

Numerous bills were enacted during the [2026 legislative session](#) that impacted school board policy. ASBSD has amended a number of its sample policies and drafted one new sample policy to address these changes to South Dakota statute.



The sample policies can be reviewed by [CLICKING HERE](#). Here is a summary of ASBSD's policy work coming out of the [2026 legislative session](#):

New Policy:

- **IGBI: Assignment to Alternative Setting (HB 1017)** – acknowledges the authority established in HB 1017 for the school board or its designee to assign a student displaying aggressive behavior to alternative setting for education.

Amended Policies:

- **EFB Free And Reduced Price Food Services (HB 1082)** – acknowledges that no charge for meals will be imposed on a student eligible under the National School Lunch Program or School breakfast Program.
- **FC Facilities Capitalization Program (HB 1130)** – recognizes that capital outlay funds may be used for payment of a school's property insurance policies.
- **DIB Types of Funds (HB 1130)** – adds payment of property insurance premiums as an allowable use for capital outlay fund dollars.
- **JHCDA Student Self-Administration of Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Or Diabetes Medication and JHCDA-E(1) – Authorization Form (HB 1143)** – amends the policy and authorization form to allow possession and self-administration of diabetes medication by a student.
- **JHCDC Diabetes Health Care and Insulin Administration (HB 1143)** – recognizes and references the revision to Sample Policy JHCDA.
- **JHG Reporting Child Abuse (HB 1187)** – acknowledges the addition of coaches as mandatory reporters.
- **IGA Basic Instructional Program (HB 1313)** – includes the new provision in law requiring instruction in prenatal human growth and development using resources recommended by South Dakota Board of Education Standards.
- **JHCDB Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Nasal Spray (SB 8)** – Recognizes epinephrine may be administered via nasal spray.
- **BDDC Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (SB 46)** – codifies the specificity called for on meeting agendas.
- **BDC Executive Sessions (SB 47)** – updates the purposes for which executive session may be called, and codifies the requirements for entering executive session, what may be discussed while in closed session, and when official action may be taken on matters considered in executive session.

In addition, ASBSD revised several Sample Policies related to the changes in election laws in 2025:

- **BBB School Board Elections** (2025 [HB 1130](#)) – amended to recognize that the date of the school election needs to be set by the Board in December, and further clarifies the requirement for election dates.
- **BDDG Minutes** (2025 [HB 1130](#)) – updates election-related information required for school board meeting minutes.

Each sample policy can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#). 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.

For questions related to [the policies](#), contact Director of Policy & Legal Services Naomi Cromwell at ncromwell@asbsd.org or at 605-773-2513.

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Thank you.