

NEOLA UPDATES – First reading May 28, 2024. Second reading scheduled June 11, 2024

The NEOLA policy updates are from February 2024, Volume 16, #1.

Technical corrections: These technical changes do not materially alter the policy's intent but rather provide minor changes that improve the quality and/or consistency of the policy or guideline. For example, instructional “materials” to instructional “resources” or “district” to “county” or fixing typos.

Policy technical corrections: 1530.01, 1617, 2414, 3340, 4340, 7450, 8402

Policy 1662 - Anti-Harassment and Violence (Revised)

This policy has been revised to update in-text legal and cross references and to align Board Policies 1662 and 3362 to each other and West Virginia statute.

Policy 2215 - Required Courses of Instruction (Rescind)

This policy has been rescinded and recodified to 2230.07 - Required Courses of Instruction.

Policy 2230.06 - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction (New)

Material recodified from Policy 8452.01 - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction to Policy 2230.06 - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction. No change in content except cross references added.

Policy 2230.07 - Required Courses of Instruction (New)

This policy has been recodified from Policy 2215 - Required Courses of Instruction to be included with other policies addressing instruction. Also, it now includes cross-references to related policies.

Policy 3120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)

This policy has been updated to reflect current statute.

Policy 3122.01 - Drug-Free Workplace (Revised)

This policy has been updated to reference current statute.

Policy 3362 - Anti-Harassment and Violence (Revised)

This policy has been revised to update in-text legal and cross references and to align Board Policies 1662 and 3362 to each other and West Virginia statute.

Policy 4120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)

This policy has been updated to reflect current statute and to provide clarity on the source of these provisions.

Policy 4122.01 - Drug-Free Workplace (Revised)

This policy has been updated to reflect current statute.

Policy 5330 - Use of Medications (Revised)

This policy was revised to clearly state that schools may only stock epinephrine and opioid antagonist by Board policy. If the Board approves such policy, then naloxone training and stocking protocols shall be allowed under a written standing order from the State Health Officer. Naloxone training and stocking protocols shall be allowed under a written standing order from the State Health Officer.

Policy 5331 - Administration of Opioid Antagonists (Revised)

This policy is only necessary if the board has chosen to stock opioid antagonists at PO5330 - Use of Medication). The following language was added to this policy:

Naloxone training and stocking protocols shall be allowed under a written standing order from the State Health Officer. Certified RNs shall receive Naloxone training either in person or through online education with the State Health Officer or an appointed entity by the State Health Office.

Educational materials and training will be provided to the certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and school employees working in the opiate-related overdose prevention and treatment programs, as well as materials on administering the prescribed opioid antagonist.

Certified School RNs will complete and submit the DHHR Prescription Drug Overdose (PDO)/State Targeted Response (STR) Grants Naloxone Distribution training form to the appropriate agency upon completion of training.

Policy 5772 - Weapons (Technical Correction)

Technical Correction to update spelling and grammar.

Policy 7100 - Facilities Planning (Revised)

This policy was amended to reflect the passage of Senate Bill 51, effective March 7, 2023. The Board is required to provide an impact statement with the written reasons and supporting data regarding the closing of a school or the consolidation of schools. An impact statement is not required for any project in progress or approved by the Board as of March 7, 2023.

The definition of school closures was added to this policy.

Policy 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring (Revised)

This policy has been revised to reflect the current definition of self-contained classroom.

Policy 8451 - Pediculosis (New)

This new policy has been created to reflect current practices regarding the screening and treatment of pediculosis in education settings. Previously, pediculosis was addressed only in administrative guidelines.

Policy 8452.01 - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction (Rescinded)

This policy has been rescinded and recodified at Policy 2230.06 - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction.

LOCAL CHANGES

Policy 3432/4432 PERSONAL LEAVE BANK

There is little in the existing policies (identical for professional and service) regarding processes for repaying and the amount the superintendent may approve. Current members pay back at a rate of three days per year. The major change is increasing the rate of payback to five days per year (to match the amount of permissive personal days—formerly three—when this policy was adopted) for members who join after July 1, 2024.

3120.03 ATHLETIC COACHES

Adding to the policy, "Citizen coaches who coach a WVSSAC sport or Marshall County club sport will be evaluated in accordance with West Virginia Department of Education Policy 5310."

4250 EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

This policy was NOT adopted in 2019 as it should have been. It just mimics state code, but has a section that states how curricular/extracurricular job assignments are handled for service personnel, and allows for modifications to that based on the majority of service personnel in that classification to vote. This policy combines the policies from MCS policies/procedures from before NEOLA was adopted and are currently followed today.

0147 COMPENSATION

This changes the language of pay per meeting after July 1, 2026, from "a rate not to exceed \$160" to "the state maximum allowable as defined in West Virginia code 18-5-4" and reduces the maximum number of meetings from 50 down to 40 in accordance with HB 5514. Other changes will be addressed by NEOLA in future updates.