



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

July 15, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: *A Manual of State Laws and Regulations: School Safety and Discipline 2020*

A Manual of State Laws and Regulations: School Safety and Discipline 2020 is available online (www.alsde.edu) in response to the *Code of Alabama (1975)*, §16-6B-5, the School Safety and Discipline Section of the 1995 Accountability Act. The manual contains the laws passed by the Alabama Legislature and regulations adopted by the Alabama State Board of Education in the areas of school safety and discipline.

Attached is the *Assurance of Compliance 2020* form to indicate your school system's compliance with selected laws and regulations. The *Assurance of Compliance* form must be submitted to the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) annually as required by the *Code of Alabama (1975)*, §16-6B-5. This form is due to the ALSDE by September 4, 2020, and should be mailed to the address below.

Alabama State Department of Education
Evaluation Accountability and Support
Prevention and Support Services Section
5227 Gordon Persons Building
P. O. Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

I encourage you to personally ensure the accuracy of your school system's report as it will be referenced by auditors and ALSDE monitoring procedures.

If further information or clarification is needed, please contact Dr. Marilyn Lewis at telephone number (334)-694-4717 or via email at mlewis@alsde.edu.

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Attachments

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**ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
2020
Laws and Regulations Related to School Safety**

The _____ Board of Education has adopted and is implementing policies in the following areas:

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Work In Progress</u> | <u>Projected Date Of Compliance</u> | |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 1. <u>Code of Alabama (1975), §16-6B-7 Accountability Reports to the Public. A School Safety and Discipline Report.</u> (a)(3) School Safety and Discipline Report was made available to the public for year 2018-2019. (b) School Safety and Discipline Report School Incident Report [SIR] data for school year 2019-2020 was released to the State Superintendent of Education by June 19, 2020. |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 2. <u>Code of Alabama (1975), §16-28A-1 Corporal Punishment</u> A. The school board has adopted and implements written policies and/or guidelines on corporal punishment. B. The school board has adopted and implements written policy on student discipline and behavior. C. The policy on student discipline and behavior is disseminated to all teachers, staff, parents/guardians, and students as follows: ____ Annually to all. ____ As new students enroll during the school year. |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 3. <u>Code of Alabama (1975), §16-1-24.3 Gun-Free Schools</u> The school board has adopted and implements a policy to provide a gun-free environment. |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | 4. <u>Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 290-3-1.02(1) Regulations Governing Public Schools</u> (1) Safe School Equipment and Facilities, Laboratories, and Policies. |

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Work In Progress</u> | <u>Projected Date Of Compliance</u> |
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- (a) Safety precautions must be implemented and adequate facilities must be provided for implementation of programs prescribed by ALSDE Bulletin(s).
- (b) Effective with the 1995-96 school year and thereafter, local boards of education must
 1. Adopt a uniform policy allowing law enforcement agencies to make periodic visits to local public schools to detect the presence of illegal drugs, unannounced to anyone except the local superintendent and building principal.
 2. Adopt a uniform policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products on school property and prescribing specific penalties for violation of this policy.
 3. Adopt and enforce a uniform policy prohibiting all persons, other than authorized law enforcement personnel, from bringing or possessing any deadly weapon or dangerous instrument on school property and prescribing specific penalties for students and school personnel who violate this policy, notwithstanding any criminal penalties which may be imposed.
 4. Adopt and implement written policies to govern the use of physical restraint in accordance with paragraph (f)(2.)(v-xiv).

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Work In Progress</u> | <u>Projected Date Of Compliance</u> |
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- (c) Local school systems which operate alternative educational programs shall provide a curriculum that stresses skills in recognizing and managing anger, alternatives to aggression (verbal and physical assault), strategies for developing self-control and personal responsibility, skills for getting along with others, success through academic achievement, and skills for success in the workplace.
- (d) All policies and actions implemented under these mandatory regulations affecting students with disabilities must comply with federal and state special education laws, regulations, and court rulings.

5. Code of Alabama (1975), §16-28b-9
Act 2018-472, HB 366
The school board has adopted and implemented a policy to prevent bullying.
6. Act 2016-456, HB 197
The school board has implemented a Comprehensive programs of sexual abuse prevention.
7. Act 2016-310, SB 11
The school board has implemented
 - (a) annual training for certified school employees in suicide awareness and prevention.
 - (b) comprehensive program of suicide prevention for grades K-12
8. The school board has a process in place to comply with Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended (29 U.S.C §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps. The Local Education Agency does not

discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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9. The school board has a policy and process in place to address Unsafe School Choice Options.

Signature of Superintendent

Date

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