



GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 304
FROM THE OFFICE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Andy Barrett
RE: New Policy and Policy Change Recommendations
DATE: July 20, 2015

This memo contains the rationale for revisions to policies and new policies.

1. Parent and Family Involvement

Policy 2111 (New)

This is a new policy provided by NEOLA and serves as a companion to Policy 2261.01, which addresses parent participation and is required for districts which contain Title I schools. This new policy includes provisions related to involvement and engagement of families and parents in schools. This policy is required for Title I schools.

2. Homeless Students

Policy 5111.02 (Revised)

This is a revised policy which provides alignment to the mandates of the McKinney-Vento Act as well as specifies the process used to appeal decisions related to homeless status and school assignment within the District. These changes are required.

3. Foreign and Foreign-Exchange Students

Policy 5114 (New)

This is a new policy from NEOLA. It reflects Federal law regarding the accredited agencies from which the District may accept Foreign-Exchange students as well as the number of students allowed in a given year. This policy should be approved to comply with Federal regulation.

4. Transfer and School Choice Options

Policy 5121.01 (Revised)

This policy has been revised to reflect the deadlines required for School Choice as a result of NCLB sanctions. Because Illinois has received a waiver from the Federal Department of Education, these revisions, even the entire policy, may be moot.

However, should ESEA be reauthorized, these same requirements may return to force. Therefore, these changes are recommended to be prepared for that eventuality.

5. Student Suicide

Policy 5350 (Revised)

This policy has been revised to address recent changes to Illinois School Code regarding responsibility of professional staff to recognize and intervene on behalf of students exhibiting signs of depression and suicidal behavior. These policy changes are recommended in order to be compliant with the current state of the law to maintain accurate policies.

6. Graduation Requirements

Policy 5460 (Revised)

This minor policy revision references the designation of graduation requirements in Illinois School and/or Administrative Code. This change should be adopted to reflect current state of the law.

7. Equal Access for Nondistrict-sponsored Student Clubs and Activities

Policy 5730 (Revised)

This policy revision contains minor “clean-up” as well as the language required regarding the new Protected Classes definition. This change reflects the current state of the law and should be adopted to maintain accurate policies.

8. Public Attendance at School Events

Policy 9160 (Revised)

These changes reflect compliance with Section 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) against discrimination regarding access to events. In addition it provides provision for school administrators to have disruptive individuals removed from events should their behavior warrant such removal.