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General Personnel

5:100 Staff Development Program

The Superintendent or designee shall implement a staff development program. The goal of such program shall be to update and improve the skills and knowledge of staff members in order to achieve and maintain a high level of job performance and satisfaction. Additionally, the development program for licensed staff members shall be designed to effectuate the District and School Improvement Plans so that student learning objectives meet or exceed goals established by the District and State.

The staff development program shall provide every year, the in-service training of licensed school personnel and administrators on current best practices regarding the identification and treatment of attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the application of non-aversive behavioral interventions in the school environment, and the use of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication for school-age children.

The staff development program shall provide every year, the in-service training of all District staff on educator ethics, teacher-student conduct, and school employee-student conduct.

In addition, the staff development program shall include each of the following:

1. Every year, training of all District staff by a person with expertise on anaphylactic reactions and management.
2. Every year, an in-service to train school personnel, at a minimum, to understand, provide information and referrals, and address issues pertaining to youth who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence.
3. Training that, at a minimum, provides District staff with a basic knowledge of matters relating to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and the availability of appropriate sources of counseling and referral.
4. Training for licensed school personnel and administrators who work with students in grades kindergarten through 8 to identify the warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in youth along with appropriate intervention and referral techniques.
5. Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), School Code, and *Erin's Law* Training as follows:
 - a. Staff development for local school site personnel who work with students in grades kindergarten through 8, in the detection, reporting and prevention of child abuse and neglect (see policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*).
 - b. Within ~~one year~~ three months of employment, each staff member must complete mandated reporter training from a provider or agency with expertise in recognizing and reporting child abuse. Mandated reporter training must be completed again at least every ~~five~~ three years (see policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*). [PRESS Plus 1](#)
 - c. Informing educators about the recommendation in the *Erin's Law* Taskforce Report requesting them to attend continuing professional development programs that address the prevention and identification of child sexual abuse (see policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*).
6. Education for staff instructing students in grades 7 through 8, concerning teen dating violence as recommended by the District's Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students or Complaint Manager.
7. Ongoing professional development for teachers, administrators, school resource officers, and staff regarding the adverse consequences of school exclusion and justice-system involvement, effective classroom management strategies, culturally responsive discipline, the appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement, and developmentally appropriate disciplinary methods that promote positive and healthy school climates.
8. Continuing education and/or training opportunities (*professional standards*) for school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff.
9. The following individuals must complete concussion training as specified in the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act: coaches and assistant coaches (whether volunteer or employee) of an interscholastic athletic activity; nurses, licensed and/or non-licensed healthcare professionals serving on the Concussion Oversight Team; athletic trainers; game officials of an interscholastic athletic activity; and physicians serving on the Concussion Oversight Team.
10. Every two years, school personnel who work with students must complete an in-person or online training program on the management of asthma, the prevention of asthma symptoms, and emergency response in the school setting.
11. Training for school personnel to develop cultural competency, including understanding and reducing implicit racial bias.
12. For school personnel who work with hazardous or toxic materials on a regular basis, training on the safe handling and use

of such materials.

13. For nurses, administrators, guidance counselors, teachers, persons employed by a local health department and assigned to a school, and persons who contract with the District to perform services in connection with a student's seizure action plan, training in the basics of seizure recognition, first aid, and appropriate emergency protocols. [PRESSPlus2](#)
14. For all District staff, annual sexual harassment prevention training. [PRESSPlus3](#)

The Superintendent shall develop protocols for administering youth suicide awareness and prevention education to staff consistent with Board policy 7:290, *Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention*.

An opportunity shall be provided for all staff members to acquire, develop, and maintain the knowledge and skills necessary to properly administer life-saving techniques and first aid, including the Heimlich maneuver, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an automated external defibrillator, in accordance with a nationally recognized certifying organization. Physical fitness facilities' staff must be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of an automated external defibrillator.

LEGAL REF.:

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, [42 U.S.C. §1758b](#), [Pub. L. 111-296](#).

[7 C.F.R. Parts 210](#) and [235](#).

[105 ILCS 5/2-3.62](#), [5/10-20.17a](#), [5/10-20.61](#), [5/10-22.6\(c-5\)](#), [5/10-22.39](#), [5/10-23.12](#), [5/22-80\(h\)](#), and [5/24-5](#).

[105 ILCS 25/1.15](#), Interscholastic Athletic Organization Act.

[105 ILCS 150/25](#), *Seizure Smart School Act*.

105 ILCS 110/3, Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.

325 ILCS 5/4, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

745 ILCS 49/, Good Samaritan Act.

[775 ILCS 5/2-109](#), *Ill. Human Rights Act*.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 22.20](#), [226.800](#), and [Part 525](#).

[77 Ill.Admin.Code §527.800](#).

CROSS REF.: 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 4:160 (Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 6:15 (School Accountability), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:160 (English Learners), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:285 (Food Allergy Management Program), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention), 7:305 (Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), 325 ILCS 5/4(j), amended by P.A. 101-564, eff. 1-1-20. The initial ANCRA three-month training requirement applies to the first time staff engage in their professional or official capacity. While the law allows an extension to six months, it is unclear when such an extension is permissible. Consult the board attorney for guidance. As a best practice, to ensure compliance with the requirement in 105 ILCS 5/22-85(c) (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-531, that mandated reporters annually review ISBE materials regarding notification of DCFS, and to ease the administrative burden to track employee training schedules, a district may consider requiring annual training for all employees. See also policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 150/25, added by P.A. 101-50, eff. 7-1-20. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. Updated in response to 775 ILCS 5/2-109, added by P.A. 101-221, eff. 1-1-20. **Issue 102, October 2019**