

Proposed Policy Revisions - March 4, 2025

Substantive Updates

MSBA has completed its revisions of the model policies listed below to reflect statutory requirements that the Minnesota legislature enacted through the legislative session and other federal and state requirements.

413 [Harassment and Violence](#)

- REVISION
- 622 language
- Updates definition of “disability” to reflect amended Minnesota law, Minnesota Statutes 363A.03

512 [School-Sponsored Student Publications and Activities](#)

- REVISION
- MSBA policy
- Removes language potentially at odds with Minnesota Statutes 121A.80 (Student Journalism; Student Expression)
- By adopting the proposed deletion in this policy, school boards can reduce potential confusion when implementing the student journalism law enacted in 2024.

519 [Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies](#)

- REVISION
- MSBA policy
- Update statutory interview information in Art. III.A. [NOTE: This change is found in Minnesota Statutes, section 260E.22.]

701 [Establishment Adoption of School District Budget](#)

- REVISION
- MSBA policy
- Add explicit authority for the board to use reserve funds
- School boards may exercise their discretion in determining whether to take the recommended action.

721 [Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources](#)

- REVISION
- 622 language
- Update Uniform Grant Guidance equipment definition and small purchase procedure dollar amount [NOTE: Despite the federal government’s increase in the dollar cap for small purchases, Minnesota law limits the cap to \$175,000.]
- Adds cybersecurity requirement [NOTE: See 2 CFR 200.303, which establishes internal controls that the school district must implement.]
- The changes reflect current statutory language.

(MSBA NOTE: For early implementation, State-administered formula grant recipients must modify their policies to increase the capitalization threshold for equipment to \$10,000 (from \$5,000) in order to exercise the flexibility to apply the new \$10,000 threshold for prior approval requests for both equipment. Equipment in 2 CFR § 200.1 is now defined as tangible personal property with a unit cost of \$10,000 or the capitalization level provided by the Federal grant recipient’s or subrecipient’s own policies, whichever is lower. All grantees and subgrantees (regardless of the effective date), if they wish to take advantage of the higher \$10,000 threshold for equipment (for example, for prior approval), will need to revise their policies to reflect the higher capitalization level. By making this change to its capitalization level for equipment, the grantee or subgrantee will not need to make further changes to its threshold for supplies because the definition for supplies in 2 CFR § 200.1 cross-references the definition of equipment.)

Technical Updates

The updates to these policies do not represent changes in policy. Rather, the updates are purely technical (corrections to citations). MSBA recommends that school boards permit staff to make these updates. **Formal board action would not be necessary under Model Policy 208 to make these changes**, though school boards have the authority to require formal board action if they so choose.

516 [Student Medications](#)

- Corrects formatting

606 [Textbooks and Instruction Materials](#)

- Correct statutory reference in Art. III.B.

606.5 [Library Materials](#)

- Correct statutory reference in Art. III.A
- correct Article numbering

615 [Testing Accommodations, Modifications](#)

- Update chapter reference in Art, IV

621 [Literacy and The Read Act](#)

- Update statutory reference [NOTE: The 2024 Minnesota legislature renumbered the Read Act statutes to 120B.118 and 120B.119.]