

**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**DATE:** December 21, 2010

**TO:** **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**FROM:** Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** **REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5000, STUDENTS**

**ORIGINATOR:** Michele Prumo, Chief of Staff

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):** Dale R. Rauenzahn, Executive Director, Student Support Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education reviews the proposed changes to Policy 5000. This is the first reading.

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Attachment I – Policy Analysis 5000  
Attachment II – Policy 5000

**POLICY ANALYSIS FOR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5000  
STUDENTS**

**Statement of Issues or Questions Addressed**

Board of Education Policy 5000 has not been revised since 1995. Policy 5000 is the introductory policy for the 5000 Series and sets the standard for all policies in the Series. Staff is recommending that the policy be revised to more clearly define the Board's goals and beliefs about the education of all students and the Board's expectation that all students will graduate from high school and become productive citizens. The policy is also being revised to conform to the Policy Review Committee's editing conventions.

**Cost Analysis and Fiscal Impact on School System**

No fiscal impact is anticipated due to the revision of this policy.

**Relationship to Other Board of Education Policies**

1. Board of Education Policy 5600, *Students' Responsibilities and Rights*

**Legal Requirements**

1. 20 U.S.C. § 1400, *et seq.*, *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*
2. 20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.*, *No Child Left Behind Act*
3. 29 U.S.C. § 794, *Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973*

**Similar Policies Adopted by Other Local School Systems**

1. Anne Arundel County Board of Education, Policy JC, *Student Rights and Responsibilities*
2. Howard County Board of Education, Policy 9020, *Students' Rights and Responsibilities*

**Draft of Proposed Policy**

Attached

**Other Alternatives Considered by Staff**

No other alternatives were considered by staff.

**Timeline**

First reading – December 21, 2010

Public comment – January 11, 2011

Third reading/vote – February 8, 2011

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I. PHILOSOPHY

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY (BOARD) EXPECTS THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BCPS) TO PROVIDE A QUALITY EDUCATION THAT DEVELOPS THE CONTENT KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES THAT WILL ENABLE ALL STUDENTS TO BE COLLEGE- , CAREER- , OR MILITARY-READY AND TO REACH THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL AS RESPONSIBLE, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS, AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

II. STANDARD

- A. ALL STUDENTS WILL REACH HIGH STANDARDS AS ESTABLISHED BY BCPS AND STATE PERFORMANCE LEVEL STANDARDS.
- B. ALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS WILL BECOME PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH AND REACH HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS.
- C. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE TAUGHT BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS.
- D. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EDUCATED IN SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE SAFE AND CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING.
- E. ALL STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
- F. BCPS WILL ENGAGE PARENTS/GUARDIANS, BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.
- G. BCPS WILL INVOLVE PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, STAFF, OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.
- H. ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A QUALITY EDUCATION THROUGH THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES AND THE DELIVERY OF BUSINESS SERVICES.

[The focus of the school system shall be on the student. His/her educational development toward the goals of the schools shall be the central concern of the policies of the Board of Education and the Superintendent's rules.

Each student shall be given equal opportunity. Since students vary widely in capacities, interests, and social and economic background, no two can be treated alike if the fullest development of each shall be achieved.

The Board of Education shall attempt to eradicate any limitations of facilities and means that stand in the way of the availability of our schools to all in Baltimore County who wish to learn. Children receiving home instruction shall not be enrolled in public school programs. They can request standardized testing and special education services.]

LEGAL REFERENCES: 20 U.S.C. § 1400, *ET SEQ., INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)*  
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *ET SEQ., NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT*  
29 U.S.C. § 794, *SECTION 504, REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973*  
[State Board of Education Bylaw  
13A.10.01 General Regulations  
13A.10.01 Subtitle 10 Home Instruction  
(34C.F.R. Sections 300-403) Code of Federal Regulations  
Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, 1972]

RELATED POLICIES: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5600, *STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS*

Policy

Board of Education of Baltimore County

Adopted: 11/21/68

Revised: 6/27/95

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