



NDSBA POLICY UPDATE

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The NDSBA Policy Update is here again! In this edition, NDSBA has reviewed and revised several policies, exhibits, administrative regulations, and board regulations. These updates are part of our ongoing effort to ensure that our template policy documents remain current and compliant with legal requirements. We remain committed to providing our Policy Services members with relevant, insightful, and accessible resources to navigate the ever-changing landscape of policy services. As part of this process, NDSBA will continue updating policy templates across all tiers, introducing new relevant templates, and removing outdated ones to better serve our members. If NDSBA reviews a policy, exhibit, or regulation and makes any substantive revisions (e.g., revisions due to change in the law, change in the content, change in the title, etc.), NDSBA recommends updating your document to reflect those revisions. However, if NDSBA makes only non-substantive revisions (e.g., revisions due to formatting changes, grammatical corrections, spelling corrections, etc.), you are not required to update your document accordingly. You may choose to update any non-substantive revisions at your own discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are part of a webhosted district, NDSBA is in the process of manually reformatting your district's policy manual prior to uploading it on the new policy services website. Districts are reformatted on a first-come-first-serve basis, and a district will only be given public access to their manual on the website after both their membership dues and webhosting fee are paid. Once the reformatting is complete and NDSBA has uploaded your district's policy manual to the new policy services website, NDSBA will email your district website liaison(s) (e.g., a business manager or superintendent) with information on how to access the manual. Once your district has access to your manual on the new policy services website, NDSBA will be emailing your district's website liaison with further information on how to update policies via the website. **ALSO NOTE:** if your district is still awaiting access to your manual on the new policy services website, continue to update these policies as normal and email the changes to NDSBA for continual maintenance. NDSBA greatly appreciates your continued patience through this period of change!

Post-Legislative Session Policy Updates. While NDSBA typically sends policy updates on a quarterly basis, the next one will be sent out in June. Following the conclusion of the 69th North Dakota legislative session, several policies will need to be updated and created to reflect the changes to North Dakota law. You'll see in the updates below that NDSBA has already begun the process of incorporating new legislation into current policy. Any new legislation that does not include an emergency clause or a specific effective date will become effective on August 1st, 2025. So, be on the lookout for the post-legislative policy updates from NDSBA, as your Board will need to take action on them prior to the effective date.



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The following policies, regulations, and exhibits were reviewed for updates:

- **Recommended Policy ABAA, School District Organization Plan** - Policy ABBA was reviewed for updates. A number of substantive edits were made to the policy to broaden its scope. NDSBA recommends updating your district's policy ABAA to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Policy ABDA, Political Activities** - Policy ABDA was reviewed for updates. The policy was substantively edited to provide clarity. NDSBA recommends updating your district's policy ABDA to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Policy ABBF, Ticket Sales for Accessible Seating** - Policy ABBF was reviewed for updates. Several substantive edits were made to incorporate federal law and provide clarity. NDSBA recommends updating your district's policy ABBF to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Exhibit ABBF-E, Americans with Disabilities Act Regulations Ticket Sales for Accessible Seating 28 C.F.R. 35.138** - Exhibit ABBF-E was reviewed for updates. The information from the exhibit was incorporated into policy ABBF, making the exhibit no longer necessary. Therefore, NDSBA eliminated exhibit ABBF-E and recommends your district remove it, as well, if it is currently in your manual.
- **Recommended Policy ABCA, Copyrighted Material and Intellectual Property** - Policy ABCA was reviewed for updates. Substantive edits were made to the policy to expand its scope. NDSBA recommends updating your district's policy ABCA to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Policy ABCB, Sportsmanship** - Policy ABCB was reviewed for updates. Substantive edits were made to the policy to provide clarity. NDSBA recommends updating your district's policy ABCB to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Policy DAB, Definitions for Personnel Policies** - Policy DAB was reviewed for compliance with state law. Several substantive edits were made to better reflect state law. NDSBA recommends updating your policy DAB to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Policy FBA, Student Fees** - Policy FBA was reviewed for compliance with state law. Substantive and non-substantive edits were made to reflect state law. NDSBA recommends updating your districts policy FBA to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Policy FCAA, Accommodating Students with Allergies and Special Dietary Needs** - Policy FCAA was reviewed for compliance with state and federal law. Several substantive edits were made to the policy to broaden the scope of the policy, and to better reflect state and federal law. NDSBA recommends updating your district's policy FCAA to reflect these changes.
- **Recommended Administrative Regulation FCAA-AR, General Guidelines for Reducing Risk of Exposure to Allergies** - Administrative Regulation FCAA-AR was reviewed for updates. Several edits were made to the policy to add substance and clarity. NDSBA recommends updating your district's administrative regulation FCAA-AR to reflect these changes.
- **Cognia Policy GAAD, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials** - Cognia policy GAAD was reviewed for compliance with state and federal law. Substantive edits were made to better reflect state and federal law. NDSBA recommends updating your policy GAAD to reflect these changes.
- **Required (Previously Recommended) Policy GACB Patriotic Exercises** - Required policy GACB was reviewed due to changes in North Dakota law during the 69th legislative session. Several substantive edits were made to reflect those changes. NDSBA recommends updating your Policy GACB to also reflect these changes.

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