N.J.A.C. 6A:16 Programs to Support Student Development

Proposal for Readoption with Amendments: Second Discussion

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Proposal to Readopt with Amendments

- Update the rules to reflect current Federal and State statute
- Align the rules with other Chapters in 6A
- Improve the clarity of rules
- Update terminology



Overview of N.J.A.C. 6A:16

Purpose: To specify the minimum standards for district boards in establishing policies and procedures and in operating programs to support the social, emotional, and physical development of students.

Subchapter 1: General Provisions	Subchapter 7: Student Conduct
Subchapter 2: General Provisions for School Health Services	Subchapter 8: Intervention and Referral Services
Subchapter 3: Comprehensive Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug Abuse Programs	Subchapter 9: Alternative Education Programs
Subchapter 4: Procedures for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Intervention	Subchapter 10: Home or Out-of-School Instruction
Subchapter 5: School Safety and Security	Subchapter 11: Reporting Potentially Missing, Abused, or Neglected Children and Attempted or Completed Suicide
Subchapter 6: Law Enforcement Operations for Alcohol, Other Drugs, Weapons and Safety	

Summary of Proposed Amendments (slide 1 of 5)

Sub-Chapter	Proposed Amendment Description
Subchapter 1 : General Provisions	 Adding, deleting, and replacing terms and definitions
Subchapter 2: General Provisions for School Health Services	• Clarifying the Certified School Nurse's responsibility to provide educationally relevant health information to the Child Study Team



Summary of Proposed Amendments (slide 2 of 5)

Sub-Chapter

Proposed Amendment Description

Subchapter 3: Comprehensive Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug Abuse Programs Clarifying the role of the Student Assistance
Coordinator in establishing and supporting a
school's comprehensive alcohol, tobacco, and
other drug abuse program



Summary of Proposed Amendments (slide 3 of 5)

Sub-Chapter	Proposed Amendment Description
Subchapter 5: School Safety and Security	 Clarifying incident reporting procedures Adding categories to the required reporting requirements Changing the due date of the required incident report Updating naming conventions to align with other chapters in 6A Clarifying conditions and procedures for student removals for firearms offenses



Summary of Proposed Amendments (slide 4 of 5)

Sub-Chapter	Proposed Amendment Description
Subchapter 7: Student Conduct	 Requiring school districts to add a provision in their Code of Student Conduct policy which restricts the use of suspensions and expulsions for students in grades kindergarten to 2nd grade
Subchapter 8: Intervention and Referral Services	• Adding the names of models that school districts may utilize to satisfy the requirements of Intervention & Referral Services



Summary of Proposed Amendments (slide 5 of 5)

Sub-Chapter	Proposed Amendment Description
Throughout the Chapter	• Adding references to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) citation in all rules that include student removals (suspensions or expulsions)
Throughout the Chapter	Removing all gendered pronouns

