

Policy revisions – 5000s to 400s series

Executive Summary

Throughout, minor technical changes are proposed. (For instance, to provide consistency with other policies, the phrase “shall develop” is used wherever administrative guidelines are discussed; the term “County” or “Board” is used to replace “District” as that is more consistent with WV state laws.)

Policy 401 – Student and Parent Rights

Revises Policy 5780.

This revision removes language concerning instructional materials that is already covered in the policy on instructional materials.

Policy 410 – Enrollment

Revises Policy 5111 (Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students for Enrollment) and repeals Policies 5215 (Missing and Absent Children), 5113 (Intra-state Enrollment), 5113.01 (Intra-County Open Enrollment), 5120 (School Attendance Areas), 5320 (Immunization), 9270 (Home Instruction), 5114 (Nonimmigrant Students and Foreign-Exchange Programs), and 5130 (Withdrawal from School)

This revision has the effect of merging nine policies into one. Language is removed that is verbatim in WV Code or WVBE policy and effort is made to clarify the processes for enrollment rather than repeat requirements in multiple policies. Administrative Guidelines will further give parents a step-by-step look at the process.

Note: HB 206 will necessitate further revision of this policy to include “Open Enrollment” for the 2020-21 school year.

Policy 411 – Homeless Students

Revises Policy 5111.01 of the same name.

Only minor technical revisions are proposed.

Policy 412 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Revises Policy 5111.02 of the same name.

Only minor technical revisions are proposed.

Policy 420 – Attendance

Revises Policy 5200 (Attendance) and repeals Policies 5223 (Absences for Religious Instruction) and 5230 (Late Arrival and Early Dismissal).

Revisions are proposed to remove defined terms found in WV Code or WVBE policy and incorporate those definitions by reference, remove language found verbatim in WV Code regarding duties and responsibilities of the attendance director (some of which changed in HB 206), and cause Administrative Guidelines to be developed for educational leave and attendance notifications and interventions. The only major substantive change is to require that all education leave, not just that which extends beyond 10 days, be approved by the Superintendent and principal rather than just the principal.

Policy 430 – Student Health Services

Revises Policy 5310 (Health Services) and repeals Policies 5330 (Use of Medications), 5330.20 (Self-Administered Medication and Epinephrine Use), 5335 (Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions), 5340 (Student Accidents), 5341 (Emergency Medical Authorization), and 5350 (Student Suicide).

In addition to technical revisions, duplicated language and outdated references from WVBE policy are removed.

Policy 431 – Student Activity Drug Testing

Revises Policy 5530 of the same name.

No revisions are proposed as this policy was revised in August 2018 to focus on Simulated Workplaces testing.

Policy 440 – Student Code of Conduct and Discipline

Revises Policy 5500 (Student Code of Conduct) and repeals Policies 5513 (Care of School Property), 5514 (Use of Bicycles), 5515 (Use of Motor Vehicles), 5516 (Student Hazing), 5600 (Student Discipline), 5605 (Discipline for Special Education Students), 5610 (Exclusion from Classroom or School Bus, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students), 5610.02 (In-School Suspension), 5610.03 (Emergency Removal of Students), 5610.04 (Suspension of School Transportation Privileges and Exclusion from School Bus), 5611 (Discipline – Student Due Process Rights), 5630 (Corporal Punishment), 5630.01 (Use of and Restraint and Seclusion with Students), and 5771 (Search and Seizure).

This revision has the effect of merging 16 policies into one. In addition to technical revisions, duplicated language (which happens often through this collection) and outdated references from WVBE policy are removed.

The major action of this revision will not change current practice, but will in effect reinstate guidance for disciplinary actions that was removed from WVBE policy effective July 1, 2019. (In other words, where the state policy now allows for local control, we will use that local control to reinstate the state policy from before due to its consistency and fair handling of disciplinary matters.)

Policy 441 – Student Dress and Grooming

Revises Policy 5511 of the same name.

Only minor technical revisions are proposed.

Policy 442 – Anti-Harassment and Violence

Revises Policy 5511 of the same name.

In addition to technical revisions, duplicated language (some of which appears in this revision and some in other policies already revised) and outdated references from WVBE policy are removed.

Policy 443 – Substance Abuse Prevention

Revises Policy 5530 of the same name and repeals Policy 5531 (Student Assistance Programs).

In addition to merging two policies into one and making technical revisions, duplicated language (some of which appears in this revision and some in other policies already revised) and outdated references from WVBE policy are removed.

Policy 444 – Student Abuse and Neglect

Revises Policy 8462 of the same name.

In addition to technical revisions, language is updated to reflect changes from the 2018 Legislative session.

Policy 445 – Schools and Community Agencies

Revises Policy 5540 of the same name.

Only a technical revision and a reiteration of reporting requirements under Policy 444 are proposed.

Policy 450 – Student Co- and Extra-Curricular Activities

Revises Policy 5722 (School Sponsored Publications and Productions) and repeals Policies 5820 (Student Government), 5830 (Student Fundraising), 5855 (Student Attendance at School Events), 5860 (Safety Patrol),

5880 (Public Performances by Students), 5885 (Sounding of Taps at Funeral for Veterans), and 9190 (School Sponsored Vocational / Industrial / Technical Projects and Related Charges).

In addition to technical revisions, this has the effect of merging eight policies into one. References to the Safety Patrol are removed because no board policy is necessary for this.

NOTE: This policy is meant to be a “catch all” for student activities and may be further revised in the future as needs change.

Policy 451 – Voter Registration

Revises Policy 5724 of the same name.

Only technical revisions and an update reflecting changes in WV Code are proposed.

Policy 460 – Student Complaints

Revises Policy 5710 of the same name.

Only technical revisions are proposed. This policy is largely a “placeholder” that currently reference Policy 730 (Public Complaints) but may be revised in the future if it is found that a more accessible process is needed for students.

Policy 490 – Acceptable Use of Technology for Students

Revises Policy 7540.03 (Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety) and repeals Policies 7540.06 (District-Issued Student E-mail Account), 5136 (Personal Communication Devices), and 5136.01 (Technology Resources and Other Electronic Equipment).

In addition to merging four policies into one, the revisions have little substantive effect but serve to streamline this policy, refer to WVBE 2460 as an overriding and guiding policy (as all school networks are tied through the WVDE network, their AUP necessarily governs), and clarify authority to waive provisions of this policy.

Policy 5113.02 – School Choice Options Provided by the No Child Left Behind Act (repeal)

This policy became obsolete with the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015.

Policy 5131 – Student Transfers – Athletics (repeal)

This policy simply restates WVSSAC rules, which are not a matter of local discretion.

Policy 5140 – Student Driver Eligibility Certificate (repeal)

The language in this policy is duplicated in Policy 420 (Attendance).

Policy 5321 – Tuberculin Skin Test (repeal)

This policy is obsolete as TB testing is no longer required of students prior to enrollment. The policy was revised in 2015 but now contains only language verbatim in WV Code.

Policy 5330.01 – Use of Potassium Iodide in the Event of a Nuclear Accident (repeal)

This policy is unnecessary as there are no nuclear facilities or rail lines in Roane County.

Policy 5451 – Student Recognition (repeal)

This policy authorizes the expenditure of funds for recognition efforts, which is also authorized in Policy 6680.

Policy 5461 –Certificates of Proficiency (repeal)

The section of WV Code which discusses certificates of proficiency requires the WVBE to promulgate a rule (policy) on how they should be granted. WVBE 2510 contains no reference to such certificates.

Policy 5512 – Use of Tobacco by Students (repeal)

Policy 661 covers use of tobacco by all individuals, so this policy is unnecessary.

Policy 5772 – Weapons (repeal)

Policy 660 covers weapons on school premises in all cases, so this policy is unnecessary.

Policy 5895 – Student Employment (repeal)

This policy considers release for students for work purposes. This is now handled through the co-operative education process or through work experience courses, and so release is unnecessary (and not authorized by WVBE policy).