

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the School Board and Superintendent Holmberg

FROM: Jody Josephson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

DATE: November 17, 2025

RE: MSBA Policy Updates November 2025

MSBA is committed to providing ongoing updates to model policies as state laws and other developments give rise to change. Going forward, MSBA will issue *Policy Services Updates* in October, February, and June (following the legislative session). If a policy update is needed immediately, MSBA will issue a special update.

Below are the policies revised by MSBA in October which are either technical updates or quote directly from Minnesota or federal laws or other legal sources.

We bring these policies to you for a first reading/discussion on November 17, 2025 and a second reading/adoption on December 1.

Technical Updates

Technical updates do not change a policy's substantive provisions. MSBA recommends that school boards permit staff to make these updates. Formal board action to accept technical changes is not necessary under Model Policy 208 to make these changes, though school boards have the authority to require formal board action if they choose.

Policy #	Policy Name:	Update:
417	Chemical Use and Abuse	Removes duplicative phrase in Art.IV.C.2; updates a Cross Reference
507.5	School Resource Officers	Adds Resources
513	Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design	Updates References
519	Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies	Add a phrase from Minn. Stat. 260E.22, Subd. 2
601	School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals	Deletes reference to World's Best Workforce
612.1	Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title I Programs	Adds a Resource
616	School District System Accountability	Removes outdated language in Art.IV.C.
621	Literacy and the Read Act	Add statutory reference to Art. IX.A
709	Student Transportation Safety Policy	Removes "handicapping condition in Art.VIII.C and D

Legal Updates

One-Meeting Adoption: Several of the updates listed below quote directly from Minnesota or federal laws or other legal sources. A school board may choose to adopt legal updates in a single meeting pursuant to MSBA Model Policy 208 School boards may contact MSBA if questions arise regarding revisions.

Policy #:	Policy Name:	Update:
306	Administrator Code of Ethics	Inserts Minnesota's Code of Ethics for School Administrators and removes NAESP Statement 1100.2 Statement of Ethics
606	Textbooks and Instructional Materials	Adds Art. V paragraph D (which quotes 20 USC 1232h(a))
712	Video Recording Other Than on Buses	Changes 'surveillance' to 'recording' per MSBA's attorneys' recommendation clarifies video recording rule in Art.II.A
722	Public Data Requests	Adds 2025 legislative update to Minnesota Statutes 13.03 on data requests to Art.IV