

Gateway School District



Policy Committee
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Policy 716. Integrated Pest Management

This policy was updated to provide additional context regarding requirements for integrated pest management, including timeframes for when notification of pesticide applications must be made and for how long signage must remain in place post-application. The requirement for integrated pest management to be incorporated into the curriculum was removed due to the expiration of this provision in the state's academic standards. The definition of integrated pest management was updated to align with the state regulations.

Policy 716 is recommended for legal liability purposes.

Policy 006.1. Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications

Currently tabled

Policy 810.2. School Bus Video and Audio Surveillance

Revision to the Notification Section:

A sign shall be placed on the inside of all buses with a video/audio camera notifying those on the bus that their actions and statements may be recorded. Notification will occur through the District website, and/or email and may be distributed through other digital means.

Omnibus Bill & State Regulation Updates

Policy 102 Academic Standards

Updated to include mandatory instruction on Social Media Literacy (addressing health, academic, safety, and security impacts) and Personal Finance under Chapter 4 requirements. Clarifies PA Core and PA Integrated Standards.

Policy 105 Curriculum

Added legal citations for Physical Education and Social Media instruction requirements. Includes guidance resources regarding student screen time and purposeful technology use.

Policy 204.1. Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks - NEW

Requires weekly real-time wellness checks (webcam during synchronous class, testing, health screenings, or chaperoned activities) for full-year virtual students. Mandates follow-up wellness review conferences or in-person visits if checks are missed, alongside strict recordkeeping and Child Protective Services reporting.

Policy 209 Health Examinations/Screenings

Height and weight measurements are to track growth patterns only—not to calculate weight-to-height ratios—and parental opt-out procedures must be provided. Requires eating disorder awareness and education materials to be posted online and made available for grades 6–12.

Policy 246 School Wellness

Prohibits calculating Body Mass Index (BMI) using height and weight measurements. Adds a Social Media Literacy section covering mental/physical health impacts, learning effects, cyberbullying, predatory behavior, human trafficking, and mobile device security.

Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

Expanded to explicitly cover cyberbullying. Adds definitions for Cyberbullying and Artificial Intelligence-Generated or Modified Media. Investigation procedures have been moved directly into the main policy content.

Policy 803 School Calendar

Requires public board discussions regarding the use or potential use of Flexible Instruction Days (FID) and remote/virtual instruction days prior to finalizing the annual school calendar.

Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel

Clarifies that the School Safety and Security Coordinator coordinates staff and student training on suicide awareness and cyberbullying prevention.

Policy 822 Automated External Defibrillators / CPR

Clarifies CPR/AED certification requirements for designated staff, optional training for employees/volunteers, and mandates an annual AED report (number, condition, placement, age, and expiration dates) to the PA Department of Education.