

**Executive Summary of
PRESS Plus 96, 97, and 98
BOE Policy Updates
June 5, 2018**

Approval for the following recommendations will be sought at the BOE Business Meeting on June 19, 2018.

PRESS 96

2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure

The proposed changes update the policy to reflect changes in Federal and State guidelines regarding website accessibility and breastfeeding accommodations for students.

4:15 - Identity Protection

Upon consulting with the BOE's attorneys, we are not recommending adoption of these changes.

4:110 - Transportation

The proposed changes clarify language about the legal requirements of providing transportation to or from school.

4:150 - Facility Management and Building Programs

There are not changes to the actual policy itself, but there are changes to the legal references related to this policy.

4:170 - Safety

The proposed changes update the policy to comply and align with statutory requirements related to the School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128), as well as the updated regulations about Lead Testing of Water Sources in K-8 schools.

5:90 - Abuse and Neglected Child Reporting

The proposed changes add additional reporting options and phone numbers directly into the BOE policy.

5:100 - Staff Development Program

The proposed changes add additional trainings that are required by state law, including: cultural competency, recognizing and reducing implicit bias, and training on the safe handling and use of hazardous or toxic materials (for personnel who work with such materials).

5:200 - Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

The proposed changes are designed to notify employees and the community that 105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a prohibits school social workers from providing services to students attending the districts in which they are employed.

5:220 - Substitute Teachers

The proposed changes are simply changes to clarify the requirements of IL School Code. The changes do not change our practice or policy.

5:240 - Suspension

The proposed changes reflect changes to 325 ILCS 5/7, 4(c-5) which allows DCFS to recommend to districts that the district remove an employee from his/her position when he or she is the subject of a pending DCFS investigation that relates to his/her employment in the school district.

5:290 - Employment Termination and Suspensions

The proposed changes are parallel in wording and intent to the changes in BOE Policy 5:240.

6:60 - Curriculum Content

The proposed changes are in response to new legislation that clarifies the frequency requirements for physical education - a minimum of 3 days during a 5 day week. This matches our practice and schedule, since we introduced Elementary PE teachers in 2016.

6:150 - Home and Hospital Instruction

The proposed changes reflect changes in definition to the Nurse Practice Act, which allows for an advanced practice registered nurse to provide a medical reason for homebound or hospital instruction.

6:300 - Graduation Requirements

The proposed changes are only updating the legal references and citations.

**6:310 - High School Credit for Non-District Experiences: Course Substitutions:
Re-Entering Students**

The proposed changes reflect changes in 105 ILCS 5/27-6 related to "ongoing participation" in marching band and/or "interscholastic or extracurricular athletic program."

6:340 - Student Testing and Assessment Program

The proposed changes are simply updating legal references.

7:10 - Equal Educational Opportunities

The proposed changes are simply updating legal references.

7:15 - Student and Family Privacy Rights

Updated to reflect the IL Governor's Executive Order 2016-10, which mandated that the use of the word "ward" be eliminated from laws and policies referring to children who are under the care of DCFS.

7:20 - Harassment of Students Prohibited

The proposed changes add the language, "any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking," to the list of people to whom students are encouraged to report any incidences of prohibited conduct. This aligns with our current practice.

7:70 - Attendance and Truancy

The proposed changes adds language that requires the district to create protocol for excusing a student for up to five days from attendance when his/her parent/guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and is on leave or has immediately returned from deployment.

7:180 - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

The proposed changes are designed to align with changes to 2:260 and 7:20.

7:190 - Student Behavior

Proposed changes including adding the following language, because USD116 receives early childhood block grant funding: "Students enrolled in the District's State-funded preschool programs may be temporarily removed or transitioned to a new program in accordance with federal and State law. State law prohibits the expulsion of students from these programs."

7:250 - Student Support Services

The proposed changes add the word "school" in front of the support service positions: social worker, psychologist, and counselor. This change does not change practice or responsibilities.

7:260 - Exemption for Physical Education

The proposed changes reflect amendments to the school code which states that "students in grades 7 and 8 may submit a written request to the building principal to be excused from physical education courses because of his or her ongoing participation in an interscholastic or extracurricular athletic program. The building principal will evaluate requests on a case by case basis."

7:275 - Orders to Forgo Life Sustaining Treatment

The proposed changes reflect updates suggested by IASB member districts to provide more guidance for districts related to the make up of the multidisciplinary team. The BOE's attorneys recommend the adoption of the language in Option 1, which ensures that minutes are taken during multidisciplinary meetings and that parent/guardian signatures are obtained on the minutes of each meeting.

7:305 - Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

The proposed changes clarify expectations for training that is mandated by the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act (105 ILCS 5/22-80).

7:340 - Student Records

The proposed changes are simply updating legal references.

PRESS Plus 97 and 98

2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure

The proposed changes reflect the addition of the Sexual Harassment language from the State Officials and Employee Ethics Act.

4:40 Incurring Debt

The proposed changes update BOE policy to comply with federal security laws in connection with bond obligations.

4:80 - Accounting and Audits

The proposed changes update BOE policy to comply with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA).

5:20 - Workplace Harassment Prohibited

The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/70-5(a)) requires school districts to adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing a policy to prohibit sexual harassment. The BOE will be asked to pass the attached resolution 5:20 E Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment at the June 19, 2018 Study Session.

6:60 - Curriculum Content

The proposed changes update this policy to include the mandate that at least one unity of cursive instruction will be offered before the completion of grade 5.

6:135 - Accelerated Placement Program

This proposed policy is new, and is required by changes to IL School Code. The goal of the policy is providing educational programs with opportunities for each student to develop to his or her maximum potential. We are currently developing administrative procedures and are planning to share this information with staff and families later this summer.

6:240 - Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips

The proposed changes are updated to clarify and stress alignment with BOE Policy 4:140 - Waiver of Student Fees.

6:250 - Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

The proposed changes reflect long standing provisions in the IL School Code and in USD116 practice regarding the use of outside resource people and qualified volunteers for crisis intervention services.

7:50 - School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

The proposed changes update the BOE policy to align with changes in IL School Code as well as with the new BOE Policy 6:135 - Accelerated Placement Program (which will be discussed at a future meeting).