
Deputy Superintendent

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To: All Staff

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On December 7, 2021, the Board of Education adopted modifications to Policy 8010 Grading and Reporting: Prekindergarten through Grade 5; Policy 8020 Grading and Reporting: Middle and High School; and Policy 8100 Field Trips.

The purpose of the modification to Policy 8010 Grading and Reporting: Prekindergarten through Grade 5 is to clarify that during SY21-22, students who must quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure or possible exposure but can otherwise participate in instruction would still receive additional days to hand in assignments as occurs when students have lawful absences.

The purpose of the modification to Policy 8020 Grading and Reporting: Middle and High School are, for SY21-22 only, to: exempt semester long courses from final examinations; suspend midterm examinations and value final examinations at 10%.and to clarify that during SY21-22, students who must quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure or possible exposure but can otherwise participate in instruction would still receive additional days to hand in assignments as occurs when students have lawful absences.

The purpose of the modification to Policy 8100 Field trips is to allow JROTC instructions to accompany students on field trips. The definition of Teacher-in-Charge was modified to include Department of Defense (DoD) Certified JROTC Instructors.

On December 16, 2021, the Board of Education adopted revisions to Policy 6010 School Attendance Areas. Revisions to the policy include updating the process the Board of Education will follow to adopt the Board's final Attendance Area Adjustment Plan per Education Article Section 4-109-1. The Board also must comply with reporting requirements for Educational Article Section 4-140. Additional revisions include revising the term Target Utilization now defined as capacity utilization of permanent school facilities between 90 – 100% when feasible.

Additionally, on January 13, 2022, the Board of Education adopted revisions to Policy 9090 Wellness Through Nutrition and Physical Activity. Revisions to the policy include all foods sold outside the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards; the HCPSS will implement a comprehensive health education

program which includes nutrition education as part of the instruction program in accordance with COMAR 13A.04.18; and no physical segregation of or other discrimination against any child eligible for a free or a reduced price lunch will be made by the school nor will there be any overt identification of any child by special tokens or tickets, announced, or published lists of names, or by other means.

The changes are effective immediately. These policies and implementation procedures in their entirety can be accessed on the HCPSS website at <https://policy.hcpss.org/>.

Thank you for your attention to this update.

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