



**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA**  
**203 E. PLAQUEMINE STREET**  
**JENNINGS, LOUISIANA**  
**(337) 824-1834**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**MEETING TIME: JULY 16, 2024**  
**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.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Chairman, Russell Walker, Phillip Arceneaux, David Doise, Summer LeJeune, and Greg Patterson.

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

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| Walker, Chair | Arceneaux | Doise | S. Lejeune | Patterson |
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**Roll Call for Other Members present:**

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| Bord | Bruchhaus | Dobson | Frey | Jones | P. Lejeune | Petry | Trahan |
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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 :**

1. Recommendations by Forethought Consulting:

A. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS: File JGCF - New Policy**  
Effective: August 1, 2024  
New policy that addresses Act 324 of the LA Legislature, which addresses behavioral or emotional challenges which may cause students to be at risk for their behavior to escalate into aggression or disruption, causing suspensions, expulsions or juvenile delinquency.

B. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS: File JGCFA**  
Effective: August 1, 2024  
Change in policy letters, from JGCF to JGCFA. Policy above takes the place of JGCF.

C. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE: File EB**  
**EMPLOYEE SMOKING, TOBACCO, AND MARIJUANA USE: File GAMA**  
**STUDENT SMOKING, TOBACCO, AND MARIJUANA USE: File JCDA**  
Effective: upon approval  
Act 352, revised La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:240, requires policy to include prohibition of use of marijuana in any form. Although not necessary for inclusion in policy, the Act also allows for the School Board to provide

appropriate penalties for violators, including but not limited to “disciplinary action or a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200), or both.”

**D. HOME STUDY PROGRAM: File IDCH**  
**CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: File IDE**  
**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS: File IDFA**

Effective: August 1, 2024

Act 715, revised La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:176.2, requires allowing home study students to participate in interscholastic athletics as long as they reside in the attendance zone of the public school, and meet and maintain all the requirements for participation.

**E. TRUANCY: File JBE**

Effective: August 1, 2024

Act 386, expands the information in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:233, requiring parents of truant students to ensure that their children make up missed school work. School work can be made up by attending after-school tutoring sessions, weekend make up classes, or other remediation opportunities, until the student has caught up with his/her school work. Parents are required to attend meetings at the school at least monthly until the student makes up all missed work. Parents are also required to attend any assistance fair conducted by the School District that provides information on supports available to families. Act 386 also allows for penalties as provided in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:92.2, such as monetary fines, imprisonment or court-ordered counseling, and that the principal or designee note any concerns that school personnel have relative to a child's attendance on the back of any Supplemental Security Income form received by the school relative to that child.

**F. STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES: File JCDAE**

Effective: upon approval

Act 313 added language to La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:239, that forbids possession of an electronic telecommunication device on a student's person during the instructional day. Provides that electronic telecommunication devices must be turned off and properly stowed away during the instructional day or prohibited from being turned on and used during the instructional day. The Act exempts the provisions for any student whose Individualized Education Program, Individualized or Individualized Health Plan requires the student's use of an electronic telecommunication device.

**G. DISCIPLINE: File JD**

Effective: August 1, 2024

Act 400, revises La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416, to prohibit a principal or administrator from prohibiting or discouraging a teacher from taking disciplinary action, recommending disciplinary action, or completing a form to initiate disciplinary action against a student who violates school policy or interferes with an orderly education. The disciplinary action must be in accordance with School Board policy. In addition, principals and administrators cannot retaliate or take any adverse employment action against a teacher who takes appropriate disciplinary action against a student. The Act also now states that a teacher shall remove a student from the classroom for disorderly conduct.

H. **SUSPENSION: File JDD**  
**EXPULSION: File JDE**

Effective: August 1, 2024

The Legislature amended La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:416 by Act 337, the provisions now include that students in grades six through twelve who are suspended for the third time within the same school year for any offense excluding dress codes or tardiness shall be expelled until the beginning of the next school year. The language addressing mandatory expulsions for firearms, knives and controlled substances has been consolidated to state that for students in grades six through twelve, any student found guilty of being in possession of a firearm, a knife with a blade equal to or in excess of two and one-half inches in length, or any illegal narcotic, drug, or controlled substance on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event, shall be expelled for a minimum period of four (4) complete school semesters. Students in grades six through twelve may also be recommended for expulsion if found guilty of being in possession of tobacco, alcohol, or vaping products on school property, a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event. The Suspension policy also includes language from Act 324 enacting La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §416.23, which adds a required consultation between the principal or his/her designee and an employee designated to identify behavioral support Services.

I. **CHILD ABUSE: File JGCE**

Effective: upon approval

Act 216, revised the Children’s Code Articles 603 and 610 regarding child abuse reporting procedures. The Act adds “policemen acting as school resource officers” to the list of mandatory reporters. Changes have also been made to the reporting procedures, with certain reports to law enforcement now required. A new section addresses that if mandatory reporters are prohibited by an employer from reporting as required by law, the employee shall file a complaint with law enforcement, and that no employer can retaliate against an employee who complies with the statutory requirements. All language has been removed from the policy which requires an employee to notify any administrative personnel, school resource officer or the Superintendent of reports being made, as this could be interpreted as not being in compliance with statutes, and would break the confidentiality of the report.

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2. The following policy changes are recommended by JDP.

A. **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT: File JCDA**

Effective: August 1, 2024

Updated due to policy updates. Policy GAMA added marijuana to student smoking and tobacco use. Policy JCDAE, which addresses possession of electronic telecommunication device. New policy JGCF which addresses mental health.

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V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Motion to enter into Executive session.

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B.     **Motion to resume in regular session.**

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| IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW, A COPY OF THIS AGENDA WAS POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE MEETING PLACE OF SAID BOARD ON MONDAY JULY 15, 2024 BY 4:00 P.M.             |
| IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE AT 337-824-1834 DESCRIBING THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS NECESSARY. |