
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Adopting Student Related Policy Changes for Second Reading – Section 4 – Updated with changes

DATE: April 26, 2019

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Darian Layes
Executive Director of Student Services

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The administration desires to revise current policies to the structure and language used in the model policies provided by Arkansas School Board Association (ASBA). The new policies will have specific references to Arkansas statutes in the policies and can be efficiently updated as statutes change.

During the administration’s review of the current policies in comparison to ASBA Model Policies, a number of current policies were outdated and no longer necessary. Additional policies that previously were not addressed will be introduced for approval. Attached is a cross reference table identifying the old and new polices as related when applicable.

Also attached are the proposed ASBA Model Policies that the administration believe are necessary and appropriate. Some sections are left labeled as “Reserved”. Those sections have not been found to be needed at this time but hold a place should an additional policy be needed later.

The administration is currently working on procedures to support the new language in the revised policies to be placed in the student handbook. Therefore, the policies are requested to be effective July 1, 2019.

Changes in the wording of Policies 4.7, 4.19, 4.24 and 4.29 have been attached here.

Model Policy 4.7 has been updated to reflect current practice in the district related to student absences.

Model Policy 4.29 has had a sentence removed that was not supposed to have been in the policy and does not reflect practice in Fort Smith Public Schools.

The changes in policies 4.19 and 4.24 reflect the discussion held at the April 22 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the board approve on second reading changes to Board Policies, Section 4 – Students, as presented to be effective July 1, 2019.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve on second reading the Board Policies, Section 4 – Students, as presented to be effective July 1, 2019.***