Colorado Association of School Boards

Special Policy Update
October 8th, 2026

Grading and Assessment
During the 2026 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly passed House Bill 26-1299. This bill "cleaned up" various laws that had been previously overlooked, including C.R.S. 22-7-1013, which required Local Education Providers to adopt a written policy outlining the use of paper and pencil state assessments. This change became necessary when digital state assessments became more encouraged and commonplace. CASB has updated sample policy IKA, and the associated regulation IKA-R, Grading and Assessment Systems to remove language around paper and pencil assessments. There are also stylistic and grammar updates throughout the policy.

Other Resources:
Reducing Regulatory Burden on Education Providers | General Assembly

Updates to ASCENT Program
The ASCENT Program was repealed July 2026 after the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 25-315. CASB sample policy IHCDA Concurrent Enrollment has been updated to reflect that this program no longer exists. There are also stylistic and grammar updates throughout the policy.

Other Resources:
Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Programs | General Assembly

Changes to Open Records Requests Charges
The law allows districts to charge an hourly fee to compensate staff who have spent time researching, retrieving, and redacting open records requests. This amount is reevaluated every few years by the Director of Research of the Legislative Council and was recently changed. Districts may charge up to $41.37 per hour of staff time after the first hour. CASB sample policy *KDB and regulation KDB-R Public's Right to Know and Freedom of Information* both include the maximum hourly fee and have been updated to reflect the change. There are also stylistic and grammar updates throughout the policy.

Minor Changes
- *AC Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity*—House Bill 26-1141 added "pregnancy" and "parental status" to the list of classes protected by state harassment laws.
    - Discriminatory Practices in Public Schools | General Assembly
- *AC-R-3 Sexual Harassment Investigation Procedures per Title IX*—CASB received comments from CCCS audits about a few minor changes that needed to be made.

    - NOTE: The Title IX Coordinator may act as the Investigator, but the 2020 Title IX regulations explicitly forbid the Decision-Maker from acting in any other role—the Decision-Maker may only serve as the Decision-Maker.
    - Department of Education Guidance Document | Role of the Title IX Coordinator.
- *DEB Loan Programs*—The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Schools Loan Program Act was repealed. Policy DEB was updated to remove the legal reference to the Act and the associated rules by the State Board of Education.
- *IKF-E Graduation Requirements*—The State Board of Education temporarily lowered the SAT Math Cut Score required for graduation in 2024 (discussed in this October 2025 Special Policy Update); this cut score has now been permanently lowered, so CASB recommends all districts update their graduation requirements accordingly.
- *JLCD Administering Medication to Students*—This policy was updated stylistically, and a legal reference was removed for a law that was repealed in 2019.
- *KF and KF-R Community Use of School Facilities*—The nondiscrimination statement required in this regulation was updated to reference policy AC's nondiscrimination statement and any protected classes listed in policy AC. Because the protected classes are frequently being added to, this felt like a better way to reference them without updating the policy every time a change is made.

Code	Title	Description of Updates	Suggested Adoption Date	Required by Law	Core Policy	BOCES Policy
IKA	Grading and Assessment Systems	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
IKA-R	Grading and Assessment Systems: Exemption Procedure and Information to Parents/Guardians	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
IHCDA	Concurrent Enrollment	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word
KDB	Public's Right to Know and Freedom of Information	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
KDB-R	Public's Right to Know and Freedom of Information Procedures	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word

AC	Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
AC-R-3	Sexual Harassment Investigation Procedures—Title IX	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
DEB	Loan Programs with Funds from State Tax Sources	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	No changes to BOCES Policy
IKF-E	Graduation Requirements: Approved Measures and Cut Scores	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
JLCD	Administering Medication to Students	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
KF	Community Use of School Facilities	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	No BOCES Policy
KF-R	Community Use of School Facilities Procedures	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic Changes	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	No BOCES Policy