

NCSBA Policy Services

Adopting school board policies is one of the most important duties of a school board as it works to provide direction and guidance to the school system.

As our federal and state judiciary bodies continue to adopt statutes, revise statutes and issue legal decisions affecting school systems, it is imperative that school boards keep their policies up-to-date. Additionally, new issues constantly arise that need to be addressed in board policy.

NCSBA has staff, services and tools to help local boards fulfill their policy-making responsibilities. As a member of NCSBA, you have many Association policy services available to you.



Enabling local boards of education
to make a difference.

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Policies to Lead the Schools

Policies to Lead the Schools ("PLS") is a web-based policy reference manual developed by NCSBA. It provides to local boards of education a resource of up-to-date, legally compliant sample policies. PLS contains:

- sample required policies;
- sample policies that establish board goals;
- sample policies that set standards and establish means of accountability;
- annotations that further explain the policies, suggest alternatives and identify where the policies can be modified to reflect local board and school system practices;
- extensive legal references to state and federal laws, regulations and guidelines to enable the board, staff and board attorney to conduct further research on the subject of the policy; and
- a clear numerical codification system.

PLS is offered on-line to provide easy access to users. We use a Folio® Infobase that allows searching for complex terms, links to legal authorities, quick updates and downloading into a word-processing format.

One-Time Manual Purchase Fee: \$2,500

Continued access after the first year requires an annual subscription to the PLS Update Service. (See below.)

For boards that prefer not to continue with the PLS Update Service, we will provide a CD-ROM of the current manual at the end of the subscription year.

PLS Update Service

PLS Update Service is an annual subscription service providing policies that update the PLS manual to reflect changes in legal requirements or educational trends.

2010 Fee: \$600



Web Hosting Service

Posting Local Board Policies on the Internet

School board members and school personnel responsible for implementing school board policies need to have quick, easy access to the most up-to-date version of the policies. NCSBA, with the help of MicroScribe Publishing, has found a way to make this happen. NCSBA will post your local board policy manual on the Internet using Folio® Infobase, a powerful electronic publishing tool. In addition, all users have access to the policy manuals of all other Web-Based Policies users through our multi-search feature.

2010 Initial Development Fee: \$1,000

(plus additional fees if the manual is not in electronic format.)

2010 Annual Web Hosting Fee: \$2,950

(This includes an annual server fee for access to the Folio® Infobase as well as unlimited uploads to the manual to add new policies or modify existing policies. The Annual Web Hosting Fee will be prorated for the year of initial development.)

Policy Manual Customization

NCSBA now offers custom policy services to local boards. We will analyze your current board manual and determine which policies need to be added to meet state and federal requirements. We will use PLS and its coding system as a basis of the policy manual and then customize the manual for an individual board by adding language or policies that reflect the board's specific practices and goals.

2010 Fee: \$19,900

Membership Policy Services

The NCSBA legal/policy staff is available to answer policy-related questions by phone or e-mail and provide sample policies.

These services are provided without charge to local boards of education that are NCSBA members.

Contact our staff to help meet your policy needs.

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