

#### ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF POLICIES IN STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Various state and federal laws direct school districts to provide policies to students and parents on an annual basis. The following list is an overview of the policies required by law to be distributed. The list also covers policies that are highly recommended for distribution because of legal liability issues.

While we believe the list is comprehensive, school district personnel should consult with legal counsel and others to determine whether the list meets the district's legal and practical needs.

Policies must be distributed because students and parents must have notice of what they can expect when certain circumstances arise during the school year.

When evaluating your policies for distribution to students and parents, ask the following questions:

- Does this policy state an expectation for which there is a possible consequence?
- Does this policy give students and parents notice of important rights and responsibilities?

If the answer to either question is yes, the district should provide the policy to students and parents.

Policies do not need to be provided *verbatim*. However, the policy should be summarized with enough specificity to allow students and parents to know what is expected of them and to inform them of their rights and responsibilities. If a regulation accompanies a policy, it should also be included. Summarizing policies and regulations for use in student handbooks is not an easy task. Please ensure that the person assigned this responsibility has a good understanding of district policy and legal issues. The handbook should be reviewed by legal counsel prior to distribution.

*Note:* The policies, regulations, and exhibits referenced throughout this document refers to CASB sample documents. Your district may have different policies, regulations, and exhibits that cover the same subject matter. If so, this list will not suffice and you will need to look at your district-specific documents; nevertheless, this list may still be helpful in determining the content of your student handbooks.

#### Policies Covering Information Required by Law to be Distributed to Students/Parents

AC	Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
AC-R-1	Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Students
AC-R-2	Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Employees,
	Applicants for Employment and Members of the Public
AC-R-3	Sexual Harassment Investigation Procedures

ADC Tobacco Free Schools IHCDA Concurrent Enrollment

IKA Grading/Assessment Systems
JB Equal Educational Opportunity

JBB\* Sexual Harassment

JH Student Absences and Excuses

JHB Truancy

JIC Student Conduct
JICA Student Dress Code

JICC Student Conduct in School Vehicles

JICDA Code of Conduct

JICDD\* Violent and Aggressive Behavior
JICDE\* Bullying Prevention and Education
JICEA School-Related Student Publications

JICEC\* Student Distribution of Noncurricular Materials

JICF Secret Societies/Gang Activity

JICH Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students

JICI Weapons in School

JICJ Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Personal Technology Devices

JIH Student Interviews, Interrogations, Searches and Arrests JJA-1 *or* JJA-2 Student Organizations (Limited Forum *or* Open Forum)

JK and JK-R Student Discipline

JK\*-2 Discipline of Students with Disabilities JKA, JKA-R Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint

JKA-E-2 Complaint Procedures and Regulations Regarding the Use of Restraint or

Seclusion, 1 CCR 301-45, 2620-R-2.07

JKBA\*, JKBA\*-R Disciplinary Removal from Classroom JKD/JKE Suspension/Expulsion of Students

JLCB, JLCB-R Immunization of Students

JLCD Administering Medications to Students

JLCDA\* Students with Food Allergies

JLCDC\*, JLCDC\*-R Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting

JLDAC Screening and Testing of Students (And Treatment of Mental Disorders)
JLDAC-E Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

(PPRA)

JLFF\* Sex Offender Information JQ Student Fees, Fines and Charges

JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

JRA/JRC-R, -E-1 Notification to Parents and Students of Rights Concerning Student

**Education Records** 

JRCA\* Sharing of Student Records/Information between School District and State

Agencies

#### The following should be provided if applicable:

JIHB Parking Lot Searches (if the district intends to conduct parking lot

searches)

JIHC Use of Metal Detectors (if the district intends to use metal detectors)

JLCG\* Medicaid Reimbursement (if the district intends to seek reimbursement)

JS\* Student Use of Technology (if the district offers Internet or email access

to students)

JS\*-E Student Use of the Internet and Electronic Communications (Annual

Acceptable Use Agreement) (if the district offers Internet or email access

to students)

### The following procedure must be distributed when relevant courses are offered:

IHAM-R Health and Family Life/Sex Education (Exemption Procedure)

## Policies Covering Information Recommended to be Included in Student Handbooks

ACA Name Changes

EBCE School Closings and Cancellations

EEAG Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

EF-E-1 School Meal Payments

EFC Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time IJNDAB\* Instruction through Online Courses (if applicable)

IKE Ensuring All Students Meet Standards (Promotion, Retention and

Acceleration of Students)

IKF, IKF-E Graduation Requirements

IMB Teaching about Controversial Issues and Use of Controversial Materials

IMBB Exemptions from Required Instruction

JEA Compulsory Attendance Ages

JFBA Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment (if applicable)

JFC Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts

JII Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances (and grievance procedure)

JJJ Extracurricular Activity Eligibility
JLC Student Health Services and Records

JLCDB\* Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

JLCE-E School First Aid and Emergency Medical Care Card

JLF Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

JLIB Student Dismissal Precautions

KBBA Custodial and Noncustodial Parent Rights and Responsibilities
KE Public Concerns and Complaints (and complaint procedure)
KEC Public Concerns/Complaints about Instructional Resources

KEF Public Concerns/Complaints About Teaching Methods, Activities or

Presentations

KI Visitors to Schools

KLG-R Relations with Federal Immigration Officials

This resource is for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. Specific questions should be referred to the school district's legal counsel.

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