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Draft Update

Policy 2:230 - Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 5:70 - Religious Holidays

The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 5:240 - Suspension

The policy and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review. The policy is updated with minor style changes.

Policy 6:70 - Teaching About Religions

The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to Mahmoud v. Taylor, addressing opt-out from curriculum based on parents' religious objections. The Legal References are also updated with a minor style change. The footnotes are also updated in response to the U.S. Dept. of Education's Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools (2026), and for continuous improvement.

Policy 6:80 - Teaching About Controversial Issues

The Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to Mahmoud v. Taylor, addressing opt-out from curriculum based on parent religious objections. The footnotes are also updated in response to Kluge v. Brownsburg Cmty. Sch. Corp., 150 F.4th 792, 813 (7th Cir. 2025), leaving unsettled the issue of whether a district's accommodation of a teacher's religious objection to calling students by their preferred names and pronouns was an undue hardship

Policy 6:190 - Extracurricular & Co-Curricular Activities.

The policy and footnotes are updated to align with the changes made to 7:330, Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access, and for continuous improvement.

1Policy 7:130 - Student Rights & Responsibilities

The Legal References are updated to include the Equal Access Act, Every Student Succeeds Act, Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist., and for continuous improvement. The footnotes are updated in response to: 1. U.S. Dept. of Education Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools (2026); 2. Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist., addressing, in part, a student's ability to voluntarily pray alongside a staff member; 3. The Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §4071(a), requiring districts to give certain noncurriculum-related student groups access to district facilities for meetings as a condition of federal funding.

Policy 8:70 - Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Review & Monitoring

Policy 2:30 - School District Elections

The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 3:40 - Superintendent

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 3:60 - Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal

The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 3:70 - Succession of Authority

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 4:120 - Food Services

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 4:175 - Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 5:40 - Communicable & Chronic Infectious Disease

The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 5:140 - Solicitations By or From Staff

The policy is unchanged. The footnote is updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 5:185 - Family & Medical Leave

The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 7:30 - Student Assignment & Intra-District Transfer

The policy and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review. Minor style updates are made to the policy.

Policy 7:80 - Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 7:345 - Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security

The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the suggested changes.

Additional recommendations that are not required to be Board approved - For information purposes only:

Draft Update - Rewritten

Policy 2:70 E Exhibit - Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment

The exhibit is updated to correct obsolete links to IASB's website and for continuous improvement.

Policy 2:220-E1 Exhibit - Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings & Minutes

The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 2:220-E5 Exhibit - Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.

Policy 2:220-E8 Exhibit - Board of Education Records Maintenance Requirements & FAQs

The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.

(Exhibits are not required to be approved by the Board of Education.)

Draft Update - New

Policy 2:120-E3 Exhibit - Resolution to Appoint a Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly

NEW. A new exhibit is created to assist boards with annually appointing a delegate to the IASB Delegate Assembly (DA) and defining the delegate's authority to act on the board's behalf at the DA.

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