

The 2025 legislative session brought a wide array of bills with implications on school board policy. To address those changes in law, ASBSD has drafted three new policies and amended a number of others.

The sample policies can be reviewed at <http://policy.asbsd.org>. It is important to note these laws do not officially go into effect until July 1, 2025. Here is a summary of ASBSD's policy work coming out of legislative session:

New Policies:

ABAD: Parents' Rights ([SB 113](#)) – acknowledges school board policy and state law govern the school district and patrons while incorporating the main idea of the bill of supporting parental rights with the belief the parent and school need to collaborate to support student learning.

DFD: Gate Receipts & Admissions ([SB 219](#)) – notes the new state law, with some conditions, requires a school district to accept cash as payment for entrance to a school affiliated event while also permitting a credit card or other electronic payment should the district wish to utilize all payment options.

ECABB: Multi-Occupancy Room Use ([HB 1259](#)) – creates a policy within the parameters established by the state law on the use of multi-occupancy rooms in school facilities by individuals.



Amended Policies:

BD: School Board Meetings ([SB 74](#)) – modifies the policy with the new requirement in state law that school boards annually review the state's open meetings law. The Attorney General's office indicated the *Conducting the Public's Business in Public* brochure that office publishes is the sufficient material to distribute and review. The new state law also requires the school board to include this review in its minutes. ASBSD suggests school boards complete this process at their July reorganization board meeting.

BDDG: Minutes ([SB 74](#)) – adds the requirement in the new state law that a school board's meeting minutes include the board's distribution and review of the Attorney General's *Conducting the Public's Business in Public* brochure at one board meeting, annually. ASBSD suggests school boards complete this process at their July reorganization board meeting.

FC: Facilities Capitalization Program ([HB 1093](#)) – adds the three dates on which a referendum election can be held for approval for a school to enter into an agreement or issue capital outlay certificates.

IGBA: Special Education and Related Services ([SB 109](#)) – applies the new process for implementing a new or revised section 504 plan, individualized family service plan or individualized education program for a student of an active-duty military member, which was codified in state law this year.

KLB: Public Complaints About the Curriculum or Instructional Materials ([HB 1239](#)) – adds specific language that judicial review is available on school board’s decision on curriculum or instructional materials, which was added in state law by the legislature, and that the decision of the superintendent or school board is final unless it is overturned by judicial review. Also changes the time period for a school materials challenge to one calendar year from three years. The change is proposed to address the continually used argument against schools in the legislature that the time period for challenges is too long.

IIAC: Library Materials Selection & Adoptions ([HB 1239](#)) – changes the time period for re-challenging school materials to one calendar year from three years. The change is proposed to address the continually used argument against schools in the legislature that the time period for challenges is too long. Also notes the decision of the superintendent or school board is final unless it is overturned by a judicial review, which was added in state law by the legislature.

JEA: Compulsory Attendance Ages ([SB 71](#)) – includes the new provision in law permitting a 17-year-old student to withdraw from school attendance with written consent from their parent, guardian or other custodian.

JEG: Exemptions From School Attendance ([SB 71](#)) – amends portions of the policy on students who are exempt from school attendance to align with the new state law.

Each sample policy can be found at <http://policy.asbsd.org>. Your district’s login and password information has been previously provided to your district’s administration. ASBSD suggests you discuss the sample policies with your district attorney.

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