

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the School Board

DATE: Board Workshop - September 14, 2026

Policy Updates September 2026

Technical Updates

Technical updates do not change a policy's substantive provisions MSBA recommends that school boards permit staff to make these updates. Formal board action would not be necessary under Model Policy 208 to make these changes, though school boards have the authority to require formal board action if they choose.

POLICY	POLICY NAME	UPDATE
425	Staff Development and Mentoring (Executive Director Grossklaus)	The provisions of this policy substantially reflect statutory requirements.
624	Online Instruction (Executive Director Grossklaus)	In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature repealed the Online Learning Option Act (MN Statutes, section 124D.095) and replaced it with the Online Instruction Act (MN Statutes, section 124D.094). This policy fully replaces the old Model Policy 624
806	Crisis Management (Executive Director Grossklaus)	Align policy language with statutory provisions in regard to Cardiac Arrest

NEW NOTES SECTION

Policy 425

Note: To the extent the school board offers K-12 teachers the opportunity for more staff development training under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.40, subdivisions 7 and 7a, or Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.41, subdivisions 4 and 4a, such additional days of staff development should include peer mentoring, peer gathering, continuing education, professional development, or other training which enable teachers to achieve the staff development outcomes enumerated above in Subparagraph III.B.4.]

Policy 624

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Policy 806

Note: The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (Commissioner) is required to maintain and make available to school boards and charter schools a Model Crisis Management Policy. See Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.035. School boards and charter schools must adopt a Crisis Management Policy to address potential crisis situations in their school districts or charter schools. Id. This Model Crisis Management Policy was originally the result of a collaborative effort among the Minnesota Department of Education, Division of Compliance and Assistance; the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; and the Minnesota School Boards Association.

Note: More specific information on planning for children with special needs can be found in the Comprehensive School Safety Guide (2011 Edition) and United States Department of Education's document entitled, "Practical Information on Crisis Planning, a Guide for Schools and Communities." A website link is provided in the resource section of this Policy.

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Note: The Comprehensive School Safety Guide (2011 Edition) has sample lock-down procedures, evacuation procedures, and sheltering procedures.

Note: The 2024 Minnesota legislature enacted permissive language stating that a school board "may adopt the model cardiac emergency response plan provided by" the Commissioner.