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To: Members, Amherst County School Board  
From: Dr. Robert J. Arnold, Superintendent  
Date: April 7, 2022  
Subject: Recommendations for Amherst County Public Schools Policy Changes

The following recommendations for ACPS Policy Manual Changes are submitted to you in response to the policy update sent to all Policy Services Contacts from Elizabeth E. Ewing, Director of Legal and Policy Services, VSBA. These revisions represent VSBA attempts to bring policies into compliance with new and existing laws and regulations.

<b>Policy Code</b>	<b>Revision</b>
<b>BB</b>	<b>School Board Legal Status</b> Policy updated. Updates to language use have no impact on the school division. These changes add clarity to the hierarchy of compliance to the law that inform the school division actions.
<b>BBAA</b>	<b>Board Member Authority</b> Policy updated. Updates to language use have no impact on the school division.
<b>BCB</b>	<b>School Board Officers</b> Policy updated. Updates to language use have no impact on the school division.
<b>BCC</b>	<b>School Board Clerk</b> Cross references updated. Updates have no impact on the school division.





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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Amherst County School Board  
From: Jim Gallagher, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Date: April 7, 2022  
Subject: Recommendation for Amherst County Public Schools Policy Change – Section G

The following recommendation for ACPS Policy Manual Change is submitted to you for first read in response to the policy update sent to all Policy Services Contacts from the Policy Services Department at VSBA in February, 2022. This revision represents VSBA attempts to bring policies into compliance with new and existing laws and regulations.

Policy Section G: Personnel

<b>Policy Code</b>	<b>Revision</b>
<b>GBI</b>	<b>Staff Gifts and Solicitations</b> Cross Reference Updated.
<b>GBMA</b>	<b>Support Staff Grievances</b> Policy updated to clarify the word <u>action</u> to mean “dismissal or other disciplinary action.” Footnote added for Boards adopting collective bargaining agreements. Cross References revised to correct clerical error.



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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Robert Arnold  
SUBJECT: Policy Manual Updates  
DATE: April 2022

The following recommendations for ACPS Policy Manual changes are submitted to you in response to the updates sent from the Policy Services Department at VSBA. The memo outlines policy that proposes only minor changes focusing on grammatical changes, cross reference updates, and legal reference updates and basic additions.

#### Policy Codes and Revisions

- IGBA**      **Programs for Students with Disabilities:** Policy and cross references of other policies were updated to reflect amendment of 8 VAC 20-81-110 and 8 VAC 20-81-170, which went into effect November 24, 2021 and amendment of VA Code § 22.1-253.13.4 by HB2299. Changes: Policy reflects changes in the wording of “maintained” to “implemented” and the plural word “parents” to singular “parent”. The policy also adds a sentence that references the fact that parents of students with disabilities are provided guidance from VDOE regarding the limitations of the Applied Studies Diploma.
- IGBB**      **Programs for Gifted Students:** Policy and legal references were updated. Changes: This policy stipulates that within the development process for a Gifted Plan, it will include opportunities for public review.
- IGDA**      **Student Organizations:** Policy and legal references were updated. Changes: Policy reflects minor changes that make the document present tense. Also the addition of the reference to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended § 22.1-23.3



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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Rob Arnold  
SUBJECT: Policy Manual Updates  
DATE: April 2022

The following recommendations for ACPS Policy Manual changes are submitted to you in response to the updates sent from the Policy Services Department at VSBA. Each revision should be examined and the School Board should decide whether to adopt the revised policies. The revisions represent VSBA attempts to bring policies into compliance with new and existing laws and regulations.

#### Policy Section E:

- EBBB Personnel Training – Viral Infections. Change removes the word “shall” from the policy.
- EEA Student Transportation Services. Changes are primarily grammatical in nature. Replaces “Student Code” with “Policy JFC Student Conduct, Standards of Student Conduct.” Adds policies to cross references: GDQ-School Bus Drivers; JFC-Student Conduct; Removes cross reference to regulation JFC-R- Standards of Student Conduct.
- EEAC School Bus Safety Program. Updates legal reference by adding Code of Virginia 22.1-16. There were no other changes.

#### Policy Section J:

- JJAF Student-Athlete Sudden Cardiac Arrest. This is a new policy that requires student athletes and their parent/guardian to review on annual basis

information provided by the school division on sudden cardiac arrest. Superintendent is responsible for developing, biennially reviewing, and updating procedures to implement the policy.

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Restraint and Seclusion of Students. Update to legal reference adds Code of VA 22.1-16.

Policy Section K:

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Sales and Solicitations in Schools. Adds policy to cross references: GBA/IIBEA-Acceptable Computer System Use; removes cross reference JHCH-School.Meals and Snacks

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Service Animals in Public Schools. Change to policy is grammatical: removed "immunized against disease common to that type of animal" and replaced it with "vaccinated as required by law." Updated legal references: removes Code of VA 51.5-44, adds 3.2-6521, 51.5-44.