

**Rock Island – Milan School District
#41
Board of Education Meeting
July 22, 2025**

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2024 – 2025

Month	School and Topic
August	Rock Island Academy: School Counseling, Social Work and Mental Health Awareness
September	Thurgood Marshall Learning Academy: Literacy, Numeracy, and Accelerated Learning
November	Washington JHS: Facilities Management Planning (Phase III Community Input)
January	Eugene Field ES: Technology Use; Social Media; Artificial Intelligence
February	Edison JHS: Grading Policies, Procedures and Practices; Graduation Rate and 9th Grade on Track to Graduation
May	Longfellow ES: Language Diversity and Access



Potential Committee of the Whole Topics 2025 – 2026

College and Career Readiness and Post Secondary Opportunities	Scholar Rights and Responsibilities (Code of Conduct)
Facilities Management Planning Community Input	Athletics, Extracurricular Activities and Scholar Engagement
Early Childhood Learning	Anti-bullying and Discipline Problems
Safety and Security	Budget Planning and Transparency
Technology Use/Social Media	Sustainability and Energy Efficiency
Mental Health Awareness	Recruitment and Retention of Teachers and Staff
Climate and Culture	Culturally Responsive Curriculum and Teaching
Continuum of Care for Scholars with Exceptionalities	Community and Family Engagement



IASB Press 118 Updates

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Title IX Reversion to 2020 Regulations

On January 9, 2025, in the case State of Tennessee v. Cardona, the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Kentucky (Court) struck down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations that went into effect August 1, 2024.

- The results of this ruling was to restore the 2020 Title IX regulations issued.
- In response to these legal developments, multiple PRESS materials are updated.



Ensuring Success in School Law

The Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Law, Public Act 102-466, effective 7/1/25, creates new School Code Article 26A, Children and Students Who Are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence.

- **Article 26A** requires districts to ensure they have policies, procedures, and resources in place to ensure that students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence are provided with support services necessary to enable them to meet State educational standards and successfully attain a school diploma.
- Requires that at least **one staff member in each school building be identified and trained as a resource person for students.**
- Requires that each district have a **complaint resolution procedure** to revolve complaints of alleged violations of Article 26A.



Sexting

In response to the use of technologies to produce harmful and sexually explicit “deepfakes”, 720ILCS 5/11-23.7, added by P.A. 103-825, criminalizes the ***non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions***. PRESS sample policy **7:190, Student Behavior**, has been updated to include a definition of the term sexting, which incorporates this criminal offense, along with other offenses referenced in sample administrative procedure **7:190-AP6, Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations**.



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

In recognition of the increasing role of AI in K – 12 education, sample PRESS policy 6:325, **Access to Electronic Networks**, is updated to include a new, optional subhead to address the use of AI-enabled tools.

New sample administrative procedure 6:235–AP3, **Development of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines**, provides a framework, based on the Toolkit, to assist districts as they develop their own AI plans and responsible use guidelines that reflect local needs and conditions.



Driver's Education Waivers

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Driver's Education Waivers

- Illinois School Code ILCS 27-24.3 requires a minimum of six (6) clock of Behind the Wheel Instruction.
 - The teacher to student ratio at Rock Island High School makes fulfilling the mandated hours within a feasible period of time difficult.
 - RIHS has applied for and operated under a waiver to this provision for over 10 years. The waiver will allow the District to substitute three (3) hours of simulated roadway driving through the use of driving simulator for roadway instruction.
- 105 ILCS 5/27-24.2 sets a maximum Drivers Education fee of \$300.
 - RIMSD has been operating under a waiver allowing the District to charge a fee greater than \$300 (\$500) for the past several years.
 - The purpose of the continued fee increase is to help offset costs incurred by the District due to the increasing number of students enrolled.



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