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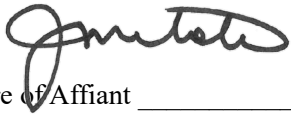
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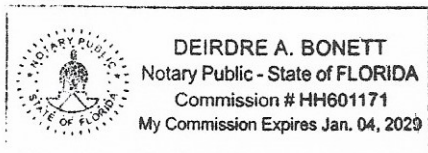
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Pasco County Schools

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RULE/POLICY TITLES:

1. Attendance Boundaries
2. Controlled Open Enrollment Plan (COE)
3. ESE Specific Policies and Procedures (SP&P)
4. Instructional Materials Adoption
5. Board Policy and Neola Updates
6. Student Code of Conduct (SCOC)
7. Student Progression Plan (SPP)
8. Fred K. Marchman Technical College Student Code of Conduct (FKMTC SCOC)

Notice is hereby given that the above-listed and below-described rules and policies are slated for yearly review, amendment, and approval in accordance with School Board Policy and Florida Law, with consideration of such matters being properly advertised before being presented to the School Board for consideration at a duly noticed public meeting.

1. Attendance Boundaries

Subject Matter: Attendance boundaries establish the geographic attendance zones that determine which schools' students are assigned to attend.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose and effect of alterations to school attendance boundaries is action that implements the School Board's power to assign students to schools and adopt school attendance areas as deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the district school system. Changes will be considered based in part upon consideration of school capacity and the efficient utilization of district resources for various schools.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending changes to student attendance boundaries for students' assignments within various schools to be effective July 1, 2027.

Legal Authority and Related Law(s): Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1001.51, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

2. Controlled Open Enrollment Plan (COE)

Subject Matter: The COE sets forth the procedures and criteria under which students may attend a school outside of their assigned attendance zone (a school of choice) when capacity is available and applicable prerequisites are met.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose of revisions to the COE and School Choice is to comply with statutory revisions, to align with School Board Policy, and incorporate best practices regarding procedures for families to request student attendance at schools other than those to which their address is delineated in an attendance boundary. The plan also includes updates that incorporate essential pieces of the Magnet Plan into this one document.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending necessary and appropriate changes to the Controlled Open Enrollment Plan and process in a legally compliant manner that allows for parents to indicate their school preferences for their student and also follows all language outlined in F.S. 1002.31.

Legal Authority and Related Law(s): Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1002.20, 1002.31, 1003.03, 1013.35, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

3. ESE Specific Policies and Procedures (SP&P)

Subject Matter: The SP&P establishes the district's policies and procedures for identifying, evaluating, educating (providing FAPE), and providing services to students with disabilities in compliance with the IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Florida Law, as applicable.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose is to review and revise the District's ESE specific policies and procedures as necessary to ensure continued compliance with applicable Federal and Florida Law.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending necessary and appropriate changes to ESE Policies and Procedures (SP&P) to ensure compliance with state and federal special education laws, establish consistent practices for identifying and serving students with disabilities, protect student and parent rights, and maintain eligibility for state and federal ESE funding.

Legal Authority and Related Law(s): Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.57, 1003.573, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

4. Instructional Materials Adoption

Subject Matter: Sets forth, establishes, and complies with regulatory and statutory process and criteria for selecting, reviewing, adopting, and making available instructional materials for use within the district.

Purpose and Effect: Adoption of new instructional materials to be implemented in the 27-28 school year.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending utilization of the legally compliant methodology to select and adopt instructional material to fulfill the School Board's constitutional and statutory duty and responsibility to select and provide adequate instructional materials for all students in accordance with the requirements of F.S. 1006.28

Legal Authority and Related Laws: Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1006.28, 1006.283, 1006.32, 1006.40, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

5. School Board Policy and NEOLA Updates

Subject Matter: School Board policies establish the Board's official governance directives by setting forth the rules, standards, and expectations that govern the operation of the school district and ensure compliance with applicable Federal and Florida law.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose is to review and amend School Board policies as necessary to ensure they remain current, legally compliant, and reflective of the School Board's governance priorities and needs of the district.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending review and amendment of School Board policies as necessary to ensure they remain current, legally compliant, and reflective of the School Board's governance priorities and needs of the district.

Legal Authority and Related Law(s): Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

6. Student Code of Conduct (SCOC)

Subject Matter: The SCOC defines and establishes behavioral expectations for students and establishes the rules, disciplinary procedures, and consequences applicable in District schools.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose of the revisions to the SCOC is to comply with statutory revisions, align with School Board Policy, and establish clear expectations for student behavior and create a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment where all students can succeed.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending review and amendment of the Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) in accordance with and pursuant to Section 1006.07(2), Florida Statutes, which requires every district school board to adopt and annually implement a Code of Student Conduct that establishes standards for student behavior, disciplinary procedures, and expectations necessary to maintain safe and orderly schools. Additional statutes, including sections 1006.13 and 1006.147, require districts to address issues such as zero tolerance, bullying, harassment, and school safety within their student discipline framework.

Legal Authority and Related Law(s): Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.02, 1006.07, 1006.10, 1006.13, 1006.148, 1006.195, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

7. Student Progression Plan (SPP)

Subject Matter: The SPP establishes the standards and procedures governing student promotion, retention, grading, assessment, graduation, and educational progression in accordance with Florida law.

Purpose and Effect: The SPP sets forth standards for promotion, retention, and graduation and is being updated to reflect changes recommended by the Pasco SPP workgroup and state law.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending review and appropriate revision to the Student Progression Plan (SPP) in accordance with Section 1008.25, Florida Statutes, which states school districts shall establish a comprehensive plan for student progression which must provide for a student's progression from one grade to another based on the student's mastery of the standards.

Legal Authority and Related Law(s): Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1008.25, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

8. Fred K. Marchman Technical College Student Code of Conduct (FKMTCSCOC)

Subject Matter: The FKMTC SCOC defines and establishes behavioral expectations for students and establishes the rules, disciplinary procedures, and consequences applicable in District schools.

Purpose and Effect: Fred K. Marchman Technical College (FKMTC) delivers adult, post-secondary career certificate programs in a professional, workplace-simulated environment. The purpose of this Code of Conduct establishes expectations for adult learners and applies to conduct on campus, in labs/shops and clinical sites, at off-site school-sponsored activities, and to off-campus conduct that materially disrupts school operations. This Code is administered under Pasco County Schools governance and FKMTC program handbooks and catalog.

Summary of Rule/Policy Change: Recommending review, passage, and any appropriate amendment of and to the FKMTC SCOC, to establish standards for student behavior, disciplinary procedures, and expectations necessary to maintain safe and orderly schools.

Legal Authority and Related Law(s): Sections 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.02, 1006.07, 1006.10, 1006.13, 1006.148, 1006.195, 120.54, and 120.81, Florida Statutes.

INITIAL PRESENTATION:

Initial presentation (as to all of the above-referenced rules and policies) of the proposal to develop, review, or amend the above-referenced policies and rules will be brought before the School Board for consideration on August 25, 2026, after which, appropriate and designated staff and committees will begin the work of reviewing and recommending appropriate development or amendment in accordance with Florida Law and School board Policy.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS/HEARINGS:

Public workshops and hearing (as to all the above-referenced rules and policies) regarding the above-referenced policy and rule developments will be conducted prior to the School Board taking final action on any such proposals, with the workshops/hearings being scheduled and published, during the time periods below:

1. Attendance Boundaries: Fall and/or Spring
2. Controlled Open Enrollment Plan (COE): Fall and/or Spring and/or Summer
3. ESE Specific Policies and Procedures (SP&P): Fall and/or Spring and/or Summer
4. Instructional Materials Adoption: Fall and/or Spring and/or Summer
5. Board Policy and Neola Updates: Fall/Spring/Summer
6. Student Code of Conduct (SCOC): Fall and/or Spring and/or Summer
7. Student Progression Plan (SPP): Fall and/or Spring and/or Summer
8. Fred K. Marchman Technical College Student Code of Conduct (FKMTCSCOC): Fall and/or Spring and/or Summer

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION/COPIES:

The person(s) identified below are available to provide information and draft copies of proposed language (when available), and to otherwise receive questions/comments regarding the proposed rule(s). A copy of the proposed policy or rule language and access to related materials will also be specified in subsequent notices.

1. Attendance Boundaries: Liam Devine 813-794-7970
2. Controlled Open Enrollment Plan (COE): Samantha Del Valle 813-794-2547
3. ESE Specific Policies and Procedures (SP&P): Melissa Musselwhite 813-794-2165
4. Instructional Materials Adoption: Samantha Del Valle 813-794-2547
5. Board Policy and Neola Updates: Kevin Shibley 813-794-2784
6. Student Code of Conduct (SCOC): Melissa Musselwhite 813-794-2165
7. Student Progression Plan (SPP): Samantha Del Valle 813-794-2547
8. Fred K. Marchman Technical College Student Code of Conduct (FKMTCSCOC): Melissa Musselwhite 813-794-2165

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The School Board does not anticipate the adoption of the above listed policies or rules will (1) have an adverse impact on small business; or (2) directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in the state within 1 year after the implementation of the rule. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

Accommodation: Any person, because of a disability, requiring special accommodation to participate in the meetings above noticed should contact 727-774-2649 (West Pasco), 813-794-2649 (Central Pasco), or 352-524-2649 (East Pasco), 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make appropriate arrangements. If any person appearing before the School Board anticipates or expects that he or she might appeal any decision made by the School Board, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, that person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Links to specific matters regarding the Pasco Schools are available at: www.pasco.k12.fl.us

The Superintendent's recommendation to the School Board will be published as part of the board agenda at:

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/school_board/agendas-summaries-minutes

7 days prior to the board meeting. (See School Board Bylaw 0.165; F.S. 120.525; F.S. 120.81)