

## **Policy Committee**

Monday, February 28, 2022 6:00 PM

Waconia City Hall, 201 S Vine Street, Waconia, MN 55387

### **1. Carryover from the Feb. 14 Policy Committee Meeting**

1.A. 213 School Board Committees (May 2016)

## 213 SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

*[Note: Many school boards utilize either standing or ad hoc committees, or both. On the other hand, some school boards avoid the use of committees for the most part because of the danger of fragmentation of the governance process. The objective of this policy is to provide a framework for those school boards which elect to utilize committees or subcommittees. Further, this policy is designed to apply only to committees or subcommittees made up of elected school board members. Other considerations will apply to committees established by the school board involving members of the public, employees, students, parents, etc.]*

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the structure and the operation of committees or subcommittees of the school board.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the school board to designate school board committees or subcommittees when it is determined that a committee process facilitates the mission of the school board.
- B. The school board has determined that certain permanent standing committees, as described in this policy, do facilitate the operation of the school board and the school district.
- C. A school board committee or subcommittee will be formed by school board resolution which shall outline the duties and purpose of the committee or subcommittee.
- D. A committee or subcommittee is advisory in nature and has only such authority as specified by the school board.
- E. The school board will receive reports or recommendations from a committee or subcommittee for consideration. The school board, however, retains the right and has the duty to make all final decisions related to such reports or recommendations.
- F. The school board also may establish such ad hoc committees for specific purposes as it deems appropriate.
- G. The school board reserves the right to limit, create or abolish any standing or ad hoc committee as it deems appropriate.
- H. A committee of the school board shall not appoint a subcommittee of that committee without approval of the school board.

### **III. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

A. The school board hereby appoints the following standing committees:

1. Audit.
2. Policy.
3. Facilities.
4. Negotiations Committee(s) for various employee groups.

*[Note: Each school district should determine which, if any, standing committees the school board wishes to establish.]*

B. The school board will establish, by resolution, for each standing or ad hoc committee the number of members, the term and the charge or mission of each such committee.

C. The school board chair shall appoint the members of each standing or ad hoc committee and designate the chair thereof.

### **IV. PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES**

A. All meetings of committees or subcommittees shall be open to the public in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, and notice shall be given as prescribed by law.

B. A committee or subcommittee shall act only within the guidelines and mission established for that committee or subcommittee by the school board.

C. Actions of a committee or subcommittee shall be by majority vote and be consistent with the governing rules of the school board.

D. The committee or subcommittee shall designate a secretary who will record the minutes of actions of the school board committee.

E. The power of a committee or subcommittee of the school board is advisory only and is limited to making recommendations to the school board.

F. A committee or subcommittee of the school board shall, when appropriate, clarify in any dealings with the public that its powers are only advisory to the school board.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. Ch. 13D (Open Meeting Law)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 201 (Legal Status of the School Board)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board –  
Governing Rules)  
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 13, School Law Bulletin “C”  
(Minnesota’s Open Meeting Law)

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Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, Minnesota

1.B. 417 Chemical Use and Abuse (Dec 2019)

## 417 CHEMICAL USE AND ABUSE

*[Note: This policy reflects mandatory provisions of state and federal law and is not discretionary.]*

### I. PURPOSE

The school board recognizes that chemical use and abuse constitutes a grave threat to the physical and mental well-being of students and employees and significantly impedes the learning process. Chemical use and abuse also creates significant problems for society in general. The school board believes that the public school has a role in education, intervention, and prevention of chemical use and abuse. The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in its goal to prevent chemical use and abuse by providing procedures for education and intervention.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Use of controlled substances, medical cannabis, toxic substances, and alcohol is prohibited in the school setting in accordance with school district policies with respect to a Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School.
- B. The policy of this school district is to provide an instructional program in every elementary and secondary school in chemical abuse and the prevention of chemical dependency.
- C. The school district shall establish and maintain in every school a chemical abuse preassessment team. The team is responsible for addressing reports of chemical abuse problems and making recommendations for appropriate responses to the individual reported cases.
- D. The superintendent, with the advice of the school board, shall be responsible for establishing a school and community advisory team to address chemical abuse problems in the district.
- E. The school district shall establish and maintain a program to educate and assist employees, students and others in understanding this policy and the goals of achieving drug-free schools and workplaces.

*[Note: Comprehensive drug prevention programs are required to be adopted and carried out by school districts pursuant to the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. In addition, school districts are required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act to establish drug-free awareness programs for school district employees. Further, state law authorizes school districts to provide instructional programs in chemical abuse and the prevention of chemical dependency.]*

### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Chemical abuse” means use of any psychoactive or mood-altering chemical

substance, without compelling medical reason, in a manner that induces mental, emotional, or physical impairment and causes socially dysfunctional or socially disordering behavior, to the extent that the student's normal function in academic, school, or social activities is chronically impaired.

- B. "Chemicals" includes, but is not limited to, alcohol, toxic substances, medical cannabis, and controlled substances as defined in the school district's Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School policy.
- C. "Use" includes to sell, buy, manufacture, distribute, dispense, use, or be under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances, whether or not for the purpose of receiving remuneration.
- D. "School location" includes any school building or on any school premises; on any school-owned vehicle or in any other school-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities; off-school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event, or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district; or during any period of time such employee is supervising students on behalf of the school district or otherwise engaged in school district business.

#### IV. STUDENTS

##### A. Instruction

1. Every school shall provide an instructional program in chemical abuse and the prevention of chemical dependency. The school district may involve parents, students, health care professionals, state department staff, and members of the community in developing the curriculum.

*[Note: The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires school districts to adopt and carry out a comprehensive drug and violence prevention program with funds received. Since a comprehensive drug prevention program is required and a school district is specifically authorized by state law to provide instructional programs in chemical abuse and the prevention of chemical dependency, this should be a component of each school district's mandatory program. In addition, the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act specifies additional items which may be included as part of the mandatory comprehensive drug prevention program. Some of the suggested items relating to instruction or training are detailed in Paragraphs 2. through 6. below and a school district may wish to adopt one or all of the listed components as part of its mandatory program.]*

2. Each school shall have age-appropriate and developmentally based activities that:
  - a. address the consequences of violence and the illegal use of drugs, as

- appropriate;
- b. promote a sense of individual responsibility;
  - c. teach students that most people do not illegally use drugs;
  - d. teach students to recognize social and peer pressure to use drugs illegally and the skills for resisting illegal drug use;
  - e. teach students about the dangers of emerging drugs;
  - f. engage students in the learning process; and
  - g. incorporate activities in secondary schools that reinforce prevention activities implemented in elementary schools.
3. Each school shall have activities that involve families, community sectors (which may include appropriately trained seniors), and a variety of drug and violence prevention providers in setting clear expectations against violence and illegal use of drugs and appropriate consequences for violence and illegal use of drugs.
  4. Each school shall disseminate drug and violence prevention information within the school and to the community.
  5. Each school shall have professional development and training for, and involvement of, school personnel, student services personnel, parents, and interested community members in prevention, education, early identification and intervention, mentoring, or rehabilitation referral, as related to drug and violence prevention.
  6. Each school shall have drug and violence prevention activities that may include the following:
    - a. Community-wide planning and organizing activities to reduce violence and illegal drug use, which may include gang activity prevention.
    - b. The hiring and mandatory training, based on scientific research, of school security personnel who interact with students in support of youth drug and violence prevention activities under this policy that are implemented in the school.
    - c. Conflict resolution programs, including peer mediation programs that educate and train peer mediators and a designated faculty supervisor, and youth anti-crime and anti-drug councils and activities.

- d. Counseling, mentoring, referral services, and other student assistance practices and programs, including assistance provided by qualified school-based mental health services providers and the training of teachers by school-based mental health services providers in appropriate identification and intervention techniques for students at risk of violent behavior and illegal use of drugs.
- e. Programs that encourage students to seek advice from, and to confide in, a trusted adult regarding concerns about violence and illegal drug use.

B. Reports of Chemical Use and Abuse

- 1. In the event that a school district employee knows that a student is abusing, possessing, transferring, distributing, or selling chemicals in a school location:
  - a. The employee shall immediately either take the student to an administrator or notify an appropriate administrator of the observation and continue to observe the student until the administrator arrives.
  - b. The administrator will notify the student's parents. If there is a medical emergency, the administrator will notify the school nurse and/or outside medical personnel as appropriate.
  - c. The administrator will notify law enforcement officials, the student's counselor, and the chemical preassessment team.
  - d. The administrator and/or law enforcement officials will confiscate the chemicals and/or conduct a search of the student's person, effects, locker, vehicle, or areas within the student's control. Searches by school district officials shall be in accordance with school board policies regarding search and seizure.
  - e. The school district will take appropriate disciplinary action in compliance with the student discipline code. Such discipline may include immediate suspension, initiation of expulsion proceedings, and/or referral to a detoxification center or medical center.
- 2. If a school district employee has reason to believe that a student is abusing, possessing, transferring, distributing, or selling chemicals:
  - a. The employee shall notify the building administrator or a member of the preassessment team and shall describe the basis for the suspicion. The building administrator and/or team will determine what action should be taken. Action may include conducting an investigation, gathering data, scheduling a conference with the

student or parents, or providing a meeting between a single member of the team and the student to discuss the behaviors that have been reported and attempting to ascertain facts regarding chemical abuse.

- b. The team may determine there is no chemical abuse. If the team determines there is chemical abuse, the team will select an appropriate course of action, which may include referral to a school counselor; referral to a treatment program; referral for screening, assessment, and treatment planning; participation in support groups; or other appropriate measures.
3. Students involved in the abuse, possession, transfer, distribution, or sale of chemicals shall be suspended in compliance with the student discipline policy and the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act, Minn. Stat. § 121A.40-121A.56, and proposed for expulsion.
4. Searches by school district officials in connection with the abuse, possession, transfer, distribution, or sale of chemicals will be conducted in accordance with school board policies related to search and seizure.

C. Preassessment Team

1. Every school shall have a chemical abuse preassessment team designated by the superintendent or designee. The team will be composed of classroom teachers, administrators, and other appropriate professional staff to the extent they exist in each school, such as the school nurse, school counselor or psychologist, social worker, chemical abuse specialist, or others.
2. The team is responsible for addressing reports of chemical abuse problems and making recommendations for appropriate responses to the individual reported cases.
3. Within forty-five (45) days after receiving an individual reported case, the team shall make a determination whether to provide the student and, in the case of a minor, the student's parents with information about school and community services in connection with chemical abuse.

D. Data Practices

1. Student data may be disclosed without consent in health and safety emergencies pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.32 and applicable federal law and regulations.
2. Destruction of Records
  - a. If the preassessment team decides not to provide a student and, in the case of a minor, the student's parents with information about school or community services in connection with chemical abuse,

records created or maintained by the team about the student shall be destroyed not later than six (6) months after the determination is made.

- b. If the team decides to provide the student and, in the case of a minor or a dependent student, the student's parents with such information, records created or maintained by the team about the student shall be destroyed not later than six (6) months after the student is no longer enrolled in the district.
- c. This section shall govern destruction of records notwithstanding provisions of the Records Management Act, Minn. Stat. § 138.163.

E. Consent

Any minor may give effective consent for medical, mental, and other health services to determine the presence of or to treat conditions associated with alcohol and other drug abuse, and the consent of no other person is required.

F. School and Community Advisory Team

- 1. The superintendent, with the advice of the school board, shall establish a school and community advisory team to address chemical abuse problems. The advisory team will be composed of representatives from the school preassessment teams to the extent possible, law enforcement agencies, county attorney's office, social service agencies, chemical abuse treatment programs, parents, and the business community.
- 2. The advisory team shall:
  - a. build awareness of the problem within the community, identify available treatment and counseling programs for students, and develop good working relationships and enhance communication between the schools and other community agencies; and
  - b. develop a written procedure clarifying the notification process to be used by the chemical abuse preassessment team when a student is believed to be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. The procedure must include contact with the student and the student's parents or guardian in the case of a minor student.

V. **EMPLOYEES**

- A. The superintendent or designee shall undertake and maintain a drug-free awareness and prevention program to inform employees, students, and others about:
  - 1. The dangers and health risks of chemical abuse in the workplace/school.

2. The school district's drug-free workplace/drug-free school policy.
  3. Any available drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, re-entry, and/or assistance programs available to employees and/or students.
  4. The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug abuse violations.
- B. The superintendent or designee shall notify any federal granting agency required to be notified under the Drug-Free Workplace Act within ten (10) days after receiving notice of a conviction of an employee for a criminal drug statute violation occurring in the workplace. To facilitate the giving of such notice, any employee aware of such a conviction shall report the same to the superintendent.

***[Note: Notification to the federal granting agency within ten (10) days is required by the Drug Free Workplace Act. 41 U.S.C. § 8103.]***

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 13.32 (Educational Data)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.25-121A.29 (Chemical Abuse)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.40-121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 138.163 (Records Management Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 144.343 (Pregnancy, Venereal Disease, Alcohol or Drug Abuse, Abortion)  
Minn. Stat. § 152.22 (Medical Cannabis; Definitions)  
Minn. Stat. § 152.23 (Medical Cannabis; Limitations)  
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)  
20 U.S.C. §§ 7101-7165 (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act)  
41 U.S.C. §§ 8101-8106 (Drug-Free Workplace Act)  
34 C.F.R. Part 84 (Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 416 (Drug and Alcohol Testing)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 418 (Drug-Free Workplace/Drug Free School)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 527 (Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches)

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Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, MN

1.C. 425 Staff Development (Feb 2020)

## **425 STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a staff development program and structure to carry out planning and reporting on staff development that supports improved student learning.

### **II. ADVISORY STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND SITE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAMS**

A. The School Board will establish a Staff Development Advisory Committee to develop a District Staff Development Plan, assist Site Professional Development Teams in developing a site plan consistent with the goals of the District Plan, and evaluate staff development efforts at the site level.

1. The majority of the membership of the Staff Development Advisory Committee shall consist of teachers representing various grade levels, subject areas, and special education. The Committee also will include non-teaching staff, parents, and administrators.

B. The district will establish Site Professional Development Teams.

1. Administrators will determine the Site Professional Development Teams based on site and staff need.

2. The majority of the Site Professional Development Teams shall be teachers representing various grade levels, subject areas, and special education.

### **III. DISTRICT STAFF DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

A. The Staff Development Advisory Committee will develop a District Staff Development Plan. This plan will be reviewed by the school board on an annual basis as part of the district strategic road map;

B. The District Staff Development Plan will address:

1. Goals and desired outcomes that are aligned with the district's strategic initiatives

2. The means to achieve the goals and desired outcomes;

3. The process for evaluating progress at each school site toward meeting the goals and desired outcomes. [repealed in 2017]

4. The District Staff Development Plan and district practices will also:

a. Support stable and productive professional communities achieved through ongoing and school-wide progress and growth in teaching practice;

b. Emphasize coaching, professional learning communities, classroom action research, and other job-embedded models;

c. Maintain a strong subject matter focus premised on students' learning goals consistent with Minn. Stat. 120B.125;

d. Ensure specialized preparation and learning about issues related to teaching students with special needs and limited English proficiency; and

e. Reinforce national and state standards of effective teaching practice.

C. The Staff Development Advisory Committee will assist Site Professional Development Teams in developing a site plan consistent with the goals and desired outcomes of the Staff Development Plan.

D. The Staff Development Advisory Committee will annually evaluate staff development efforts at the site level and the extent to which staff at the site have met the goals and desired outcomes of the District Staff Development Plan.

E. The Staff Development Advisory Committee shall assist the school district in preparing any reports required by the Department of Education relating to staff development.

#### **IV. STAFF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

A. The Staff Development Plan and district practices will support ongoing staff development activities that contribute toward continuous improvement in achievement of the following goals:

1. Improve student achievement of state and local education standards in all areas of the curriculum by using best practices methods;
2. Effectively meet the needs of a diverse student population, including at-risk children, children with disabilities, and gifted children, within the regular classroom and other settings;
3. Provide an inclusive curriculum for a racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse student population that is consistent with state education diversity rule and the district's education diversity plan;
4. Improve staff collaboration and develop mentoring and peer coaching programs for teachers new to the school or district;
5. Effectively teach and model violence prevention policy and curriculum that address early intervention alternatives, issues of harassment, and teach nonviolent alternatives for conflict resolution;
6. Effectively deliver digital and blended learning and curriculum and engage students with technology; and
7. Provide teachers and other members of site-based management teams with appropriate management and financial management skills.

B. Staff development activities will:

1. Focus on the school classroom and research-based strategies that improve student learning;
2. Provide opportunities for teachers to practice and improve their instructional skills over time;
3. Provide opportunities for teachers to use student data as part of their daily work to increase student achievement;
4. Enhance teacher content knowledge and instructional skills, including to accommodate the delivery of digital and blended learning and curriculum and engage students with technology;
5. Align with state and local academic standards;

6. Provide opportunities to build professional relationships, foster collaboration among principals and staff who provide instruction, and provide opportunities for teacher-to-teacher mentoring; and

7. Align with the plan, if any, of the district or site for an alternative teacher professional pay system.

C. Staff development activities may include curriculum development and curriculum training programs and activities that provide teachers and other members of site-based teams training to enhance team performance.

D. The school district may implement other staff development activities required by law and activities associated with professional teacher compensation models.

## **V. STAFF DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

A. Unless the School District is in statutory operating debt or a majority of the School District Board and a majority of its licensed teachers annually vote to waive the requirement to reserve basic revenue for staff development, the School District will reserve an amount equal to at least two percent of its basic revenue for:

1. in-service education for violence prevention programs to help students learn how to resolve conflicts within their families and communities in non-violent, effective ways;

2. staff development plans;

3. curriculum development and programs;

4. other in-service education;

5. teachers' workshops;

6. teacher conferences;

7. the cost of substitute teachers for staff development purposes; preservice and in-service education for special education professionals and paraprofessionals; and

8. other related costs for staff development efforts.

B. The school district also may use the revenue reserved for staff development for grants to the school district's teachers to pay for coursework and training leading to certification as either a College in the Schools teacher or a concurrent enrollment teacher. In order to receive a grant, the teacher must be enrolled in a program that includes coursework and training focused on teaching a core subject.

C. The School District may, in its discretion, expend an additional amount of unreserved revenue for staff development based on its needs.

D. Release time provided for teachers to supervise students on field trips and school activities, or independent tasks not associated with enhancing the teacher's knowledge and instructional skills, such as preparing report cards, calculating grades, or organizing classroom materials, may not be counted as staff development time that is financed with staff development reserved revenue under Minn. Stat. § 122A.61.

## **VI. PROCEDURE FOR USE OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

A. On an annual basis, the Staff Development Advisory Committee, with the assistance of the Site Professional Development Teams, shall prepare a projected budget setting forth proposals for allocating staff development funds reserved for each school site. Such budgets shall include, but not be limited to, projections as to the cost of building site training programs, costs of individual staff seminars, and cost of substitutes.

B. Upon approval of the budget by the School Board, the Staff Development Advisory Committee shall be responsible for monitoring the use of such funds in accordance with the Staff Development Plan and budget. The requested use of staff development funds must meet or make progress toward the goals and objectives of the Staff Development Plan. All costs/expenditures will be reviewed by the Superintendent [or designee] for consistency with the Staff Development Plan on an annual basis.

C. Individual requests from staff for leave to attend staff development activities shall be submitted and reviewed according to school district policy, staff procedures, contractual agreement, and the effect on school district operations. Failure to timely submit such requests may be cause for denial of the request.

## **VII. REPORTING**

A. The school district designee, in partnership with the Staff Development Advisory Committee, shall prepare a report of the previous fiscal year's staff development activities and expenditures as part of the School District's World's Best Workforce Report.

1. The report must include assessment and evaluation data indicating progress toward district and site staff development goals based on teaching and learning outcomes, including the percentage of teachers and other staff involved in instruction who participate in effective staff development activities. The report will provide a breakdown of expenditures for:

- a. curriculum development and curriculum training programs;
- b. staff development training models, workshops, and conferences; and
- c. the cost of releasing teachers or providing substitute teachers for staff development purposes.

2. The report also must indicate whether the expenditures were incurred at the district level or the school site level and whether the school site expenditures were made possible by the grants to school sites that demonstrate exemplary use of allocated staff development revenue. These expenditures must be reported using the uniform financial and accounting and reporting standards (UFARS).

B. The school district will utilize the reporting form and/or system designated by the Commissioner. The report will be signed by the superintendent and staff development chair.

**Legal References:**

- Minn. Stat. § 120A.41 (Length of School Year; Days of Instruction)
- Minn. Stat. § 120A.415 (Extended School Calendar)
- Minn. Stat. § 120B.22, Subd. 2 (Violence Prevention Education)
- Minn. Stat. § 122A.18, Subd. 4 (Board to Issue Licenses; Expiration and Renewal) Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subds. 7 and 7a (Employment; Contracts; Termination - Additional Staff Development and Salary)
- Minn. Stat. § 122A.41, Subds. 4 and 4a (Teacher Tenure Act; Cities of the First Class; Definitions - Additional Staff Development and Salary)
- Minn. Stat. § 122A.60 (Staff Development Program)
- Minn. Stat. § 122A.61 (Reserved Revenue for Staff Development)
- Minn. Stat. § 126C.10, Subds. 2 and 2b (General Education Revenue)

- Minn. Stat. § 126C.13, Subd. 5 (General Education Levy and Aid)

**Cross References:**

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Independent School District 110

Waconia, MN



## 603 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

*[Note: Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 requires school districts to adopt a comprehensive long-term strategic plan that addresses the review of curriculum, instruction, student achievement, and assessment. MSBA/MASA Model Policies 601, 603, and 616 address these statutory requirements. In addition, MSBA/MASA Model Policies 613-615 and 617-620 provide procedures to further implement the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 120B.11.]*

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for continuous review and improvement of the school curriculum.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Curriculum development shall be directed toward the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the education program of the school district.

### III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The superintendent shall be responsible for curriculum development and for determining the most effective way of conducting research on the school district's curriculum needs and establishing a long range curriculum development program. Timelines shall be determined by the superintendent that will provide for periodic reviews of each curriculum area.
- B. A district advisory committee shall provide assistance at the request of the superintendent. The advisory committee membership shall be a reflection of the community and, to the extent possible, shall reflect the diversity of the district and its school sites, and shall include parent, teacher, support staff, student, community residents, and administration representation, and shall provide translation to the extent appropriate and practicable. Whenever possible, parents and other community residents shall comprise at least two-thirds of advisory committee members.
- C. Within the ongoing process of curriculum development, the following needs shall be addressed:
  - 1. Provide for articulation of courses of study from kindergarten through grade twelve.
  - 2. Identify minimum objectives for each course and at each elementary grade level.
  - 3. Provide for continuing evaluation of programs for the purpose of attaining school district objectives.

4. Provide a program for ongoing monitoring of student progress.
  5. Provide for specific, particular, and special needs of all members of the student community.
  6. Develop a local literacy plan to have every child reading at or above grade level no later than the end of grade 3, including English learners, and teachers providing comprehensive, scientifically based reading instruction consistent with law.
  7. Integrate required and elective course standards in the scope and sequence of the district curriculum.
  8. Meet all applicable requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education and federal law.
- D. Students identified as not reading at grade level by the end of kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 must be screened for characteristics of dyslexia. Students in grade 3 or higher who demonstrate a reading difficulty to a classroom teacher must be screened for characteristics of dyslexia, unless a different reason for the reading difficulty has been identified. See Minn. Stat. § 120B.12, Subd. 2.
- E. Students who do not meet or exceed Minnesota academic standards, as measured by the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments that are administered during high school, shall be informed that admission to a public school is free and available to any resident under 21 years of age or who meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 120A.20, Subd. 1(c). A student's plan under this section shall continue while the student is enrolled.
- F. The superintendent shall be responsible for keeping the school board informed of all state-mandated curriculum changes, as well as recommended discretionary changes, and for periodically presenting recommended modifications for school board review and approval.
- G. The superintendent shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to curriculum development.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 120B.10 (Findings; Improving Instruction and Curriculum)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.12 (Reading Proficiently no Later than the End of Grade 3)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.125(f) (Planning for Students' Successful Transition to Postsecondary Education and Employment)  
Minn. Rules Part 3500.0550 (Inclusive Educational Program)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0640-3501.0655 (Academic Standards for Language Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for

Mathematics)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0800-3501.0815 (Academic Standards for the Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0955 (Academic Standards in Science)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1000-3501.1190 (Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma) (repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, § 22)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1200-3501.1210 (Academic Standards for English Language Development)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1400-3501.1410 (Academic Standards for Physical Education)  
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (Every Student Succeeds Act)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 617 (School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 618 (Assessment of Student Achievement)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 619 (Staff Development for Standards)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 623 (Mandatory Summer School Instruction)

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Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, MN

1.E. 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials (Dec  
2020)

## **606 TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for selection of textbooks and instructional materials.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board recognizes that selection of textbooks and instructional materials is a vital component of the school district's curriculum. The school board also recognizes that it has the authority to make final decisions on selection of all textbooks and instructional materials.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITY OF SELECTION**

- A. While the school board retains its authority to make final decisions on the selection of textbooks and instructional materials, the school board recognizes the expertise of the professional staff and the vital need of such staff to be primarily involved in the recommendation of textbooks and instructional materials. Accordingly, the school board delegates to the Director of Teaching and Learning the responsibility to direct the professional staff in formulating recommendations to the school board on textbooks and other instructional materials.
- B. In reviewing textbooks and instructional materials during the selection process, the professional staff shall select materials which:
1. support the academic standards and goals of the education programs;
  2. consider the needs, age, and maturity of students;
  3. foster respect and appreciation for cultural diversity and varied opinion;
  4. fit within the constraints of the school district budget;
  5. are in the English language. Another language may be used, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 124D.61;
  6. permit grade-level instruction for students to read and study America's founding documents, including documents that contributed to the foundation or maintenance of America's representative form of limited government, the Bill of Rights, our free-market economic system, and patriotism; and
  7. do not censor or restrain instruction in American or Minnesota state history or heritage based on religious references in original source documents, writings, speeches, proclamations, or records.

C. In addition to formally adopted textbooks and instructional materials, supplemental resources are commonly used to augment or enrich instruction at the classroom level. In making these selections, teachers should refer to School Board Policy 625 Media and Book Selection for guidance.

D. The Director of Teaching and Learning shall be responsible for developing procedures and guidelines to establish an orderly process for the review and recommendation of textbooks and other instructional materials by the professional staff. Such procedures and guidelines shall be coordinated with the school district's curriculum development effort and may utilize the Teaching and Learning Advisory Council for input and consideration.

#### IV. SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A. The Director of Teaching and Learning shall be responsible for keeping the school board informed of progress on the part of staff and others involved in the textbook and other instructional materials review and selection process.

B. The Director of Teaching and Learning shall present a recommendation to the school board on the selection of textbooks and other instructional materials after completion of the review process as outlined in this policy.

#### V. RECONSIDERATION OF TEXTBOOKS OR OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A. The school district shall provide a process for members of the school district community to seek reconsideration of the use of select textbooks or instructional materials.

B. The Director of Teaching and Learning shall be responsible for the development of guidelines and procedures to identify the steps to be followed to seek reconsideration of textbooks or other instructional materials.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120A.22, Subd. 9 (Compulsory Instruction – Curriculum)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.235 (American Heritage Education)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 2 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 8 (School Board Responsibilities)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.59-124D.61 (Limited English Proficiency)  
Minn. Stat. § 127A.10 (State Officials and School Board Members to be Disinterested; Penalty)  
*Hazelwood Sch. Dist. v. Kuhlmeier*, 484 U.S. 260, 108 S.Ct. 562, 98 L.Ed.2d 592 (1988)  
*Pratt v. Independent Sch. Dist. No. 831*, 670 F.2d 771 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)

School Board Policy 625 Media and Book Selection

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Independent School District No. 110

Waconia, MN

1.F. 616 School District System Accountability  
(April 2021)

## **616 SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to focus public education strategies on a process which promotes higher academic achievement for all students and ensures broad-based community participation in decisions regarding the implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards and the No Child Left Behind Act.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards and No Child Left Behind Act will require a new level of accountability for the school district. The school district will establish a system to transition to the graduation requirements of the Minnesota Academic Standards. The school district also will establish a system to review and improve instruction, curriculum, and assessment which will include substantial input by students, parents or guardians, and local community members. The school district will be accountable to the public and the state through annual reporting.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. “Credit” means a student’s successful completion of an academic year of study or a student’s mastery of the applicable subject matter, as determined by the school district.
- B. “Graduation Standards” means the credit requirements and Profile of Learning content standards or Minnesota Academic Standards that school districts must offer and certify that students complete to be eligible for a high school diploma.
- C. “Profile of Learning” means content standards formerly required for a high school diploma.
- D. “World’s best workforce” means striving to: meet school readiness goals; have all third grade students achieve grade-level literacy; close the academic achievement gap among all racial and ethnic groups of students and between students living in poverty and students not living in poverty; have all students attain career and college readiness before graduating from high school; and have all students graduate from high school.

### **IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS; IMPLEMENTATION; EVALUATION AND REPORTING**

- A. School District Goals

1. The school board has established school district-wide goals which provide broad direction for the school district. Incorporated in these goals are the graduation and education standards contained in the Minnesota Academic Standards and the No Child Left Behind Act. The broad goals shall be reviewed annually and approved by the school board. The school board shall adopt annual goals based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement (Advisory Committee).

2. The improvement goals should address recommendations identified through the Advisory Committee process. The school district's goal setting process will include consideration of individual site goals. School district goals may be developed through an education effectiveness program, an evaluation of student progress committee, or through some other locally determined process.

B. System for Reviewing All Instruction and Curriculum. Incorporated in the process will be analysis of the school district's progress toward implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards. Instruction and curriculum shall be reviewed and evaluated by taking into account strategies and best practices, student outcomes, principal evaluations under Minn. Stat. § 123B.147, Subd. 3, and teacher evaluations under Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 8, or 122A.41, Subd. 5.

*[Insert Local Cycle in this space]*

C. Implementation of Graduation Requirements

1. The school board shall appoint a Graduation Standards Implementation Committee which shall advise the school board on implementation of the state and local graduation requirements, including K-12 curriculum, assessment, student learning opportunities, and other related issues. Recommendations of this committee shall be published annually to the community. The school board shall receive public input and comment and shall adopt or update this policy at least annually. The Graduation Standards Implementation Committee [will/will not] be comprised of the Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement.

2. The school board shall annually review and determine if student achievement levels at each school site meet federal expectations. If the school board determines that student achievement levels at a school site do not meet federal expectations and the site has not made adequate yearly progress for two consecutive school years, the Graduation Standards Implementation Committee shall work with the school site to adopt a plan to raise student achievement levels to meet federal expectations. The

Graduation Standards Implementation Committee may seek assistance from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) (Commissioner) in developing a plan which must include parental involvement components.

3. The educational assessment system component utilized by the school board to measure individual students' educational progress must be based, to the extent annual tests are administered, on indicators of achievement growth that show an individual student's prior achievement. Indicators of achievement and prior achievement must be based on highly reliable statewide or districtwide assessments. The school board will utilize models developed by the Commissioner for measuring individual student progress. The school board must coordinate with MDE in evaluating school sites and continuous improvement plans, consistent with best practices.

**D. Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement**

1. By [ date ] of each year, the Advisory Committee will meet to advise and assist the school district in the implementation of the school district system accountability and comprehensive continuous improvement process.
2. The Advisory Committee, working in cooperation with other committees of the school district [*such as the Technology, Educational Effectiveness, Grade Level, Site Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Committees, etc.*], will provide active community participation in:
  - a. Reviewing the school district instructional and curriculum plan, with emphasis on implementing the Minnesota Graduation Standards;
  - b. Identifying annual instruction and curriculum improvement goals for recommendation to the school board;
  - c. Making recommendations regarding the evaluation process that will be used to measure school district progress toward its goals;
  - d. Advising the school board about development of the annual budget.
3. The Advisory Committee shall meet the following criteria:
  - a. The Advisory Committee shall ensure active community participation in all planning for instruction and curriculum

affecting Graduation Standards.

b. The Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the school board on school district-wide standards, assessments, and program evaluation.

c. Building teams may be established as subcommittees to develop and implement an education effectiveness plan and to carry out methods to improve instruction, curriculum, and assessments as well as methods to use technology in meeting the school district improvement plan.

d. A local plan to evaluate student progress, using a local process, shall be used for developing a plan for assessment of student progress toward the Graduation Standards, as well as program evaluation data for use by the Advisory Committee in the instruction and curriculum review process. This plan shall annually be approved by the school board.

4. The Advisory Committee shall, when possible, be comprised of two-thirds community representatives and shall reflect the diversity of the community. Included in its membership should be:

a. The Director of Curriculum (or similar educational leader)

b. Principal

c. School Board Member

d. Student Representative

e. One teacher from each building or instructional level

f. Two parents from each building or instructional level

g. Two residents without school-aged children, non-representative of local business or industry

h. Two residents representative of local business or industry

i. School District Test Administrator (if different from “a.” above)

*[Note: This Advisory Committee composition is a model only.]*

5. The Advisory Committee shall meet the following timeline each year:

Month: Organizational meeting of the Committee to review the authorizing legislation and the roles and responsibilities of the Committee as determined by the school board.

Month(s): Agree on the process to be used. Become familiar with the instruction and curriculum of the cycle content area.

Month(s): Review evaluation results and prepare recommendations.

Month: Present recommendations to the school board for its input and approval.

E. **Evaluation of Student Progress Committee.** A committee of professional staff shall develop a plan for assessment of student progress toward the Graduation Standards, as well as program evaluation data for use by the Advisory Committee in the instruction and curriculum review process. This plan shall annually be approved by the school board.

F. Educational Planning and Assessment System. The school district may elect to participate in the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) program offered by ACT, Inc., to provide a longitudinal, systematic approach to student educational and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation.

G. Reporting. Consistent with Minn. Stat. § 120B.36, Subd. 1, the school board shall publish a report in the local newspaper with the largest circulation in the district, by mail, or by electronic means on the school district website. The school board shall hold an annual public meeting to review and revise, where appropriate, student achievement goals, local assessment outcomes, plans, strategies, and practices for improving curriculum and instruction, and to review school district success in realizing the previously adopted student achievement goals and related benchmarks and the improvement plans leading to the world's best workforce. The school board must transmit an electronic summary of its report to the Commissioner in the form and manner the Commissioner determines. The school district shall periodically survey affected constituencies about their connection to and level of satisfaction with school. The school district shall include the results of this evaluation in its summary report to the Commissioner.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.018 (Definitions)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.128 (Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) Program)  
Minn. Stat. § 120B.35 (Student Achievement Levels)

Minn. Stat. § 120B.36 (School Accountability; Appeals Process)  
Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 8 (Employment; Contracts; Termination)  
Minn. Stat. § 122A.41, Subd. 5 (Teacher Tenure Act; Cities of the First Class; Definitions)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.04 (Site Decision Making Agreement)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.147, Subd. 3 (Principals)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0640-3501.0655 (Academic Standards for Language Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for Mathematics)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0800-3501.0815 (Academic Standards for the Arts)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0955 (Academic Standards in Science)  
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)  
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 617 (School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 618 (Assessment of Student Achievement)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 619 (Staff Development for Standards)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)

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Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, MN

1.G. 619 Staff Development for Standards (July 2020)

1.H. 807 Health and Safety Policy (Dec 2020)

## 807 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

*[Note: To receive health and safety revenue for any fiscal year, school districts must submit an application to the Commissioner of Education, along with a health and safety budget adopted and confirmed by the school board as being consistent with the school district's health and safety policy. This policy has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Education.]*

*The subdivisions of Minn. Stat. § 123B.57 that relate to a school district's ability to apply for health and safety revenue have been repealed effective fiscal year 2017. The provisions of this policy substantially reflect statutory requirements.]*

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assist the school district in promoting health and safety, reducing injuries, and complying with federal, state, and local health and safety laws and regulations.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The policy of the school district is to implement a health and safety program that includes plans and procedures to protect employees, students, volunteers, and members of the general public who enter school district buildings and grounds. The objective of the health and safety program will be to provide a safe and healthy learning environment; to increase safety awareness; to help prevent accidents, illnesses, and injuries; to reduce liability; to assign duties and responsibilities to school district staff to implement and maintain the health and safety program; to establish written procedures for the identification and management of hazards or potential hazards; to train school district staff on safe work practices; and to comply with all health and safety, environmental, and occupational health laws, rules, and regulations.
- B. All school district employees have a responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy environment within the school district and are expected to be involved in the health and safety program to the extent practicable. **For the purpose of implementing this policy, the school district may form a health and safety advisory committee to be appointed by the superintendent.** The health and safety advisory committee will be composed of employees and other individuals with specific knowledge of related issues. The advisory committee will provide recommendations to the administration regarding plans and procedures to implement this policy and to establish procedures for identifying, analyzing, and controlling hazards, minimizing risks, and training school district staff on safe work practices. The committee will also recommend procedures for investigating accidents and enforcement of workplace safety rules. Each recommendation shall include estimates of annual costs of implementing and maintaining that proposed recommendation. The superintendent may request that the safety committee established under Minn. Stat. § 182.676 carry out all or part of the duties of the advisory committee or the advisory committee may consider recommendations

from a separate safety committee established under Minn. Stat § 182.676.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

- A. Based upon recommendations from the health and safety advisory committee and subject to the budget adopted by the school board to implement or maintain these recommendations, the administration will adopt and implement written plans and procedures for identification and management of hazards or potential hazards existing within the school district in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. Written plans and procedures will be maintained, updated, and reviewed by the school board on an annual basis and shall be an addendum to this policy. The administration shall identify in writing a contact person to oversee compliance with each specific plan or procedure.
- B. To the extent that federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations do not exist for identification and management of hazards or potential hazards, the health and safety advisory committee shall evaluate other available resources and generally accepted best practice recommendations. Best practices are techniques or actions which, through experience or research, have consistently proven to lead to specific positive outcomes.
- C. The school district shall monitor and make good faith efforts to comply with any new or amended laws, rules, or regulations to control potential hazards.

### **IV. PROGRAM AND PLANS**

- A. For the purpose of implementing this policy, the administration will, within the budgetary limitations adopted by the school board, implement a health and safety program that includes specific plan requirements in various areas as identified by the health and safety advisory committee. Areas that may be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Asbestos
  - 2. Fire and Life Safety
  - 3. Employee Right to Know
  - 4. Emergency Action Planning
  - 5. Combustible and Hazardous Materials Storage
  - 6. Indoor Air Quality
  - 7. Mechanical Ventilation
  - 8. Mold Cleanup and Abatement
  - 9. Accident and Injury Reduction Program: Model AWAIR Program for Minnesota Schools
  - 10. Infectious Waste/Bloodborne Pathogens
  - 11. Community Right to Know
  - 12. Compressed Gas Safety
  - 13. Confined Space Standard
  - 14. Electrical Safety
  - 15. First Aid/CPR/AED

16. Food Safety Inspection
17. Forklift Safety
18. Hazardous Waste
19. Hearing Conservation
20. Hoist/Lift/Elevator Safety
21. Integrated Pest Management
22. Laboratory Safety Standard/Chemical Hygiene Plan
23. Lead
24. Control of Hazardous Energy Sources (Lockout/Tagout)
25. Machine Guarding
26. Safety Committee
27. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
28. Playground Safety
29. Radon
30. Respiratory Protection
31. Underground and Above Ground Storage Tanks
32. Welding/Cutting/Brazing
33. Fall Protection
34. National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for School Generators established by the United States E.P.A.
35. Other areas determined to be appropriate by the health and safety advisory committee.

If a risk is not present in the school district, the preparation of a plan or procedure for that risk will not be necessary.

- B. The administration shall establish procedures to ensure, to the extent practicable, that all employees are properly trained and instructed in job procedures, crisis response duties, and emergency response actions where exposure or possible exposure to hazards and potential hazards may occur.
- C. The administration shall conduct or arrange safety inspections and drills. Any identified hazards, unsafe conditions, or unsafe practices will be documented and corrective action taken to the extent practicable to control that hazard, unsafe condition, or unsafe practice.
- D. Communication from employees regarding hazards, unsafe or potentially unsafe working conditions, and unsafe or potentially unsafe practices is encouraged in either written or oral form. No employee will be retaliated against for reporting hazards or unsafe or potentially unsafe working conditions or practices.
- E. The administration shall conduct periodic workplace inspections to identify potential hazards and safety concerns.
- F. In the event of an accident or a near miss, the school district shall promptly cause an accident investigation to be conducted in order to determine the cause of the incident and to take action to prevent a similar incident. All accidents and near misses must be reported to an immediate supervisor as soon as possible.

## V. BUDGET

The superintendent shall be responsible to provide for periodic school board review and approval of the various plan requirements of the health and safety program, including current plan requirements and related written plans and procedures and recommendations for additional plan requirements proposed to be adopted. The superintendent, or such other school official as designated by the superintendent, each year shall prepare preliminary revenue and expenditure budgets for the school district's health and safety program. The preliminary budgets shall be accompanied by such written commentary as may be necessary for them to be clearly understood by the members of the school board and the public. The school board shall review the projected revenues and expenditures for this program and make such adjustments within the expenditure budget to carry out the current program and to implement new recommendations within the revenues projected and appropriated for this purpose. No funds may be expended for the health and safety program in any school year prior to the adoption of the budget document authorizing that expenditure for that year, or prior to the adoption of an amendment to that budget document by the school board to authorize that expenditure for that year. The health and safety program shall be implemented, conducted, and administered within the fiscal restraints of the budget so adopted.

## VI. ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of this policy is necessary for the goals of the school district's health and safety program to be achieved. Within applicable budget limitations, school district employees will be trained and receive periodic reviews of safety practices and procedures, focusing on areas that directly affect the employees' job duties. Employees shall participate in practice drills. Willful violations of safe work practices may result in disciplinary action in accordance with applicable school district policies.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.56 (Health, Safety, and Environmental Management)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.57 (Capital Expenditure; Health and Safety)  
Minn. Stat. § 182.676 (Safety Committees)  
Minn. Rules Part 5208.0010 (Applicability)  
Minn. Rules Part 5208.0070 (Alternative Forms of Committee)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 407 (Employee Right to Know - Exposure to Hazardous Substances)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 701 (Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 806 (Crisis Management Policy)

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Independent School District No. 110

Waconia, MN

1.I. 901 Community Education (Sept 2020)

## **901 COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to convey to employees and to the general public the important role of community education within the school district.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board affirms a strong commitment to the community education program. The school board welcomes, and strongly encourages use of school buildings and activity areas by the community when not used for regularly scheduled elementary and secondary programs. The school administration should strive to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. Maximum use should be made of public school facilities within the school district service area.
- B. Educational needs and interest of area residents should be determined periodically.
- C. Community resources and expertise of residents should be utilized to develop a vibrant, well-rounded community education program.
- D. Area residents should be encouraged to actively participate in program opportunities.

### **III. COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

- A. The council shall assist in promoting the goals and objectives of the program.
- B. The membership of the community education advisory will consist of members who represent: various service organizations; churches; public and nonpublic schools; local government including elected officials; public and private nonprofit agencies serving youth and families; parents; youth; park, recreation or forestry services of municipal or local government units located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the school district; and any other groups participating in the community education program in the school district.
- C. Bylaws of the community education advisory council shall provide the framework for the organization including criteria pertaining to membership, officers' duties, frequency and structure of meetings and such other matters as deemed necessary and appropriate.
- D. The council will adopt a policy to reduce and eliminate program duplication within the school district.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Access for Noncurricular Purposes)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.19, Subd. 1 (Community Education Programs; Advisory Council)  
Minn. Stat. § 124D.20, Subd. 1 (Community Education Revenue)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 902 (Use of School District Facilities and Equipment)

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Independent School District 110  
Waconia, MN

2. **Series 100 School District**

2.A.101 Legal Status of the School District (Nov  
2019)

## **101 LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

A primary principle of this nation is that the public welfare demands an educated and informed citizenry. The power to provide for a general and uniform quality public education is a state function vested in the state legislature and delegated to local school districts. The purpose of this policy is to clarify the legal status of the school district.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The school district is a public corporation subject to the control of the legislature, limited only by constitutional restrictions. The school district has been created for educational purposes.
- B. The legislature has authority to prescribe the school district's powers and privileges, its boundaries and territorial jurisdictions.
- C. The school district has only the powers conferred on it by the legislature; however, the school board's authority to govern, manage, and control the school district, to carry out its duties and responsibilities, and to conduct the business of the school district includes implied powers in addition to any specific powers granted by the legislature.

### **III. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ENTITIES**

- A. The school district is a separate legal entity.
- B. The school district is coordinate with and not subordinate to the county(ies) in which it is situated.
- C. The school district is not subservient to municipalities within its territory.

### **IV. POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- A. Funds
  - 1. The school district, through its school board, has authority to raise funds for the operation and maintenance of its schools and authority to manage and expend such funds, subject to applicable law.
  - 2. The school district has wide discretion over the expenditure of funds under its control for public purposes, subject to the limitations provided by law.
  - 3. School district officials occupy a fiduciary position in the management

and expenditure of funds entrusted to them.

B. Raising Funds

1. The school district shall, within the limitations specified by law, provide by levy of tax necessary funds for the conduct of schools, payment of indebtedness, and all proper expenses.
2. The school district may issue bonds in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Ch. 475, or other applicable law.
3. The school district has authority to accept gifts and donations for school purposes, subject to applicable law.

C. Property

1. The school district may acquire property for school purposes. It may sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of property which is no longer needed for school purposes, subject to applicable law.
2. The school district shall manage its property in a manner consistent with the educational functions of the district.
3. The school district may permit the use of its facilities for community purposes which are not inconsistent with, nor disruptive of, its educational mission.
4. School district officials hold school property as trustees for the use and benefit of students, taxpayers, and the community.

D. Contracts

1. The school district is empowered to enter into contracts in the manner provided by law.
2. The school district has authority to enter into installment purchases and leases with an option to purchase, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 465.71 or other applicable law.
3. The school district has authority to make contracts with other governmental agencies and units for the purchase, lease or other acquisition of equipment, supplies, materials, or other property, including real property.
4. The school district has authority to enter into employment contracts. As a public employer, the school district, through its designated representatives, shall meet and negotiate with public employees in an appropriate bargaining unit and enter into written collective bargaining agreements

with such employees, subject to applicable law.

E. Textbooks, Educational Materials, and Studies

1. The school district, through its school board and administrators, has the authority to determine what textbooks, educational materials, and studies should be pursued.
2. The school district shall establish and apply the school curriculum.

F. Actions and Suits

The school district has authority to sue and to be sued.

**Legal References:** Minn. Const. art. 13, § 1  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 123B (School Districts, Powers and Duties)  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 179A (Public Employment Labor Relations)  
Minn. Stat. § 465.035 (Conveyance or Lease of Land)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 465.71; 471.345; 471.6161; 471.6175; 471.64 (Rights, Powers, Duties of Political Subdivisions)  
*Minnesota Association of Public Schools v. Hanson*, 287 Minn. 415, 178 N.W.2d 846 (1970)  
*Independent School District No. 581 v. Mattheis*, 275 Minn. 383, 147 N.W.2d 374 (1966)  
*Village of Blaine v. Independent School District No. 12*, 272 Minn. 343, 138 N.W.2d 32 (1965)  
*Huffman v. School Board*, 230 Minn. 289, 41 N.W.2d 455 (1950)  
*State v. Lakeside Land Co.*, 71 Minn. 283, 73 N.W.970 (1898)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 201 (Legal Status of School Board)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 606 (Textbooks and Instructional Materials)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 705 (Investments)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 706 (Acceptance of Gifts)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 801 (Equal Access to School Facilities)  
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Employee Negotiations  
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 13, School Law Bulletin “F” (Contract and Bidding Procedures)

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## **101 LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

A primary principle of this nation is that the public welfare demands an educated and informed citizenry. The power to provide for public education is a state function vested in the state legislature and delegated to local school districts. The purpose of this policy is to clarify the legal status of the school district.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The school district is a public corporation subject to the control of the legislature, limited only by constitutional restrictions. The school district has been created for educational purposes.
- B. The legislature has authority to prescribe the school district's powers and privileges, its boundaries and territorial jurisdictions.
- C. The school district has only the powers conferred on it by the legislature; however, the school board's authority to govern, manage, and control the school district, to carry out its duties and responsibilities, and to conduct the business of the school district includes implied powers in addition to any specific powers granted by the legislature.

### **III. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER ENTITIES**

- A. The school district is a separate legal entity.
- B. The school district is coordinate with and not subordinate to the county(ies) in which it is situated.
- C. The school district is not subservient to municipalities within its territory.

### **IV. POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **A. Funds**

- 1. The school district, through its school board, has authority to raise funds for the operation and maintenance of its schools and authority to manage and expend such funds, subject to applicable law.
- 2. The school district has wide discretion over the expenditure of funds under

its control for public purposes, subject to the limitations provided by law.

3. School district officials occupy a fiduciary position in the management and expenditure of funds entrusted to them.

B. Raising Funds

1. The school district shall, within the limitations specified by law, provide by levy of tax necessary funds for the conduct of schools, payment of indebtedness, and all proper expenses.
2. The school district may issue bonds in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Ch. 475, or other applicable law.
3. The school district has authority to accept gifts and donations for school purposes, subject to applicable law.

C. Property

1. The school district may acquire property for school purposes. It may sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of property which is no longer needed for school purposes, subject to applicable law.
2. The school district shall manage its property in a manner consistent with the educational functions of the district.
3. The school district may permit the use of its facilities for community purposes which are not inconsistent with, nor disruptive of, its educational mission.
4. School district officials hold school property as trustees for the use and benefit of students, taxpayers, and the community.

D. Contracts

1. The school district is empowered to enter into contracts in the manner provided by law.
2. The school district has authority to enter into installment purchases and leases with an option to purchase, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 465.71 or other applicable law.
3. The school district has authority to make contracts with other governmental agencies and units for the purchase, lease or other acquisition of equipment, supplies, materials, or other property, including real property.
4. The school district has authority to enter into employment contracts. As a public employer, the school district, through its designated representatives,

shall meet and negotiate with public employees in an appropriate bargaining unit and enter into written collective bargaining agreements with such employees, subject to applicable law.

E. Textbooks, Educational Materials, and Studies

1. The school district, through its school board and administrators, has the authority to determine what textbooks, educational materials, and studies should be pursued.
2. The school district shall establish and apply the school curriculum.

F. Actions and Suits

The school district has authority to sue and to be sued.

**Legal References:** Minn. Const. art. 13, § 1  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 123B (School Districts, Powers and Duties)  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 179A (Public Employment Labor Relations)  
Minn. Stat. § 465.035 (Conveyance or Lease of Land)  
Minn. Stat. §§ 465.71; 471.345; 471.6161; 471.6175; 471.64 (Rights, Powers, Duties of Political Subdivisions)  
*Minnesota Association of Public Schools v. Hanson*, 287 Minn. 415, 178 N.W.2d 846 (1970)  
*Independent School District No. 581 v. Mattheis*, 275 Minn. 383, 147 N.W.2d 374 (1966)  
*Village of Blaine v. Independent School District No. 12*, 272 Minn. 343, 138 N.W.2d 32 (1965)  
*Huffman v. School Board*, 230 Minn. 289, 41 N.W.2d 455 (1950)  
*State v. Lakeside Land Co.*, 71 Minn. 283, 73 N.W.970 (1898)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 201 (Legal Status of School Board)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 606 (Textbooks and Instructional Materials)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 704 (Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 705 (Investments)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 706 (Acceptance of Gifts)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 801 (Equal Access to School Facilities)  
~~MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Employee Negotiations~~  
MSBA ~~Service Manual, Chapter 13~~, School Law Bulletin "F" (Contract and Bidding Procedures)

2.B.101.1 Name of the School District

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 101.1

Orig. 1998

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 1999

## **101.1 NAME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the name of the school district.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Pursuant to statute, the official name of the school district is Independent School District No. \_\_\_\_\_. However, the school district is often referred to by other informal names. In order to avoid confusion and to encourage consistency in school district letterheads, signage, publications and other materials, the school board intends to establish a uniform name for the school district.

### **III. UNIFORM NAME**

A. The name of the school district shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name) \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Examples include: Benson; Triton; Cass Lake-Bena; North Saint Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale: White Bear Lake Area Schools; Prior Lake/Savage Area Schools; West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan Area Schools; Northfield Public Schools; New Prague Community Schools; Stillwater Area Public Schools; Southwest Star Concept Schools; Jackson County Central School District.)*

B. The name specified above may be used to refer to the school district and may be shown on school district letterheads, signage, publications and other materials.

C. In official communications and on school district ballots, the school district shall be referred to as Independent School District No. \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_), but inadvertent failure to use the correct name shall not invalidate any legal proceeding or matter or affect the validity of any document.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123A.55 (Classes, Number)

**Cross References:**

2.C.103 Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents,  
Other Persons (May 2016)

**I. PURPOSE**

The school district takes seriously all concerns or complaints by students, employees, parents or other persons. If a specific complaint procedure is provided within any other policy of the school district, the specific procedure shall be followed in reference to such a complaint. If a specific complaint procedure is not provided, the purpose of this policy is to provide a procedure that may be used.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Students, parents, employees or other persons, may report concerns or complaints to the school district. While written reports are encouraged, a complaint may be made orally. Any employee receiving a complaint shall advise the principal or immediate supervisor of the receipt of the complaint. The supervisor shall make an initial determination as to the seriousness of the complaint and whether the matter should be referred to the superintendent. A person may file a complaint at any level of the school district; i.e., principal, superintendent or school board. However, persons are encouraged to file a complaint at the building level when appropriate.
- B. Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the complaint, the supervisor or other administrator receiving the complaint shall determine the nature and scope of the investigation or followup procedures. If the complaint involves serious allegations, the matter shall promptly be referred to the superintendent who shall determine whether an internal or external investigation should be conducted. In either case, the superintendent shall determine the nature and scope of the investigation and designate the person responsible for the investigation or followup relating to the complaint. The designated investigator shall ascertain details concerning the complaint and respond promptly to the appropriate administrator concerning the status or outcome of the matter.
- C. The appropriate administrator shall respond in writing to the complaining party concerning the outcome of the investigation or followup, including any appropriate action or corrective measure that was taken. The superintendent shall be copied on the correspondence and consulted in advance of the written response when appropriate. The response to the complaining party shall be consistent with the rights of others pursuant to the applicable provisions of Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act) or other law.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 206 (Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data

Privacy Considerations)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal  
of School District Employees)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 514 (Bullying Prohibition)

MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 13, School Law Bulletin “I” (School  
Records – Privacy – Access to Data)

Policy Adopted: July 2007

Reviewed: May 2016

Independent School District No. 110

Waconia, MN

2.D.105 Public Relations and School Communications  
(Dec. 2018)

## **105 SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

This policy ensures that Waconia Independent School District 110 maintains regular and ongoing communications throughout the community.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Waconia Independent School District 110 is committed to partnering the community, families, students and employees. District 110 will coordinate and share regular and ongoing communications through a variety of means, including: e-newsletters, videos, website, social media, e-mail, printed materials and face-to-face communications. At the direction of the Superintendent, the Director of Communications will manage communications with all audiences and oversee interactions with media at all levels.

### **III. INFORMATION SHARING**

#### **A. Coordination of Communications**

The Director of Communications preserves, manages, and promotes the image and brand of District 110. Decisions are guided by the Strategic Roadmap, Communications Plan and Brand Guidelines.

#### Objectives of the Communications Plan

1. Provide consistent, relevant and engaging communications to all key audiences.
2. Increase awareness and trust by delivering communications in convenient, user-friendly platforms.
3. Develop a network of internal and external storytellers.
4. Increase story frequency on all platforms.
5. Create district-wide storytelling culture based on honesty, authenticity and transparency.

#### Target Audiences

##### **1. Parents**

###### Internal Communication

Classroom Level – teacher/school/parents

###### External Communication

Marketing and Public Relations – teacher/school/community

## **2. Community**

This broad audience includes everyone regardless of whether they currently have or previously had children in the district.

## **3. Students**

Student pride deepens and confidence grows when they see the accomplishments of their school, teachers and classmates being celebrated in the community on a regular basis.

## **4. Staff**

Teachers and staff are among the frontline ambassadors of our brand.

## **5. Online Community**

Social media includes all of the above stakeholders.

### **B. Building Level and Program Specific Communications**

1. Individual school sites and specific district-sponsored programs will provide regular communications to their stakeholders by sharing information about their activities, events, curriculum, assessments and goals as needed. The preferred method of communication is a branded and formatted weekly e-newsletter.

2. The primary source of regular communications will be web/email based with the recognition that District 110, individual school sites, education programs, and extra-curricular activities will ensure that families, community members and employees who do not have access to electronic sources will receive shared communications.

### **C. Communication Standards**

The Director of Communications, at the direction of the Superintendent, establishes communication standards for employees.

## **IV. DISTRICT 110 SPOKESPERSON AND KEY CONTACTS FOR MEDIA**

### **A. Official Spokesperson**

The Director of Communications, working in conjunction with the Superintendent, is the main initial contact for all media. The Director of Communications is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with media. The Superintendent is always the main spokesperson for the District unless otherwise directed by the Superintendent.

In collaboration with the Superintendent, the Director of Communications is responsible for working with staff and community partners to identify, develop, produce, write and then publish/post/upload stories about District 110.

District 110 employees must receive approval from the Director of Communications prior to contacting the media.

Regarding ongoing activities – such as a sports season or band related activities – one approval will cover the season.

**B. Crisis or Emergency Situation**

The District 110 Crisis Communications Plan dictates the processes and protocols during an emergency situation, including the spokesperson for District 110.

**V. MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENTS**

Media may not contact or interview students on any of the school campuses or at school-related events without permission from one of the following:

1. Director of Communications
2. Leadership at the school level (principal, assistant principal)
3. Program Leader (Activities Director, coach, Director of Community Education)

Even with permission, parent/guardian permission may still be required.

*Cross References:* District 110 Policy 406 (Public & Private Personnel Data)  
District 110 Policy 423 (Employee-Student Relationships)  
District 110 Policy 434 (Teacher Evaluation)  
District 110 Policy 515 (Protection & Privacy of Pupil Records)  
District 110 Policy 519 (Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies)  
District 110 Policy 524 (Internet Acceptable Use and Safety)  
District 110 Policy 806 (Crisis Management Policy)

Policy Adopted: March 10, 1997  
Policy Amended: July 9, 2001 / July 2007  
Policy Revised: August 2014, December 2018  
Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, MN

3. **Series 300 Administration**

3.A. 301 School District Administration (December  
2017)

## **301 SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the role of the school district administration and its relationship with the school board.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Effective administration and sound management practices are essential to realizing educational excellence. It is the responsibility of the school district administration to develop a school environment that recognizes the dignity of each student and employee, and the right of each student to access educational programs and services.
- B. The school board expects all activities related to the operation of the school district to be administered in a well-planned manner, conducted in an orderly fashion, and to be consistent with the policies of the school board.
- C. The school board shall seek specific recommendations, background information and professional advice from the school district administration, and will hold the administration accountable for sound management of the schools.
- D. Although the school board holds the superintendent ultimately responsible for administration of the school district and annual evaluation of each principal, the school board also recognizes the direct responsibility of principals for educational results and effective administration, supervisory, and instructional leadership at the school building level.
- E. The school board and school administration shall work together to share information and decisions that best serve the needs of school district students within financial and facility constraints that may exist.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.147 (Principals)

**Cross References:** MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent of Schools

Policy Adopted: May 12, 1997 / Amended: February 11, 2002 / November 2007 / November 2012  
/ December 2017

Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, Minnesota 55387

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 301

Orig. 1995

Rev. 2022++

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

## 301 SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the role of the school district administration and its relationship with the school board.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Effective administration and sound management practices are essential to realizing educational excellence. It is the responsibility of the school district administration to develop a school environment that recognizes the dignity of each student and employee, and the right of each student to access educational programs and services equitably.
- B. The school board expects all activities related to ~~the school district operations of the school district~~ to be administered in a well-planned manner, conducted in an orderly fashion, and to be consistent with the policies of the school board.
- C. The school board shall seek specific recommendations, background information and professional advice from the school district administration, and will hold the administration accountable for sound management of the schools.
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**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.147 (Principals)

**Cross References:** ~~None MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent of Schools~~

3.B. 302 Superintendent (Dec 2017)

## **302 SUPERINTENDENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to recognize the importance of the role of the superintendent and the overall responsibility of that position within the school district.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board shall employ a superintendent who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the school board and as chief executive officer of the school system.

### **III. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. The superintendent is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all school district policies, and is directly accountable to the school board.
- B. The superintendent shall annually evaluate each principal assigned responsibility for supervising a school building in the district.
- C. The superintendent may delegate responsibilities to other school district personnel, but shall continue to be accountable for actions taken under such delegation.
- D. Where responsibilities are not specifically prescribed, nor school board policy applicable, the superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the school board.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 202 (School Board Officers)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 208 (Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 214 (Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 301 (School District Administration)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 303 (Superintendent Selection)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 304 (Superintendent Contract, Duties, and Evaluation)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 305 (Policy Implementation)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 306 (Administrator Code of Ethics)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 412 (Expense Reimbursement)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 510 (School Activities)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 511 (Student Fundraising)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 513 (Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 602 (Organization of School Calendar and School Day)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 701 (Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 704 (Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 802 (Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 903 (Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 905 (Advertising)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 906 (Community Notification of Predatory Offenders)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 907 (Rewards)  
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent of Schools

Policy Adopted: May 12, 1997 / February 11, 2002 / November 2007 / November 2012 /  
December 2017  
Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, Minnesota 55387

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 302

Orig. 1995

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **302 SUPERINTENDENT**

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**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 202 (School Board Officers)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 208 (Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 214 (Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 301 (School District Administration)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 303 (Superintendent Selection)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 304 (Superintendent Contract, Duties, and Evaluation)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 305 (Policy Implementation)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 306 (Administrator Code of Ethics)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 412 (Expense Reimbursement)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 510 (School Activities)  
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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 906 (Community Notification of Predatory  
Offenders)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 907 (Rewards)  
~~MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent of Schools~~

3.C. 303 Superintendent Selection (June 2018)

## **303 SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to convey to the school community that the authority to select and employ a superintendent is vested in the school board.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school board shall employ a superintendent to serve as the chief executive officer of the school district and to conduct the daily operations of the school district.

### **III. QUALIFICATIONS**

A. The school board shall consider applicants who meet or exceed the licensing standards set by the Minnesota Board of School Administrators and qualifications established in the job description for the superintendent position. State and federal equal employment and nondiscrimination requirements shall be observed throughout the recruitment and selection process.

B. The school board will consider professional preparation, experience, skill, and demonstrated competence of qualified applicants in making a final decision.

### **IV. SELECTION**

A. A process for recruitment, screening, and interviewing of candidates shall be developed by the school board.

B. The school board may contract for assistance in the search for a superintendent.

C. The school board shall provide the contract for the superintendent and specifically identify all conditions of employment mutually agreed upon with the superintendent. In so doing, the school board shall observe all requirements of state and federal law and school board policy.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)  
Minn. Rules, Chapter 3512

**Cross References:** MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent

Policy Adopted: May 12, 1997 / Amended February 11, 2002 / November 2007

Reviewed: June 2018

Independent School District No. 110

Waconia, MN

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 303

Orig. 1995

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**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)  
Minn. Rules, Chapter 3512

**Cross References:** ~~MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent~~None

3.D. 304 Superintendent Selection (Sept 2017)

## **304 SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the use of an employment contract with the superintendent, a position description and the use of an approved instrument to evaluate performance.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The superintendent's contract shall be used to formalize the employment relationship and to specifically identify and clarify all conditions of employment with the superintendent.
- B. The specific duties for which the superintendent is accountable shall be set forth in a position description for the superintendent and shall be measured by a performance appraisal instrument approved by the school board in consultation with the superintendent. The school board shall use this instrument to periodically evaluate the performance of the superintendent.
- C. The school board may use the model contract approved by the boards of the Minnesota School Boards Association and the Minnesota Association of School Administrators as a model instrument.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)

***Cross References:*** MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent of Schools (See Model Contract, Sample Performance Appraisals, and Model Job Description)

Policy Adopted: September 2017  
Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, MN

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 304

Orig. 1995

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

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- C. The school board may use the model contract approved by the boards of the Minnesota School Boards Association and the Minnesota Association of School Administrators as a model instrument.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)

**Cross References:** ~~None MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 3, Superintendent of Schools (See Model Contract, Sample Performance Appraisals, and Model Job Description)~~



School District 110 recognizes the importance of implementing school district policy in an effective, efficient, and consistent manner. The administration is responsible for implementing and monitoring all school district policies approved by the school board.

**I. PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING POLICY**

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to implement school board policy and to recommend additions or modifications thereto. The administration is authorized to develop guidelines and directives to effectuate the implementation of school board policies. These guidelines and directives shall not be inconsistent with said policies. At least annually, these written procedures shall be presented to the school board for review.
- B. Employee and student handbooks shall be subject to annual review and approval by the school board.
- C. School principals and other administrators who have handbook responsibilities shall present recommended changes necessary to reflect new or modified policies. Changes of substance within handbooks shall be reviewed by the superintendent to assure compliance with school board policy and shall be approved by the school board.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123.34, Subd. 9 (Superintendent)

**Cross References:** School District Policy 209 (Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies)

Policy Adopted: May 12, 1997 / February 11, 2002 / November 2007  
Policy Reviewed: September 2017  
Independent School District No. 110  
Waconia, Minnesota 55387

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 305

Orig. 1995

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 305 POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the responsibility of the school administration for implementation of school ~~board~~ district policy.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to implement school board policy and to recommend additions or modifications thereto. The administration is authorized to develop procedures, guidelines, and directives to effectuate the implementation of school board policies. These procedures, guidelines, and directives shall not be inconsistent with said policies. At least annually, these written procedures, guidelines, and directives shall be presented to the school board for review.
- B. Employee and student handbooks shall be subject to annual review and approval by the school board.
- C. School principals and other administrators who have handbook responsibilities shall present recommended changes necessary to reflect new or modified policies. Changes of substance within handbooks shall be reviewed by the superintendent to assure compliance with school board policy and shall be approved by the school board.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 123B.143 (Superintendent)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 208 (Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies)

3.F. 306 Administrator Code of Ethics (Dec 2017)

## **306 ADMINISTRATOR CODE OF ETHICS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the requirements of the school board that school administrators adhere to the standards of ethics and professional conduct in this policy and Minnesota law.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

A. An educational administrator's professional behavior must conform to an ethical code. The code must be idealistic and at the same time practical, so that it can apply reasonably to all educational administrators. The administrator acknowledges that the schools belong to the public they serve for the purpose of providing educational opportunities to all. However, the administrator assumes responsibility for providing professional leadership in the school and community. This responsibility requires the administrator to maintain standards of exemplary professional conduct. It must be recognized that the administrator's actions will be viewed and appraised by the community, professional associates, and students. To these ends, the administrator must subscribe to the following standards.

B. The Educational Administrator:

1. Makes the well-being of students the fundamental value of all decision-making and actions.
2. Fulfills professional responsibilities with honesty and integrity.
3. Supports the principle of due process and protects the civil and human rights of all individuals.
4. Obeys local, state, and national laws and does not knowingly join or support organizations that advocate, directly or indirectly, the overthrow of the government.
5. Implements the school board's policies.
6. Pursues appropriate measures to correct those laws, policies, and regulations that are not consistent with sound educational goals.
7. Avoids using positions for personal gain through political, social, religious, economic, or other influence.
8. Accepts academic degrees or professional certification only from duly accredited institutions.
9. Maintains the standards and seeks to improve the effectiveness of the

profession through research and continuing professional development.

10. Honors all contracts until fulfillment, release, or dissolution is mutually agreed upon by all parties to the contract.
11. Adheres to the Code of Ethics for School Administrators in Minnesota Rule.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 122A.14, Subd. 4 (Code of Ethics)  
Minn. Rules Part 3512.5200 (Code of Ethics for School Administrators)

***Cross References:***

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