MODEL POLICY #6

ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL GOALS

Why Adopt This Policy?

Districts are required to set pupil academic standards under both Wisconsin state law and federal law. School boards should consider adopting this policy which designates a timeline to adopt student academic standards and establishes how to make those standards known to families. This policy ensures that there is clarity and consistency in educational expectations while promoting transparency and encouraging parental involvement in supporting student success.

Policy

Annually, prior to the beginning of the school year, the School Board shall provide parental or guardian notice of the pupil academic standards that will be in effect for the school year. The school board may provide the notice required under this paragraph electronically, including by posting the notice or a link to the pupil academic standards on the school district's Internet site.

At least once every two months, the School Board shall include as an agenda item for board meetings an assessment of student achievement in relation to the pupil academic standards in effect for the district. The Board shall first prioritize assessment of student achievement in English language arts and math. If the Board determines student achievement is not meeting the applicable pupil academic standards, the Board shall take appropriate action in an effort to meet such standards.

Legal Analysis — National

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all students in America be taught to high academic standards that will prepare them to succeed in college and careers. 20 U.S.C. § 6311.

Legal Analysis — Wisconsin

Wisconsin school boards have the duty to determine the educational standards for the district. *See* Wis. Stat. § 120.12(13); Wis. Stat. § 118.30 (1g) (a) 1.

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