



POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Hilliard City School District
Operations Department

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SUMMARY

This committee meets quarterly each school year. One of the objectives of this committee is to study each issue thoroughly making sure we have appropriate policies that reflect the mission and vision of the Hilliard City School District.

The Policy Review Committee considers all proposed new policies, revisions of current policies and/or rescinding of a current policy before being presented to the Superintendent for submission to the Board of Education. Two readings at two separate meetings shall normally be required before a new or revised policy may be adopted. Action to adopt will take place at a subsequent third meeting. However, the Board does have the option of voting for adoption at the second meeting.

The following is a summary of the issues and policies discussed at the meeting on June 12, 2025.

Review of Policies/Regulations/Exhibits – OSBA June 2025 PDQ – Special Release

OSBA REVISES POLICY IGBLA

IGBLA – Promoting Parental Involvement

Mike McDonough: On Monday, we actually just passed policy IGBLA. Last Friday, OSBA revised this brand-new policy. This is the parental involvement piece. They revised it primarily to further delineate or provide more clarity to some of the exclusions. I've gone through it a couple of times. There's really nothing substantive that has changed within the policy. It's reordering some things for the most part. I don't foresee us needing to have a gigantic amount of dialog unless anybody in the room feels otherwise. Essentially, on pages one and two of the policy, actually primarily page one, removing one statement and then changing some of the numbering. I'll stop and let anybody else talk.

Kelley Arnold: Just reordering?

Mike McDonough: Yes. All right, we will move that forward then. We had to have a policy in place by July 1. We do have a policy in place. On our July 9th meeting, we will start the revision process.

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Review of Policies/Regulations/Exhibits – OSBA MAY 2025 PDQ

HB 29 ELIMINATES DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS FOR SCHOOL TRUANCY

JECE – Student Withdrawal from School

JED – Student Absences and Excuses

JED-R – Student Absences and Excuses (rescind)

JEDA – Truancy

JFCJ – Weapons in the Schools

Mike McDonough: There's been some legislative changes. We've never used this clause, but there is a clause that we can use that allows us to take student driving privileges away if students are, as it relates to truancy. We have never pursued that option. They have removed it so any policy that we refer to that as a potential option for us to pursue, the language associated with that is being removed. The first one you see there, JECE, for the most part, that policy is getting decimated but there are some things in there that will continue to take place. Any reference to the motor vehicle piece is being taken out. The only thing that I would advocate is if you look at the white copy of OSBA's policy on the third paragraph, I would just advocate that we add that sentence, notice to county juvenile judge must be given in writing if we are going to do that. We don't typically do that, but if we were going to, I just think we should add that. Everything else can be taken out.

The next policy JED, is around student absences. This is actually referenced in two parts of the PDQ so I am going to go through it in its entirety. I think that makes it a little straightforward, rather than going back and forth. Some of the things we have already changed but for whatever reason they are getting finicky. We revised IGBLA after we just adopted it on Monday. We have already talked about the religious holidays. They more clearly delineate that in a non-medically excused absence there in number three, up to three and we will actually remove the reference that we have later in the policy because of that. They have changed the language around college visitations to post-secondary visitation to better align with some of the opportunities that students are pursuing to get pre-apprenticeships and those types of things.

In number six, they have added some additional information as it relates to military enlistments. Typically, in the past, it was just a pre-enlistment meeting that would classify as a non-medically excused absence. This could be also applied to anything that would help fulfill graduation requirements as it relates to the military piece.

As I mentioned with policy JECE, the very last paragraph that you see in the OSBA policy and in our policy that references the removal of driving privileges, we will remove that language there.

Please stop me if anybody disagrees with any of this.

We don't need to talk about JED-R because we don't have that regulation. It is not a required regulation and if we were to have it, OSBA would be having us rescind it because that is the process we follow to remove those driving privileges.

JEDA, in number five, removing notification to the registrar of motor vehicles is all we need to do there.

JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools, there was also a provision with weapons in the schools that related to the motor vehicle piece. The notification, removing that reference.