Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs)

The newly signed House Bill 47 requires AEDs to be placed in every public and chartered nonpublic school in Ohio by October 22, 2024. HB 47 goes beyond merely requiring AEDs to be placed in schools. It will also require the Ohio Department of Health to develop a model emergency action plan for the use of AEDs. All public and chartered nonpublic schools will be required to adopt their own emergency action plans and practice them at least quarterly. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) will develop a system for violations to be reported if schools do not properly place AEDs in their facilities or fail to adopt and practice an emergency action plan. The bill also requires schools to train teachers, administrators, coaches, athletic trainers, and anyone else supervising student-athletes on how and when to use AEDs. Finally, the bill requires schools and youth sports organizations to hold informational meetings each sports season regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest for young athletes of all ages.

Additional Legislative Updates

At a recent sponsor training, ODEW shared the following legislative changes that were recently passed:

- **HB 147**
  - School employee misconduct clarifications
  - Services by virtual means for Peterson and Autism programs

- **HB 214**
  - Clarifies accommodating religious expression
  - Permits up to three days per year for students

- **SB 168** (part 1)
  - Clarifies exemption from requirements for districts
  - Allow development of evaluation frameworks as an alternative to OTES
  - Clarifies inclusion in Rapback

- **SB 168** (part 2)
  - Remote testing pilot for 2024-25
  - Adjust pick up time from 30 to 60 minutes (school transportation)
  - Creates school turnaround pilot
SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

Every year between January 1st and September 1st, school administrators are required to review their Emergency Management Plan documents for accuracy. All community schools must have a safety plan on file. For further instructions, download the Annual Certification Step-by-Step Instructions.

ALTERNATIVE RESIDENT EDUCATOR LICENSES TRANSITION TO 2-YEAR

Due to recent legislation, the 4-Year Alternative Resident Educator license has been replaced with the new 2-Year Alternative Resident Educator (P-12) license. Educators working under an active 4-Year Alternative Resident Educator license are not required to obtain the new 2-Year Alternative Resident Educator license. Active 4-Year Alternative Resident Educator licenses are valid until their expiration date and may be used for participation in the Ohio Resident Educator Program.

Other Resources

- NCSRC Grant Opportunities
- Off and Running: Ohio’s early implementation of its Science of Reading reforms, Aaron Churchill
- Improving Attendance: Levers Within Your District’s Control, edWebinar recording
- Voices from the Classroom 2024: A Survey of America’s Educators, Educators for Excellence

Transportation

ODEW updated its complaint and compliance system. Additional information and access to the compliant form is available here.

Back-to-school is also the time when families may receive declarations of impracticality. Determinations of impracticality are student specific. Districts must consider six factors and provide a detailed explanation to parents regarding how the decision was made. Parents may request mediation and decline the payment in lieu of transporting their children. If mediation is requested, districts must provide transportation while the matter of impracticality is being decided. Additional information about impracticality and payment in lieu is available here.

Training & Events

- **ODEW Reading Webinars**
  - 8/2 - Science of Reading PD requirements for pre-kindergarten teachers
  - 8/9 - Latest updates to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee guidance manual for the 2024-25 school year

- **EMIS Coordinator Training** - August 6, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., In-Person in Columbus
  - August 2024 Online Sessions are also listed on the Department’s website

- **AOS 2024 Community Schools Training** - August 27, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Annual Ohio Family Engagement Leadership Summit** - September 20, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Third Thursday Virtual Networking Meetings

**Thursday, August 15th at 11:00 am** - This month’s topic will be Report Card Technical Guidance & Reporting.

Let us know if you would like anyone added to the invitation list.

- September: Finance/Transportation Updates & Compliance Deadlines
- October: PBIS & Restraint and Seclusion
- November: In-Person Event & Meeting
- December: Internal Assessments & Data Reporting
Your students and staff have been busy putting in the work this summer! We are proud of all the summer learning programs, camps, and enrichment opportunities our schools provide. The hard work and fun isn’t for the students; teachers have also been learning and bonding to make this next school year great. Way to go!
Compliance and Epicenter Requirements

8/15/24 - Epicenter submissions for the 2024-2025 school year will open
8/30/24 - The earliest a submission will be due (with the exception of Treasurers’ due date of 7/30 to upload financial reports for the June fiscal year 2024 ending period)

Reach out to us if you need an adjustment for a due date once Epicenter is open or if you have questions on any submissions. We are happy to add others to the Epicenter submission role and to provide individualized training, if you need it.

PLEASE READ ALL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY, AS THEY MAY HAVE CHANGED FROM PRIOR YEARS, due to changes in law or documentation requirements of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DEADLINES

8/2 - OhioMeansJobs K-12 Survey closes
8/2 - Annual restraint and seclusion data collection window closes
8/6 - Ohio Sales Tax Holiday ends at 11:59 p.m.
9/27 - Application deadline for Significant Expansion
9/30 - COVID Federal ARP ESSER Funds (COVID relief) expire

THIS JUST IN

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has added materials to the approved list of reading intervention programs. The Department’s list of approved reading intervention program materials includes all submitted materials that met the required criteria.

Our Fordham office would like to wish everyone a great start to the new school year! Your continuous work and support of advancing education excellence is much appreciated. We know many of you have already held teacher orientations and have more events planned in the coming days to kick off your school year.

Governor DeWine recorded a welcome back message to teachers, which you can find here, if you wanted to share it with yours.