

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Jay Morrow, Superintendent

Date: July 14, 2025

RE: PRESS Plus Issue 118 - Board Policy – Draft Updates

PRESS Plus Issue 118 has identified the following Board Policies for changes as noted. These policies are presented under the Consent Calendar, recommended as "**Adopt as Presented.**" If you would like to discuss these policies for other potential changes, please let me know prior to the meeting or before voting.

The current board policy manual is available for reference here or at this link: https://5il.co/37fjw

| BP 5:100 | Staff Development Program | The policy, Legal References, and Cross References 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 is 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 trauma responsive learning environments, and in response to State of Tennessee v. Cardona, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations |
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| BP 6:150 | Home and Hospital Instruction | The policy and Cross References 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. |
| BP 7:70 | Attendance and Truancy | The policy, Legal References, and Cross References 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. |
| BP 7:190 | Student Behavior | The policy and Legal References are updated. The policy is updated in response to: 1. The addition of a definition for <i>sexting</i> that includes Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/11-23.7, added by P.A. 103-825, criminalizing the <i>non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions</i>; 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 |

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| | | grounds involving firearms, drugs, and battery against staff members; and 5. Continuous improvement. The Legal References are updated for reason #2 listed above. |
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| BP 7:200 | Suspension Procedures | The policy is 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. |
| BP 7:210 | Expulsion Procedures | The policy is updated for the reasons stated in 7:200, <i>Suspension Procedures</i> . |
| BP 7:250 | Student Support Services | The policy, 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, 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. |

The following policy is presented under the Consent Calendar, recommended as "Not Adopted."

| BP 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks Changes are not adopted while awaiting ISBE guidance. | The policy is 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. |
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The following policy is presented under the Consent Calendar, recommended as **"Adopted with Additional District Edits**."

| BP 7:60 | Residence Do Not Adopt Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 under "Nonresident students may attend District schools pursuant to:" | The policy, 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, permitting but not requiring the interdistrict transfer of students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence. |
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