

Model Drug Testing Policy 4.201

The Background:

The Model Drug Testing Policy was originally adopted by the State Board in 1988 and has not been updated. Since that time, the statutory requirements for drug testing in schools have changed and more authority has been provided to districts to develop their own drug and alcohol policies. During a comprehensive policy audit and revision process, the staff of the Department of Education and the State Board identified the policy as in need of updating.

This item presents an updated Model Drug Policy that can be adopted by school districts if needed and also removes outdated references to statute. Updating this policy will help ensure State Board policies are current and relevant for LEAs.

There have been no changes since first reading.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department of Education 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 adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.