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11/13/17 – 12/11/17

Action

A/S Comment was accepted and supports the proposed policy.

A/C Comment was accepted and resulted in changes to the proposed policy.

N Comment was not accepted.

Date	Commenter	Comments	Action	Rationale
§126-41-1. General				
11/21/17	Amy Cole/Statewide Associates	My name is Amy Cole and I support the Regulatory Services Team at a Government Affairs Firm called Stateside Associates. I have a question with regards to the scope of recently proposed changes to Policy 2460. Does this apply to private post-secondary schools?	N	Thank you for your inquiry concerning Policy 2460. The policy pertains to any public WV K-12 school. It has never applied to private or post-secondary schools; however, we would not discourage the use of WV Policy 2460 as the basis for creating a local policy. I would think individual higher education institutions, which is what I am assuming you are referring to as private post-secondary, would likewise have a policy addressing their student population. Since most attendees of post-secondary institutions are over 18, some federal polices referred to 2460 do not apply.
11/21/17	Jason Jackson/Cabell County Schools	5.4 Replace "in chat rooms" with "other digital communication platforms"	A/S	Chat rooms date the policy and are seldom referred as such by students, change will be more inclusive.
11/22/17	Rosemary Jenkins/AFTWV	Concerns- This policy needs to be clear does it apply only while on the employees 8 hour work day and while using the district or state network system.	A/S	Proposed change: The guidelines set forth in this policy apply to any individual using a state, district, or school provided electronic device or network, regardless of whether the individual is on or off of state, district, or school property and regardless of whether

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				the activity takes place during the individual's normal work hours.
11/27/17	Brooke Lyons/Student, Morgantown High School	It will make it more fair for students going into college, and we need uniformity.	N	
11/27/17	Noah Krolczyk/Student, Morgantown High School	lets us students have equal opportunity of entering colleges of out of state kids	N	
12/1/17	Kristina Weir/Parent-Family, Barrackville, WV	I given our state is ranked top in being unhealthy on so many catagories and als o top for obesity and highest in healthcare cost and addiction, it is more important to educate our children and promote activity. We already have elementary teachers that don't take kids outside because the teacher doesn't care about being activity. My son is ADHD and he needs time to burn off the energy. It helps him focus in the classroom. Also my kids are adopted and his family history has diabetics and heart disease, obesity, and addiction. I'm planning to teach them about healthy approaches and choices but I would like a well rounded education on these topics. Also what about the children that don't get this information at home? This is a terrible idea and does not align with my wishes.	N	Does not apply to this policy
12/1/17	Stephanie Knight/Parent-Family, West Union, WV	Not a good idea at all. Cut physical education? How will they learn about diabetes, sex or mental health? They won't. Parents do not care and are over worked in WV - no time to teach our children this when we work two jobs to pay the bills! Suicide, obesity and drugs rule WV now... it will be	N	Does not apply to this policy

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12/2/17	Rebecca Watson/Parent-Family, Midway, WV	Not sure why u even hsev them go to school anymore.....	N	Does not apply to this policy
12/4/17	Ben Bowling/Teacher, Oak Hill, WV	I don't understand the reasoning for removing the health and physical education credit from middle school. West Virginia is one of the most obese states in the country and the board is trying to remove what little physical activity the students receive. The board is already allowing high school students to take PE online, which is a total oxymoron. I would hate to be in a school where students have to set all day and have no way to release any energy.	N	Does not apply to this policy
12/8/17	James Paxton Marner/Other, Morgantown, WV	I am a Junior at Morgantown High school and a member of our new Government club. Our president informed us that there was a chance we can persuade the Department of Education to implement the 10 point grading scale to all students next year, instead of just the incoming freshman class. I hope that is the case, so I am here to ask you to please, please, give us that 90-100 A grading scale. It would be a good thing for everybody involved. For students, it would be easier to achieve academic success since it won't be more difficult to earn an A in West Virginia than	N	Does not apply to this policy

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		<p>in other states. For teachers, it would be a mess if the new grading scale was implemented to just the single new class. Some classes include both freshmen and sophomores, and sometimes all four classes, like fine arts classes. I took Math II as a Freshman since I took Math 1 in 8th grade and most of my class was sophomores. It would've been extremely difficult to my hardworking teacher, Ms. Born, to change grades depending on who was in what class. Also, she would have to deal with angry parents and students complaining about how her class is rigged against sophomores taking the class. It would be hard for her to console parents because her class would in fact give freshmen the advantage. For whoever is reading this, it would make things less complicated to implement it for everybody at the same time. Why would you deal with all of the angry students, teachers, and parents when you could just make this situation better for literally everybody involved? Implementing the new grading scale next year would be simple, give the WVDE a chance to look good, and be a win/win/win. As Larry the Cable Guy would say, "Get 'er done." Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope I've managed to make even a small difference.</p>		
12/1017	Emily Capece/Parent-Family, Charleston, WV	A general overall comment about use of technology- Ipads should not be a replacement for textbooks! Please honor that each child learns differently, and parents want to help- but many children need textbooks to hold, to touch, to look through, and parents need them to help.	N	Not addressed in this policy, local decision

§126-41-2. Purpose.

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11/22/17	Rosemary Jenkins/AFTWV	How can this policy apply to parents, guardians, or someone that does not use proper English or decides they are going to post derogatory information about the staff or school. How is this going to be policed? Does this policy apply to personal social networking such as facebook or twitter after the work day?	A/S	Proposed change in 2.1: "...districts, schools, students, educators, and other school personnel, parents, guardians, and other users having direct contact with students."
12/1/17	Kristina Weir/Parent-Family, Barrackville, VW	I given our state is ranked top in being unhealthy on so many catagories and als o top for obesity and highest in healthcare cost and addiction, it is more important to educate our children and promote activity. We already have elementary teachers that don't take kids outside because the teacher doesn't care about being activity. My son is ADHD and he needs time to burn off the energy. It helps him focus in the classroom. Also my kids are adopted and his family history has diabetics and heart disease, obesity, and addiction. I'm planning to teach them about healthy approaches and choices but I would like a well rounded education on these topics. Also what about the children that don't get this information at home? This is a terrible idea and does not align with my wishes.	N	Does not apply to this policy
§126-41-3. Educational Purposes.				
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§126-41-4. Digital Citizenship.				
11/22/17	Rosemary Jenkins/AFTWV	Code of conduct- Is this while the employee is using state or district networks and on the 8 hour work day or does it cover an educator 24/7 and on their personal devices and networks after work day.?	A/S	Proposed change per above (duplicate): The guidelines set forth in this policy apply to any individual using a state, district, or school provided electronic device or network, regardless of whether the individual is on or off of state, district, or school property and regardless of whether the activity takes place during the individual's normal work hours.
12/8/17	Mary Beckelhimer/Putnam County Schools	4.4.a.3 Since you aren't allowed to give personal information about others, perhaps state it as below. Also in or on videos? Use extreme caution when revealing personal information, including your home address or phone number, on web sites or social media; in chat rooms, videos, or emails; and as content on any other electronic medium.	N	This is how it is written in the policy currently, not sure of the change she wants: 4.4.a.3. Use extreme caution when revealing personal information, including a home address and phone number, on web sites, blogs, podcasts, videos, social media, in chat rooms, wikis, e-mail, or as content on any other electronic medium.
§126-41-5. Accountability and Responsibility.				
11/22/17	Rosemary Jenkins/AFTWV	5.7 " All educators, service personnel, and staff are expected to maintain appropriate boundaries between personal social networking and professional/educational networking to protect the safety of students and professional integrity."	A/S	Proposed addition: For adults communicating with students it is recommended that individuals communicate via one-way communication applications or communicate directly with

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		<p>What is appropriate Boundaries? What is professional Integrity? Needs to be clear???? Who is going to police the educators personal social networking?</p>		<p>parents. This type of communication protects both students and adults from any unwanted, inappropriate or unsolicited communication and from the danger of having communications misconstrued and used as legal evidence.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>For the protection of students and employees, it is recommended that any adult communication with students occur either via one way communication applications or district sponsored applications, or that communication occur directly with parents. District policies may specifically designate the methods of electronic communication that are acceptable for use by educators, service personnel and staff to use when communication with students is necessary. (this is per Heather’s conversation with Frank)</p>
12/8/17	Mary Beckelhimer/Putnam County Schools	<p>5.5. (revised) appears to repeat</p> <p>4.4.a.9rn5.7.b.1 - British spelling of behaviorrn</p> <p>5.7.b.2 - on a work provided computer (2nd line missing d)</p>	<p>N</p> <p>A/S</p> <p>A/S</p>	<p>Unsure of the request</p> <p>Changing “Behaviour” to Behavior makes it consistent in the policy.</p> <p>“d” added to provide</p>
12/22/17	Frank Vitale/WVBE	<p>requiring counties to approve all communication platforms for educators and students.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	<p>See proposed addition to comment one under this section.</p>
<p>§126-41-6. Use of Electronic Resources, Technology and the Internet.</p>				

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11/22/17	Rosemary Jenkins/AFTWV	Unacceptable Use---- 6.3.18 Campaigning, lobbying, or other.....rnlis this for educators that are on their 8 hour work day only or does it cover the educators 24/7 no matter what network they are using??? Please be clear about this?????	N	We feel "...state supported platforms..." covers that this is not permitted using state provided email or network.
12/8/17	Mary Beckelhimer/Putnam County Schools	6.1.b Is their an age for which students don't need a parent/guardian to sign an AUP?	N	It is best to error on the side of caution, this could become a local district decision to make the change in the local policy. WVDE has no way to police this.
12/10/17	Christie Willis/School System Staff, Wood County Schools	Thank you for addressing social media.rnrnlis it possible to specifically address student usage for grades K-1? We have had great discussion over the students in grades K and 1 having a modified username/password. Nine digits (student WVEIS number) for a Kindergarten student username is extremely stringent for a five year old; this is not feasible for all of our K-1 students and wastes time in the computer lab as the adult logs-in the student. Can the K-1 students have a modified log-in and/or password? Can we make a user friendly K-1 adaptation?	N	Students should have unique user name and passwords, however, the length of such is a local decision.
§126-41-7. Network.				
	No Comments			
§126-41-8. Filtering.				
	No Comments			
§126-41-9. Copyright.				
	No Comments			
§126-41-10. Web Publishing.				
12/8/17	Mary Beckelhimer/Putnam County Schools	There is nothing, except for easy navigation, to address accessibility by all users. Counties could use some help in wording to meet current and potential OCR complaints.	A/S	Proposed addition: 10.2.j. comply with all W3C and ADA standards.
§126-41-11. Implementation.				
	No Comments			

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§126-41-12. Severability.				
	No Comments			