

**Custom Special Update: August 2023
Warren County Board of Education**

Updated Policy	Policy Title	Description of Updates	Legal Authority Involved	Notes
1310/4002	Parental Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantially revises the policy to address the new requirements of the Parents' Bill of Rights. (Required – see Note 1) In Section G, requires that the board fill in custom language. (Required – see Note 2) Includes minor editorial changes. (Recommended) Updates the legal references. (Required) Updates the cross references. (Recommended) 	S.L. 2023-106 (SB 49); G.S. ch. 114A; 115C art. 7B	<p>Note 1: The Parents' Bill of Rights contains many new policy requirements for local boards. When modifying this policy, make sure the requirements of the Parents' Bill of Rights continue to be met. We recommend reviewing the footnoted version of this policy for additional information about the statutory requirements.</p> <p>Note 2: G.S. 115C-76.35(a)(1) requires that board policy provides links to parents for community services. In Section G, the bold bracketed language should be removed and replaced with a list of applicable links to community services available to parents of students in your school system.</p>
3210	Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidates the first two sentences of Section A and adds a reference to policy 3200's definition of instructional materials. (Recommended) Removes a statement exempting certain Internet information from advance parental review because the law does not provide such an exemption. (Required) Adds a process in Section A for parents to inspect instructional materials. (Required – See Note) Updates the legal references. (Required) Updates the cross references. (Recommended) 	S.L. 2023-106; G.S. 115C-76.35(b)(3)	<p>Note: The school system must have a written process for parents to inspect and review all textbooks and supplementary instructional materials that will be used in their child's classroom. The process provided in this policy may be modified. However, be aware that timelines described in G.S. 115C-76.40 may apply.</p> <p>*BOE Attorney/Tharrington and Smith has provided updated policy revision.</p>
3540	Comprehensive Health Education Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a provision in Section A prohibiting instruction on gender identity, sexual activity, or sexuality in kindergarten through grade four. (Strongly Recommended) Updates the legal references. (Required) 	S.L. 2023-106; G.S. 115C-76.55	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates the cross references. (Recommended) 		
4335	Criminal Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes the requirement for reporting to parents when their child is suspected to be the victim of a crime. (Required) • Updates the legal references. (Required) 	S.L. 2023-106; G.S. 114A-10	
4720	Surveys of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds a reference to state law in the first sentence. (Required) • Changes the parental notification and consent requirements in Section A based on new state law requirements. (Required) • Adds a new Section B about well-being questionnaires and health screening forms. (Required) • Includes other minor editorial and organizational changes. (Recommended) • Updates the legal references. (Required) 	S.L. 2023-106; G.S. 115C-76.25(a)(11), -76.45, -76.65, 402.15	*BOE Attorney/Tharrington and Smith has provided updated policy revision.
6120	Student Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes minor changes to language. (Recommended) • Updates the legal references. (Required- See Note) 	S.L. 2023-106; G.S. 90-21.10B	Note: The new G.S. 90-21.10B contains language that prohibits health care practitioners, which includes school employees authorized under state law to perform health care services as part of their job, from providing, soliciting, or arranging medical procedures or treatments for a minor without first obtaining written or documented consent from that minor child's parent. That law goes into effect on December 1, 2023. We recommend that the board discuss the implications of that new law with its board attorney.
7300	Staff Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds an employee responsibility to support parental involvement and never encourage a student to withhold information from their parents. (Strongly Recommended) • Updates the legal references. (Required) 	S.L. 2023-106; G.S. 114A-20	

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