



**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA  
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JENNINGS, LOUISIANA  
(337) 824-1834**

**POLICY AGENDA**

**MEETING TIME: Tuesday, October 19, 2021  
After 5:00 p.m. Finance meeting**

**FILE: BCB - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**An individual speaker who appears at a School Board meeting to speak on an agenda item must register prior to the meeting, and will be allotted three (3) minutes to speak on the agenda item prior to School Board discussion on the agenda item.**

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board welcomes public input as to all agenda items which it considers and understands the inconvenience which COVID-19 guidelines impose. In an effort to meet within the CDC recommendations and to comply with the Governor's orders (Phase III), while at the same time providing the opportunity for public comment, the Board will adhere to the following procedures at its meetings:

1. Capacity limitations of 30 persons (First preference to Board Members and necessary staff) will be followed in the Board Room at its normal meeting place in Jennings, LA;
2. Public participants wishing to become an active part of the meeting agenda must request written permission (via email to [debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org](mailto:debbie.abshire@jdpsbk12.org)) no later than one day prior to the meeting date. Individual speakers are granted three minutes to speak when public comment is acknowledged.
3. Once public participants have submitted a written request to speak, they will receive the active participant link via email.
4. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.
5. As this is a live remote-access meeting, all active speakers are to adhere to professional meeting etiquette. Please refrain from using any profane language or making derogatory remarks aimed at any individual or group.
6. This meeting will be moderated for all active participants. Any active participant not adhering to the guidelines set forth in this document will be muted or removed from the meeting (depending on extent of violation).
7. Active participants are asked to mute their microphones when not speaking. Unmuted participants (not actively speaking or asked to speak) will be muted by the moderator.
8. During the meeting, questions can be submitted using the "Chat" feature (comment bubble icon). All questions submitted in the "Chat" feature will be visible to all participants and should adhere to the same guidelines as outlined in number 2 on this page.
9. This meeting will be recorded. The live-stream link will be available after the meeting on the district website at [www.jeffersondavis.org](http://www.jeffersondavis.org).

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. President or presiding officer certifies the following:**

- A. Governor has declared a State of Emergency (Phase III)
- B. Nature of Emergency could cause more than 30 persons present in the Boardroom to be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the Public in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines;
- C. This is a live remote-access meeting for public participation. Video and audio will be recorded throughout the entirety of this meeting and will be archived.
- D. This meeting will be recorded. The live-stream link will be available after the meeting on the district website at [www.jeffersondavis.org](http://www.jeffersondavis.org).

**II. ROLL CALL FOR DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Chairman, Phillip Arceneaux, Charles Bruchhaus, Donald Dees, Terry Leger and Paul Trahan.

**Roll Call for Policy Committee Members for determination of a quorum:**

<b>Arceneaux</b>	<b>Bruchhaus</b>	<b>Dees</b>	<b>Leger</b>	<b>Trahan</b>
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**Roll Call for Other Members present:**

<b>Bordelon</b>	<b>Bouley</b>	<b>Cap</b>	<b>Dobson</b>	<b>Doise</b>	<b>Segura</b>	<b>Singletary</b>	<b>Perry</b>
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**III. VOTE TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AND TO ADD NEW ITEMS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL AGENDA.**

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**IV. Adopt the following new or revised policies:**

The following policy changes are recommended by Forethought Consulting based on 2021 Legislative session.

**SCHOOL BOARD ETHICS: File BH**

Effective: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Act 199 revised La. RS 42:1119, adding an exception to the prohibition on employing family members of Board members or the Superintendent. School Boards can now employ family members that are certified as school bus operators. Any member of the School Board or Superintendent whose family member is employed must recuse himself/herself from any decision involving the assignment or promotion of the employee. This new exception has been added to the policy *School Board Ethics*. The Act became effective June 1, 2021.

**CURRICULUM: File ID**

Effective: June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Act 458 revised La. RS 17:183.2, 17:183.3, 17:2925, and 17:2926. The *Curriculum* policy has been revised to include the parent or guardian in the process of developing and reviewing the student’s Individual Graduation Plan. Revisions made to a student’s Individual Graduation Plan must be approved in writing by the student’s parent or legal guardian.

**COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGES: File JBA**

Effective: August 2021

Act 386 makes kindergarten mandatory for any child who reaches the age of five (5) years on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> of the year in which the school year begins, starting with the 2022-2023 school year. Revisions have been made to the policies *Kindergarten* and *Compulsory School Attendance Ages* to address the changes for the 2022-2023 school year.

**SCHOOL ADMISSION: File JBC**

Effective: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Act 208, enacting La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:101, creating special provisions for School Boards to register children of military families prior to residency. The *School Admission* policy has been revised to include language for the registration of students whose parents are being transferred to a military installation or comparable location based on an official military order. Although the Act provides for registering children of military families prior to their residency, it does require proof of residency in accordance with School Board policy prior to attendance. The Act became effective June 11, 2021.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE: File JBCE**

Effective: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Act 420 revised La. RS 17:4035.1, which governs *Louisiana Public School Choice*, imposing additional notice and deadline requirements. The Act requires School Boards to define “capacity” for each school, and set a transfer request period which begins no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> and end no earlier than March 28<sup>th</sup>, annually. Parents of any student enrolled in a school which received a D or F school performance letter grade for the most recent school year must be informed of the provisions of *Louisiana Public School Choice*; the schools which received A, B, or C school performance grades, if any; the process for submitting transfer requests; and the page on the Louisiana Department of Education’s website that contains school performance data. The policies must be posted on the School Board’s website no later than January 1, 2022, and reported to the state

Department of Education no later than January 30, 2022. The *Public School Choice* policy has been revised to include these new requirements. The Act became effective August 1, 2021.

**STUDENT PRIVACY AND EDUCATIONAL RECORDS: File JR**

Effective: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

The *Student Records* policy has been revised to include Act 407's changes to La. RS 17:3914. Changes include the addition of "race and ethnicity data" to the definition of *personally identifiable information*, and changes under the section addressing disclosure of student information regarding reporting to the Board of Regents and the use of the information released. The information regarding notification to the student's parents has been consolidated and included separately at the end of the section. The Act became effective August 1, 2021.

The following policy changes are recommended by Jefferson Davis Parish School Board.

**CLASS RANKINGS AND HONOR GRADUATES: File IHC**

Effective: July, 2021

The following will be added to existing policy. Any student that has enlisted in the armed forces shall be allowed to wear the stole which represents that branch of the armed forces at his/her graduation ceremony.

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**V. ADJOURN**

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