



Electronic Access to School District Policies and Procedures

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Each school district operates according to an established set of board policies and operating procedures. Over time, the cost of printing these policies has led to a limited number of paper copies available for teachers to review, if they can locate them. This creates a potential problem because teachers are held accountable for being familiar with the policies as well as their compliance.

As districts have moved away from printing materials and trended toward the use of electronic resources, about two thirds of districts now provide access to their policies on their public web site, although some are hard to locate. There are approximately twenty-five districts who do not provide access. These barriers make it difficult for teachers to get critical information and comply with the district's policies. This is also an issue for parents and students, who need access to the policies related to student instruction, transportation, code of conduct, discipline and so forth.

The SCEA supports state legislation and local school district policies that require school districts publish all policies and procedures on their district's public website.

This suggested legislation reads as follows:

Policies Online

A school district shall publish all policies and procedures on the school district's website, reasonably accessible to the public.

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