

**Maine School Boards Association  
49 Community Drive  
Augusta, Maine 04330**

**Finalized Votes on Resolutions  
MSBA Delegate Assembly  
October 22, 2022**

**Deleted**

- 2.B.5.c. ~~**Crime, Violence, and Discipline**—The Maine School Boards Association urges local school boards to develop policies and programs that will lead to an educational climate in each school that will provide students a safe place in which to learn. While such programs should include preventive measures, MSBA supports legislation that would return to the educator the “in loco parentis” doctrine. MSBA opposes violence in media and supports projects designed to reduce portrayal of violence in the media. MSBA encourages local school boards to work to increase the educational value of television for children. (Adopted 1977—Amended 1978, 1982, 1986, 1999, 2008)~~

**Revision Adopted**

1. 2.A.2.h. **Administration of Medication**

The Maine School Boards Association (MSBA) urges local school boards to adopt policy governing the administration of medications to students at school. In the interest of student health and safety, MSBA opposes legislation that would limit or prohibit options available to school systems in the administering of medications to students. (Adopted 1996 – Amended 1999, 2022)

**Revision Adopted**

2.A.3.d. **State Assessments**

The Maine School Boards Association believes that state assessments should include English language arts and literacy, math, science, and social studies/civics. Any state assessment selected or developed should be relevant, provide timely feedback to inform instruction, and not consume undue amounts of instructional time. The State shall maintain consistent assessment for no less than five years. (Adopted 2002 – Amended 2008, 2020, 2022)

**Revision Adopted**

2.A.4.m. **Legislative Mandates**

Decisions concerning education should be made by the local school board whenever possible. The Maine School Boards Association urges the Legislature not to interfere with the decision-making responsibilities of local school boards by requiring educational programs and unfunded mandates beyond those required to maintain standards, equal rights and opportunities. (Adopted 1977 – Amended 1982, 1986, 1998, 1999, 2022)

### **Revision Adopted**

#### **3.B.1.b. Scheduling of Career and Technical Education Programs (CTE)**

The Maine School Boards Association believes there is a continuing need to examine ways in which the scheduling and delivery of CTE programs can be more responsive to the needs of students, school officials, parents/guardians and other adult citizens at the local level. We feel this goal can be achieved by the advancement of legislation that would: a) provide for a greater opportunity for shared funding and decision-making responsibilities within units served by career and technical centers and regions; b) improve coordination between secondary and post-secondary CTE programs and facilities, and c) expand business internships and apprenticeships. (Adopted 1979 – Amended 1982, 2017, 2022)

### **Revision Adopted**

#### **3.B.6.d. Alternative Certification**

The Maine School Boards Association (MSBA) recognizes in order to address challenges during school restructuring and staffing shortages districts may wish to recruit and hire professional staff that possess appropriate skills often found in other employment sectors. MSBA therefore, pledges its support for the continuation of the effort to study and initiate legislation that will create alternative routes to certification for teachers and administrators that maintain high standards and rigor. (Adopted 1991—Amended 1994, 1998, 2022)

### **Revision Adopted**

#### **4.7 Teacher Preparation Programs**

The Maine School Boards Association (MSBA) recommends the convening of a special collaborative to examine the current state of approved teacher preparation programs to determine if they are appropriately preparing teachers with best practices to help all students achieve the standards within the Maine System of Learning Results.

Additionally, MSBA recommends that approved teacher preparation programs include best practice training to help teachers assist in the identification of students who may have behavioral health (substance use or mental health) or academic issues.

MSBA believes that such a collaborative should include membership from the State Board of Education, Maine Department of Education, the MSBA, Maine School Superintendents Association, Maine Principals' Association, Maine Education Association, Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities, Maine School Counselors Association, Maine Association of School Psychologists, the National Association of Social Workers – Maine Chapter, as well as representation from the colleges and universities. (Adopted 2012 – Amended 2022)

**NEW**

**Adopted**

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**

The Maine School Boards Association urges Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act providing 40% reimbursement for locally expended funds for special education costs, compared to the 14% currently received from the federal government. (Adopted 2022)

**Adopted**

**Free-Reduced Lunch Qualification**

The Maine School Board Association (MSBA) urges Congress and the Administration to define poverty level requirements for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program by utilizing Area Median Income as used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or the national federal poverty level, whichever is higher. MSBA believes these are initiatives that should be established federally while in no way being confused with Maine's meal program. (Adopted 2022)

**Adopted**

**Funding of the Universal School Meals Act of 2021**

The Maine School Boards Association calls upon Congress to pass the Universal School Meals Program Act of 2021 which would amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make breakfasts and lunches free for all children, without adversely affecting federal funding formula that may use free and reduced lunch rates. (Adopted 2022)

**Adopted**

**Social Security: Repeal of Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision**

The Maine School Boards Association urges Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset to the Social Security Act to ensure that a quality pool of teacher candidates are available to be hired so as to meet the needs of students. (Adopted 2022)