



Pittsburgh
Public Schools

Students first

Always, in all ways.

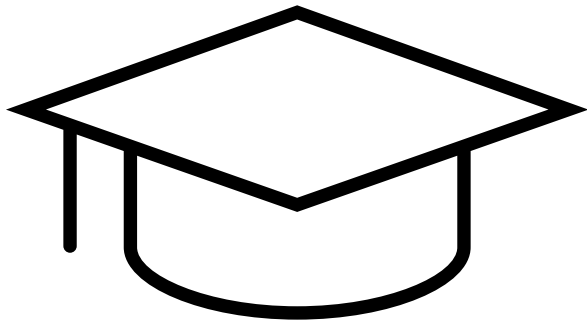


Policy Workshop

MARCH 10, 2026

Workshop Topics

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Policy 101

Academic Standards

Policy 101 – Academic Standards

- Purpose:

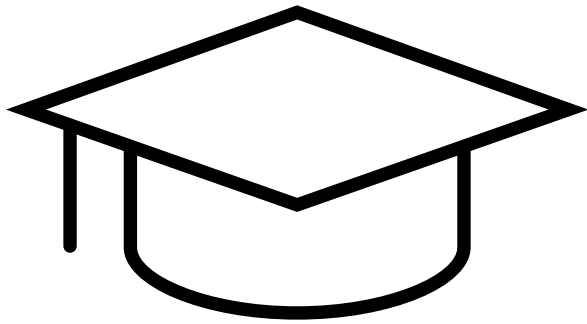
- The Board recognizes that education is a vital function of the state and community. The school community, through the strategic planning process, shall be encouraged to participate in the development of the educational goals and academic standards established for this school district.
- Revised Policy to reference Administrative Regulation so any updates to curriculum can be made on without changing policy
- AR 101-AR-1 of 1

Policy 101 – Academic Standards

Proposed AR 101-AR-1 of 1:

Content Areas - For the 2025-2026 school year, the School District shall include the following content areas:

1. English Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening).
2. Mathematics.
3. Science, Environment, Ecology, Technology and Engineering (Grades K-5).
4. Science, Environment and Ecology (Grades 6-12)
5. Social Studies - (history, geography, civics and government, and economics)
6. Arts and Humanities.
7. Career Education and Work.
8. Health, Safety and Physical Education.
9. Family and Consumer Science.



Policy 104.2

Exemption from Instruction

Policy 104.2 – Exemption from Instruction

Parents/guardians have the right to have their children excused from specific instruction that conflicts with their **sincerely held** religious **and/or moral** beliefs.

Requirements:

- Parents/guardians shall be notified of this policy at least annually, at the beginning of each school year.
- District shall develop procedures to implement policy
 - Including directives for staff to provide reasonable and realistic advance notice to parent/guardians when instruction is planned that may conflict with sincerely held religious and/or moral beliefs. Such notice provides parents/guardians the opportunity to opt their child out of the instruction
- Request for exemption must be made in writing and must contain a statement that the specific instruction described conflicts with the sincerely held religious and/or moral beliefs of the student or of the parents/guardians



Policy 119

Interscholastic Athletics/Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Policy 119 - Interscholastic Athletics/Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Purpose

The Board believes that the goals and objectives of the School District are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular classroom curricular program of the school.

The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience to all students of the School District and to the community.

All learning experiences offered by the schools - athletic, curricular, extra and co-curricular - should be planned and integrated toward the attainment of the School District's objectives.

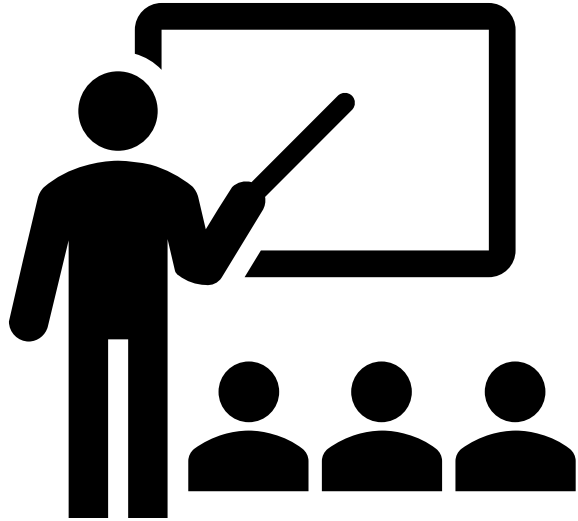
Policy 119 - Interscholastic Athletics/Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Interscholastic Athletics

The Board shall permit resident students that attend **private schools**, charter schools, **cyber schools**, and home-schooled students residing in the District, to participate in interscholastic athletics at the school within their home area of assignment, according to applicable law.

Eligibility Guidelines

1. ~~Beginning with the Second Semester of the 2024-2025,~~ Students with a 0--1.99 grade point average, at the end of the previous report period, shall be considered ineligible under this policy; and shall be required to wait for the issuance of the next **weekly grade check**, interim report card, or end of quarter report card (whichever comes first) to determine if said student has satisfied the grade point average to participate in the activity.



Policy 204

Attendance

Policy 204 – Attendance

Purpose

The Board requires that school age students enrolled in District schools attend school regularly, in accordance with state laws and regulations. The educational program offered by the District is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation in order for students to achieve academic standards and consistent educational progress.

Enforcement of Compulsory Attendance Requirements:

Student is Truant -When a student has been absent for three (3) days during the current school year without a lawful excuse, District staff shall provide notice to the person in parental relation who resides in the same household as the student within ten (10) school days of the student's third unexcused absence.

The notice shall:

Be in the mode and language of communication preferred by the person in parental relation and **include notice that a habitually truant student may not transfer, during the school year, to a cyber charter school unless a judge determines that the transfer is in the best interest of the student, and**

Include resources available to assist the student and the person in parental relation with returning the student to compliant compulsory attendance and opportunities for academic recovery in response to the truant behavior.

Policy 204 – Attendance

Habitually Truant

- Defined as six (6) or more school days of unexcused absences during the current school year by a student subject to compulsory school attendance
- Act 47 of 2025 - (Effective January 2026) prohibits a habitually truant student to transfer to a cyber charter school UNLESS a judge determines that it is in the student's best interest.

Policy 213 – Weapons

PURPOSE:

The Board recognizes the critical importance of a safe school environment. Possession of weapons in the school setting is a threat to the safety of students and staff and is prohibited by law. Possession of lookalike items and self-defense items in the school setting are also prohibited. Furthermore, possession of tools, items, or implements capable of inflicting serious bodily injury to others, and are not connected to the educational program, are also prohibited.

NEW REPORTING MANDATED REQUIREMENT:

Parental Report - Direct Involvement -The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving weapons as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.

Policy 213 - Weapons

Additional Parental and Employee Notifications - The Superintendent or designee shall, in accordance with applicable law, ensure notification of an incident involving possession of a weapon on school property, at a school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, to employees and parents/guardians of students, as follows:

- Incident occurring at a school building:
 - Notification to parents/guardians of students enrolled in or attending that school building and school employees assigned to that building.
- Incident occurring at a school building that shares a campus with other school buildings
 - Notification to parents/guardians of students enrolled or attending and school employees assigned to any building on the shared campus
- Incident occurring at a school-sponsored activity or on a public conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity
 - Notification to the appropriate population of parents/guardians and school employees. Notification is not required if the incident is not directly related to the school-sponsored activity or the students or staff involved in the activity.

Such notification(s) must occur within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident using a method of communication likely to reach designated parents/guardians and employees, unless the circumstances of the incident necessitate otherwise.

Policy 901 – Public Records

Purpose

The Board recognizes the importance of public records as the record of the District's actions and the repository of information about this District. The public has the right to access and procure copies of public records, with certain exceptions, subject to law, Board policy and administrative regulations.

Requests for Records

- Requestors must submit a written request to avail themselves of the protection of the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law.
- The District requires that requestors use the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form (“Standard Form”) for all requests. This form can be found on the District’s website under the Right to Know Requests Page.
- Any requestor who does not submit a request using the Standard Form shall be promptly advised of this Policy and given an opportunity to resubmit the request using the Standard Form.



What Questions Do You Have?



Thank You

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