

Policy Committee Meeting
July 31, 2017 5:30 PM
MCBOE

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. 3.500 Food Service Management**
- 3. 1.407 School District Records**

This policy has been updated in response to Public Chapter 233, which expands the ways citizens may submit open records requests and allows LEAs to deny requests based on the citizen's failure to comply with the policy.

- 4. 2.703 Audits**

Public Chapter 383 requires that LEAs with findings in their annual audit submit a corrective action plan to the comptroller of the treasury. This plan must include the name(s) of the contact person responsible for the corrective action, the action taken or planned, and the anticipated completion date.

- 5. 3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan**

This policy has been updated to include new requirements, per Public Chapter 313 and Chapter 451.

- 6. 3.400 Student Transportation Management**

The major revision of this policy reflects mandatory changes required by Public Chapter 289. This new law requires that every LEA appoint a transportation supervisor who meets certain training requirements, and adopt a policy that governs how safety complaints will be submitted. It also contains requirements on how investigations of those complaints will occur.

- 7. 4.210 Credit Recovery**

This policy has been updated in response to a change in State Board Policy 2.103. Students who pass credit recovery courses are now required to receive a grade of 70%.

- 8. 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics**

Public Chapter 260 requires that students be excused from participating in a school athletic event, or related event, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious holiday.

We confirmed with TSBA that this does not include breaks, such as Fall and Spring Break or Christmas Break.

9. 4.402 Selection of Instructional Materials (Other than Textbooks)

State law no longer requires a portion of individual teacher instructional supply funds be pooled with all such funds and spent as determined by a committee. Under this new law, each teacher will individually be given \$200 total and will be able to decide how to best use the full amount. TSBA recommends deleting this policy.

10. 4.600 Grading System

State Board of Education Policy 3.301 now requires that LEAs that offer honors courses and postsecondary opportunities adopt a policy providing for additional weighting of these courses. TSBA has updated our policy 4.600 to include this weighting information.

11. 4.602 Class Ranking

12. 4.700 Testing Programs

This policy has been updated to reflect the new TNReady weighting requirements.

13. 5.200 Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers

TSBA updated this policy in response to Public Chapter 287. Previously, retired teachers could substitute teach for 120 days without loss of retirement benefits, and an addition 90 days if the director of schools certified in writing that no other qualified personnel are available to substitute teach. This new law removes the 90 days limit on those additional days. As a result, retired teachers may now substitute teach beyond 120 days provided the director of schools still certifies in writing that no other qualified personnel are available.

14. 5.201 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers

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15. 5.203 Recommendations and File Transfers

This is a new policy that limits the information that may be provided to assist an LEA's employee or contractor in obtaining a new position if the person engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. LEA staff may still transmit administrative and personnel files on behalf of the employee or contractor, but may not aide such persons in obtaining another position by other means. This federal law is aimed at preventing LEA administrators from giving a neutral or positive recommendation to a potential employer on behalf

of the employee or contractor if there is probable cause to believe that sexual misconduct occurred.

16. 5.600 Staff Rights & Responsibilities

TSBA updated this policy to align with Public Chapter 360. This new law clarifies the rights of educators.

17. 5.701 Substitute Teachers

TSBA updated this policy to reflect new compensation requirements created by Public Chapter 387. This law changes the rate of pay for certain retired substitute teachers.

18. 6.308 Bus Conduct

19. 6.311 Care of School Property

At one time, the system could ask a student to perform voluntary work in order to pay a debt. State law no longer supports this.

20. 6.411 Student Wellness

Public Chapter 99 (Physical Activity Requirement Changes) removes the non-structured physical activity requirements for students in grades K-8 and creates physical activity requirements.

21. Adjourn

Chairperson

Superintendent