

Elementary Handbook Updates

Per the school board, the school board recommendation, the directory information section of the handbook has been omitted.

Per the MSBA guidelines, the following Minnesota Statutes have been added to the handbook.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

School districts that have a student handbook or school policy guide must include a statement that anyone who does not wish to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for any personal reasons may elect not to do so and that students must respect another person's right to make that choice. [Minn. Stat. 121A.11](#)

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

A district or charter school's plan to accurately and efficiently test for the presence of lead in water must be publicly available upon request. [Minn. Stat. 121A.335](#)

PESTICIDE APPLICATION

A school that plans to apply a pesticide on school property, must provide a notice to parents and employees that it applies such pesticides. The notice requirements are set forth in Minn. Stat. 121A.30.

In addition, districts required to give notice shall include in an official school handbook or official school policy guide a section informing parents that an estimated schedule of applications of pesticides is available for review or copying at the school offices, and that a parent may receive prior notice of each application if specifically requested. [Minn. Stat. 121A.30](#)

Bullying Prohibition Policy

School boards shall adopt a Bullying Prohibition Policy that conforms with Minnesota Statutes, sections 121A.41 to 121A.56. [Minn. Stat. 121A.031](#)

The student discipline policy must include notice about rights and responsibilities of students and parents under the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act. [Minn. Stat. 121A.0311](#)

Hazing Policy

School boards shall adopt a written policy governing student or staff hazing that conforms with [Minn. Stat. 121A.69](#) and the [Pupil Fair Dismissal Act](#). The policy must appear in the student handbook.

Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy

School boards must adopt a written policy regarding harassment and violence based on sex, religion, and race that conforms with [Minn. Stat. Ch 363A](#). The policy must be included in each school's student handbook on school policies; conspicuously posted throughout each school building; and given to each district employee and independent contract. [Minn. Stat. 121A.03](#)

Procedure for Opting Out of State Testing

School districts must notify parents of the Minnesota Department of Education form regarding state

academic standards, assessments, and the parents' right to not have their child participate in the state and locally required academic assessments. The form must be posted on the district's website and be included in the student handbook. [Minn. Stat. 120B.31, Subd. 4a](#)

Standardized Tests Calendar

A district or charter school must publish on its website a comprehensive calendar of standardized tests to be administered in the district or charter school during that school year. [Minn. Stat. 120B.306, Subd. 2\(a\)](#)

State Assessment Information

School districts and schools must provide information on each assessment required by the state and the school district. [Minn. Stat. 120B.31, subd. 4a](#); [20 U.S.C. 6312\(e\)](#)