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ARTICLE 3, Series 3000 – Business and Noninstructional Operations

REPLACE/ADD	FORMAL ADOPTION REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
BP 3311	Yes	BIDS A sentence was added to note that all bids under Federal awards must meet the new OMB procurement standards referenced in BP 3310. The reference section was amended to include a reference to the new OMB procurement standards.

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ARTICLE 4, Series 4000 – Personnel

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BP 4030	Yes	NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT Language was added to reflect new federal guidance that prohibits discrimination based on an employee's decision to take part in wellness programs. A citation to new regulations regarding genetic information was also included.
BP/AP 4111.2	Yes (BP)	LEGAL STATUS REQUIREMENT An addition was made to confirm that teachers in the Exchange Visitors program are eligible for hire. The AP was updated to reflect the requirement that current I-9s must be used.
BP 4115	Yes	EVALUATION/SUPERVISION This policy was updated to reflect that school districts must keep the evaluation materials for certified teachers open and available to public inspection.
BP 4131	Yes	CERTIFICATED STAFF DEVELOPMENT This policy has been updated to reflect requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act that professional development activities be sustained, evidence-based, and collaborative, and that training be provided to staff regarding assessments and accommodations. Additional information has been added in the explanatory note and the legal reference section has been updated to cite to ESSA and to include a reference to the certification standards now required by DEED for teacher applications.

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ARTICLE 5, Series 5000 – Students

REPLACE/ADD	FORMAL ADOPTION REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
BP 5040	Yes	STUDENT NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY The explanatory note was updated to address SB 200, which amended AS 14.30.360 to provide specific requirements for physical education at schools. Previously, Districts had no explicit requirements for physical activity policy language. Additional nutrition requirements to reflect the most recent federal wellness policies were also added.
BP 5112.6	Yes	EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE [FORMERLY TITLED: EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS] Additions were made to reflect liaison requirements under the McKinney-Vento Act. Other additions include guidance regarding student placement, best interest, and school of origin. A new section was added to address new obligations under Title I of the Every Student Succeeds Act and guidance from the Department of Education regarding a school district’s role in providing educational continuity to children in foster care. In particular this section addresses keeping students in foster care in their school of origin when reasonable and in the student’s best educational interest, designating school district point of contact regarding children in foster care and collaborating with State and local child welfare agencies on transportation of foster children to their school of origin.
BP 5142.3	Yes	RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION Additions were made to reflect new guidance from the Department of Education’s December 2016 Dear Colleague Letter. References to “mechanical restraint” were added, as were references to restraint and seclusion requirements for students with disabilities.