

## Policy Updates February 2026

### Substantive Updates

These model policy updates should be reviewed and approved by the school board.

| Policy # | Policy Name:  | Update   |
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| 410      | Family and Medical Leave Policy   | Deletes references to MN parenting laws in light of new MN laws on paid leave and ESSL   |
| 503      | Student Attendance  | Adds MN statutory provision to Art. II and Art. III; updates 'habitual truant' definition <b>See Notes Section Below</b>                                 |
| 515      | Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records   | Updates immunization record information in Art. VI.B.16 to reflect MN Health and Human Services guidance; Resources added <b>See Notes Section Below</b> |
| 530      | Immunization Requirements   | Updates Art. VI.B to reflect MN Health and Human Services guidance; Resources added <b>See Notes Section Below</b>                                       |
| 615      | Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students | Aligns policy with transition to Alt MCA requirements  |
| 701      | Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget  | Revisions in Art. III. A. and B. recommended by auditors and MSBA staff  |
| 721      | Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources                                     | Updates in response to MDE auditor recommendations   |

## **NEW NOTES SECTION**

### **Policy 503 [Art. II.A.4. (c) and (d).]**

**Note:** Subparagraphs c. and d. are in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, subdivision 13.

### **Policy 503 [Art. V.C.1.]**

**Note:** The Minnesota legislature amended Minnesota Statutes, section 260C.007, subdivision 19.

### **Policy 515 [Art. VI.A.16.]**

**Note:** The Minnesota Department of Health stated, “For years, schools freely shared immunization data with clinics and public health in order to ensure children were up to date with their vaccines. However, according to our analysis, FERPA highlights how this long-standing practice is not allowable. FERPA says that immunization information on individual students cannot be released without parental consent except under certain circumstances. This is an obstacle to sharing immunization data. The Minnesota Immunization Data Sharing Law (M.S. §144.3351) allows schools to share data with MIIC, but the federal FERPA law preempts the Minnesota Immunization Data Sharing Law.” For this reason, Paragraph 16 has been revised.

### **Policy 530 [Art. IV.B.]**

**Note:** According to the Minnesota Department of Health, “the Minnesota Immunization Data Sharing Law (Minnesota Statutes, section 144.3351) allows schools to share data with (the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection), but the federal FERPA law preempts the Minnesota Immunization Data Sharing Law.” Therefore, schools may choose to develop a process to obtain a release of information for sharing immunization records received by the school with the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC), the Minnesota Commissioner of Health, and/or the student’s health care provider.