

POLICY COMMITTEE
Liverpool Central School District Board of Education
October 3, 2019 7am
District Office
Liverpool, New York 13090

Present: Dr. Mark Potter, Stacey Balduf, Craig Dailey, Joseph Morawski

The following policies were discussed.

Revisions to Policies

#6150 Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Substances – Now titled "Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances (Staff)." This sample policy was revised in light of the addition of Education Law Section 3038 which requires the Superintendent of each school district, in consultation with the District Superintendent of a BOCES, where applicable, to designate at least one District employee or BOCES employee to provide information regarding where and how to find available substance use related services to students, parents, and staff.

The designated individuals are going to be Executive Principal, building Principal and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Committee Action: Send to BOE

#7110 Comprehensive Student Attendance – This required sample policy was revised in light of a NYSED memo on accurately reporting attendance and chronic absenteeism data and a Comptroller's audit related to chronic absenteeism. On page six, a section titled "Chronic Absenteeism" was added. This section defines chronic absenteeism. On page seven, the "Intervention Strategy Process" section was revised to indicate that the District will intervene when patterns of excused absences (which relates to chronic absenteeism) are identified.

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#7221 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities – This required sample policy was revised in light of the addition of 8 NYCRR Section 100.2(oo) which indicates that students may be prohibited from participating in the graduation ceremony or related graduation activities of his or her graduating class as a consequence of violating the District's Code of Conduct.

This is a clarification of what we have been doing. When is a student eligible is clarified as well.

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#7320 Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances – Now titled "Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances (Students)." This sample policy was revised in light of the addition of Education Law Section 3038 which requires the Superintendent of each school district, in

consultation with the District Superintendent of a BOCES, where applicable, to designate at least one District employee or BOCES employee to provide information regarding where and how to find available substance use related services to students, parents, and staff. For additional information about this law, refer to this document released by NYSED: Guidance for Providing Educational Resources to Address Substance Use. Other revisions were made for clarity and consistency purposes. When reviewing this sample policy, District's should ensure that it is consistent with any other applicable documents such as the District's Code of Conduct.

Slight change “use and misuse” language. Designated persons are Executive Principal and Building Principals.

Committee Action:

#7580 Safe Public School Choice – This required sample policy was revised in light of amendments to Penal Law Section 10.00 which revised the definition of "deadly weapon." Other revisions were made for clarity and consistency purposes.

Part of Federal Law. The opportunities of choice for victims of very serious incidents.

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#7511 - IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

In July 2019, the New York State Department of Health, State Education Department, and Office of Children and Family Services issued further clarifying guidance regarding the vaccination requirements applicable to students. After reviewing this additional guidance, Policy Services is making clarifying revisions to its sample policy 7511, Immunization of Students, and corresponding sample regulation. These revisions are related to the use of the word “child” within the documents. The definition of “child,” as it applies to Public Health Law and the immunization requirements, means any person between the ages of 2 months and 18 years.

Legal language has been changed.

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#5660 - MEAL CHARGING AND PROHIBITION AGAINST MEAL SHAMING

On June 21, 2019, the New York State Education Department’s Office of Child Nutrition released a **memo** to notify School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program of an increase in State reimbursement for meals and snacks claimed in the reduced-price category effective July 1, 2019. This memo stated: “Beginning July 1, 2019, students approved for reduced-price meals must receive breakfast, lunch and snack meals at no charge. As stated above, New York State funding will provide an additional 25 cents in State reimbursement for each reimbursable breakfast and lunch meal served and an additional 15 cents for each reimbursable snack meal served to a reduced-price student to cover the cost previously paid by the student.”

This memo further indicated that:

“SFAs must ensure that all related program letters and policies are updated to reflect this funding change.”

In addition, SED:

- Stressed the importance of proper training and terminology when implementing this positive change;
- Stated SFAs should keep in mind that although reduced-price students will not be charged a fee for their breakfast and/or lunch meals, these students are not considered “free eligible” in the Child Nutrition Programs;
- Noted using the term “free” may imply that these students have been approved eligible for free meals based on the income eligibility guidelines which could result in confusion for families and for food service staff responsible for claiming and reporting free and reduced-price data. SFAs should consider using the phrase “at no charge” when discussing this State initiative; and
- Included Questions and Answers to assist SFAs in the implementation of this change.

In response to this memo, Policy Services has revised sample policy 5660, Meal Charging and Prohibition Against Meal Shaming. Letter b) in the “Access to Meals” section was revised to indicate that reduced meal benefit eligible students will be allowed to receive a breakfast and lunch of their choice for \$0.00. Additionally, the sentence related to “charge meals” was removed from the reduced meal benefit paragraph as the increase in State reimbursement makes this meal “no charge.”

Now free lunches no longer reduced lunch.

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Next Meeting: December 5, 2019 7am