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Student Section 4 Policy Summary Update
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Section 6 Policy Summary Update

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2023 FSPS Student Policy Review Committee

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4.1—RESIDENT REQUIREMENT

Allows a student who physically moves from District A to District B to continue to be enrolled at District A through graduation. Act 189.



4.2—ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Any person who has been expelled from any other school district shall receive a hearing before the Board at the time the student is seeking enrollment in the District. The Board reserves the right to not allow the enrollment of such students until the time of the person's expulsion has expired following the hearing before the Board.
- FSPS currently accepts international exchange students - organizations and host families work with the high school principals prior to admissions. FSPS set a limit as 6 per campus. This law established a greater cap for all Arkansas schools to accept and how many schools are required to accept - students must attend in the attendance area they are staying - capped at 50:1 - 2000 students = 40 international students. Act 426.



4.4—STUDENT TRANSFERS

- Student transfers shall be voted upon at the Board meeting following the date request received, each legal transfer must be voted on individually by the board, each person shall be given 5 minutes. The Board can delegate approval authority (by adopting a resolution) to accept student transfers to Superintendent or an individual Board member.
- School choice transfers into the district can be denied by the Board based on capacity (*4.5F-next slide*). Denial authority requires Board vote. Parents can appeal to the State Board. Act 731



4.5—SCHOOL CHOICE

- The Board will annually adopt a resolution containing the capacity standards for the District.
- School choice Jan 1 - May 1. Sets exemptions to those dates for Uniformed Service Member Dependents. Act 649

4.5F—SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY RESOLUTION

- ASBA recommended resolution to annually set school choice capacity.



4.7—ABSENCES

- Updates attendance policy for virtual learning platform to include learning which is live (synchronous) and independent (asynchronous).
- The new policy also includes a provision for the addition of 10 absence days for conditions related to pregnancy or parenting.
- Provides excused absence when a student accompanies the parent to vote in a scheduled election.



4.11—EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

- Updating the title of whom inquiries regarding discrimination are made from Executive Director to Assistant Superintendent.
- Updates link to website for more information on discrimination or to submit a complaint of discrimination.



4.13—PRIVACY OF STUDENTS RECORDS/DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Stipulates contracts with outside vendors include express provisions which safeguard the privacy and security of student personally identifiable information.



4.17—STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Alters legal reference in statute.



4.25—STUDENT DRESS & GROOMING

Adds provision that a student shall not be disciplined or discriminated against based upon the student's natural, protective, or cultural hairstyle.



4.27—STUDENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- Updates the definitions and responsibilities of the district with regard to sexual harassment, provides examples of sexual harassment.
- Dictates that when reported to school employee by a student or his/her parent that the district Title IX coordinator must be made aware of the allegation.



4.31—EXPULSION

Repealed the requirement for public school districts to offer expelled students alternative courses **equal** to the credits the student may have received if enrolled. However, school districts shall include methods to continue student engagement and access to education during expulsion. Act 724



4.35—STUDENT MEDICATIONS

Significant additions are:

1. An opioid overdose rescue kit shall be placed within all storage locations in the District high school buildings that currently contain an automated external defibrillator for public use.
2. The **Emergency Administration of Emergency Adrenal Insufficiency Medication**
3. And a procedure for **Seizure Disorder Medications**.
The FSPS nurses are aware of the upcoming changes.



4.37—EMERGENCY DRILLS

The district will collaborate with medical professionals and fire personnel when conducting lock down drills.



4.40—HOMELESS STUDENTS

Homeless students are immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic activities at the school in which the student is enrolled.



4.43—BULLYING

- Technically did not update or revise the policy but did provide a note, which is included, providing a reference to the DESE guidance on bullying.
- FSPS will be revisiting PD regarding bullying during the 23-24 school year.



4.44—NATIONAL ANTHEM

Alters legal reference code and also in legal reference adds the DESE Rules Governing the Star Spangled Banner Act.



4.56—EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- School choice transfers students in grades 7-12 who wish to participate in extracurricular activities must complete a Changing Schools Athletic Participation form (CSAP) by July 1.
- Note: The CSAP form from AAA will affirm the student was not recruited or transferring for athletic purposes. Form will be signed by both Superintendents and the parent.
- 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. Act 768



4.56.2—EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

- This policy allows homeschool students to participate in interscholastic activities (AAA).
- Homeschool students residing outside of FSPS attendance area can also participate in FSPS if complete CSAP or their resident district does not offer a program they wish to take (orchestra, swimming, etc.).
- All homeschool students must demonstrate they scored over 30% in the previous 12 month on a norm referenced test like Stanford Achievement. Must take one course but can take up to 6. If the student w/drew from AAA school where he/she was in varsity sport then in FS would be ineligible for 365 days. Act 630



4.60—STUDENT BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION & RESTRAINT

No change at all in policy only changed statute numbers.



4.61—STUDENT USE OF MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY ROOM

- Requires that each multiple occupancy restroom or changing area to be designated as follows
 - (a) for the exclusive use by the male sex; or
 - (b) for the exclusive use by the female sex.
- May provided a reasonable accommodation such as a single-occupancy restroom.
- Overnight trips - share sleeping quarters with a member of the same sex or be provided single-occupancy sleeping quarters. Act 317



4.62—STUDENT NAME, TITLE, & PRONOUN

Unless a District employee has the written permission of the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis to the student or if the student is an emancipated minor or over eighteen (18) years of age, a District employee shall not address a student with a:

1. Name other than that listed on the student's birth certificate, except for a derivative of the name; or
2. Pronoun or title that is inconsistent with the student's biological sex. Act 542



4.63—STUDENT RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION & STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Provides that a student may not be disciplined or have their grade impacted for:

- Expressing a religious belief to the extent relevant to the assignment; or
- Expressing a religious viewpoint at a forum open to student expression. Act 788



6.4—VOLUNTEERS

- Added provision that when during a background check on a volunteer the Superintendent is to notify the state board when a volunteers name is flagged.
- Registered volunteers working in an athletic coaching capacity shall be informed they are bound by Code of Ethics and shall receive training on Code of Ethics.



6.11—PARENTS, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- DISTRICT

Addresses the importance of involving parents, families, and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement. 6.11 was split into two policies pertaining to the district and school.

Also added that the district's military liaison must be involved in the development of the district's parent, family, and community engagement plan.

6.12—PARENTS, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT- SCHOOL

Requires each school to have a parent, family, and community engagement plan.



QUESTIONS

