

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 14, 2024
TOPIC: #5.2 – First Reading 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 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 to administration.
- c. Current policies are located online at <https://www.sowashco.org/about-us/school-board/school-board-policies>.
- d. Following this agenda item, the public will have an opportunity to address the board regarding the policies being revised and the changes outlined.

213 School Board Committees	Updated District Committees and removed procedures.
417 Chemical Use & Abuse	Changes reflect updates in MSBA Model Policy language. Removal of procedural language.
501 School Weapons	Changes to definition, instructional use, MDE reporting & legal references to reflect updates in MSBA model policy.
502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions & Person	No proposed changes.
503 Student Attendance	No proposed changes.
507.1 Chemical Use & Abuse	Recommend removal of policy. Replace with Policy 417.
510 Student Activities	No proposed changes.
511 Student Fundraising	No proposed changes.



523 Memorials of Deceased Staff & Students	Updates to Memorials & Granting Permission.
528 Student Parental Family & Marital Status Nondiscrimination	Updates to legal references.
531 Pledge of Allegiance	Language update on designees.

These policies will return for board approval on March 28, 2024.

B. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Information

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

