

## **New Laws in effect for the 2022-23 school year.**

### New Requirements:

- The most recent results of the ILEARN assessment must be included on a charter school's Internet web site. IC 20-31-8.
- Not later than April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, each charter school must annually report to IDOE the number of students who, during the students' expected graduation year: (1) were enrolled in the school corporation on the September ADM count day; (2) completed graduation requirements before the February ADM count day; and (3) were not enrolled in the school corporation on the February ADM count day. IC 20-26-5-42.1
- Teachers must discuss the student statewide assessment results with parents at the next parent/teacher conference or, if the school does not hold parent/teacher conferences, send a notice to a parent of the student offering to meet with the parent to discuss the results. IC 20-32-5.1-14
- Charter high schools shall provide each 12th grade student and their parent with the model FAFSA notice prepared by the Commission for Higher Education. IC 20-26-5-39.
- A governing body of a charter school may adopt reasonable rules to govern the taking of public comment at a meeting, including setting limits on the total amount of time for receiving public comment on a topic. However, the governing body must permit oral public comment on the topic before the governing body takes final action on the topic. IC 5-14-1.5-3.

### New Restrictions

- For purposes of interscholastic athletic events, schools are required to designate an athletic team or sport as one of the following: (1) A male, men's, or boys' team or sport; (2) A female, women's, or girls' team or sport; (3) A coeducational or mixed team or sport. A male, based on the student's biological sex at birth in accordance with the student's genetics and reproductive biology, is prohibited from participating on an athletic team or sport designated as being a female, women's, or girls' athletic team or sport. The school must establish grievance procedures if such grievance procedures do not already exist for a violation of these provisions. IC 20-33-13
- A school and its employees may not offer a student or prospective student may not offer as an incentive to enroll, reenroll, or continue attending school any item that has monetary value including cash or gift cards. IC 20-19-3-15
- Charter school hiring policies must prohibit the hiring of, continuing the employment of, contracting with, or continuing to contract with a person who has been convicted of an offense requiring license revocation, unless the conviction has been reversed, vacated, or set aside on appeal. IC 20-26-5-10.
- Charter schools must consider whether information obtained from the background checks concerning an individual's conviction for certain offenses constitutes grounds to not employ, not

contract with, or to terminate the employment or contract with an individual that is likely to have direct, ongoing contact within the scope of their employment. IC 20-26-5-11.

#### Requirements Removed

- Charter schools are no longer required to annually provide to the department: (1) the name of the teacher preparation program that recommended the initial license for each teacher employed by the school; and (2) the annual retention rate for teachers employed by the school. IC 20-28-11.5-9

#### Other Changes

- Instructional Days: See *ICSB Memo Regarding Instructional Days*.
- Transportation
  - Changes to the visual acuity requirements for a bus driver. IC 20-27-8-1
  - A special purpose bus or an appropriate vehicle may be used to transport students under certain circumstances. Changes the appropriate vehicle seating capacity from eight (8) to fifteen (15). Provides that the driver of a special purpose bus or an appropriate vehicle must pass an expanded criminal history check and an expanded child protection index check. Removes the capacity of a motor coach type bus for the definition of a special purpose bus. IC 20-27-9
- Teachers and Licensure
  - IDOE may grant an ‘accomplished practitioner's license’ to an individual if the individual has a master’s degree and at least two years of full-time teaching experience. IC 20-28-5-12.5
  - A charter school is not required to consider whether information concerning an individual's conviction constitutes grounds to: (1) not employ; (2) not contract with; or (3) terminate the employment of or contract with; an individual if the individual's conviction is reversed, vacated, or set aside.
- Open Door Law
  - Board meetings may be conducted electronically without any governing body members physically present if a state or local disaster emergency is declared and the following circumstances exist: (1) Meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health or safety of the governing body and public. (2) at least one school within the jurisdiction of the school corporation or charter school is closed because of the disaster emergency. IC 5-14-1.5-3
- School Resource Officers
  - Law enforcement officers must receive certain outlined training within (180) days of being assigned as a school resource officer or (365) days if the school corporation’s ADM is less



than 1,000. Charter schools that enter into a contract for a school resource officer after June 30, 2023 must enter into a memorandum of understanding with the law enforcement agency that employs or appointed the law enforcement officer who will perform the duties of a school resource officer. IC 20-26-18.2-1

### Grants

- The Indiana student enrichment grant program is established to provide \$1,000 to eligible students to be used for certain qualified expenses. Eligible students must at a minimum: (1) have experienced learning loss, (2) have fallen behind in acquiring anticipated grade level academic skills and knowledge, (3) have scored below academic standards or average benchmarks, (4) be at risk of falling below academic standards. The program expires July 1, 2025. IC 20-52