Handbook Changes – 2017-18 School Year

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This update contains all student handbook changes required for the 2017-18 school year. It incorporates our previously issued August 2016 and November 2016 updates. Please note that the “status” column reflects the date on which the handbook procedure was changed.

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| Handbook Procedure Number and Title | Description | Status |
| MSH 2.20  Student Absences | Per Public Act 99-804, this procedure is amended to provide that an excused absence includes attending a military honors funeral to sound TAPS. Applies to grades 6-12 grades only. Also, per Public Act 100-185, this procedure is amended to provide that a student may be excused from school for up to 5 days for certain military obligations of the student’s parent/guardian. Makes other technical corrections. | Amended  (November 2016)  Amended  (August 2017) |
| MSH 2.30  Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observation | Amended to align with MSH 2.40. Changes are non-substantive. | Amended  (August 2017) |
| MSH 2.80 [K-8]  Exemption from Physical Education Requirement | New procedure for **K-8 schools** adding an exception to the PE requirement for medical and religious reasons. | New  (November 2016) |
| MSH 2.80 [HS]  Exemption from Physical Education Requirement | Amended procedure **for high schools** adding an exception to the PE requirement for medical and religious reasons. | Amended  (November 2016) |
| MSH 3.10  Waiver of Student Fees | Amended to align with PRESS. Changes are primarily non-substantive. | Amended  (August 2017) |
| MSH 5.10  Immunization, Health, Eye and Dental Examinations | Per Public Act 99-927, this procedure is amended require that student health exams contain a developmental screening and a social/emotional screening. | Amended  (August 2017) |
| MSH 5.20  Student Medication | Amended to align with PRESS. Change is non-substantive. | Amended  (November 2016) |
| MSH 5.20-E1  Student Medication Authorization Form | Amended to align with PRESS. Change is non-substantive. | Amended  (November 2016) |
| MSH 5.60  Head Lice | Amended to delete a reference to the Illinois Department of Public Health. | Amended  (November 2016) |
| MSH 5.120-E1  Exhibit – Student Medical Authorization Form | Amended to align with PRESS. | Amended  (August 2016) |
| MSH 6.40  Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment | Per Public Act 100-137, this procedure is amended to provide that “all school staff members are available for help with a bully or to make a report about bullying.” | Amended  (August 2017) |
| MSH 7.25  Guidelines for School-Sponsored Publications, Productions and Websites [HS] | Per Public Act 99-678, this procedure creates the “Speech Rights of Student Journalists Act.” It is applicable only to high school journalists and may be placed in the student/parent handbook or distributed separately to student journalists. | New  (November 2016) |
| MSH 9.10  Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct | Amended align with PRESS and to correct a technical error. Changes are non-substantive. | Amended  (November 2016) |
| MSH 11.10  Student Privacy Protections | Amended to align with PRESS and to add language prohibiting the sale and marketing of student personal information. | Amended  (August 2017) |
| MSH 11.20  Student Records | Amended to align with PRESS and ESSA. Changes are non-substantive. Also removes the word “gender” under directory information. | Amended  (August 2016)  (November 2016) |
| MSH 11.30-E1  Biometric Information Collection Authorization | This is a new exhibit for use when collecting student biometric information | New  (August 2017) |
| MSH 12.10  Teacher Qualifications | Amended to align with PRESS. Also adds a footnote. | Amended  (November 2016) |
| MSH 12.50  Parent Involvement Compact (Title I) | Due to changes in ESSA this procedure is being deleted from the MSH. If you are in a Title I school or school district, please consult PRESS Policies 6:170; 6:170-AP1,E1 and 6:170-AP1,E2. | Deleted  (November 2016) |
| MSH 12.60  English Learners | Amended to align with PRESS. Changes are non-substantive. | Amended  (November 2016) |