
District and School Operations Rule 0520-01-02

The Background:

As part of the effort to streamline the State Board's rules, this final read items seeks to retitle and reorganize the Administrative Rules and Regulations Rule. This item proposes to alter the Administrative Rules and Regulations Rule to only outline the operational requirements for districts and schools. The updates to this Rule are being made in conjunction with changes to the Minimum Requirements for School Approval Rule. This transition is also in compliance with Public Chapter 929 of 2018 which requires some information previously included in policies to be moved to rule.

Changes between first and final reading include:

- Clarifying language related to the approval of Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
- Updating the language related to salary schedules, including moving some language to policy.
- Updating the language related to Alternative Education to align with Chapter 603 from the Public Acts of 2020.
- Updating the language related to Waivers to reflect current practice and to align with the requirements for waivers in the Charter Schools Rule.
- Updating the language related to school attendance to incorporate requirements currently included only in policy and to reflect recent changes to the law regarding progressive truancy programs.
- Removed language related to school health which will now be included in a stand alone rule.

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 approval of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.