

POLICY CHANGES

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR



Michigan Association of
Secondary School Principals

MMC World Language Flex (SB 175)

- Extends option for 3 years (until class of 2024) for substituting one world language credit for one additional visual or performing arts credit or the completion of an MDE-approved CTE program.
- ALL schools must now track and report by Sept. 1 of each year how many students utilized this flexibility option.

Providing In-Demand Career Info During EDP Process (SB 343)

- Requires schools to provide 7th grade students with the DTMB's Regional Hot Jobs list for their area when putting together their Education Development Plans.
- Schools can provide this information electronically: milmi.org/research/regional-hot-jobs-through-2024

STEM Diploma Endorsement (SB 344)

- Creates a path for students to receive a state-approved STEM endorsement on their transcript/diploma.
- Completely optional for districts to offer.
- Six credits of math, six of science, a half credit in technology and a half credit in engineering.
- No further MDE guidance available yet.

Uncertified Teacher Expansion (HB 5141-42)

- Expands current uncertified teacher law to include CTE and industrial technology courses.
- Largely codifies existing practice.

Sub Teacher Credit Reduction (HB 4069)

- Sub teachers now only need 60 credits or an associates degree (but districts can require higher standards).
- Nothing you NEED to do, but may want to consider local policy changes (standards, age mins for middle level, etc.).
- Review your sub services contract for options.
- The bill also imposed a new age threshold; subs must now be age 22 or older to teach high school students.

Suspension/Expulsion Requirements (HB 5531)

- Conviction for off campus criminal sexual conduct by a student against another student in the same district is now a mandatory expulsion offense (subject to the 7 factors).
- Schools may need to update school discipline policy; be sure to consult with district legal counsel.

Guns in Schools

- Michigan Supreme Court ruled that school districts are not barred from banning guns on school property.
- Principals should understand district policy and discuss procedures/expectations with central office.

Social Studies Standards

- MDE has extended public comment on the controversial proposed standards through September.
- MDE has a survey for input and various resources. For more information, visit: michigan.gov/socialstudies.

Administrator Certification

- Previous "grandparented" administrator rule has been replaced with new "experience-based certification."
- Beginning Sept. 1, all administrators must hold some form of certification and track SCECHs through MOECS.
- Currently "grandparented" administrators should apply for the new certificate ASAP; the application is available through MOECS and the new certificate is free to administrators who complete the process prior to Sept. 1.