



# NDSBA POLICY UPDATE

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We are excited to present NDSBA's first quarterly edition of the NDSBA Policy Update. As part of this publication, NDSBA reviewed and updated a number of our template policies, exhibits, administrative regulations, and board regulations, as you will see below. These updates are a part of NDSBA's ongoing review of our catalog of policy templates to ensure they remain up-to-date and legally compliant. NDSBA is dedicated to continuing to provide our Policy Services members with the most relevant, insightful, and accessible resources. Please note that all the policies referenced in this update are Required policies, meaning they are required pursuant to a federal and/or state law or regulation, and all referenced exhibits and regulations are associated with those Required policies. NDSBA will continue to move through each policy tier, reviewing policy templates, making any necessary updates, adding new relevant policy templates, and removing any policy templates that no longer serve our members. NDSBA will send out batches of updated and/or new policy templates with each quarterly edition of NDSBA Policy Update throughout the calendar year. The next edition of NDSBA Policy Update will be issued in or around the beginning of July 2024.

When NDSBA reviews a template policy, regulation, or exhibit, and makes any substantive revisions (e.g., revisions due to change in the law, change in the substantive content, change in the title, etc.), NDSBA recommends that our members update the policy, regulation, or exhibit on their end at your earliest convenience to reflect those revisions. However, when NDSBA makes only non-substantive revisions (e.g., revisions due to formatting changes, grammatical corrections, spelling corrections, etc.), members may choose whether or not to make those revisions at that time or to leave the policy as is.

## FIRST QUARTER POLICY UPDATES

The following are the Required policies, regulations, or exhibits reviewed and updated by NDSBA:

- **Required Policy ABDA (Website Accessibility for People with Disabilities)**—This policy is required by the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The policy's title was changed to better reflect the content of the policy. Several substantive additions and changes were made throughout the policy to provide further clarity regarding the guiding laws behind the policy for ease of understanding. NDSBA recommends updating your policy ABDA to reflect these updates.
  - **Board Regulations ABDA-BR1 (Website Accessibility Complaints) and ABDA-BR2 (Website Accessibility Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances)**—The content of these two regulations were combined into one regulation under the descriptor code ABDA-BR1. Minor substantive revisions were made to the new ABDA-BR1's content. The title was also updated to better reflect the updated content of the regulation. NDSBA recommends updating your board regulation ABDA-BR1 to reflect these updates and removing regulation ABDA-BR2 once the relevant content is transitioned to ABDA-BR1.
- **Required Policy FDD (Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students)**—Policy FDD is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681-1688). Only non-substantive revisions were made to the policy.



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- **Required Policy FF (Student Conduct and Discipline)**—Policy FF is required by NDCC 12-1-05-05. Only non-substantive revisions were made to the policy.
  - **Exhibit FF-E (Examples of Student Conduct Violations)** – One substantive revision was made to this exhibit’s content. NDSBA recommends updating your exhibit FF-E to reflect this update.
- **Required Policy FFA (Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse)**—Policy FFA is required by NDCC chapter 15.1-24. The definition of school property was updated to reflect a recent format §change in North Dakota law (2023 ND S.B. 2284). No other substantive revisions were made to the policy. NDSBA recommends updating your policy FAA to reflect this change.
- **Required Policy GABAA (Services for English Learners)**—Policy GABAA is required by NDCC chapter 15.1-38. The title was updated to better reflect the content of the policy. Additional non-substantive revisions were made to the policy.
- **Required Policy GABDB (Federal Title Programs Dispute Resolution Procedure)**—Policy GABDA is required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. §§ 6301-6514). The policy template was reorganized to clarify the process to appeal a determination made by the school district superintendent regarding a Title Program complaint. Other non-substantive revisions were also made to the policy. NDSBA recommends updating your policy GABDB to reflect these changes.

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