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Model Policy Revisions

MSBA has completed its revisions of the Model Policies listed below to reflect statutory requirements that the Minnesota legislature enacted through the 2019 legislative session and other federal and state requirements.

Yellow highlighted Model Policies contain newly-updated revisions as of September 2019. Instructions are at the end of this newsletter.

Green highlighted Model Policies were revised and posted on the MSBA website in June 2019.

*Note: Model Policies 506, 603, 616, and 624 were revised in June and in September.

Statutory and Recommended Changes					
Model Policy Number	Model Policy Title	Summary of Changes			
414	Mandated Reporting	Statutory change adds two crimes under the definition of 'sexual abuse'			
419	Tobacco-Free Environment	Policy title change; statutory change adding electronic devices and definition of 'smoking'			
421	Gifts to Employees and School Board Members	Adds definition of "financial interest"			
510	School Activities	Adds language reflecting 2019 legislative action regarding student activity accounts and deletes outdated reference			

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516	Student Medication	Statutory change adds student possession and use of sunscreen	
524	Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy	Updates social media references and revises references	
532	Use of Peace Officers	Statutory change to dates of seclusion reports to MDE	
534	Unpaid Meal Charges	Adds 2019 Minnesota Attorney General Opinion language	
601	Curriculum and Instruction	Statutory change adding dyslexia screening and additional reporting requirements	
603	Curriculum Development	Adds language regarding dyslexia screening	
611	Home Schooling	Statutory change to add teacher's materials to the definition of 'textbook'	
613	Graduation Requirements	Statutory changes revise Graduation Assessment Requirements (Art. V) and Graduation Credit Requirements (Art. VI). Legal References updated	
615	Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPS, Section 504 Plans, LEP Students	Updated URL for the "Procedures Manual for the Minnesota Assessments"	
616	School District Accountability	Updated advisory committee provisions	
618	Assessment of Achievement	Statutory changes required MDE Commissioner to create form regarding state assessments; district must post form	

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620	Credit for Learning	Statutory change deletes North Central Assn. of Colleges and Schools from 'eligible institution' definition		
623	Mandatory Summer School Instruction	Adds dyslexia screening language		
703	Annual Audit	Updates Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide title		
713	Student Activity Accounting	Student activity accounts must be under board control		
720	Vending Machines	Updates sealed bid statutory requirement		
721	Uniform Grant Guidance	Federal change increases two threshold levels under "Procurement Methods"		
802	Obsolete Equipment	Statutory change expands potential recipients of surplus school computers and adds option to sell/give surplus school computers to 'qualifying students'		

Non-substantive Changes

Model Policy Number	Model Policy Title	Summary of Changes		
205	Open Meeting and Closed Meeting	These changes reflect updates to the legal and cross references (including changes in statute numbers and/or names, new statutes,		
402	Disability Nondiscrimination			
404	Employment Background Checks	rules, or cases), changes to the notes within the policies, changes to accompanying forms, and minor corrections. The substance of the policy language is not affected.		
423	Employee-Student Relationships			
424	License Status			
506	Student Discipline			
515	Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records			
523	Policies Incorporated			
530 FORM	Immunization Form and Instructions			
602	Organization of School Calendar and School Day			
624	Online Learning Options			
806 FORM	For Assistance in Drafting a Crisis Management Plan			
904	Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons			