



Jordan School District #717
Policy Committee Minutes

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Policy Committee
Jordan Public Schools
500 Sunset Drive; Suite 3
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1. Review of policy #601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
2. Review of policy #603 "Curriculum Development"
3. Review of policy #604 "Instructional Curriculum"
4. Review of policy #613 "Graduation Requirements"
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6. Review of policy #534 "Memorials for Deceased Students or Staff"

School Board Clerk

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**JORDAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS
POLICY**

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601 SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION GOALS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish broad curriculum parameters for the school district that encompass the Minnesota Graduation Standards and the federal No Child Left Behind Act and Goals 2000.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is to establish learner results toward which all learning in the school district should be directed and for which all school district learners should be held accountable.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Instruction” means methods of providing learning experiences that enable students to meet state and district academic standards and graduation requirements.
- B. “Curriculum” means district or school adopted programs and written plans for providing students learning experiences that lead to expected knowledge and skills.

IV. STUDENT PERFORMANCE GOALS

- A. All students will be required to demonstrate essential skills to effectively participate in lifelong learning.* These skills include:
 - 1. reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing in the English language;
 - 2. mathematical and scientific concepts;
 - 3. locating, organizing, communicating, and evaluating information and developing methods of inquiry (i.e. problem solving);
 - 4. creative and critical thinking, decision making, and study skills;
 - 5. work readiness skills;
 - 6. global and cultural understanding.

- B. Each student will have the opportunity and will be expected to develop and apply essential knowledge that enables that student to:
1. live as a responsible, productive citizen and consumer within local, state, national, and global political, social, and economic systems;
 2. bring many perspectives, including historical, to contemporary issues;
 3. develop an appreciation and respect for democratic institutions;
 4. communicate and relate effectively in languages and with cultures other than the student's own;
 5. practice stewardship of the land, natural resources, and environment;
 6. use a variety of tools and technology to gather and use information, enhance learning, solve problems, and increase human productivity.
- C. Students will have the opportunity to develop creativity and self-expression through visual and verbal images, music, literature, world languages, movement, and the performing arts.
- D. School practices and instruction will be directed toward developing within each student a positive self-image and a sense of personal responsibility for:
1. establishing and achieving personal and career goals;
 2. adapting to change;
 3. leading a healthy and fulfilling life, both physically and mentally;
 4. living a life that will contribute to the well-being of society;
 5. becoming a self-directed learner;
 6. exercising ethical behavior.
- E. Students will be given the opportunity to acquire human relations skills necessary to:
1. appreciate, understand, and accept human diversity and interdependence;
 2. address human problems through team effort;
 3. resolve conflicts with and among others;
 4. function constructively within a family unit;

5. promote a multicultural, gender-fair, disability-sensitive society.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota Students)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
20 U.S.C. § 5801, *et seq.* (National Education Goals 2000)
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 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)

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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601

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601 SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION GOALS

[Note: Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 requires school districts to adopt ~~certain policies and procedures regarding~~ a comprehensive long-term strategic plan that addresses the review of curriculum, instruction, and student achievement, and assessment. MSBA/MASA Model Policies 601, 603, and 616 address these ~~policy~~ 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 establish broad curriculum parameters for the school district that encompass the Minnesota Graduation Standards and the federal No Child Left Behind Act and ~~Goals 2000~~ are aligned with creating the world's best workforce.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is to establish ~~learner results toward the~~ “world's best workforce” in which all learning in the school district should be directed and for which all school district learners should be held accountable.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. “Academic standard” means a summary description of student learning in a required content area or elective content area.

B. “Benchmark” means specific knowledge or skill that a student must master to complete part of an academic standard by the end of the grade level or grade band.

C. “Curriculum” means district or school adopted programs and written plans for providing students with learning experiences that lead to expected knowledge, skills, and career and college readiness.

A D. “Instruction” means methods of providing learning experiences that enable students to meet state and district academic standards and graduation requirements.

~~B. “Curriculum” means district or school adopted programs and written plans for providing students learning experiences that lead to expected knowledge and skills.~~

- E. “Performance measures” are measures to determine school district and school site progress in striving to create the world’s best workforce and must include at least the following:
1. student performance on the National Association of Education Progress;
 2. the size of the academic achievement gap by student subgroup;
 3. student performance on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments;
 4. high school graduation rates; and
 5. career and college readiness under Minn. Stat. § 120B.30, Subd. 1.
- F. “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. LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN

- A. The school board, at a public meeting, shall adopt a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to support and improve teaching and learning that is aligned with creating the world’s best workforce and includes the following:
1. clearly defined school district and school site goals and benchmarks for instruction and student achievement for all nine student categories identified under the federal 2001 No Child Left Behind Act and two student gender categories of male and female;

[Note: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601, Section IV.B. and MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 address this requirement.]
 2. a process for assessing and evaluating each student’s progress toward meeting state and local academic standards and identifying the strengths and weaknesses of instruction in pursuit of student and school success and curriculum affecting students’ progress and growth toward career and college readiness and leading to the world’s best workforce;

[Note: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 618 addresses this requirement.]
 3. a system to periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of all instruction and curriculum, 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;

[Note: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 addresses this requirement.]

4. strategies for improving instruction, curriculum, and student achievement;

[Note: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 addresses this requirement.]

5. education effectiveness practices that integrate high-quality instruction, rigorous curriculum, technology, and a collaborative professional culture that develops and supports teacher quality, performance, and effectiveness; and;
6. an annual budget for continuing to implement the school district plan.

- B. School district site and school site goals shall include the following:

~~IV. STUDENT PERFORMANCE GOALS~~

~~*[Note: The following is an example only. Each school district should develop its own performance goals. Please note that these performance goals go beyond the requirements in the Minnesota Graduation Standards.]*~~

- ~~A~~ 1. All students will be required to demonstrate essential skills to effectively participate in lifelong learning.* These skills include the following:

~~*[*Note: The criteria for acceptable performance in basic skills areas may need to be modified for students with unique learning needs. These modifications will be reflected in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Rehabilitation Act Section 504 Accommodation plan.]*~~

- ~~1~~ a. reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing in the English language;
 - ~~2~~ b. mathematical and scientific concepts;
 - ~~3~~ c. locating, organizing, communicating, and evaluating information and developing methods of inquiry (i.e., problem solving);
 - ~~4~~ d. creative and critical thinking, decision making, and study skills;
 - ~~5~~ e. work readiness skills;
 - ~~6~~ f. global and cultural understanding.
- ~~B~~ 2. Each student will have the opportunity and will be expected to develop and apply essential knowledge that enables that student to:
 - ~~1~~ a. live as a responsible, productive citizen and consumer within local,

state, national, and global political, social, and economic systems;

~~2~~ b. bring many perspectives, including historical, to contemporary issues;

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~~E~~ 3. Students will have the opportunity to develop creativity and self-expression through visual and verbal images, music, literature, world languages, movement, and the performing arts.

~~D~~ 4. School practices and instruction will be directed toward developing within each student a positive self-image and a sense of personal responsibility for:

~~1~~ a. establishing and achieving personal and career goals;

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~~1~~ a. appreciate, understand, and accept human diversity and interdependence;

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5 e. promote a multicultural, gender-fair, disability-sensitive society.

[Example Note: School district and site goals example courtesy of the Winona School District.]

Legal References: [Minn. Stat. § 120B.018 \(Definitions\)](#)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota Students)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
[Minn. Stat. § 120B.30, Subd. 1 \(Statewide Testing and Reporting System\)](#)
[Minn. Stat. § 120B.35, Subd. 3 \(Student Academic Achievement and Growth\)](#)
[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.147, Subd. 3 \(Principals\)](#)
20 U.S.C. § 5801, *et seq.* (National Education Goals 2000)
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 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 618 \(Assessment of Student Achievement\)](#)

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603 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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 learning sites, and shall include parent, teacher, support staff, student, community residents, and administration representation.
- 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. Integrate required and elective course standards in the scope and sequence of the district curriculum.
 7. Meet all requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education and the No Child Left Behind Act.
- D. 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.
- E. 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. Rules Part 3500.0550 (Inclusive Educational Program)
 Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards – Mathematics and Reading)
 Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Graduation Standards – Written Composition)
 Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0505-3501.0655 (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)
 20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 604 (Instructional Curriculum)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
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 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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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603

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603 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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4. Provide a program for ongoing monitoring of student progress.
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~~Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards—
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Minn. Rules Parts 3501.05050640-3501.0655 (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 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social
Studies)
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 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)

**JORDAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS
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604 INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the development of course offerings for students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Instruction must be provided in at least the following subject areas:
1. Language arts and basic communication skills including reading and writing, literature, and fine arts;
 2. Mathematics and science;
 3. Social studies, including history, geography, economics, government, and citizenship;
 4. Health and physical education;
 5. The arts;
 6. Career and technical education; and
 7. World languages.
- B. The basic instructional program shall include all courses required for each grade level by the Minnesota Department of Education and all courses required in all elective subject areas. The instructional approach will be nonsexist and multicultural.
- C. Elementary and middle schools shall offer at least three, and require at least two, of the following four art areas: dance, music, theater, and visual arts. High schools shall offer at least three, and require at least one, of the following five art areas: media arts, dance, music, theater, and visual arts.
- D. The school board, at its discretion, may offer additional courses in the instructional program at any grade level.

- E. Each instructional program shall be planned for optimal benefit taking into consideration the financial condition of the school district and other relevant factors. Each program plan should contain goals and objectives, materials, minimum student competency levels, and methods for student evaluation.
- F. The superintendent shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to instructional curriculum.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.021 (Required Academic Standards)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.022 (Elective Standards)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)

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604 INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the development of course offerings for students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Instruction must be provided in at least the following subject areas:

1. Language arts and basic communication skills including reading and writing, literature, and fine arts;
2. Mathematics and science;
3. Social studies, including history, geography, economics, government, and citizenship;
4. Health and physical education;
5. The arts;
6. Career and technical education; and
7. World languages.

[Note: World languages programs should be developed and implemented to acknowledge and reinforce the language proficiency and cultural awareness that non-English language speakers already possess and encourage students' proficiency in multiple world languages. Programs also must encompass indigenous American Indian languages and cultures, among other world languages and cultures. School districts may award Minnesota World Language Proficiency Certificates or Minnesota World Language High Achievement Certificates consistent with Minn. Stat. § 120B.022, Subd. 1.]

B. The basic instructional program shall include all courses required for each grade level by the Minnesota Department of Education and all courses required in all elective subject areas. The instructional approach will be nonsexist and multicultural.

~~C. The curriculum must include opportunities for all students to learn the~~

~~Graduation Required Assessments for Diploma (GRAD) requirements and subject matter. The school district must develop a plan for remediation for a student who, after two retests, has not passed a specific GRAD.~~

- ~~D~~ C. Elementary and middle schools shall offer at least three, and require at least two, of the following four art areas: dance, music, theater, and visual arts. High schools shall offer at least three, and require at least one, of the following five art areas: media arts, dance, music, theater, and visual arts.
- ~~E~~ D. The school board, at its discretion, may offer additional courses in the instructional program at any grade level.
- ~~F~~ E. Each instructional program shall be planned for optimal benefit taking into consideration the financial condition of the school district and other relevant factors. Each program plan should contain goals and objectives, materials, minimum student competency levels, and methods for student evaluation.
- ~~G~~ F. The superintendent shall have discretionary authority to develop guidelines and directives to implement school board policy relating to instructional curriculum.
- ~~H~~ G. The school district will provide onetime cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) instruction as part of its grade 7 to 12 curriculum for all students in that grade beginning in the 2014-2015 school year and later.
 1. In the school district's discretion, training and instruction may result in CPR certification.
 2. CPR and AED instruction must include CPR and AED training that have been developed:
 - a. by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross and incorporate psychomotor skills to support the instruction; or
 - b. using nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for CPR and incorporate psychomotor skills to support the instruction. "Psychomotor skills" means hands-on practice to support cognitive learning; it does not mean cognitive-only instruction and training.
 3. The school district may use community members such as emergency medical technicians, paramedics, police officers, firefighters, and representatives of the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium, the American Heart Association, or the American Red Cross, among others, to provide instruction and training.
 4. A school administrator may waive this curriculum requirement for a high school transfer student regardless of whether or not the student previously received instruction under this section, an enrolled student absent on the

day the instruction occurred under this section, or an eligible student who has a disability.

[Note: If a school district requests resources, the Minnesota Resuscitation Consortium must provide them to the school district for instruction and training provided to students under this section.]

H. The school district shall assist all students by no later than grade 9 to explore their college and career interests and aspirations and develop a plan for a smooth and successful transition to postsecondary education or employment. All students' plans must be designed to:

1. provide a comprehensive academic plan for completing a college and career-ready curriculum premised on meeting state and local academic standards and developing 21st century skills such as team work, collaboration, and good work habits;
2. emphasize academic rigor and high expectations;
3. help students identify personal learning styles that may affect their postsecondary education and employment choices;
4. help students gain access to postsecondary education and career options;
5. integrate strong academic content into career-focused courses and integrate relevant career-focused courses into strong academic content;
6. help students and families identify and gain access to appropriate counseling and other supports and assistance that enable students to complete required coursework, prepare for postsecondary education and careers, and obtain information about postsecondary education costs and eligibility for financial aid and scholarship;
7. help students and families identify collaborative partnerships of kindergarten through grade 12 schools, postsecondary institutions, economic development agencies, and employers that support students' transition to postsecondary education and employment and provide students with experiential learning opportunities; and
8. be reviewed and revised at least annually by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the school district to ensure that the student's course-taking schedule keeps the student making adequate progress to meet state and local high school graduation requirements and with a reasonable chance to succeed with employment or postsecondary education without the need to first complete remedial course work.

The school district may develop grade-level curricula or provide instruction that introduces students to various careers, but must not require any curriculum,

instruction, or employment-related activity that obligates an elementary or secondary student to involuntarily select a career, career interest, employment goals, or related job training.

[Note: Minn. Stat. § 120B.125 requires school districts to provide the services set forth in Section II.H. beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.]

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.021 (Required Academic Standards)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.022 (Elective Standards)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.125 (Planning for Students' Successful Transition to Postsecondary Education and Employment; Involuntary Career Tracking Prohibited)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.236 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automatic External Defibrillator Instruction)
~~Minn. Rules Part 3501.1110 (Opportunities to Learn and Remediation)~~

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 603 (Curriculum Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 605 (Alternative Programs)

**JORDAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS
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613 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth requirements for graduation from the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is that all students must satisfactorily complete, as determined by the school district, all course credit requirements, all state academic standards, or local standards where state standards do not apply, and successfully pass graduation examinations, as required, in order to graduate.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Course credit” is equivalent to 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. “Department” means the Department of Education.
- C. “Unit” means a unit measuring education achievement based on successfully completing the requirements of a given course of study.
- D. “Section 504 Accommodation” means the defined appropriate accommodations or modifications that must be made in the school environment to address the needs of an individual student with disabilities.
- E. “Individualized Education Program” or “IEP” means a written statement developed for a student eligible by law for special education and services.
- F. “English language learners” or “ELL” student means an individual whose first language is not English and whose test performance may be negatively impacted by lack of English language proficiency.

IV. TEST ADMINISTRATOR

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction shall be named the school district test administrator. Said person shall be in charge of all test procedures. Changes in standardized tests given, other than those required by law, must be brought to the board for approval prior to their implementation.

V. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. All students must satisfactorily complete, as determined by the school district, either the basic skills requirements for students enrolled in grade 8 before the 2005-2006 school year or the MCA-II's for students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2005-2006 school year.
- B. Students beginning ninth grade in the 2004-2005 school year and later must successfully complete, as determined by the school district, the following high school level course credits for graduation:
1. Four credits of language arts;
 2. Three credits of mathematics, encompassing at least algebra, geometry, statistics and probability sufficient to satisfy the academic standard.
 3. Three credits of science, including at least one credit in biology;
 4. Three and one-half credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics, or three credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, and world history, and one-half credit of economics taught in a school's social studies or business department;
 5. One credit in the arts; and
 6. A minimum of seven elective course credits.
- C. Students must satisfactorily complete the following standards either required or elective, in accordance with the standards adopted by the school district:
1. School District Standards, Health and Physical Education (K-12);
 2. School District Standards, Vocational and Technical Education (K-12); and
 3. School District Standards, World Languages (K-12).
- D. All students must satisfactorily complete the following required Graduation Standards:
1. Commencing with the 2003-2004 school year, all students entering the ninth grade must satisfactorily complete the following Minnesota Academic Standards, in accordance with the standards developed by the Department of Education.

- a. Minnesota Academic Standards, Language Arts K-12 (2003);
- b. Minnesota Academic Standards, Mathematics K-12 (2003);
- c. Minnesota Academic Standards, Science K-12 (2004);
- d. Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12 (2004); and
- e. Minnesota Academic Standards, Arts 1-12 (2003);

or

- a. Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12(2004), or have met the requirements of an IEP, a Section 504 accommodation plan, or alternative learning center;
 - b. Minnesota Academic Standards, Arts 1-12 (2003), or have met the requirements of an IEP, a Section 504 accommodation plan, or alternative learning center; and
 - c. Alternative standards established in the student’s individualized education program in the academic areas of language arts, mathematics and science.
2. Students who entered the ninth grade in or before the 2002-2003 school year may elect to complete the graduation requirements in effect when they entered the ninth grade in lieu of the Minnesota Academic Standards listed above. Eligible students electing to meet the graduation requirements in effect when they entered the ninth grade must submit a written parent/guardian request on a form designated by the school district no later than September 1, 2007.

VII. EARLY GRADUATION

Students may be considered for early graduation, as provided for within Minn. Stat. § 120B.07 upon meeting the following conditions:

- A. All course or standards and credit requirements must be met;
- B. The principal or designee shall conduct an interview with the student and parent or guardian, familiarize the parties with opportunities available in post-secondary education, and arrive at a timely decision; and
- C. The principal’s decision shall be in writing and may be subject to review by the superintendent and school board.

VIII. NOTICE

The school district will notify students and their parents of the school district's graduation requirements within 30 working days of a student's entry into ninth grade. The school district also will notify students in grades 9-12 in 2003-2004 or who transfer into the district and their parents of the school district's transition to the course credit system and options for students in grades 9 and above in 2003-2004 regarding locally established graduation requirements within 30 working days.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.024 (Graduation Requirements; Course Credits)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.07 (Early Graduation)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards – Mathematics and Reading)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Rules Relating to Graduation Standards – Written Composition)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0505-3501.0635 (K-12 Standards)
20 U.S.C. § 6301, et seq. (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)
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613 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

[Note: The requirements set forth in this policy govern the graduation standards that Minnesota public schools must require for a high school diploma for all students.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth requirements for graduation from the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is that all students entering grade 9 in the 2012-2013 school year and earlier must satisfactorily complete, as determined by the school district, all ~~course~~ credit requirements, all state academic standards, or local standards where state standards do not apply, and successfully pass graduation examinations, as required, in order to graduate. For students entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year and later, the school district's policy is that students must demonstrate, as determined by the school district, their satisfactory completion of the credit requirements and their understanding of academic standards on a nationally normed college entrance exam. The school district must adopt graduation requirements that meet or exceed state graduation requirements established in law or rule.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. "Academic standard" means: (1) a statewide adopted expectation for student learning in the content areas of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, or the arts, or (2) a locally adopted expectation for student learning in health, the arts, career and technical education, or world languages.

~~A B.~~ "~~Course-credit~~ Credit" is equivalent to 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 C.~~ "Section 504 Accommodation" means the defined appropriate accommodations or modifications that must be made in the school environment to address the needs of an individual student with disabilities.

~~C D.~~ "Individualized Education Program" or "IEP" means a written statement developed for a student eligible by law for special education and services.

~~D E.~~ "English language learners" or "ELL" student means an individual whose first

language is not English and whose test performance may be negatively impacted by lack of English language proficiency.

~~E.F.~~ “GRAD” means the graduation-required assessment for diploma that measures the reading, writing, and mathematics proficiency of high school students.

IV. TEST ADMINISTRATOR

(Position Title) shall be named the school district test administrator. Said person shall be in charge of all test procedures and shall bring recommendations to the school board annually for approval.

V. GRADUATION ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

~~A. For students enrolled in grade 8 before the 2005-2006 school year, only Minnesota basic skills tests in reading, mathematics, and writing shall fulfill students’ basic skills testing requirements for a passing state notation. The passing scores of basic skills tests in reading and mathematics are the equivalent of 75 percent correct for students entering grade 9 as based on the first uniform test administered in February 1998. Students who have not successfully passed a basic skills test by the end of the 2011-2012 school year must pass the GRAD as set forth in Section V.B. or V.C., except that, for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years only, these students must satisfy the state’s graduation test requirement for math by complying with Sections V.C.1. and V.C.3.~~

A. Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to be assessed under:

1. the graduation-required assessment for diploma (GRAD) in reading, mathematics, or writing under Minn. Stat. § 120B.30, Subd. 1(c)(1) and (2) and Subd. 1(d) (2012) as follows:

a. for reading and mathematics:

i. obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the Minnesota comprehensive assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the GRAD in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or subsequent retests;

ii. achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in reading and the mathematics test for English language learners or the GRAD equivalent of those assessments for students designated as English language learners;

- iii. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 (504) plan;
 - iv. obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics for students with an IEP; or
 - v. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP; and
- b. for writing:
- i. achieving a passing score on the GRAD;
 - ii. achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in writing for students designated as English language learners;
 - iii. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP or 504 plan; or
 - iv. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP.
- c. Students enrolled in grade 8 in any school year from the 2005-2006 school year to the 2009-2010 school year who do not pass the mathematics GRAD under Section V.A.1. are eligible to receive a high school diploma if they:
- i. complete with a passing score or grade all state and local coursework and credits required for graduation by the school board granting the students their diploma;
 - ii. participate in district-prescribed academic remediation in mathematics; and
 - iii. fully participate in at least two retests of the mathematics GRAD test or until they pass the mathematics GRAD test, whichever comes first.

2. the WorkKeys job skills assessment;
3. the Compass college placement test;
4. the ACT assessment for college admission;
5. a nationally recognized armed services vocational aptitude test; or
6. the school district may substitute a score from an alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

B. Students enrolled in grade 8 in the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school year are eligible to be assessed under:

1. the GRAD in reading, mathematics, or writing under Minn. Stat. § 120B.30, Subd. 1(c)(1) and (2) (2012) as follows:
 - a. for reading and mathematics:
 - i. obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the Minnesota comprehensive assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the GRAD in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or subsequent retests;
 - ii. achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in reading and the mathematics test for English language learners or the GRAD equivalent of those assessments for students designated as English language learners;
 - iii. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP or 504 plan;
 - iv. obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics for students with an IEP; or
 - v. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP; and

- b. for writing:
 - i. achieving a passing score on the GRAD;
 - ii. achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in writing for students designated as English language learners;
 - iii. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP or 504 plan; or
 - iv. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP.
- 2. the WorkKeys job skills assessment;
- 3. the Compass college placement test;
- 4. the ACT assessment for college admission;
- 5. a nationally recognized armed services vocational aptitude test; or
- 6. the school district may substitute a score from an alternative, equivalent assessment to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

B C. For students enrolled in grade 8 in the ~~2005-2006~~ 2012-2013 school year and later, ~~only the following options shall fulfill~~ students' state graduation test requirements, based on a longitudinal, systematic approach to student education and career planning, assessment, instructional support, and evaluation, include the following:

- 1. ~~For reading and mathematics:~~
 - a. ~~obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the Minnesota comprehensive assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the GRAD in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or subsequent retests;~~
 - b. ~~achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in reading and the mathematics test for English language learners or the~~

~~GRAD equivalent of those assessments for students designated as English language learners;~~

- ~~e. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP or 504 plan;~~
- ~~d. obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics for students with an IEP; or~~
- ~~e. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP; and~~

~~2. For writing:~~

- ~~a. achieving a passing score on the GRAD;~~
- ~~b. achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in writing for students designated as English language learners;~~
- ~~e. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP or 504 plan; or~~
- ~~d. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP.~~

~~C. Students enrolled in grade 8 in any school year from the 2005-2006 school year to the 2009-2010 school year who do not pass the mathematics GRAD under Section V.B. above are eligible to receive a high school diploma if they:~~

- ~~1. Complete with a passing score or grade all state and local coursework and credits required for graduation by the school board granting the students their diploma;~~
- ~~2. Participate in district-prescribed academic remediation in mathematics; and~~
- ~~3. Fully participate in at least two retests of the mathematics GRAD test or until they pass the mathematics GRAD test, whichever comes first.~~

~~*[Note: Section V.C. applies to the 2009-2010 through 2013-2014 school years only.]*~~

1. demonstrate understanding of required academic standards on a nationally normed college entrance exam;
2. achievement and career and college readiness tests in mathematics, reading, and writing. The tests must have a continuum of empirically derived, clearly defined benchmarks focused on students' attainment of knowledge and skills so that students, their parents, and teachers know how well students must perform to have a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without the need for postsecondary remediation. In addition, the tests must ensure that the foundational knowledge and skills for students' successful performance in postsecondary employment or education and articulated series of possible targeted interventions are clearly identified and satisfy Minnesota's postsecondary admission requirements. To the extent available, the tests should:
 - a. monitor students' continuous development of and growth in requisite knowledge and skills; analyze students' progress and performance levels, identifying students' academic strengths and diagnosing areas where students require curriculum or instructional adjustments, targeted interventions, or remediation; and
 - b. based on analysis of students' progress and performance data, determine students' learning and instructional needs and the instructional tools and best practices that support academic rigor for the student; and
3. consistent with this paragraph and Minn. Stat. § 120B.125 (see Policy 604, Section II.H.), age-appropriate exploration and planning activities and career assessments to encourage students to identify personally relevant career interests and aptitudes and help students and their families develop a regularly reexamined transition plan for postsecondary education or employment without need for postsecondary remediation.
4. Based on appropriate state guidelines, students with an IEP may satisfy state graduation requirements by achieving an individual score on the state-identified alternative assessments.
5. Students meeting the state graduation requirements under this section must receive targeted, relevant, academically rigorous, and resourced instruction which may include a targeted instruction and intervention plan focused on improving the student's knowledge and skills in core subjects so that the student has a reasonable chance to succeed in a career or college without need for postsecondary remediation.
6. Students meeting the state graduation requirements under this section and who are students in grade 11 or 12 and who are identified as academically ready for a career or college must be actively encouraged by the school district to participate in courses and programs awarding college credit to

high school students. Students are not required to achieve a specified score or level of proficiency on an assessment under this subdivision to graduate from high school.

D. Students enrolled in grade 8 through the 2011-2012 school year who have not yet demonstrated proficiency on the Minnesota comprehensive assessments, the GRAD, or the basic skills testing requirements prior to high school graduation may satisfy state high school graduation requirements for assessments in reading, mathematics, and writing by taking:

1. the GRAD in reading, mathematics, or writing Minn. Stat. § 120B.30, Subd. 1(c)(1) and (2) (2012) as follows:

a. for reading and mathematics:

i. obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the Minnesota comprehensive assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the GRAD in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics or subsequent retests;

ii. achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in reading and the mathematics test for English language learners or the GRAD equivalent of those assessments for students designated as English language learners;

iii. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP or 504 plan;

iv. obtaining an achievement level equivalent to or greater than proficient as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments in grade 10 for reading and grade 11 for mathematics for students with an IEP; or

v. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP; and

b. for writing:

i. achieving a passing score on the GRAD;

- ii. achieving a passing score as determined through a standard setting process on the state-identified language proficiency test in writing for students designated as English language learners;
 - iii. achieving an individual passing score on the GRAD as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP or 504 plan; or
 - iv. achieving an individual passing score on the state-identified alternate assessment or assessments as determined by appropriate state guidelines for students with an IEP.
- 2. the WorkKeys job skills assessment;
 - 3. the Compass college placement test, a nationally recognized armed services vocation aptitude test; or
 - 4. the ACT assessment for college admission.

VI. GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

D A. Students beginning 9th grade in the 2011-2012 school year and later must successfully complete, as determined by the school district, the following high school level ~~course~~ credits for graduation:

- 1. Four credits of language arts;
- 2. Three credits of mathematics, encompassing at least algebra, geometry, statistics, and probability sufficient to satisfy the academic standard. ~~Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, students must satisfactorily complete an algebra I credit by the end of eighth grade. Students scheduled to graduate in the 2014-2015 school year or later must satisfactorily complete an algebra II credit or its equivalent;~~
- 3. Three credits of science, including at least: (a) one credit in biology; (b) one chemistry or physics credit or a career and technical education credit that meets standards underlying the chemistry, physics, or biology credit or a combination of those standards approved by the school district; and (c) meeting biology standards under Section ~~V.D.3.(b)~~ VI.A.3.(b) does not meet the biology requirement under Section ~~V.D.3.(a)~~ VI.A.3.(a);
- 4. Three and one-half credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics, or three credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, and world history, and one-half credit of economics taught in a school's social studies, agriculture education, or business department;

5. One credit in the arts; and
6. A minimum of seven elective ~~course~~ credits.

7. Credit equivalencies

- a. A credit is equivalent to a student successfully completing an academic year of study or a student mastering the applicable subject matter, as determined by the school district.
- 7 b. An agriculture science ~~course~~ credit may fulfill a credit requirement other than the specified science credit in biology under Section ~~V.D.3.~~ VI.A.3 above.
- 8 c. A career and technical education ~~course~~ credit may fulfill a mathematics or arts credit requirement or a science requirement other than the specified science credit in biology under Section ~~V.D.2., V.D.3., or V.D.5.~~ VI.A.2., VI.A.3., or VI.A.5 above.

B. Students beginning 9th grade in the 2013-2014 school year and later must successfully complete the following high school level credits for graduation:

1. Four credits of language arts sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in English language arts;
2. Three credits of mathematics, including an algebra II credit or its equivalent, sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in mathematics;
3. An algebra I credit by the end of 8th grade sufficient to satisfy all of the 8th grade standards in mathematics;
4. Three credits of science, including at least one credit of chemistry or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits under this clause must be sufficient to satisfy:
 - a. all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics and
 - b. all other academic standards in science;
5. Three and one-half credits of social studies, encompassing at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies;
6. One credit of the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards in the arts; and

7. A minimum of seven elective credits.
8. Credit equivalencies
 - a. A one-half credit of economics taught in an agriculture education or business department may fulfill a one-half credit in social studies under Section VI.B.5. if the credit is sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in economics.
 - b. An agriculture science or career and technical education credit may fulfill the elective science credit requirement other than the specified science credit under Section VI.B.4. if the course meets academic standards in science as approved by the school district. An agriculture science or career and technical education credit may fulfill the credit in chemistry or physics or the elective science credit required under Section VI.B.4. if:
 - i. the credit meets the chemistry, physics, or biology academic standards or a combination of these academic standards as approved by the school district; and
 - ii. the student satisfies either all of the chemistry academic standards, all of the physics academic standards, or all of the applicable elective science standards prior to graduation. An agriculture science or career and technical education credit may not fulfill the required biology credit under Section VI.B.4.
 - c. A career and technical education credit may fulfill a mathematics or arts credit requirement under Section VI.B.2. or Section VI.B.6.
 - d. An agriculture education teacher is not required to meet the requirements of Minn. Rules Part 3505.1150, Subpart 1, Item B (2012), to meet the credit equivalency requirements of Section VI.B.8.b.

VII. GRADUATION STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS

- ~~E A.~~ All students must satisfactorily complete the following required and elective standards, in accordance with the standards adopted by the school district demonstrate their understanding of the following academic standards on a nationally normed college entrance exam:
1. School District Standards, Health and Physical Education (K-12);
 2. School District Standards, Vocational and Technical Education (K-12);
and

3. School District Standards, World Languages (K-12).

~~F B.~~ Academic standards in health, world languages, and vocational and technical education will be reviewed on an annual basis.*

* Reviews are required to be conducted on a periodic basis. Therefore, this time period may be changed to accommodate individual school district needs.

~~G C.~~ All students must satisfactorily complete the following required Graduation Standards in accordance with the standards developed by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE):

1. Minnesota Academic Standards, Language Arts K-12;
2. Minnesota Academic Standards, Mathematics K-12;
3. Minnesota Academic Standards, Science K-12;
4. Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12; and
5. Minnesota Academic Standards, Arts K-12;

~~*[Note: Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, students will be required to satisfactorily complete revised Minnesota Academic Standards and high school graduation requirements in the arts. Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, students will be required to satisfactorily complete revised Minnesota Academic Standards and high school graduation requirements in language arts and physical education. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, students will be required to satisfactorily complete revised Minnesota Academic Standards and high school graduation requirements in social studies.]*~~

~~or~~

- ~~1. Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12, or have met the requirements of an IEP, a Section 504 accommodation plan, or alternative learning center;~~
- ~~2. Minnesota Academic Standards, Arts K-12, or have met the requirements of an IEP, a Section 504 accommodation plan, or alternative learning center; and~~
- ~~3. Alternative standards established in the student's IEP in the academic areas of language arts, mathematics and science.~~

~~*[Note: In place of the Minnesota Academic Standards, Arts K-12, the school district may substitute its own locally developed academic standards.]*~~

- D. The academic standards for language arts, mathematics, and science apply to all students except the very few students with extreme cognitive or physical impairments for whom an IEP team has determined that the required academic standards are inappropriate. An IEP team that makes this determination must establish alternative standards.

VI. STUDENTS IN UNIQUE SITUATIONS

~~In order to graduate from the school district, all students must fulfill the graduation test requirements in reading, mathematics, and writing established by Minn. Stat. §§ 120B.02 and 120B.30 as set forth in Sections V.A., V.B., and V.C. above, with the following exceptions:~~

- ~~A. ELL students are required to pass the GRAD only if they have been enrolled in any Minnesota school for at least four consecutive years. An ELL student who first enrolls in a Minnesota school in grade 9 or above and who completes the coursework and any other state and district requirements to graduate within a four year period is not required to pass the GRAD;~~
- ~~B. Shared time students are not required to pass the GRAD unless they intend to graduate from the school district.~~
- ~~C. Students who have transferred from another state will not be required to pass the GRAD if they passed graduation examinations in other states with examinations acceptable to MDE.~~
- ~~D. Students with IEPs or 504 accommodation plans will be tested and required to pass the GRAD as specified in the students' IEPs or 504 accommodation plans.~~

VII. EARLY GRADUATION

Students may be considered for early graduation, as provided for within Minn. Stat. § 120B.07, upon meeting the following conditions:

- A. All course or standards and credit requirements must be met;
- B. The principal or designee shall conduct an interview with the student and parent or guardian, familiarize the parties with opportunities available in post-secondary education, and arrive at a timely decision; and
- C. The principal's decision shall be in writing and may be subject to review by the superintendent and school board.

VIII. NOTICE

~~Within 30 working days of a student's entry into grade 9 or transfer into the district during or after grade 9, the school district will notify students and their parents of the school district's graduation requirements and the grade in which the student will have the~~

~~first opportunity to take a GRAD. The school district also will provide written notice of the GRAD results to parents and the student no later than 60 days after the school district receives the results and will provide written notice of the basic requirements test results no later than 90 days after the school district receives the results. The school district also will provide notice of remediation and/or additional testing opportunities and/or accommodations.~~

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota’s Students)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.018 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.021 (Required Academic Standards)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.023 (Benchmarks)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.024 (Graduation Requirements; Course Credits)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.07 (Early Graduation)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.125 (Planning for Students’ Successful Transition to Postsecondary Education and Employment; Involuntary Career Tracking Prohibited)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.128 (Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) Program)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.30 (Statewide Testing and Reporting System)
~~Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards—Mathematics and Reading)~~
~~Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Graduation Standards—Written Composition)~~
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.~~0505~~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 3501.1300-3501.1345 (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 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)
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MSBA/MASA Model Policy 616 (School District System Accountability)

**JORDAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS
POLICY**

Adopted: September 12, 2007

Revised:

614 SCHOOL DISTRICT TESTING PLAN AND PROCEDURE

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the school district's testing plan and procedure.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the school district is to implement procedures for testing, test security, reporting, documentation, notification to students and parents and student record keeping in accordance with Minnesota law.

III. DUTIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TEST ADMINISTRATOR

The school district test administrator as named in Policy 613, Graduation Requirements, shall be responsible for preparing and presenting annually to the school board for approval, and overseeing the publishing of, the basic requirements test administration plan. The plan shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- A. The graduation requirements;
- B. The number of opportunities a student shall have to retake tests of basic standards during each year;
- C. The opportunities for remediation for a student who has not passed tests of basic requirements;
- D. The process for requesting an additional testing opportunity and accommodations for a senior who has met all other graduation requirements but has not passed one or more basic requirements;
- E. The process for appealing the school district's response to requests in item C.;
- F. The method to report breaches in test security procedures to the school district and the Department; and
- G. Procedures for meeting the needs of Limited English Proficient students, students who require an IEP or students who require Section 504 Accommodation.

IV. TEST SECURITY

- A. Security Requirements. When administering tests for the basic standards, the school district shall observe the following test security measures in addition to any requirements imposed by the Minnesota Department of Education:
1. All test booklets, answer sheets, and test materials shall be placed in locked storage before and after the test administration;
 2. The tests, testing materials, and answer sheets are nonpublic data under Minn. Stat. § 13.34;
 3. No copies of test booklets or answer sheets shall be made; and
 4. The school district shall report any violations of test security to the Department. The Department shall receive reports of violations of test security from anyone with knowledge of such an incident.
- B. Security Violations. MDE shall investigate any reported incidents of breaches in test security. The consequences of a violation of test security may include:
1. The invalidation of test scores if a violation is found to justify serious questions about the integrity of the results of the test administration; or
 2. Other reasonable sanctions that are necessary to preserve the security and confidentiality of future tests and test administrations.

V. SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC

- A. The school district shall report the information specified below to the Department annually by October 15 in a format to be determined by the Department.
- B. The school district shall prepare and disseminate annually by October 15 a public report of the information specified below through the official newspaper or through publications sent to all households in the school district.
- C. The reports required above shall include:
1. The number of students enrolled at each grade level 9 through 12 according to the end of the year Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS) report;
 2. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 passing each basic requirement at the state standard level;
 3. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 passing each basic requirement at an individualized level under an IEP or a Section 504 accommodation plan;

4. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 passing tests in each basic requirement with tests that have been translated into a language other than English;
 5. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 exempt from testing in each basic standard; and
 6. For grade 12 of the previous year only, the number of students currently denied a high school diploma because of not passing the state standard for a basic standard when all other graduation requirements have been met.
- D. The superintendent shall submit reports identifying expenditures related to basic standards testing, to the Department as required by law.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR PROGRAM AUDIT

The school district shall maintain records necessary for program audits conducted by the Department. The records must include documentation that:

- A. Required notifications to parents and students meet the requirements of Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0120;
- B. Required student records meet the requirements of Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0130;
- C. The school district's process for additional testing of students meets the requirements of Minn. Rules Part 3501.0050;
- D. Test security procedures comply with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0150;
- E. The school district's decisions regarding testing accommodations, modifications, and granting exemptions are in compliance with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0090, and 3501.0100;
- F. The school district's curriculum and instruction provides appropriate learning opportunities in the basic standards in compliance with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0110;
- G. Remediation plans for students are on file consistent with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0110;
- H. The basic requirements test administration plan complies with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0140, subpart 2;
- I. The documentation for students granted accommodations or exempted from testing complies with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0090;

- J. The assessments and documentation of performance for students granted modifications of statewide standards comply with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0090, subpart 2, item C; and
- K. The school district's process for testing considerations for LEP students complies with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0100.

VII. REQUIRED NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- A. Written Notice. The school district shall establish and maintain a system to provide written notice to parents and students about graduation requirements.
- B. Notice of Graduation Requirements. No later than thirty (30) working days after the date of the entrance into grade 9 or transfer of a student into the school district during or after grade 9, the school district shall provide to the parents and the student written notice of:
 - 1. The graduation requirements; and
 - 2. The grade in which the student shall have the first opportunity to take a test in a basic requirement.
- C. Notice of Test Results and Remediation Opportunities. The school district shall provide no later than ninety (90) days after a student takes a test of basic standards, written notice to the parents and the student of:
 - 1. Basic requirements test results; and
 - 2. Consistent with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0050, subpart 3, if the student is in the graduating year:
 - a. The process by which a parent or student can request additional testing and testing accommodations after April 1; and
 - b. The process by which a parent or student can appeal the school district's decision if additional testing or testing accommodation is denied.
- D. Notice Pertaining to Adequate Yearly Progress. If the school district is proposed for identification for school improvement, for corrective action, or for restructuring by the Minnesota Department of Education, the school district shall provide to parents of students in the school district sufficiently detailed summary data of its academic assessments or other academic indicators reviewed to determine whether the school is making adequate yearly progress to permit parents to appeal the Department's proposal.

VIII. STUDENT RECORD KEEPING

- A. Test Results. The school district shall keep a record on each student that includes:
1. The basic standards tests taken; and
 2. The results of the most recent basic requirements tests given;
- B. Student Progress. Individual student progress shall be reported on a student record as described in items 1 to 4 below.
1. “Pass-state level” shall be noted on the record of a student who passes a basic standards test under standard conditions or with an accommodation. The records for students passing with an accommodation shall not be different from the records of students passing the test under standard conditions.
 2. “Pass-individual level” shall be noted on the record of a student who passes a basic standards test with a modification established in the IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan in accordance with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0090.
 3. “Pass-translation” shall be noted on the record of a student who passes a basic standards test that has been translated into a language other than English and has not been validated by the state as a state test with a set passing score.
 4. “Exempt” shall be noted on the record of a student who has been exempted from a basic standards test.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 13.34 (Examination Data)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.30 (Statewide Testing and Reporting System)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.36, Subd. 2 (Adequate Yearly Progress)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Rules relating to Graduation Standards – Mathematics and Reading)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Rules relating to Graduation Standards – Written Composition)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0505-3501.0635 (K-12 Standards)
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
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)

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614 SCHOOL DISTRICT TESTING PLAN AND PROCEDURE

[Note: ~~The provisions of this policy substantially reflect statutory requirements. With the repeal of the graduation-required assessment for diploma (GRAD), school districts no longer are required to comply with any of the provisions of this policy.]~~

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the school district's testing plan and procedure.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is to implement procedures for testing, test security, reporting, documentation, notification to students and parents, and student record keeping in accordance with Minnesota law.

III. DUTIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TEST ADMINISTRATOR

The school district test administrator as named in Policy 613, Graduation Requirements, shall be responsible for preparing and presenting annually to the school board for approval, and overseeing the publishing of, the basic requirements test administration plan. The school district test administrator shall file the plan with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and deliver the plan to all households in the school district by October 15 of each year. The plan shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- A. The graduation requirements;
- B. The number of opportunities a student shall have to retake tests of basic requirements during each year;
- C. The opportunities for remediation for a student who has not passed tests of basic requirements;
- D. The process for requesting an additional testing opportunity and accommodations for a senior who has met all other graduation requirements but has not passed one or more basic requirements;
- E. The process for appealing the school district's response to requests in item D.; and
- F. The method to report breaches in test security procedures to the school district and MDE.

IV. TEST SECURITY

A. Security Requirements.

1. When administering tests for the basic requirements, the school district shall observe the following test security measures in addition to any requirements imposed by MDE:
 - a. All test booklets, answer sheets, and test materials shall be placed in locked storage before and after the test administration;
 - b. The tests, testing materials, and answer sheets are nonpublic data under Minn. Stat. § 13.34; and
 - c. No copies of test booklets or answer sheets shall be made.
2. When administering a graduation-required assessment for diploma (GRAD), the school district must observe the following test security measures:
 - a. All test materials must be secured, either physically or electronically, before and after the test administration;
 - b. All testing materials are nonpublic data under Minn. Stat. § 13.34; and
 - c. A student is required to present valid photo identification before being admitted to the testing site if:
 - (1) the student is not enrolled in the testing district; or
 - (2) the student is unknown to the test proctor.
3. The school district must report any known violations of test security to MDE which must accept reports of violations of test security from anyone with knowledge of such an incident.

B. Security Violations. MDE shall investigate any reported incidents of breaches in test security. The consequences of a violation of test security may include:

1. The invalidation of test scores if a violation is found to justify serious questions about the integrity of the results of the test administration; or
2. Other reasonable sanctions that are necessary to preserve the security and confidentiality of future tests and test administrations.

V. SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTING TO MDE AND THE PUBLIC

- A. The school district shall report the information specified below to MDE annually

by October 15 in a format to be determined by MDE.

- B. The school district shall prepare and disseminate annually by October 15 a public report of the information specified below through the official newspaper or through publications sent to all households in the school district.
- C. The reports required above shall include:
 - 1. The number of students enrolled at each grade level 9 through 12 according to the end of the year Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS) report;
 - 2. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 passing each basic requirement at the state standard level;
 - 3. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 passing each basic requirement at an individualized level under an IEP or a Section 504 accommodation plan;
 - 4. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 passing tests in each basic requirement with tests that have been translated into a language other than English;
 - 5. The number of students at each grade level 9 through 12 exempt from testing in each basic requirement; and
 - 6. For grade 12 of the previous year only, the number of students currently denied a high school diploma because of not passing the state standard for a basic requirement when all other graduation requirements have been met.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR PROGRAM AUDIT

The school district shall maintain records necessary for program audits conducted by MDE. The records must include documentation that:

- A. Required notifications to parents and students meet the requirements of Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0120 and 3501.1120;
- B. Required student records meet the requirements of Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0130 and 3501.1130;
- C. The school district's process for additional testing of students meets the requirements of Minn. Rules Part 3501.0050;
- D. Test security procedures comply with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0150 and 3501.1150;

- E. The school district's decisions and processes regarding testing accommodations, modifications, and granting exemptions are in compliance with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0090, 3501.0100, and 3501.1180;
- F. The school district's curriculum and instruction provides appropriate learning opportunities in the basic requirements in compliance with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0110 and state graduation requirements in compliance with Minn. Rules Part 3501.1110;
- G. Remediation plans for students are on file consistent with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0110 and 3501.1110;
- H. The basic requirements test administration plan complies with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0140, subpart 2, and the GRAD administration plan complies with Minn. Rules Part 3501.1140;
- I. The documentation for students granted accommodations or exempted from testing complies with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0090 and 3501.1190;
- J. The assessments and documentation of performance for students granted modifications of statewide standards comply with Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0090, subpart 2, item C, and 3501.1190; and
- K. The school district's process for testing considerations for limited English proficiency students complies with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0100.

VII. REQUIRED NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- A. Written Notice. The school district shall establish and maintain a system to provide written notice to parents and students about graduation requirements.
- B. Notice of Graduation Requirements.
 - 1. No later than thirty (30) working days after the date of the entrance into grade 9 or transfer of a student into the school district during or after grade 9, the school district shall provide to the parents and the student written notice of:
 - a. The graduation requirements; and
 - b. The grade in which the student shall have the first opportunity to take a test in a basic requirement.
 - 2. The school district shall provide parents and students with annual written notice of the grade in which the student will have the first opportunity to take a GRAD. The school district shall provide written notice to parents and students of GRAD results no later than sixty (60) days after the district receives the results of a GRAD. After the date of receiving test

results, students must have a minimum of six (6) weeks for remediation before the next testing opportunity.

- C. Notice of Test Results and Remediation Opportunities. The school district shall provide no later than ninety (90) days after a student takes a test of basic requirements, written notice to the parents and the student of:
1. Basic requirements test results; and
 2. Consistent with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0050, subpart 3, if the student is in the graduating year:
 - a. The process by which a parent or student can request additional testing and testing accommodations after April 1; and
 - b. The process by which a parent or student can appeal the school district's decision if additional testing or testing accommodation is denied.
- D. Notice Pertaining to Adequate Yearly Progress. If the school district is proposed for identification for school improvement, for corrective action, or for restructuring by MDE, the school district shall provide to parents of students in the school district sufficiently detailed summary data of its academic assessments or other academic indicators reviewed to determine whether the school is making adequate yearly progress to permit parents to appeal MDE's proposal.

VIII. STUDENT RECORD KEEPING

- A. Test Results. The school district shall keep a record on each student that includes:
1. The basic requirements tests taken;
 2. The results of the most recent basic requirements tests given;
 3. The GRADs taken; and
 4. The results of the most recent GRAD given.
- B. Student Progress. Individual student progress shall be reported on a student record as described below.
1. "Pass-state level" shall be noted on the record of a student who passes a basic requirement test under standard conditions or with an accommodation. The records for students passing with an accommodation shall not be different from the records of students passing the test under standard conditions.
 2. "Pass-individual level" shall be noted on the record of a student who

passes a basic requirement test with a modification established in the IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan in accordance with Minn. Rules Part 3501.0090.

3. “Pass-translation” shall be noted on the record of a student who passes a basic requirement test that has been translated into a language other than English and has not been validated by the state as a state test with a set passing score.
4. “Exempt” shall be noted on the record of a student who has been exempted from a basic requirement test.
5. “Pass” or “p” must be noted on the record of a student who passes a GRAD under standard conditions or with an accommodation.
6. “Pass” or “p” must also be noted on the record of a student who passes a GRAD with a modification established in the IEP or Section 504 accommodation plan in accordance with Minn. Rules Part 3501.1190. This notation is also used as a GRAD notation for any other modified or alternate assessment used for accountability purposes for students with disabilities. The records for students passing with an accommodation or a modification or who pass an alternate assessment must not differ from the records of students passing the test under standard conditions.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 13.34 (Examination Data)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.30 (Statewide Testing and Reporting System)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.36, Subd. 2 (Adequate Yearly Progress)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards – Mathematics and Reading) ([repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, § 22](#))
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Graduation Standards – Written Composition) ([repealed Minn. L. 2013, Ch. 116, Art. 2, § 22](#))
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.~~05050640~~-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 3501.1300-3501.1345 \(Academic Standards for Social Studies\)](#)
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)

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)

JORDAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS POLICY

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534 MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS OR STAFF

PURPOSE

It is recognized that the loss of a member of the school community is deeply felt by students, staff and families. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Jordan Public Schools will support staff, students and families impacted from a death through assisting them with connections to appropriate school and community resources. Because it is recognized that memorial decisions made immediately in the aftermath of a crisis or death may be made without full consideration of the potential implications for students, staff, families and the community, the Jordan Public Schools will provide a process for memorial decision-making.

DEFINITION

Memorials: Objects or activities to remember an event or deceased person(s).

District Recovery Team: A designated group of staff members and resources for the district who plan and implement mental health support for grief recovery.

Crisis: Any natural disaster or unexpected event that negatively affects a student, a staff member or a significant group of the school population and usually involves serious emotional, psychological and/or physical injury or death.

Significant Impact: The magnitude of the potential loss or seriousness of the crisis.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Memorial activities expressed at school need to be coordinated and approved through the school's District Recovery Team (DRT). The DRT will assist families and students in selecting memorial activities that are appropriate for school and assist students in healthy bereavement.

In recognition that schools are designed primarily to support learning, school sites should not serve as the main venue for the memorializing of students or staff. In the event a request is made, the school district will consider the request on a case-to-case basis. Only in the case of a significant impact will exceptions be considered.

Memorials following a death from suicide must not glamorize, romanticize or stigmatize the act of suicide.

Temporary school memorials, **in common areas**, as approved by school administration, may be displayed until the day of the funeral and will then be given to the family. Any selling of memorial items must receive prior approval from administration. Allowable temporary **school** memorials are banners, pictures, and locker and student desk displays. Memorial symbols **on clothing or lockers** displayed by individual students or staff on school grounds will be limited to two weeks past the funeral.

Permanent memorials for deceased students and staff **must come from donations and be initiated by a donor or family member. In the case of a donation, the family will be contacted and given permission.** These memorials will be limited to endowments, scholarships, plantings and books or items with educational significance. Scholarship and endowment memorials may be established one time, or in the form of a perpetual award, with a description of the purpose of the endowment or scholarship and may include the name of the individual. Plantings may be made in a designated location based on the discretion of the Facilities Manager and Superintendent. All trees or shrubbery can be designated with a stake or plaque. This practice allows for the memorial while respecting the well-being of all students and staff. Permanent memorials may not include the retirement, alteration, or discontinued use of school property. Existing memorials established prior to the implementation of this policy will not be affected.