July 28, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice  
State Superintendent of Education


A Manual of State Laws and Regulations: School Safety and Discipline 2014 is available online (www.alsde.edu) in response to the Code of Alabama (1975), §16-6B-5, the School Safety and Discipline Section of the 1995 Accountability Act. The manual contains the laws passed by the Alabama Legislature and regulations adopted by the Alabama State Board of Education in the areas of school safety and discipline.

Attached is the Assurance of Compliance 2014 form to indicate your school system's compliance with selected laws and regulations. The Assurance of Compliance form must be submitted to the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) annually as required by the Code of Alabama (1975), §16-6B-5. This form is due to the ALSDE by September 2, 2014, and should be mailed to the address below.

Alabama State Department of Education
Prevention and Support Services Section
5227 Gordon Persons Building
P. O. Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

I encourage you to personally ensure the accuracy of your school system's report as it will be referenced by auditors and ALSDE monitoring procedures.

If further information or clarification is needed, please contact Dr. Marilyn Lewis at telephone number (334) 242-8165 or via e-mail at mlewis@alsde.edu.

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Attachments

FY14-2074
ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
2014
Laws and Regulations Related to School Safety

The Board of Education has adopted and is implementing policies in the following areas:

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<td>2. Code of Alabama (1975), §16-28A-1 Corporal Punishment A. The school board has adopted and implements written policies/guidelines on corporal punishment. B. The school board has adopted and implements written policy on student discipline and behavior. C. The policy on student discipline and behavior is disseminated to all teachers, staff, parents/guardians, and students as follows: Annually to all. As new students enroll during the school year.</td>
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<td>3. Code of Alabama (1975), §16-1-24.3 Gun-Free Schools The school board has adopted and implements a policy to provide a gun-free environment.</td>
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4. *Alabama Administrative Code*, Chapter 290-3-1.02(1) Regulations Governing Public Schools


   (a) Safety precautions must be implemented and adequate facilities must be provided for implementation of programs prescribed by SDE Bulletin(s).

   (b) Effective with the 1995-96 school year and thereafter, local boards of education must

   1. Adopt a uniform policy allowing law enforcement agencies to make periodic visits to local public schools to detect the presence of illegal drugs, unannounced to anyone except the local superintendent and building principal.

   2. Adopt a uniform policy prohibiting the use of tobacco products on school property and prescribing specific penalties for violation of this policy.

   3. Adopt and enforce a uniform policy prohibiting all persons, other than authorized law enforcement personnel, from bringing or possessing any deadly weapon or dangerous instrument on school property and prescribing specific penalties for students and school personnel who violate this policy, notwithstanding any criminal penalties which may be imposed.
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4. 1. Adopt and implement written policies to govern the use of physical restraint in accordance with paragraph (f)(2)(v-xiv).

(c) Local school systems which operate alternative educational programs shall provide a curriculum that stresses skills in recognizing and managing anger, alternatives to aggression (verbal and physical assault), strategies for developing self-control and personal responsibility, skills for getting along with others, success through academic achievement, and skills for success in the workplace.

(d) All policies and actions implemented under these mandatory regulations affecting students with disabilities must comply with federal and state special education laws, regulations, and court rulings.

5. *Code of Alabama (1975), §16-28b-9* The school board has adopted and implemented a policy to prevent harassment.
The school board has a process in place to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps. The Local Education Agency does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm.

Signature of Superintendent  Date

Please return the Assurance of Compliance for 2014 by September 2, 2014, to the following address:

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