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SUBJECT: Rule 14 Overview

Proposed Board Action:

Report only.

Background Information:

Rule 14 (Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools) establishes the baseline that all nonpublic schools must meet for legal operation. This report will provide an introduction to proposed changes, additions and revisions.

The specific areas of focus are:

- Updated definitions and statutory references
- Instructional programs (elementary, middle, and high school or secondary)
- Reports
- Middle grade athletics
- Staff requirements (instructional and administrative)
- Materials and Facilities

Estimated Cost:

N/A

Supporting Documentation Included:

Rule 14 - Summary of Proposed Revisions

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Rule 14- Summary of Proposed Revisions ***(Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools)***

Rationale for Revisions and Additions: To update vocabulary and definitions; provide closer alignment between Rule 10 and Rule 14 in the area of middle grade athletics, and add flexibility and clarity to an approved school's programs by including middle grades.

Section	Content & Potential Change
001 General Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The additions within Section 001 simply bring the rule up-to-date regarding Statute reference and dates for implementation.
002.03 Definitions of Core Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core curriculum definition is updated to align with current vocabulary, i.e. Vocational Education becomes Career and Technical Education, and Foreign Language becomes World Language.
002.10-002.12 Definition of Middle Grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The definition of middle grades is added to align with Rule 10 and to provide more accurate descriptions of the configuration of grade levels in many school systems.
003.04 Procedures for Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitation requirements are aligned with current Statute, striking county superintendents since this position no longer exists.
004.01E School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additions are strictly for clarity and establish which grade levels must meet for a minimum of 1032 hours (1-8) or 1080 hours (9-12).
004.01G-004.01G1 Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns the method of report submission with current requirements.
004.02B4 Middle Grade Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns middle grade athletic requirements in both Rule 10 and Rule 14 documents. Details the number and type of athletic events that can be held. Establishes consistency among small schools by allowing 6th graders to participate in middle grade athletics when minimum student numbers fall below twelve.
004.02C1 Number, Preparation, and Assignment of Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the possible configuration of grade levels beyond elementary and secondary.
004.02D1-004.02D3 Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletes reference to grade nine as being part of the elementary. Adds references to middle and high school rather than just elementary and secondary.
004.02D4 Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new section that outlines the physical conditions every building must meet – aligns with Rule 10.
005.02B Elementary Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strikes reference to Prestandard certificate. Clarifies the requirement that principals must be appropriately endorsed.
006 Regulations for Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new section titled “Middle School” where, previously, Rule 14 addressed only elementary and secondary programs. This provides more accurate requirements if the local governing body designates certain grade levels as middle grades.
007.01C1-0.1C2, .01C5-.01C6, and 007.01D High School Instructional Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates vocabulary and Statute numbers.