

Michigan Department of Education
Report on Policy Changes
 2008 Public Acts

PUBLIC ACT	SUBJECT	ACT/STATUTE	POLICY
2008 PA 121 Eff. 5/9/08 HB 5322 (Clack)	HPV Information in Schools The Department of Education (MDE), in cooperation with the Department of Community Health (DCH), shall develop and make available to schools information on meningococcal meningitis and human papillomavirus.	Revised School Code MCL 380.1177a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDE and DCH established and distributed information to schools (August 08).
2008 PA 160 Eff. 6/11/08 HB 5963 (Polidori)	Military Education Compact Creates an Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children that addresses the educational transition issues of children of military families.	Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity For Military Children MCL 3.1041 to 3.1042	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish policies to ensure compliance with the Interstate Compact.
2008 PA 268 Eff. 8/6/08 SB 1107 (Jelinek)	State School Aid Act New Section 11n appropriates funds for the 21 st Century Schools Fund	State School Aid Act MCL 388.1611n	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop grant criteria, eligibility process for 21st Century Schools Fund.
2008 PA 315 Eff. 12/17/08 HB 6368 (Mayes)	Farm-to-School Created the "Farm-to-School Procurement Act" to require MDE and the Department of Agriculture (MDA) to collaborate and cooperate by means of a memorandum of understanding that would encourage school food authorities to purchase local farm products.	Farm-to-School Procurement Act MCL 388.841 to 388.844	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with MDA to adopt a memorandum of understanding as required by law.
2008 PA 343 Eff. 12/23/08 HB 6365 (Gonzales)	Food Bidding Procedures Increases threshold that would require school districts to obtain a competitive bid when purchasing food in a single transaction from \$24,488 to \$100,000.	Revised School Code MCL 380.1274	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed guidance for school district food service directors. Will distribute to all food service directors via email.
2008 PA 344 Eff. 12/23/08 HB 6366 (Hansen)	Food Bidding Procedures Increases threshold that would require intermediate school districts to obtain a competitive bid when purchasing food in a single transaction from \$24,488 to \$100,000.	Revised School Code MCL 380.623a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed guidance for school district food service directors. Will distribute to all food service directors via email.

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2008 PA 349 Eff. 12/23/08 HB 6412 (Gillard)	Michigan Merit Exam (MME) Aligns MME with the recent amendments to the State School Aid Act.	Revised School Code MCL 380.1279g.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed the MME to include a third WorkKeys assessment, and to eliminate the social studies writing prompt. Communications with school officials carried this message.
2008 PA 350 Eff. 12/23/08 HB 6413 (Gillard)	Michigan Promise Grant Redefines the definition of the "state assessment test" to mean the complete MME or (for students who have taken the complete MME and the extended writing sample), the college entrance component of the MME.	Michigan Promise Grant MCL 390.1622	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed the eligibility criteria for 12th graders who may take the MME to be consistent with the new legislation (only those not previously tested on the complete MME can take the test in the 12th grade). Communications with school officials carried this message.
2008 PA 517 Eff. 1/13/09 SB 482 (Gleason)	Michigan Promise Scholarship Eligibility Requires students that participate in the MME social studies on the MME to qualify for early payments (as entering freshmen and sophomores) under the Michigan Promise program. In addition, the definition of a "state assessment test" was amended to include the complete MME, or for a student who has previously taken the complete MME, the college examination component of the MME.	Michigan Promise Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy effects are on the Department of Treasury, but MDE communications carried the message to school officials.
2008 PA 540 Eff. 1/13/09 HB 5639	School Contracts Allows a school board to implement a policy that gives preference to a Michigan-based business in awarding a contract.	Revised School Code MCL 380.623a MCL 380.1267 MCL 380.1274	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Districts will be notified of this change in the Procurement Tool Kit that will be distributed via email.