

LEGAL AND POLICY UPDATE PROCEDURE

This Procedure establishes specific procedures for implementing Policy SP12, Technical Assistance, as that Policy relates to legal and policy updates.

Legal Update Publications.

The District shall provide a written publication that provides guidance on changes in rule, law, and/or policy that impact to Sponsored Schools (“Publication”). Specifically, the Publication may include guidance on recent legal cases that may impact Sponsored Schools and guidance regarding changes in legislation, administrative rules, and policy. The Publication shall be provided on a regular basis, which has been defined by the Ohio Department of Education as at least twice per year.

In the event that substantial changes to the law occur during the year, the District may provide additional legal updates as it determines necessary.

Annual Legal and Policy Update and Professional Development.

In conjunction with providing the Publication, the District shall offer a legal and policy update training to assist its Sponsored Schools in understanding changes to rule and law that will impact the School. Sponsored Schools are not required to participate in this training.

Potential Sources of Legal and Policy Updates

In its own effort to stay current on changes to law, rule, and policy, the District has identified the following as potential sources for legal and policy updates:

1. Ohio Department of Education (“ODE”). ODE maintains several different email list serves that will be of assistance to you. I recommend that you review all the subscription topics and consider subscribing to all relevant topics. In particular, I recommend you subscribing to: “Community Schools,” “EMIS Updates,” “State Board of Education,” “Ohio Daily News Summary,” and “Ed Connection.” The email list serves may be accessed at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/OHED/subscriber/new>
2. Ohio Legislative Service Commission (“LSC”). LSC is nonpartisan agency providing the Ohio General Assembly with drafting, research, budget and fiscal analysis. In particular, LSC’s website is useful for tracking bills that are being considered by the Ohio General Assembly and for providing a complete summary and analysis of legislation that has been passed by the General Assembly. LSC’s website may be accessed at: <http://www.lsc.ohio.gov/>

3. Rule Watch Ohio. Rule Watch Ohio is a way to keep track of updates and changes to education rules and regulations by email alerts. In particular, I recommend you subscribing to email alerts made by the Department of Education. You may subscribe to these email alerts at: <https://www.rulewatchohio.gov/track-rules>

4. Ohio Coalition for Quality Education (“OCQE”). OCQE mission’s is to “provide leadership to support and advocate for public charter schools ensuring that Ohio students have an opportunity to receive a quality education.” OCQE’s website maintains a link that provides legal and policy updates. The link may be accessed at: <http://www.ocqe.org/researchissuebriefsmedia>