

Main Updates

1.50 - Equal Educational Opportunities and Sex Equity

- Changes to the language, adds military status, unfavorable military discharge, reproductive health decisions.
- Adds -
 - Any student may file a sex discrimination complaint under the District's Title IX Grievance Procedure.
 - Any student may file a sex equity complaint under the District's Uniform Grievance Procedure. A student may appeal the Board's decision to the Regional Superintendent and, thereafter, to the State Superintendent of Education.

2.20 - Student Absences

- Language added to second paragraph:
 - attendance at a verified medical or therapeutic appointment (including a victim services provider),
 - For students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence, an excused absence includes the fulfillment of a parenting responsibility and addressing circumstances resulting from domestic or sexual violence.

2.100 - Home and Hospital Instruction - language added:

- A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, the fulfillment of parenting obligations related to the health of the child, or health and safety concerns arising from domestic or sexual violence will be provided home instruction under the following circumstances:
 1. Before the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction.
 2. For up to three months after the child's birth or a miscarriage.
 3. When a student must care for his or her ill child if:
 - a. The child's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse informs the school, in writing, that the child has a serious health condition that would require the student to be absent from school for two or more consecutive weeks; and
 - b. The student or the student's parent/guardian informs the school, in writing, that the student needs to care for the child during this period.
 4. The student must treat physical or mental health complications or address safety concerns arising from domestic or sexual violence when a health care provider or an employee of the student's domestic or sexual violence organization informs the school in writing that the care is needed by the student and will cause the student's absence from school for two or more consecutive weeks.
- The school may reassess home instruction provided to a student under No. 3 or No. 4 every two months to determine the student's continuing need for home instruction
- Periodic conferences will be held between appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and hospital staff to coordinate course work and facilitate a student's return to school.

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3.15 Vandalism added

- The school district will seek restitution from students and their parents/guardians for vandalism or other students acts that cause damage to school property.

5.30 Guidance and Counseling - added to elementary and updated JMS and JHS*

- The school provides a guidance and counseling program for students. The school's counselors are available to those students who require additional assistance.
- *Under Illinois law. any student 12 years of age or older may receive counseling services without consent of the student's parent/guardian. However, until the consent of the student's parent/guardian has been obtained, counseling services provided to a student under the age of 17 are generally limited to not more than eight 90-minute sessions.

5.80 Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence added

- Provides information on how to file a complaint and request support services

6.30 Student Discipline

- Updated section on "sexting"
- Updated definition of "corporal punishment"

6.45 Harassment & Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

- Added Title IX Coordinator to reporting options

Minor Updates

- Changes made to dates, names and format