

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**DATE:** August 17, 2023  
**TOPIC:** #7.3 –Approval of Proposed Updates to Policies  
**PRESENTER:** Julie Nielsen, Superintendent  
**REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE:** Policy 208

**A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- a. The following policies have been reviewed and revised to reflect updates in Minnesota Statute, definition of terms, legal references, and cross references.
- b. Board Policy Committee members reviewed the policies and made recommendations for board information and subsequent action.
- c. Current policies are located online at <https://www.sowashco.org/about-us/school-board/school-board-policies>
- d. The suggested changes are listed below.

104 School District Mission Statement	The mission statement was updated.
418 Drug-Free Workplace & School	Reflects changes in statute to marijuana legalization. Initial edits removed other substances that are used in chemistry class, so we are recommending to keep those changes in policy
419 Tobacco Free Environment	Adds loose tobacco and tribal ritual exception
424 License Status	Changes made to required reporting.



431 Staff Development	Changes made pursuant to Minnesota Statute 121A.642 for paraprofessional training
506 Student Discipline	Substantial changes regarding non exclusionary disciplinary practices, definitions, reasonable force
507 Corporal Punishment	Changes made pursuant to Minnesota Chapter 609 and prone restraint prohibition
509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students	Changes made pursuant to 18 USC 930, para (g)(2) to application provisions
510.3 Athletic & Activity Fee Schedule	Changes were approved on July 13, 2023, but this is now going through the full policy review process.
513 Student Acceleration Retention & Program Design	Adds gifted and talented provisions and early admission details.
514 Bullying Prohibition	Changes made pursuant to Minnesota Statute 121A.0312
516.5 Overdose Medication	This is a new policy.
532 Use of Peace Officers & Crisis Teams	Changes made pursuant to Minnesota Statute 121A.582, 609.06 and 609.379
601 School District Curriculum	Changes made pursuant to Minnesota Statute 120B.12
603 Curriculum Development	Updates district advisory provision; deletes curriculum development process
616 District System Accountability	Updates regarding Commissioner reports, grad standards & read Well by 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
709 Student Transportation Safety	Adds safety training and updates rules on the bus. Per 8/3/23 conversation at board meeting, procedures and rules have been removed.



721.4 Negative Meal Charge	Updates to the title and to reflect no charges for meals.
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**B. RECOMMENDATION**

- a. Approval

**C. CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

- a. Student Experience
- b. Mastery of Learning and Expectations
- c. Student Pathways and Systemic Supports
- d. Operations, Staffing, and Finance
- e. Engagement and Partnerships

