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Curriculum Policy Changes

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2023 FSPS Curriculum Policy Review Committee

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4.55—STUDENT PROMOTION AND RETENTION

Revisions to the Policy

- New policy written to comply with state law, and include FSPS criteria for promotion and retention:
 - Inclusion of K-5 requirements
 - Number of credits needed to advance in grades 9-12



4.55—STUDENT PROMOTION AND RETENTION Cont.

- The following students shall have a **Student Success Plan (SSP)**, developed in collaboration with the student's parents and the student that is reviewed and updated annually:
 - Students in grades **K-3** who do not meet the **reading** standard
 - Students in grades **K-8** who do not meet the **math** standard



4.55—STUDENT PROMOTION AND RETENTION Cont.

- Students who refuse to sit for, or put forth a good faith effort on the Statewide assessment, shall not be allowed to participate in any non-curriculum related extracurricular event and may be prevented from walking or participating in graduation activities



5.3—CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Additions to the Policy

- **No curriculum or classroom instruction shall be provided on the following topics before grade five (5):**
 - **Sexually explicit materials;**
 - **Sexual reproduction;**
 - **Sexual intercourse;**
 - **Gender identity; or**
 - **Sexual orientation**



5.5—SELECTION/INSPECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Additions to the Policy

- **The same notification requirements and opt out options as above for gender identity and sexual orientation shall apply to the sexual abuse and assault and human trafficking prevention education the District provides to students**



5.6—CHALLENGE TO INSTRUCTIONAL/SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Additions to the Policy

- **The same notification requirements and opt out options as above for gender identity and sexual orientation shall apply to the sexual abuse and assault and human trafficking prevention education the District provides to students**



5.7—SELECTION OF LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER MATERIALS

Additions to the Policy

- **All meetings of the committee shall be open to the public.**
- Committee vote will **not** be by secret ballot
- Allows the contested material to be **relocated within** the media center's collection **to an area that is not accessible to minors**
- **5 days** for compliant to appeal the committee's decision
- **15 days** for superintendent/designee to render decision to the Board



5.11—DIGITAL LEARNING COURSES

Additions to the Policy

- Outside providers of digital learning courses must be pre-approved **as part of the Arkansas Course Choice Program**
- A student may elect to take any scheduled courses digitally **if offered digitally by the District or, if applicable, through the Arkansas Course Choice Program**



5.18—HEALTH SERVICES

Additions to the Policy

- **The District shall develop an age-appropriate seizure education program for the District's students consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by the Epilepsy Foundation of America.**
- **Requires public and private schools to have at least two employees who have met the training requirements to administer or assist with seizure medication and recognize the signs and symptoms of seizures.**



5.27—ENGLISH LEARNERS

Revisions to the Policy

- ENGLISH **LANGUAGE** LEARNERS modified to ENGLISH LEARNERS
- **ELL** modified to EL

Legal Reference Added:

**DESE Rules Governing Student Special Needs Funding -
8.00 Standards For Accreditation 2-J.2**



QUESTIONS

