

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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**Responsible Office:** OFFICE OF ACADEMICS, DIVISION OF SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

### PERSONAL CARE AND TOILETING

#### A. PURPOSE

To ensure appropriate assistance is provided to students with and without Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or Section 504 Plans with personal care and toileting needs in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) Early Learning Programs, including Birth-5 programs, prekindergarten 4, and kindergarten.

#### B. ISSUE

Students attending AACPS Early Learning Programs demonstrate various levels of personal care and toileting abilities. State law does not allow schools to exclude or withdraw students from school due to toileting abilities.

#### C. POSITION

1. The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) supports the right of every student, with or without an IEP or Section 504 Plan, to be treated with respect while appropriate personal care and toileting assistance is provided in accordance with this policy, the accompanying regulation, and the *AACPS Personal Care and Toileting Guidelines*.
2. With regard to personal care and toileting, AACPS students have the right to:
  - a. Feel safe and secure;
  - b. Be respected and valued as individuals;
  - c. Privacy, dignity, and a professional approach from staff assisting to meet their personal care needs;
  - d. Be given the opportunity to be treated in an age-appropriate manner;
  - e. Receive guidance and support to enable them to make appropriate choices when it comes to their personal needs;

- f. Be accepted for who they are, without regard to age, gender, ability, race, culture, or beliefs; and
- g. Express their needs, wants, concerns, and have what they expressed responded to appropriately.

**D. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

*Policy History:* Adopted on 05/06/26

*Note Previous Policy History:* None

*Legal References:* Section 7-301 of the Education Article, COMAR 13A.08.01.01