
Middle Grades Policy 2.102

The Background:

As a part of the State Board and Department of Education's ongoing policy audit process, it was discovered that the Middle Grades Policy was originally adopted by the board in October 1998 and has not been updated since that time. The policy is now out-of-date with state and federal statute and no longer includes best practices. Given the Department of Education's focus on middle school, this item presents significant revisions to the policy to align with coursework requirements, high school readiness planning, and assessment. This update is designed to strengthen the supports provided to middle grades students as they prepare for high school and postsecondary opportunities.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.