



Lake County School District No. 7

Date: April 20, 2020 (AMENDED)

To: LCSD #7 Board of Directors

From: Will Cahill

Re: Board Policy Recommendations: “J” (Students)

I propose the following policy changes and revisions per the recommendations of OSBA:

Amended: I recommend the removal of the highlighted language in policies **JHCD/JHCDA – Medications** and **JHCD/JHCDA/AR – Medications**, per the advice of legal counsel.

JGE–Expulsion

OSBA Position: Required

Summary: Simple change in pronoun, “his/her” to “their”.

Recommendation: Adopt

JHCD/JHCDA–Medications

OSBA Position: Required

Summary: There are a number of changes related the training requirements, and the designation of a school nurse, or designated staff members in dispensing medication to students. Specifically, wording in the policy provides the guidelines where a student may carry and self-medicate in the event of life threatening allergies. However, any students who do self-medicate must have a specific written plan on file, and physician approval. A new paragraph has been added related to the medication, “Naloxone”, a drug used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose which may be administered by a designated staff member or school nurse. The last paragraph refers to the liability aspect of medication administration. The paragraph states that Board members and school personnel are not liable for criminal or civil litigation if school personnel acted in good faith when administering medication.

Recommendation: Adopt

JHCD/JHCDA/AR – Medications

OSBA Position: Required

Summary: No real specific changes. Wording has also been added related to the medication, “Naloxone”, a drug used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose which may be administered by a designated staff member or school nurse.

Recommendation: Adopt

JHFE – Reporting of Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students (Delete and Replace)

OSBA Position: Required

Summary: This is the deletion of the current policy on file with a replacement policy. The difference between the two is additional wording related to the consequences to an employee who is the perpetrator of child abuse. It outlines consequences of paid administrative leave, notification to law enforcement, and a requirement of posting the incident in the employees personnel file. This policy was developed from incidents of sexual abusers moving from one district to another with no record of abuse.

Recommendation: Adopt

JHFE/AR - Reporting of Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students (Delete and Replace)

OSBA Position: Required

Summary: This is the deletion of the current policy on file with a replacement policy. This continues policy JHFE with the processes involved with reporting, the definitions related to types of abuse, and paragraph specific to cooperation in an investigation, and the bracketed language in paragraphs 4, and 10 on page 3-4, in paragraph 1, the Cooperation with an Investigator section.

Recommendation: Adopt

JHFF/GBNAA and JHFF/GBNAA – Reporting Requirements for Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students – (Delete and Replace)

OSBA Position: Required

Summary: These policies outline the reporting processes outlined in the two previous policies. There is some minor bracketed language in paragraph 4 in the first policy, and paragraph 4 and 10 in the AR.

Recommendation: Adopt

JGAB,&JGAB –AR (1) –Use of Restraint or Seclusion - 2 policies

OSBA Position: Required

Summary: Increased new language related to definitions actions and reactions by staff in restraining and isolating students. It specifically describes physical interactions that are prohibited, in addition to providing guidance on appropriate measures in dealing with students who pose a physical threat to themselves, other students and adult staff. LCSD #7 provides an annual training through PACE with classified staff.

Recommendation: Adopt both

Additional policies – Tabled Policy GBNAA/JHFF and GBNAA/JHFF – AR

Summary: Since the last meeting we have reviewed the policy related to the issue of employee's texting students. The conclusion is that employees may send texts to students if it is strictly directed to school business. This also states the employees are prohibited from texting students if the topic is not related to school. The updated portions are in bolded yellow.

Recommendation: Adopt