Office of the Superintendent
Board Meeting of November 18, 2026

November 4, 2026

Office of the General Counsel
Mr. Walter J. Harvey, General Counsel

SUBJECT:	**INITIAL READING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES 2450, ADULT, POSTSECONDARY CAREER TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION, 2271, DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS, AND 5500, STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**
COMMITTEE:	**ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**
ALIGNMENT:	**OPERATIONAL IMPACT**
INDICATOR: *(If Strategic Impact)*	**N/A**
DECISION MATRIX: *(If Strategic Impact)*	**N/A**

DECISION MATRIX JUSTIFICATION: **N/A**
(If Strategic Impact)

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BODY OF ITEM:

Consistent with the Board's responsibility to review and amend policies to conform to legislative changes, State Board of Education rulemaking, and updated District practices, authorization is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to amend School Board Policies 2450, *Adult, Postsecondary Career Technical and Community Education*, and 2271, *Dual Enrollment Programs*, and to amend Policy 5500, *Student Conduct and Discipline*, to repeal and replace the Postsecondary Code of Student Conduct the policy incorporates by reference.

Policies 2450 and 2271 are proposed for amendment to incorporate by reference the enrollment, attendance, academic expectations, and conduct requirements of State Board of Education rules 6A-6.014, 6A-10.0246, and 6A-14.064, as recently amended. Further, to account for the wide array of program offerings, Policy 2450 would clarify that the Superintendent is authorized to develop program-specific requirements consistent with applicable laws and rules. Additional amendments to Policy 2271 are proposed to incorporate the requirements of § 1002.271, Florida Statutes. The Postsecondary Code of Student Conduct incorporated by reference in Policy 5500 would be replaced to better address program expectations, conduct requirements, and disciplinary procedures.

These policy amendments were drafted in collaboration with and reviewed by the Superintendent, Cabinet, and District staff. The Notice of Intended Action and policies with strikethroughs and underlines are attached.

The current Postsecondary Code of Student Conduct can be accessed here.

The proposed replacement Postsecondary Code of Student Conduct can be accessed here.

RECOMMENDED / ACTION PROPOSED BY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Policies 2450, Adult, Postsecondary Career Technical and Community Education, 2271, Dual Enrollment Programs, and 5500, Student Conduct and Discipline.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on November 18, 2026, its intention to amend School Board Policies 2450, *Adult, Postsecondary Career Technical and Community Education*, and 2271, *Dual Enrollment Programs*, and to amend Policy 5500, *Student Conduct and Discipline*, to repeal and replace the Postsecondary Code of Student Conduct the policy incorporates by reference, at its meeting of January 13, 2027.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: School Board Policies 2450, *Adult, Postsecondary Career Technical and Community Education*, 2271, *Dual Enrollment Programs*, and 5500, *Student Conduct and Discipline*, are proposed for amendment in response to State Board of Education rulemaking and updated District practices.

SUMMARY: School Board Policies 2450, *Adult, Postsecondary Career Technical and Community Education*, 2271, *Dual Enrollment Programs*, and 5500, *Student Conduct and Discipline* are proposed for amendment to incorporate by reference the enrollment, attendance, academic expectations, and conduct requirements of F.A.C. 6A-6.014, 6A-10.0246, and 6A-14.064, as recently amended. Further, Policy 2450 would clarify that the Superintendent is authorized to develop program-specific requirements consistent with applicable laws and rules. Additional amendments to Policy 2271 are proposed to incorporate provisions of F.S. 1002.271. The Postsecondary Code of Student Conduct incorporated by reference in Policy 5500 would be replaced to better address program expectations, conduct requirements, and disciplinary procedures.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: Fla. Stat. ss. 1001.41(1); 1001.42(3); 1001.44; Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.014; 6A-10.0246; 6A-14.064.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED INTERPRETED OR MADE SPECIFIC: Fla. Stat. ss. 553.865; 1001.44; 1002.271; 1003.32; 1004.93; 1006.07(1); 1011.80; Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.014; 6A-10.0246; 6A-14.064.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF January 13, 2027, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided in Section 120.541 (1), F.S., must do so in writing by December 16, 2026, to the Superintendent, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED POLICIES are available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 102, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Book	Policy Manual
Section	November 18, 2026 - Initial Reading
Title	ADULT, POSTSECONDARY CAREER TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Code	2450
Status	Initial Reading

2450 - **ADULT, POST-SECONDARY CAREER TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

A basic and high school continuation program shall be provided as an opportunity for anyone over compulsory school age who is not attending high school in this District. Program procedures are contained in the Adult and Career Technical Education Procedures Handbook.

I. **GED Eligibility**

A person who is not at least eighteen (18) years of age may be permitted to take the General Educational Development (GED) tests upon submission of a statement of justification recommended by the Superintendent. The statement of justification shall be based on at least one of the following circumstances:

A. The candidate justifies a need to be employed that would prevent school attendance.

B. The candidate is a parent who does not have access to child care.

C. The candidate justifies health condition(s) that would prevent school attendance.

D. The candidate desires to enter a vocational program, a college or university or military service.

II. **Program Requirements**

The Superintendent is authorized to develop program-specific requirements governing student enrollment, attendance, academic expectations, and conduct, in accordance with applicable statutes, State Board rules, and School Board policies, including but not limited to F.A.C. 6A-6.014 and 6A-10.0246. Participation in the program is conditioned on sufficient documentation being presented or required attestations being made pursuant to these laws. Specific procedures and program requirements must be made available on the District's website.

~~II.~~III. Postsecondary Programs and Fees

A fee schedule shall be established for students enrolled in adult basic, adult secondary, career technical certificate education, or other adult programs, who are reported for funding through the Workforce Development Education Fund. The Florida legislature annually establishes fees for the adult and career technical education program in accordance with the General Appropriations Act. In addition, provisions are made in this policy for financial aid and fee/tuition waivers, disposition of funds collected, community-based organizations, self-supporting classes, private sector instruction, special textbook or supply items, and capital improvements, technology enhancements or equipping buildings.
Adult and vocational education services are provided to adults in the following areas:

A. Adult General Education (Adult Secondary and Adult Basic Education)

1. Students who demonstrate functional literacy skills at/or below the eighth grade level and are studying to achieve literacy.

   Tuition is charged to this category of students.

2. Students earning credit required for a high school diploma and/or preparing for the Test of General Educational Development (GED).

   Tuition is charged to this category of students.

3. Students who have a high school diploma and demonstrate functional literacy skills at/or above the ninth grade level require specific improvement of academic or learning skills before pursuing post-secondary education goals to obtain or maintain employment, or to benefit from postsecondary adult vocational education programs.

   Students in this category pay fees as established by the General Appropriations Act. Additionally, the School Board may charge any additional fees authorized by Florida law or State Board rule.

4. No fees are charged to students who are fee exempt based on State law.

   Students not counted for funding purposes will be assessed fees equal

to, but not exceeding, the cost of providing such programs.

B. Career Technical Education

1. Students enrolled as postsecondary adult vocational certificate pay fees as established by the General Appropriations Act. Additionally, the Board may charge any additional fees authorized by Florida statute or State Board rule.

2. Students taking adult postsecondary vocational courses for personal or hobby use will pay fees equal to, but not exceeding, the cost of providing such programs.

3. No fees are charged to students who are fee exempt based on State law.

Career Technical Education services provided to students classified as non-resident for tuition purposes as defined in State statute pay fees accordingly.

~~III.~~IV. Financial Aid and Fee/Tuition Waivers

A. Financial Aid

A fee may be assessed to postsecondary adult vocational and adult secondary students to pay in full or in part, the fees of eligible postsecondary adult vocational certificate and adult secondary students with demonstrated financial need.

Each center will maintain documentation as required by State Board Rule.

Students in COE accredited centers when eligible may utilize financial aid from Federal or State assistance programs. Financial aid information is available through the area technical center counseling offices.

B. Fee/Tuition Waivers

Fee/Tuition waivers may be granted by the principal or designee when necessary to assure an education opportunity for students who have financial needs which cannot be met by existing sources of student financial aid and as authorized by law or rules of the State Board of Education. No fee waivers are allowed for students taking adult vocational classes for strictly personal or hobby use and students identified above. Each career center operated by a school district under F.S. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under F.S. 1002.34, shall waive the transcript fee for a person who is an active duty member or an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces and his or her spouse and dependents.

School Operations will allocate such fee waivers as may be available based

upon need and requests of the various adult and area technical centers. Allocations will be made for each fiscal year and when depleted no additional waivers will be granted unless additional funds become available. Annual allocations may not exceed the maximum established annually in the General Appropriations Act.

Each center receiving a fee waiver allocation shall maintain complete documentation as required for each waiver issued.

C. Scholarships

The Board may establish scholarship funds using donations to help students who need financial assistance to pay fees, who are enrolled in adult secondary, adult life-long learning, and postsecondary adult vocational education programs.

D. Deferred Fees/Installment Payments

1. Deferred Fees

Fees for students qualifying for and receiving grants, loans, or scholarships or for whom fees are being paid on their behalf by an employer, association, or governmental agency may be deferred. Students for whom or from whom deferred fees have not been collected by the end of the trimester in which they registered will not be allowed to register for subsequent courses until all financial obligations have been met.

2. Installment Payments

Students in need of installment payments may pay fees for regular courses through an installment payment schedule if they register before the beginning of the course, before the trimester or within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the beginning of the term.

At least 1/3 of the fee must be paid at the time of registration. All fees must be paid no later than the end of the sixth week in the trimester. Fees must be paid in one lump sum when students register on or after twenty-two (22) calendar days after the course or trimester has begun.

~~IV.~~V. Disposition of Fees Collected

A. All tuition collected will be forwarded to Treasury Management.

B. All other monies collected at adult education centers shall be properly receipted and deposited directly into the center's internal funds.

~~V.~~VI. Community Based Non-Profit Organizations (CBOs), Public Agencies, and Private Businesses

The District may enter into affiliating agreements with community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs), public agencies, and private businesses that may wish to provide unique classroom or laboratory instruction that will significantly enhance the employment opportunities of students enrolled in these programs.

~~VI.~~VII. Veterans Benefits and Transition

The Board shall permit for the GI Bill and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program beneficiaries to attend eligible education or training courses for up to ninety (90) days pending payment from the Veterans Administration (VA) for the course. To be eligible, the beneficiary must provide a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance (valid/current VAF 28-1905) and written request to use the entitlement. Documentation must be submitted no later than the first day the course or training commences. The ninety (90) day period starts on the date when the District certifies tuition and fees following receipt of the required documents.

The District shall not impose a penalty, deny access to classes or facilities, or require the beneficiary to borrow additional funds to cover tuition and fees due to late payments for the VA. The State Approving Agency (SAA) or the VA may act to approve or disapprove certain courses or education, which may be subject to a waiver by the VA.

~~VII.~~VIII. Private Sector Instruction

Private businesses/agencies may request adult vocational or basic education classes that qualify for Workforce Development Education Funds but do not have sufficient enrollment to support the class/program. The District may cooperate with these businesses/agencies through an agreement approved by the Superintendent where the business/agency will pay the difference between projected workforce Development Education Funds earned and the actual program cost. All other fees applicable in this policy shall be contracted prior to the operation of such a class/program.

~~VIII.~~IX. Self-Supporting Classes

Students enrolling in non-reimbursed classes will pay a fee to cover the cost of instruction. The amount will be variable depending on the expense for offering the course. In all instances, the salaries, fringe benefits, and supplies furnished will be included in the costs.

The Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative procedures to make schools available to citizens of the District for these purposes and to implement this policy.

X. **Student Supervision**

Students shall be supervised by program instructors and/or administrators as required by applicable law and State Board rules or as deemed appropriate based on the nature of the program. All students shall comply with the Postsecondary Code of Student Conduct incorporated by reference in Policy 5500.

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Legal References:

F.S. 1001.44
F.S. 1003.435
F.S. 1004.93
F.S. 1004.94
F.S. 1009.26(17)
The Veterans Benefits and Transition Act - 2018 (38 USC Sections 3679, 3698(c, 1, C), P.L. 115-407, Sections 103-104)

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Book	Policy Manual
Section	November 18, 2026 - Initial Reading
Title	STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE
Code	5500
Status	Initial Reading

5500 - **STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

Schools shall promote a positive school climate that supports academic achievement and emphasizes civility, fairness, mutual respect, and acceptance of diversity. The *Code of Student Conduct Elementary*, *Code of Student Conduct Secondary*, and the *Post-Secondary Code of Student Conduct*, incorporated by reference, apply to all students in the District. Copies of these documents are on file in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center, and shall be available in each school and special center.

The Superintendent, principals, and other administrators shall assign discipline/corrective strategies to students pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct and, where required by law, protect the student's due process rights to notice, hearing, and appeal. Additional guidelines for the maintenance of appropriate student behavior are issued by memorandum from District administration.

The Superintendent shall make the Code of Student Conduct available to all students and their parents.

See also Elementary Code of Student Conduct (Español and Kreyòl) and Secondary Code of Student Conduct (Español and Kreyòl).

To see the applicable code of student conduct in the appropriate language, please click here.

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