



Newsletter

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Minnesota Model Policy Revisions

2023 Minnesota Legislative Changes

The MSBA/MASA model policies are now updated to reflect Minnesota laws enacted in 2023. Because the revisions potentially concern matters of stakeholder interest, MSBA recommends that, when possible, school boards consider using the multiple meeting revision process set forth in their Model Policy 208.

Because some revisions are effective immediately or in the Summer 2023—and because the revisions are largely taken word-for-word from 2023 legislation—school boards may choose to adopt changes in a single meeting or as an emergency (pursuant to Model Policy 208). This is a local decision for school boards. Whether policy language has been formally adopted, school districts must follow the laws related to the policies.

Number	Title	Primary Revisions
102	Equal Educational Opportunity	Adds equal athletic opportunity paragraph
418	Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School	Reflects marijuana legalization *Education program not required until 26-27 SY
419	Tobacco-Free Environment	Adds loose tobacco/tribal ritual exception
424	License Status	Adds annual report to PELSB requirement
425	Staff Development	Adds paraprofessional paid orientation or professional development
504	Student Appearance <i>(substantially revised)</i>	
506	Student Discipline	Adds substantial revisions: Nonexclusionary disciplinary practices, reasonable force, recess, etc.
507	Corporal Punishment <i>and Prone Restraint</i>	Adds Prohibitions article; prone restraint prohibition
509	Enrollment of Nonresident Students	Adds application provisions
513	Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design	Adds Gifted and Talented Student provisions; early admissions

514	Bullying Prohibition Policy	Adds malicious and sadistic conduct prohibition; updates General Policy Statement and Notice
516.5	Overdose Medication	Adds school district policy requirements and prescription authorizations
524	Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy	Adds cell phone provisions
532	Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams	Adds reasonable force provision
534	School Meals Policy	Updates policy to reflect new free meals law
601	School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals	Adds definitions; updates WBWF plan; deletes obsolete provisions on reading
602	Organization of School Calendar and School Day	Adds E-learning provisions
603	Curriculum Development	Updates District Advisory Committee provisions; deletes curriculum development process (Art. VI)
604	Instructional Curriculum	Updates required academic standards; prohibits curriculum discrimination/discipline
613	Graduation Requirements	Updates definitions; adds ethnic studies course provision
616	School District System Accountability	Deletes "graduation standards"; adds reports; updates District Advisory Committee provisions
617	School District Ensurance of Standards	Deletes Profile of Learning reference
618	Assessment of Student Achievement	Updates definitions
620	Credit for Learning	Removes online learning (see updated Policy 624); updates definitions; adds health care credit
621	<i>Literacy and the READ Act (New)</i>	New policy on the READ Act requirements
624	<i>Online Instruction (New)</i>	New policy on online instruction (policy number remains the same)
708	Transportation of Nonpublic School Students	Allows written plan for nonpublic pupil transportation
709	Student Transportation Safety Policy	Adds active transportation safety training requirements; adds Type III bus change
806	Crisis Management Policy	Adds active shooter drill requirements

Please note that Model Policy 621 (Literacy and the READ Act) is an entirely new policy. Model Policy 624 (Online Instruction) maintains an existing policy number, but its text has been entirely deleted and replaced with new Minnesota law.

