April 2025 Update Memo

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Please share this **PRESS** Update Memo with all board members and appropriate staff.

Two other important components of **PRESS** may be viewed and downloaded from **PRESS Online**: Committee Worksheets and the updated **Policy Reference Manual (PRM)** pages.

The Committee Worksheets, found by selecting a *PRESS Issue* at the top of the **PRESS Online** Table of Contents, show suggested changes to **PRESS** materi-

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al by striking out deleted words and underscoring new words, a.k.a. "tracked changes."

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PRESS Bundles

Each bundle summarizes the global reasons for changes to all materials that are listed.

Specific details about how each piece of material changed, e.g., legislation, administrative rules, **PRESS** Advisory Board feedback, quality assurance, five-year review items, etc., are explained in numerical order in the **Revisions to Policies**, **Administrative Procedures**, and **Exhibits** table beginning on p. 7.

Please spend time reviewing the **PRESS** online Committee Worksheets for these materials, which will provide further, more on-the-spot detailed explanations in the footnotes, along with added comment boxes by the **PRESS** Editors when necessary.

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Lighting the Way to Excellence in School Governance

Title IX Reversion to 2020 Regulations

On January 9, 2025, in the case <u>State of Tennessee v. Cardona</u>, the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Kentucky (Court) struck down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations that went into effect August 1, 2024. The result of this ruling was to restore the 2020 Title IX regulations issued during the first Trump administration. On February 4, 2025, the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office for Civil Rights issued a *Dear Colleague* letter in which it confirmed the 2020 Title IX regulations are in effect and advised schools to immediately reevaluate open Title IX investigations initiated under the 2024 regulations to ensure consistency with the requirements of the 2020 Title IX regulations.

In response to these legal developments, the following **PRESS** materials are updated:

2:250-E2, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure 2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure – REWRITTEN 2:265-AP1, Title IX Response – REWRITTEN 2:265-AP2, Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process - REWRITTEN 2:265-AP3, Title IX Coordinator - DELETED 2:265-E, Title IX Glossary of Terms – REWRITTEN 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited 5:100, Staff Development Program 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities 7:10-AP1, Accommodating Transgender, Nonbinary, or Gender Nonconforming Students 7:10-AP2, Accommodating Breastfeeding Students 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited 7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist

Ensuring Success in School Law

The Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Law, Public Act 102-466, effective 7-1-25, creates new School Code Article 26A, Children and Students Who Are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence. Article 26A requires districts to ensure they have policies, procedures, and resources in place to ensure that students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence (Article 26A Students) are provided with support services necessary to enable them to meet State educational standards and successfully attain a school diploma. Specifically, Article 26A requires that at least one staff member in each school building be identified and trained as a resource person for Article 26A Students, and that each district have a complaint resolution procedure to resolve complaints of alleged violations of Article 26A. These requirements are set forth in a new 7:255 policy suite.

PRESS Terminology

What are the meanings of the "AP" and "E" after certain policy numbers?

The **PRESS** Policy Reference Manual (**PRM**) is an encyclopedia of sample board policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits. They are all in numerical order for easy reference. **PRESS** recommends that local school districts maintain separate board policy and administrative procedure manuals to help distinguish for the board, staff, students, parents, and community members, the distinction between board documents and staff documents, board work, and staff work.

Policy. The board develops policies with input from various sources like district administrators, the board attorney, and **PRESS** materials. The board then formally adopts the policies, often after more than one consideration.

After adoption by the board, each policy should have an adoption date.

Administrative Procedures. Administrative procedures are developed by the superintendent, administrators, and/or other district staff members. The staff develops the procedures that guide implementation of the policies. Administrative procedures are not adopted by the board, which allows the superintendent and staff the flexibility they need to keep the procedures current. **PRESS** sample procedures are numbered to correspond with the policies that they implement for easy reference. For example, policy 6:190's related administrative procedure is 6:190-AP.

Administrative procedures should be dated for implementation by the administrative staff and kept separately from the board policy manual.

Exhibits. Both board policies and administrative procedures may have related exhibits. Exhibits provide information and forms intended to be helpful to the understanding or implementation of either a board policy or administrative procedure, and they do not require formal board adoption. **PRESS** sample exhibits are numbered to correspond to the related board policy or administrative procedure. For example, Board Policy 2:70 has a related exhibit numbered 2:70-E. Administrative procedure 7:340-AP1 has a related exhibit numbered 7:340-AP1, E.

Exhibits labeled with an "E" may provide guidance for board work or staff work. Those providing guidance for board work should be dated for implementation by the board. Those providing guidance for the staff should be dated for implementation by the administrative staff.

Administrative procedures exhibits, always labeled with the "AP, E" format should be dated for implementation by the administrative staff. Please note that since the ESS Law requires an Article 26A Resource Person in each school building, each school will need to have its own version of **NEW** sample administrative procedure, 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents*, *Expectant Parents, and Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*.

The ESS Law also amends the following:

- 1. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6, amended by P.A. 102-466, eff. 7-1-25, provides that during a suspension review hearing or expulsion hearing, students may disclose any factor to be considered in mitigation, including the student's status as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence. It also requires that students be allowed to appear with a representative and/or a support person at disciplinary hearings.
- 2. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a, amended by P.A. 102-466, eff. 7-1-25, requires that home instruction be available for students unable to attend school because of pregnancy-related conditions (previously *pregnancy*), the fulfillment of parenting obligations related to the health of the child, or health or safety concerns arising from domestic or sexual violence.
- 3. 105 ILCS 5/26-2a, amended by P.A. 102-466, eff. 7-1-25, adds the following as valid causes for student absence: attendance at a verified medical or therapeutic appointment, appointment with a victim services provider, the fulfillment of a parenting responsibility, and addressing circumstances resulting from domestic or sexual violence.
- 4. 105 ILCS 10/2(f), amended by P.A. 102-466, eff. 7-1-25, provides that a student's temporary records shall include information concerning a student's status and related experiences as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence.

The following **PRESS** materials are created or updated in response to this law:

- 2:250-E2, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
- 5:100, Staff Development Program
- 6:150, Home and Hospital Instruction
- 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:10-AP2, Accommodating Breastfeeding Students
- 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:50-AP, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and from Non-District Schools
- 7:60, Residence
- 7:70, Attendance and Truancy
- 7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist
- 7:200, Suspension Procedures
- 7:210, Expulsion Procedures
- 7:210-E1, Notice of Expulsion Hearing
- 7:250, Student Support Services
- 7:250-AP2, Protocol for Responding to Students with Social, Emotional, or Mental Health Needs
- 7:255, Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence – **NEW**
- 7:255-AP1, Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence – **NEW**
- 7:255-AP2, Complaint Resolution Procedure for Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence – **NEW**
- 7:340, Student Records
- 7:340-AP1, School Student Records
- 7:340-AP1, E1, Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records

Artificial Intelligence

The use of artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled tools in K-12 has become a hot topic nationwide, as schools begin to grapple with how AI can be best utilized to improve instruction, support educators, and reduce administrative burdens. In October 2024, the U.S. Dept. of Education issued a toolkit (Toolkit) to support the safe, ethical, and equitable integration of AI in K-12 schools. Like other technological tools, it is important to keep in mind that boards have many existing board policies that already govern conduct that could involve the use of AI-enabled tools, such as policies addressing equal opportunity for students and employees, staff professional conduct, bullying, and student behavior. In recognition of the increasing role of AI in K-12 education, sample **PRESS** policy 6:325, *Access to Electronic Networks*, is updated to include a new, optional subhead to address the use of AI-enabled tools. **NEW** sample administrative procedure 6:235-AP3, *Development of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines,* provides a framework, based on the Toolkit, to assist districts as they develop their own AI plans and responsible use guidelines that reflect local needs and conditions.

The following **PRESS** materials are updated or created:

- 2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees
- 6:235, Access to Electronic Networks
- 6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Network
- 6:235-AP3, Development of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines – **NEW**

Federal Uniform Guidance for Awards

In October 2024, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued final rules to comprehensively update and streamline the OMB *Guidance for Grants and Agreements*, now called the OMB *Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance*, located at 2 C.F.R. Part 200. The final rules are intended to improve federal financial assistance management, transparency, and oversight through more accessible and comprehensible guidance. At the State level, the amended federal rules continue to apply to State grants governed by the III. Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

Sexting

In response to the use of technologies to produce harmful and sexually explicit "deepfakes", 720 ILCS 5/11-23.7, added by P.A. 103-825, criminalizes the *non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions*. **PRESS** sample policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*, has been updated to include a definition of the term *sexting*, which incorporates this criminal offense, along with other offenses referenced in sample administrative procedure 7:190-AP6, *Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations*. The following **PRESS** materials are updated in response to this regulatory update:

- 4:15, Identity Protection
- 4:15-AP2, Treatment of Personally Identifiable Information Under Grant Awards
- 4:60-AP5, Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures
- 4:80, Accounting and Audits
- 4:80-AP3, Inventory Management for Federal and State Awards

7:190, Student Behavior

- 7:190-AP5, Student Handbook Electronic Devices
- 7:190-AP6, Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations
- 7:310, Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools 7:310-AP, Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-

School Sponsored Publications; Elementary Schools 7:315, Restrictions on Publications; High Schools

7:315-AP, Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications; High Schools

The following **PRESS** materials are updated:

103rd General Assembly Lame Duck Session

During its final lame duck session, the 103rd General Assembly passed bills impacting schools:

- 1. 105 ILCS 5/2-3.204, added by P.A. 103-1076, requires the III. State Board of Education to secure one or more statewide master contracts for Halal and Kosher meals so districts may purchase them, subject to appropriation of funds by the General Assembly.
- 2. Income Tax Act, 35 ILCS 5/231(b), amended by P.A. 103-1059, extends until 1-1-26, a tax credit for employers that incur qualified expenses on behalf of an apprentice under a registered apprenticeship program.
- 3. Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-9.3, amended by P.A. 103-1071, eff. 7-1-25, amends the definition of *child sex offender* to incorporate changes made to titles of certain prostitution-related offenses.

The following **PRESS** materials are updated in response to this legislation:

4:120, Food Services

6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students

8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

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378 pages • 166,597 words • 67 PRM materials

Five-Year Reviews

PRESS Editors have a quality assurance goal to ensure that a review of each piece of the 1500+ page IASB **PRESS PRM** occurs once every five years. The **PRM** contains approximately 480 separate pieces of material, including policies, administrative procedures, and related exhibits. These are also detailed in the **Revisions to Policies**, **Administrative Procedures**, and **Exhibits Table** in numerical order beginning on p. 7.

The following **PRESS** materials are updated:

4:170-AP6, E1, School Staff AED Notification Letter
5:60, Expenses
5:60-AP, Federal and State Grant Travel Expense Procedures
5:60-E1, Employee Expense Reimbursement Form
5:60-E2, Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form
5:170-AP4, Designation of District Millenium Copyright Act (DMCA) Agent; Registration Process

- 7:190-AP2, Student Handbook Gang Activity Prohibited
- 7:220-AP, Electronic Recordings on School Buses
- 7:325-E, Application and Procedures to Involve Students in Fundraising Activities
- 7:345-AP, E1, Student Covered Information Reporting Form
- 7:345-AP, E2, Student Data Privacy; Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors
- 7:345-AP, E3, Parent Notification Letter for Student Data Breach
- 8:30-E1, Letter to Parent Regarding Visits to School by Child Sex Offenders
- 8:30-E2, Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property

Miscellaneous

The following **PRESS** materials are updated due to legislation, administrative rule and/or continuous improvement changes, including subscriber feedback. These are also detailed in the **Revisions to Policies**, **Administrative Procedures**, **and Exhibits Table** in numerical order beginning on p. 7.

The following **PRESS** material is updated:

7:270, Administering Medicines to Students

7:270-AP2, Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Medication(s) Please also spend time reviewing the **PRESS** Online Committee Worksheets for these materials, which will provide further, more on-the-spot detailed explanations in the footnotes, along with added comment boxes by the **PRESS** Editors when necessary. Certain **PRM** materials in a **PRESS** Issue may be labeled in the **PRESS** Bundles, Revision Table and Committee Worksheets with one or more of the following categories:

NEW. This material is brand new to the PRM.

DELETED. This material has been deleted from the PRM.

RENUMBERED. This material has been assigned a new number within the **PRM**, usually due to the addition of **NEW** material.

RENAMED. The title of the material has been amended.

REWRITTEN. The material has undergone significant revisions. To preserve the readability of the Committee Worksheets, suggested changes are not shown as tracked changes.

REFORMATTED. Non-substantive changes in formatting, e.g., list renumbering, have been applied for consistency throughout the **PRM**. To preserve the readability of the Committee Worksheets, such formatting changes are not reflected as tracked changes.

Progress Report - The contents of this table frequently change.

Topics	Our Response
Governor Supports Cell Phone Ban Legislation During his State on the State Address to the Ill. General Assembly on February 19, 2025, Governor Pritzker announced his support for legislation that would require school boards to adopt policies banning the use of cell phones during instructional time, with certain exceptions. IASB is monitoring the relevant bills on this topic as the spring legislative session progresses.	If new legislation goes into effect, affected PRESS materials, including sample policy 7:190, <i>Student Behavior</i> , will be updated in the fall.
Presidential Executive Orders Address K-12 Issues, including Potential Immigration Enforcement in Schools	No PRESS materials are affected at this time.
Since taking office, the President has issued many Executive Orders (EOs), directing various federal agencies to implement his administration's policy priorities. Several of the EOs may impact K-12 schools, including an EO directed at dismantling the U.S. Dept. of Education and others addressing gender classification, diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, and immigration enforcement. IASB continues to monitor the actions of the new federal administration, including the U.S. Dept. of Education, for lasting impacts on PRESS materials. Districts with specific questions on the local impacts of these actions should contact their board attorneys for guidance.	
Regarding the issue of immigration, the new administration announced a change to a previous federal policy which had limited immigration enforcement authorities from conducting activities at protected areas such as schools. In response to this development, the III. School Board of Education issued <u>non-regulatory guidance</u> indicating that districts should work with their board attorneys to develop procedures to follow should immigration authorities seek to gain access to their schools or other records. The III. Council of School Attorneys (ICSA) has also updated its guidance document, <i>Guidelines for Interviews of Students at School by Law Enforcement</i> <i>Authorities</i> , to address these issues. The ICSA Guidelines, which are referred to in sample administrative procedure 7:150-AP, <i>Agency and Police Interviews</i> , are available at: <u>www.iasb.com/policy-services-and-school-law/guidance-and-resources/guidelines- for-interviews-of-students/.</u>	
Cook County Issues Guidance for School Districts on Paid Leave Ordinance The Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance (Ordinance) became effective for certain school districts within Cook County on 1-1-25. Many districts in Cook County are exempt from the Ordinance because the home-rule municipality in which they are located took official action to opt out from the Ordinance. On 1-10-25, the Cook County Commission on Human Rights issued <u>Paid Leave Guidance for School Districts</u> for those districts affected. Given the scope and complexity of the Ordinance of and its implementing regulations, impacted districts should work with their board attorneys to ensure the proper policy and/or procedures are in place.	No PRESS materials are affected.

Number and Title	Revision Descriptions	
2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees	The procedure is updated in response to the creation of 6:235-AP3, Development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines, and for continuous improvement.	
2:250-E2, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records	 The exhibit is updated in response to: <u>State of Tennessee v. Cardona</u>, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations; 105 ILCS 5/26A-20(d), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Law</i>, eff. 7-1-25, providing protections for students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence (Article 26A Students); 105 ILCS 5/10-20.84(a), added by P.A. 102-917 and renumbered by P.A. 103-154, requiring districts to post on their websites their local postsecondary and career expectations frameworks; and Continuous improvement. 	
2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to <u>State of Tennessee v.</u> <u>Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations, and for continuous improvement. The footnotes are also updated in response to the Whistleblower Act, 740 ILCS 174/, amended by P.A. 103-867, broadening the scope of legal protections for whistleblowers.	
2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure	REWRITTEN. The policy is updated in response to <u>State of Tennessee v.</u> <u>Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations, and for continuous improvement.	
2:265-AP1, Title IX Response	REWRITTEN. The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 2:265, <i>Title IX Grievance Procedure</i> , above.	
2:265-AP2, Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process	REWRITTEN. The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 2:265, <i>Title IX Grievance Procedure</i> , above.	
2:265-AP3, Title IX Coordinator	DELETED. The procedure is deleted in response to <u>State of Tennessee v.</u> <u>Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations.	
2:265-E, Title IX Glossary of Terms	REWRITTEN. The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 2:265, <i>Title IX Grievance Procedure</i> , above.	
4:15, Identity Protection	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg 30046, addressing the safeguarding of information under grant awards and updating the definitions for <i>personally identifiable information</i> and <i>protected personally identifiable information</i> .	
4:15-AP2, Treatment of Personally Identifiable Information Under Grant Awards	The procedure is updated for the reason stated in 4:15, <i>Identity Protection,</i> above.	
4:60-AP5, Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures	The procedure is updated in response to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 30046, revising general procurement standards, competition, methods of procurement, procurement of recovered materials, contract cost and price, and federal agency or pass-through entity review; and for continuous improvement.	

4:80, Accounting and Audits	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 30046, addressing the disposition and the retention of property acquired under grant awards, including an increase in the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for capital assets. The footnotes are also updated for continuous improvement.	
4:80-AP3, Inventory Management for Federal and State Awards	The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 4:80, Accounting and Audits.	
4:120, Food Services	The policy is unchanged. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/2- 304, added by P.A. 103-1076, requiring the III. State Board of Education (ISBE) to secure one or more master contracts for Halal and Kosher meals, subject to appropriation.	
4:170-AP6, E1, School Staff AED Notification Letter	The procedure is updated in response to a five-year review.	
5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment	The policy is updated for the reasons stated in 2:265, <i>Title IX Grievance Procedure</i> , above.	
5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited	The policy and footnotes are updated for the reasons stated in 2:265, <i>Title IX Grievance Procedure</i> , above.	
5:60, Expenses	The Legal References and footnotes are updated in response to a five-year review.	
5:60-AP, Federal and State Grant Travel Expense Procedures	The procedure is updated in response to a five-year review.	
5:60-E1, Employee Expense Reimbursement Form	The exhibit is unchanged in response to a five-year review.	
5:60-E2, Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form	The exhibit is unchanged in response to a five-year review.	
5:100, Staff Development Program	The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A-25 and 26A-35, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, requiring training for staff members designated as resource persons and complaint resolvers for Article 26A Students. The policy and footnotes are also updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(c-5), amended by P.A. 103-896, requiring ongoing professional development for all personnel on the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 and 5/10-20.14, as well as traumaresponsive learning environments, and in response to <u>State of Tennessee v.</u> <u>Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations. Continuous improvement updates are also made to the footnotes.	
5:170-AP4, Designation of District Millenium Copyright Act (DMCA) Agent; Registration Process	The procedure is updated in response to a five-year review.	

6:150, Home and Hospital Instruction	The policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a, amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law,</i> eff. 7-1-25, requiring home instruction for students unable to attend school due to pregnancy-related conditions, the fulfillment of parenting obligations related to the health of the child, or health or safety concerns arising from domestic or sexual violence.	
6:235, Access to Electronic Networks	The policy and footnotes are updated to address the use of artificial intelligence- enabled tools in schools. A new, optional Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)- Enabled Tools subhead is added to the policy. The footnotes are also updated in response to a U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory addressing the safety of social media use for children, and for continuous improvement.	
6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Network	The procedure is updated to include reference to a district's AI Responsible Use Guidelines, for those districts whose boards adopt the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Enabled Tools subhead in 6:235, <i>Access to Electronic</i> <i>Networks</i> .	
6:235-AP3, Development of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines	NEW. The procedure is created to address the development of an AI plan and guidelines regarding the responsible use of artificial intelligence-enabled tools in schools.	
6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students	The policy is unchanged. Footnote 11 is updated in response to the III. Income Tax Act, 35 ILCS 5/231(b), extending until 1-1-26, a tax credit for employers that incur qualified expenses on behalf of an apprentice under a registered apprenticeship program. Other continuous improvement updates are also made to the footnotes.	
7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to <u>State of Tennessee v.</u> <u>Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations, and for continuous improvement. The Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a ESS Law, eff. 7-1-25, requiring schools to facilitate the full participation of Article 26A Students.	
7:10-AP1, Accommodating Transgender, Nonbinary, or Gender Nonconforming Students	The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 2:265, <i>Title IX Grievance Procedure</i> , above.	
7:10-AP2, Accommodating Breastfeeding Students	The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 7:10, <i>Equal Educational Opportunities</i> , above.	
7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to <u>State of Tennessee v.</u> <u>Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations, and for continuous improvement. The Legal References and Cross References are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25.	
7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools	The Legal References are updated with minor style changes. The footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6, amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, requiring boards with a policy requiring suspended/expelled students to complete the term of their suspension/expulsion in an alternative learning opportunities program under 105 ILCS 5/13B to consider any mitigating factors for the student. Continuous improvement updates are also made to the footnotes.	

7:50-AP, School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools	The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 7:50, <i>School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools,</i> above.	
7:60, Residence	The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, permitting but not requiring the interdistrict transfer of students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence. Continuous improvement updates are also made to the footnotes.	
7:70, Attendance and Truancy	The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26-2a, amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, adding more valid causes for student absence. Continuous improvement updates are also made to the policy and footnotes.	
7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment	The policy is updated in response to <u>State of Tennessee v. Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations, and for continuous improvement. Continuous improvement updates are also made to the footnotes.	
7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited	The policy is updated in response to <u>State of Tennessee v. Cardona</u> , striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations.	
7:190, Student Behavior	 The policy, Legal References and footnotes are updated. The policy and footnotes are updated in response to: 1. The addition of a definition for sexting that includes Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-23.7, added by P.A. 103-825, criminalizing the non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions; 2. 105 ILCS 5/22-100, added by P.A. 103-806, defining corporal punishment; 3. 105 ILCS 5/24-24, amended by P.A. 103-806, permitting school employees to only use reasonable force with respect to a student as permitted under 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33; 4. 105 ILCS 5/10-27.1A and 10-27.1B, amended by P.A.s 103-609 (first to pass both houses) and 103-780 (second to pass both houses and controlling), requiring the superintendent to annually report to ISBE by July 31 certain incidents on school grounds involving firearms, drugs, and battery against staff members; and 5. Continuous improvement. The Legal References are updated for reason #2 listed above. The footnotes are also updated in response to: 1. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, amended by P.A. 103-896, requiring ISBE to publish guidance for the development of reciprocal reporting systems and evidence-based intervention procedures by 7-1-25; 2. III. Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/2-101(N), added by P.A. 103-804, eff. 1-1-26, defining generative artificial intelligence; 3. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(c-5), amended by P.A. 103-896, requiring districts to make reasonable efforts to provide ongoing professional development to school personnel on 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(c-5), amended by P.A. 103-896, deleting a provision that addressed the immediat transfer of students to an alternative program who are suspended in excess of 20 school days; 6. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b), amended by P.A. 103-896, deleting a provision that addressed the immediate transfer of students to an alternative program of are suspended in excess of 20 school days; 6. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b), amended by P.A. 103-8	

7:190-AP2, Student Handbook - Gang Activity Prohibited	The procedure is updated in response to a five-year review.	
7:190-AP5, Student Handbook - Electronic Devices	The procedure is updated in response to the addition of a definition of <i>sexting</i> in 7:190, <i>Student Behavior</i> , and for continuous improvement.	
7:190-AP6, Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations	 The procedure is updated in response to: Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-23.5, amended by P.A. 103-825, amended by P.A. 103-825, revising the elements of the criminal offense of <i>non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images</i>; Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-23.7, added by P.A. 103-825, adding the criminal offense of <i>non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions</i>; State of Tennessee v. Cardona, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations; and Continuous improvement. 	
7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist	 The exhibit is updated in response to: <u>State of Tennessee v. Cardona</u>, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations; and 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a ESS Law, eff. 7-1-25, requiring students be annually notified of support services available for Article 26A Students, the name and contact information of their school's Article 26A Resource Person, and the availability of counseling for students 12 years of age and older without parent/guardian consent under 405 ILCS 5/3-550. 	
7:200, Suspension Procedures	The policy and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6, amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, providing that during a suspension review hearing or expulsion hearing, students may disclose any factor to be considered in mitigation and students must be allowed to appear with a representative and a support person, and for continuous improvement.	
7:210, Expulsion Procedures	The policy and footnotes are updated for the reasons stated in 7:200, <i>Suspension Procedures</i> .	
7:210-E1, Notice of Expulsion Hearing	The exhibit is updated for the reasons stated in 7:200, Suspension Procedures.	
7:220-AP, Electronic Recordings on School Buses	The procedure is updated in response to a five-year review.	
7:250, Student Support Services	The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, requiring students 12 years of age and older be annually notified of the availability of counseling without parent/guardian consent under 405 ILCS 5/3-550, and the designation of at least one staff member in each building as a resource person for Article 26A Students.	
7:250-AP2, Protocol for Responding to Students with Social, Emotional, or Mental Health Needs	The procedure is updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, requiring the designation of at least one staff member in each building as a resource person for Article 26A Students.	
7:255, Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence	NEW. The policy is created in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, requiring districts to ensure they have policies, procedures, and resources in place to ensure that Article 26A Students are provided with support services necessary to enable them to meet State educational standards and successfully attain a school diploma.	

7:255-AP1, Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence	NEW. The procedure is created for the reason stated in 7:255, <i>Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence,</i> above.	
7:255-AP2, Complaint Resolution Procedure for Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence	NEW. The procedure is created for the reason stated in 7:255, <i>Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence,</i> above.	
7:270, Administering Medicines to Students	The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated. The policy is updated for continuous improvement to clarify that students may self-carry supplies when authorized by their diabetes care plan and/or seizure action plan.	
	 The footnotes are updated in response to: 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540(b)(2), amended by 48 Ill.Reg. 14539, adding that schools are not required to accept opt-out requests from parents for the ad- ministration of undesignated medications. Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, 225 ILCS 20/4.5, added by P.A. 103-1048, authorizing licensed school social workers to possess and ad- minister opioid antagonists in their licensed professional capacity; and Continuous improvement. The Legal References are updated for continuous improvement to add 105 ILCS 150/, Seizure Smart School Act. 	
7:270-AP2, Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Medication(s)	 The procedure is updated in response to: 1. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540(b)(2), amended by 48 Ill. Reg. 14539, adding that schools are not required to accept opt-out requests from parents for the administration of undesignated medications; 2. ISBE and the Ill. Dept. of Human Services' <i>Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Instruction Resource Guide</i>; and 3. Continuous improvement. 	
7:310, Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools	 The policy, footnotes, and Cross References are updated. The policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to the addition of a definition of <i>sexting</i> in 7:190, <i>Student Behavior</i>, and for continuous improvement. The footnotes are also updated in response to: 1. <u>L.M. v. Town of Middleborough, Mass.</u>, 103 F.4th 854 (1st Cir. 2024), addressing the limits of students' right to free speech on campus; and 2. <u>Mahanoy Area School Dist. v. B.L.</u>, 594 U.S. 180 (2021), addressing the issue of discipline for off-campus conduct. 	
7:310-AP, Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications; Elementary Schools	The procedure is updated in response to the addition of a definition of <i>sexting</i> in 7:190, <i>Student Behavior</i> , and for continuous improvement.	
7:315, Restrictions on Publications; High Schools	The policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated for the reasons stated in 7:310, <i>Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools</i> , above.	
7:315-AP, Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications; High Schools	The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 7:310-AP, <i>Guidelines for</i> <i>Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications; Elementary Schools,</i> above.	

7:325-E, Application and Procedures to Involve Students in Fundraising Activities	The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.	
7:340, Student Records	 The Legal References, Cross References, Administrative Procedure References, and footnotes are updated in response to: 1. 105 ILCS 5/26A-30, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a ESS Law, eff. 7-1-25, restricting the circumstances under which schools may disclose information about a student's status as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence; and 2. 105 ILCS 10/2(f), amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a ESS Law, eff. 7-1-25, providing that a student's temporary records include information about a student's status and related experiences as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence. Continuous improvement updates are also made to the footnotes. 	
7:340-AP1, School Student Records	The procedure is updated for the reasons stated in 7:340, <i>Student Records,</i> above.	
7:340-AP1, E1, Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records	The exhibit is updated in response to 105 ILCS 10/2(f), amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a <i>ESS Law</i> , eff. 7-1-25, providing that a student's temporary records include information about a student's status and related experiences as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence, and for continuous improvement.	
7:345-AP, E1, Student Covered Information Reporting Form	The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.	
7:345-AP, E2, Student Data Privacy; Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors	The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.	
7:345-AP, E3, Parent Notification Letter for Student Breach	The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.	
8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property	The Legal References are updated with a minor style change. The footnotes are updated in response to the Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-18, amended by P.A. 103-1071, eff. 7-1-25, renaming the criminal offense of patronizing a prostitute <u>person engaged in the sex trade</u> , and for continuous improvement.	
8:30-E1, Letter to Parent Regarding Visits to School by Child Sex Offenders	The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.	
8:30-E2, Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property	The exhibit is updated in response to a five-year review.	

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