Title	Statute/ Reg./VSBA Revised	ACPS Last Revised	Revision
BDDH/KD	Public Participation at School Board Meetings	Feb 2021	May 2019	Policy updated to reflect School Board Meeting procedures in effect since the March 2020 school closure and subsequent return to in-person operations.
BDDH-R/KD-R	Regulations for Public Communications With the School Board	Feb 2021	May 2019	Policy updated to reflect School Board Meeting procedures in effect since the March 2020 school closure and subsequent return to in-person operations.
EBCA	Emergency Preparedness Drills	May 2021	Sep 2020	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-137.2 regarding the required number of threat response drills within the first twenty school days.
JED	Student Absences/Excuses/Dismissals	May 2021	Sep 2020	Policy updated to reflect 8 VAC 20-730-10.

JEA- R/JED-R	Attendance Regulations	May 2021	Sep 2020	Policy updated to remove language specific to SY 2020-21; to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-254 regarding the addition of one excused absence per year for secondary students to participate in community engagement activities; and to reflect ACPS practice re: absences related to religious practices.
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BACKGROUND:

The Code of Virginia § 22.1-253.13:7 and Policy BF require the School Board to maintain and follow up-to-date policies, and that all policies shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the School Board approve the proposed policy and regulatory revisions.

IMPACT:

By reviewing policies periodically, the School Board ensures that ACPS operations are aligned to support excellence and high performance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Revisions to policies and regulations listed above.

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