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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/Regulatory Policy Revisions

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

SUMMARY:

As part of the Board’s continuing policy review cycle, eleven policies and regulations from the classifications below are proposed for revision.

E Policies: Support Services

G Policies: Personnel

J Policies: Students

These revisions are primarily driven by changes to the Code of Virginia and Virginia Board of Education (VBOE) regulations. However, some have also been initiated by ACPS to either reflect current practice or the changing needs of the school division.

The following chart outlines the policy revisions:

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Light Blue Fill = ≥ 5 Years Since Policy Last Reviewed

Yellow Fill = ACPS-Initiated Revision

White Fill = Statutory/Regulatory/VSBA Revision

Policy/ Reg.	Title	Statute/ Reg./VSBA Revised	ACPS Last Revised	Revision
EB	School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan	May 2020	Sep 2017	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-279.8 re: participants in the development of school Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plans, and to reflect current ACPS practice.
EBB	Threat Assessment Teams	May 2019	Dec 2019	Updated to reflect current ACPS resources and organizational structure.
EBB-R	Threat Assessment Team Regulations	N/A	Jun 2017	Updated to reflect current ACPS resources and organizational structure.
EF	Food Service Management	Feb 2019 Feb 2020	Dec 2019	Cross References updated to reflect changes to policies EFB, JHCF-R, JHCH and JHCH-R.
EFB	Free and Reduced Price Food Services	May 2019 Feb 2020 May 2021	Jun 2017	<p>2019: References updated to reflect enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-207.2:1.</p> <p>2020: Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-79.7 and enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-207.3:1. (School division does not file lawsuits against parents/guardians of students for student meal debt; student who cannot pay for meal not required to discard it once served; school division may solicit donations to offset school meal debt.)</p> <p>2021: Amended to reflect enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-207.4:1 from 2020 Special Session, effective March 1, 2021 re: community eligibility provision (CEP).</p>

GBE	Staff Health	Sep 2021	Sep 2021	16 VAC 25-220-40 amended to require each school division to include a method to receive and resolve anonymous complaints of its staff COVID policy. The policy must also include a requirement that employees report to the employer when they are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and when they have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
GBE-R/JHCC-R	Use of Protective Face Coverings (Masks) to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19	Sep 2021	Sep 2021	Amendment of 16 VAC 25-220-40 (as noted above for Policy GBE) also applies to Regulation GBE-R/JHCC-R.
JHCD	Administration of Medication to Students	May 2021	June 2018	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-274.2, effective January 1, 2022 re: provision of albuterol inhalers in every school.
JHCD-R	Regulations for the Administration of Medications to Students	May 2021	June 2018	Policy updated to reflect amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-274.2, effective January 1, 2022 re: provision of albuterol inhalers in every school.
JHCH	School Meals and Snacks	May 2019	Mar 2019	Policy merged with Policy EFB based on VSBA conversations with VDOE and amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-79.7; enactment of Va. Code § 22.1-207.3:1 re: distribution of excess food.
JHCH-R	Regulations for School Meals and Snacks	May 2019	Mar 2019	Policy merged with Policy EFB based on VSBA conversations with VDOE and amendment of Va. Code § 22.1-79.7; enactment of Va. Code § 207.3:1 re: distribution of excess food; Meals and snacks offered as part of the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program must meet requirements established by 8 VAC 20-740-10 through 8 VAC 20-740-40.

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 review the attached 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:

Policy and regulatory revisions listed in chart above.

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