

Policies for 2nd Reading 4.24.23 1st Reading 3/27/23

NCSBA PLS Update: Fall 2021

Children of Military Families Policy #4050

- Upon the recommendation of the North Carolina State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, adds a new Section C about resolution of issues. **(Recommended)**
- Includes minor editorial changes. **(Recommended)**
- Updates the cross references. **(Recommended)**
- Adds a footnote. **(Informational only)**

Domicile or Residence Requirements Policy #4120

- Adds the new statutory requirement in Section C allowing a student to attend school tuition-free if the student is residing in the LEA with a parent, guardian, or legal custodian who is on active military duty and assigned to a military installation or reservation in North Carolina. **(Required)**
- In subsection C.7, deletes the former basis for school admission via caregiver affidavit for students with parents or guardians on active military duty when the parent is deployed outside of the LEA in which the student resides, and replaces it with the new statutory basis for school admission via caretaker affidavit as a result of a student's inability to physically reside with his or her parent or guardian due to the parent or guardian's military orders. **(Required – see note)** Note: As a result of this change, boards **must update their caretaker affidavits** used to admit students who reside with a caregiver adult domiciled in the LEA who qualify for admission pursuant to G.S. 115C-366(a3).
- Adds a new Section D, Remote Enrollment of Children of Military Families, in accordance with state law that allows children of active duty members assigned to North Carolina to enroll in school remotely before they establish residence in the state. **(Strongly recommended)**
- Updates the cross references. **(Recommended)**
- Updates the footnotes. **(Informational only)**

School Assignment Policy #4150

- This policy has been significantly revised to make it more comprehensive and to clarify the distinction between reassignments and transfers. Changes include the following.
- Section B was modified to clarify that assignments are ordinarily made on the basis of domicile (or residence if the student was admitted based on an exception to the domicile requirement); several provisions were added to address specific groups of students that are assigned in a different manner. **(Recommended)**
- Section C was revised to clarify and simplify the process for requests for reassignment. **(Recommended)**
- Section F was deleted and its contents were added to Section B. **(Recommended)**
- Minor clarifying and editorial changes were made throughout the policy. **(Recommended)**
- Updates the cross references. **(Recommended)**
 - Updates the footnotes. **(Informational only)**

Unsafe School Choice Transfer Policy #4152

- In Section A, removes the reference to the reporting requirement, which is already addressed in policy 4335, and removes statutory citations following each criminal offense. **(Recommended)**
- Updates the legal references. **(Required)**
- Updates the footnotes. **(Informational only)**

Student Behavior Policies Policy #4300

- Removes unnecessary language in the first paragraph. **(Recommended)**
- Clarifies language in Section B. **(Recommended)**
- Adds language in Section C stating that students will not be disciplined for constitutionally protected behavior and encouraging school officials to consult with senior administrators before regulating student expression that may be protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. **(Strongly recommended)**
- Adds language in Section E to ensure that school discipline policies are applied consistent with students' constitutional rights. **(Strongly recommended)**
- Includes other minor editorial changes. **(Recommended)**
- Updates the legal references. **(Recommended)**
- Adds a footnote. **(Informational only)**

Student Dress Code Policy #4316

- Clarifies that any dress code adopted by a school must be nondiscriminatory. **(Recommended)**

Attendance Policy #4400

- Added language from DPI's *School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual* regarding attendance on remote instruction days. **(Strongly recommended)**
- Updated the footnotes. **(Informational only)**

Student Records Policy #4700

- In subsection H.3.d, adds a requirement to provide secondary students' school email addresses to military recruiters upon request unless the parent opts out, as required by new federal law. **(Required)**
- Updates terminology. **(Recommended)**
- Updates the legal references. **(Recommended)**
- Updates the footnotes. **(Informational only)**