

Policy Notes August 2022

#6030 – School Calendar

Policy has not been revised since 2011 and needs to be reviewed for accuracy. Note, Shipman does not have a comparable policy.

Additional notes from Shipman & Goodwin:

There is no explicit requirement, nor specific prohibition, in Connecticut law concerning the designation of days on the school calendar.

Naming the holidays in the calendar does assist in providing the community notice of the reason for school cancellation on that date and ensures that the school complies with the calendar requirements in Connecticut law (i.e. school cannot be held on legal holidays in December and January.) Naming the holidays also assists in ensuring compliance with any applicable collective bargaining agreements relative to work on legal holidays. However, as indicated above, there is no legal requirement that the holiday be named in the school calendar. While a majority of school districts do name the holiday in their calendar, we identified at least one other district (Colchester) that identifies holidays as “School Holiday” as is being proposed by Madison.

#1150 – Prohibition Against Nicotine and Cannabis Use

Shipman has further reviewed this policy and made revisions related to smoking and added a reference to alcohol.

#5120.3.3 – Administering Medication

Shipman recommends the Board repeal and replace the current policy from 2015 for consistency and legal compliance. Of particular note is the inclusion of the use of Naloxone (Narcan) which school nurses recently received training in. This needs to be added to our Safety and Security Plans which are submitted annually (November 1) to the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

#9460 – Advisory Committees

Changes suggested by Shipman, at our request, as this policy is referenced in policy #7551.

NOTE: The following policies will be returning to the September Policy Committee Meeting:

#4112.8 – Nepotism

Shipman recommends repealing this policy and replacing with theirs for consistency.

#7551 – Naming/Renaming of School Buildings, Components of School Buildings and/or School Grounds

At the request of the committee, and with regard to the building of a new school, Shipman has reviewed this policy and provided suggested changes.