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The responsibility for public education is one that is reserved to the states. Wisconsin's Constitution specifically recognizes this responsibility by requiring the Legislature to provide for the establishment of district schools and further requires that such schools be free and without charge for tuition to all children ages 4 through 20 (Article X, Section 3). Furthermore, the Legislature has declared that education is a state function (s. 121.01 of the statutes).

Over the years, the state has relied on school districts to implement a statewide system of elementary and secondary education. Local school boards and districts have been given some discretion in fiscal and administrative matters. Nevertheless, school boards and districts are agents of the state for the purpose of administering the educational system.

The purpose of this paper is to list the requirements prescribed by state law for school districts and school boards, based on the Wisconsin Statutes of 2019-20. This document identifies only statutory provisions. Administrative rules that have been promulgated by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and other state agencies which affect the operation and programs of school districts are not included in the paper since these rules are generally developed to assist in the interpretation and enforcement of statutory provisions.

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Within each category, the requirements are listed in ascending order based on the section number of the statute. Four columns of information are provided for each requirement. The first column gives a title for the requirement. The second column identifies the specific statutory section(s) related to the item. The third column provides a brief description of the requirement. In many cases, the provisions have been described in very general terms. The narrative section of the table is not intended to serve as a comprehensive summary of every statutory provision. Therefore, the description should not substitute for the actual reading and review of the statutory provision.

The fourth column indicates whether the provision applies to all school districts, to all districts except the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), or to just MPS. In some cases, the provision may have a special applicability which is indicated in the description section and identified by a single asterisk (*). There are several provisions which are not specifically referenced under the statutes affecting MPS (Chapter 119; First Class City School System); however, the provisions have, in practice, been applied to MPS. Therefore, these provisions are identified with a double asterisk (**).

In addition, the fourth column identifies those provisions that comprise what are commonly referred to as the state's 20 standards for school

districts. Since 1988, school district compliance with these standards has been audited or reviewed upon complaint by DPI. DPI must conduct an inquiry upon receipt of a complaint, and may on its own initiative conduct an audit. A determination of noncompliance with the standards may result in the withholding of up to 25% of the district's state aid. However, districts have the opportunity, after a requested public hearing, to develop a plan for compliance with DPI's assistance.

Charter schools are exempt from the provisions of Chapters 115 through 121 of the statutes, with certain statutorily specified exceptions, including the state's pupil assessment program, the school district's annual school performance report, and the licensure of all instructional staff.

In 1995 Act 27, the Legislature authorized school districts to request a waiver from any school board or school district requirement in Chapters 115 through 121, or any DPI administrative rule, except for statutes or rules relating to: (a) health or safety of pupils; (b) pupil discrimination; (c) pupil assessment programs; (d) pupil records; (e) collection of data for DPI; (f) uniform fund accounting and audits; (g) teacher and other school personnel certification or licensure; (h) commencement of the school term, except for extraordinary reasons; and (i) the requirements established for achievement guarantee contracts, for schools participating in the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) or Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) programs. School districts must hold public hearings before requesting such waivers and specify to DPI the reason for the waiver request. Waivers are effective for four years, after which DPI may renew the waivers if the school district has evaluated the educational and financial effects of the waiver over the past four years. In its required report on waivers and in supplemental data, DPI indicates that from 1995-96 through 2019-20, DPI received 858 waiver requests from school districts. Of these requests, three were withdrawn, 134 were denied, and 721 were approved. Additionally, as of July, 2020, 399

school districts had requested waivers from the instructional hours requirement for the 2019-20 school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and all 399 were approved.

A recurring issue has been the cost associated with state requirements on local school districts. There are a number of difficulties in estimating such costs. First, one could argue that the total cost of the K-12 system (\$11.90 billion in 2018-19) is associated with the constitutional provision requiring the establishment of district schools that are to be free to all children. Second, even if one seeks to know the cost of a more narrowly defined requirement, information on school costs may not be aggregated in such a way as to permit such an estimation.

School districts submit annual financial reports to DPI. These reports provide data on various expenditure items such as salaries, employee benefits, capital and noncapital purchases, debt service, and purchased services. These items are also separated into general functional areas such as special education, administration, pupil transportation, and facilities acquisition. The reports, however, do not provide cost information on the subcategories of the general functional areas, making it difficult to identify the cost of specific statutory requirements in these areas. A further obstacle to overcome, even if data on the costs of particular programs are available, is the identification of which portion of a program's costs are due to a state requirement and which portion would be incurred in the absence of that requirement.

The abbreviations used in the tables follow:

AODA	Alcohol and other drug abuse
CESA	Cooperative educational service agency
DOA	Department of Administration
DCF	Department of Children and Families
DHS	Department of Health Services
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPI	Department of Public Instruction
IEP	Individualized education program
LEP	Limited-English proficient
MPS	Milwaukee Public Schools
UHS	Union high school districts
WTCS	Wisconsin Technical College System

PART I: SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
Election Laws	Chapters 5 thru 12	General provisions of Chapter 5 (elections--general provisions; ballots and voting systems); Chapter 6 (the electors); Chapter 7 (election officials; boards; selection and duties; canvassing); Chapter 8 (nominations, primaries, elections); Chapter 9 (post-election actions; direct legislation); Chapter 10 (election notices); Chapter 11 (campaign financing); and Chapter 12 (prohibited election practices) apply to school district elections.	All
Board Election	5.58(1g) 5.58(3) 5.60(4) 7.53(3)(a) 120.06 120.42	Specifies procedures for the election of school board members including nomination requirements, primaries and school district clerk duties.	A/M
Board Election	5.58(1g)(b) 5.58(3) 5.60(4)(b) 7.53(3)(b) 8.11(2m) 8.50 119.08	Specifies procedures and requirements for the election and special election of board members.	MPS
Cost of Elections	5.68(2)	In a first class city, all costs otherwise attributable to a school district are paid by the city.	MPS
Cost of Elections	5.68(2)&(3)	Requires school districts to share in the cost of election ballot preparation and to pay for the entire cost of the election if the school district is the only governmental unit involved in the election.	A/M
Election Notices	10.07	Allows county, municipal, and school district clerks to jointly publish election notices and requires school districts to share in the cost of publishing.	All
Resignations, Vacancies, Removals, and Recalls	9.10 17.01(11) 17.03(4m)&(11) 17.13 17.17(5) 17.26 120.12(28) 120.42(3)	Specifies procedures for the resignation of school district officers; the causes for vacancies and the manner in which they are to be filled; and the method for removing elective or appointive officers. Establishes general provisions for recall election by petition.	All
Public Officials, Records and Meetings	Chapter 19	School boards and their employees are required to follow the procedures and requirements of Chapter 19 related to the general duties of public officials, which include official oaths and bonds, a code of ethics for public officials and employees, personal information practices, the public records law, and the open meetings law.	All
Annexations to First Class Cities	62.071 66.0217(8)(c)	If petition for annexation to a 1st class city would result in the detachment of more than 20% of the equalized value of a school district, electors in the remainder of such district would decide by referendum whether to be included in the city. School board is not required to administer the schools in any annexed territory until the following July 1.	MPS
Community Relations-Social Development Commission	66.0125	School districts which elect to create community relations-social development commissions are subject to the requirements regarding the commission's duties, composition and organization.	All*
Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling	66.0131 Chapter 287	Requires school districts to comply with requirements regarding purchasing of materials made from recycled or recovered materials. General provisions of Chapter 287 regarding solid waste reduction and recycling apply to school districts.	All

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Title	Statute	Description	Note
Territorial Transfer Adjustments	66.0235	Specifies procedures and requirements for the adjustment of assets and liabilities on the transfer of territory between school districts.	All
Cooperative Agreements	66.0303 120.25	Specifies requirements for school districts entering into a cooperative arrangement regarding facilities with other school districts, or for districts entering into a cooperative agreement with a governmental unit in another state.	All
Classifications	115.01	Definitions of "public schools," "grades," "school districts," "name," "school day," "distance," and "electors."	All
CESA Board of Control	116.02(1)(a)	Requires school boards to annually appoint one school board member to attend the CESA Board of Control organizational meeting to elect Board of Control members.	All**
CESA Professional Advisory Committee	116.05	Requires each school district administrator to be a member of the professional advisory committee in his/her CESA.	All**
School District Reorganization	117.05(2)(b)	Requires majority vote of full authorized membership of school board for any reorganization action.	A/M
Inclusion of All Territory	117.05(5)	Requires that all territory within the state be included in school district(s) operating elementary and high school grades; prohibits an order of detachment without inclusion of territory in another school district or a new school district; and prohibits a reorganization that would result in parts of a union high school district being noncontiguous.	A/M
Reorganization Fee	117.05(9)(b)	Requires school districts ordering dissolution of a district or requesting a review of a reorganization to pay a fee to the State Superintendent to reimburse the costs of the School District Boundary Appeal Board.	A/M
Consolidation of School Districts	117.08 117.09	Specifies procedures for the consolidation of school districts and the consolidation of union high and elementary school districts.	A/M
Dissolution of a School District	117.10	Specifies procedures for the dissolution of a school district.	A/M
Creation of a School District	117.105	Specifies procedures for the creation of a school district from the territory of one or more existing school districts.	A/M
Detachment and Attachment of Territory to a School District	117.11 117.12 117.13 117.132	Specifies procedures for the detachment and attachment of: (a) large territory; (b) small territory initiated by the landowner; (c) small territory initiated by school boards; and (d) territory annexed by certain municipalities, if territory located wholly in county with a population of more than 325,000 and less than 750,000.	A/M
Criteria for District Reorganizations	117.15	Specifies factors school boards must consider when making reorganization decisions.	A/M
Reorganization Orders	117.17	Specifies contents and filing requirements for school district reorganization orders.	A/M
Reorganization Referendum	117.20	Specifies procedures for a referendum on reorganization.	A/M
School Boards in New School Districts	117.22	Specifies procedures for operation of a joint interim school board and for the election of a new school board in reorganized school districts.	A/M
Transfer of Assets, Liabilities, and Employees	117.25	Specifies conditions for the transfer of assets, liabilities, and employees in reorganized and newly created school districts.	A/M
Change of District Type	117.27	Specifies procedures school districts must follow in order to change district type.	A/M
District Failure to Operate School	117.30	Specifies procedures for the reorganization of school districts which fail to operate school for two or more successive years.	A/M

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Initial Establishment of School Board	119.06	Specifies procedures for the initial establishment of the school board of a school system in a 1st class city.	MPS
Board Meetings	119.10(1), (2) & (3)	Requires school board to hold an annual organizational meeting and regular meetings at least monthly.	MPS
School Board President	119.10(1)&(2)	Requires board election of a board president and specifies term and duties of the position.	MPS
School Board Clerk	119.10(1)&(2)	Requires board designation of a board clerk.	MPS
Board Restrictions	119.12(1)	Subjects board members to all restrictions, liabilities, punishments and limitations, including recall, prescribed by law for common council members and requires board to provide by resolution a method of handling complaints against members.	MPS
Board Salaries	119.12(3)	Requires annual salaries for board members, set by the board, paid monthly.	MPS
Legal Counsel	119.12(6)	Requires the board to use the city attorney as its legal advisor except in certain specific situations.	MPS
Schools and Attendance Districts	119.16(2)	Requires school board to establish, organize, and maintain schools and divide city into attendance districts.	MPS
Limit on Charter Pupils	119.18(1r)(b)	Prohibits the board from establishing by rule a limit on the number of pupils who may enroll in a non-instrumentality charter school.	MPS
Board Composition	120.01 120.41	Specifies number of school board members for common, union high and unified school districts.	A/M
Board Changes	120.02	Specifies procedures for changes to the number, apportionment, or election of school board members.	A/M
Board Officials	120.05, 120.43(1)	Specifies officers of a school district and method of replacement.	A/M
District Meetings	120.08	Requires an annual meeting of the district's electors for common and union high school districts, and specifies the allowable dates for the meeting. Specifies procedures and conditions for special meetings of the district. Does not apply to unified districts.	A/M*
Special Subjects	120.09	Specifies procedures for the consideration of special subjects at annual meetings. Does not apply to unified districts.	A/M*
Board Meetings	120.11(1)&(2) 120.43(2)	Requires regular school board meetings at least monthly and specifies procedures for special meetings of the board.	A/M
Publication of Board Proceedings	120.11(4) 120.43(4)	Requires publication of the proceedings of board meetings, including every official action taken, and requires board to make available a detailed financial record at each meeting and upon request.	A/M
General Board Authority	120.12(1)&(2) 120.44(2)	Requires school boards to control and manage district property and affairs, and supervise district schools.	A/M
Duties of Board Officers	120.15, 120.16 & 120.17	Specifies duties of school board president, treasurer, and clerk of a common or union high school district.	A/M*
Unified School District	120.44	Specifies that the school board of a unified district has the same powers and duties of a school board and annual meeting in a common school district. Specifies that the officers of a unified school district have the powers and duties of the officers of a common school district. Provides that no annual meeting is held in a unified school district. Does not apply to common and UHS districts.	A/M*

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Chapter 220 Planning Councils	121.85(9)	Requires school boards in Milwaukee County to organize planning councils with the Milwaukee Public Schools to facilitate pupil transfers between districts for racial balance purposes. Requirement applies only if full pupil transfer aids and planning council assistance funds are appropriated.	MPS*

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PART II: SCHOOL PERSONNEL			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
Public Employee Benefits	Chapter 40	Provisions of Chapter 40 related to Wisconsin Retirement System, social security, and various health, disability, and survivor benefits apply to school districts.	All
City Civil Service	63.53	Requires that all employees of the school board (except administrators, teachers, and non-clerical employees whose duties are specific to municipal recreation and adult education) are to have their tenure and employment status determined by the laws and rules established for the city civil service commissioners, except staff of the Board of Directors can be excluded if the Board so decides.	MPS
Referendum for Increase in Employee Wages	66.0506 118.245	Specifies referendum procedure under which a school board can increase the base wages of employees in a collective bargaining unit in an amount that exceeds the increase in the consumer price index.	All
Prohibition on Collective Bargaining	66.0508 118.223	Prohibits school boards from collectively bargaining with its employees, except under the provisions of municipal employment relations law under which a board may bargain collectively with a unit over only changes in base wages not to exceed the increase in the consumer price index, absent a referendum.	All
Grievance System	66.0509	Requires local units of government, including school districts, to establish a grievance procedure or a civil service system, and specifies the required elements for each.	All**
Defined Benefit Pension Plans	66.0518	Prohibits local units of government, including school districts, from establishing a defined benefit pension plan for its employees unless the plan requires the employees to pay half of all actuarially-required contributions for funding benefits under the plan and prohibits the district from paying on behalf of an employee any of the employee's share of the contributions.	All**
Industry and Labor Regulations	Chapters 101 thru 104 and 108 and 109	School districts are an "employer" and an "owner" of a place of employment or public building and are subject to the provisions and requirements of Chapter 101 (industry, buildings, and safety); Chapter 102 (worker's compensation); Chapter 103 (employment regulations); Chapter 104 (minimum wage law); Chapter 108 (unemployment insurance); and Chapter 109 (wage payments).	All
Employment Relations	Chapter 111	Provisions of Chapter 111 particularly relating to fair employment (prohibits discrimination in hiring, firing, and condition of employment) and municipal employment relations apply to school districts.	All
Teacher License Revocation	115.31(3), (4) &(5)	Requires school administrator to report to the State Superintendent the names of employees charged with, or convicted of, certain crimes or found or reasonably suspected of having engaged in immoral conduct.	All
Teacher Program Information	115.383(2)	Requires each district to include information in the statewide information system on the teacher education program completed by each teacher in the district.	All
Sale of Goods and Services at Schools	118.12(2)	Prohibits a school district employee from selling any goods or services to any public school pupil on school grounds for which they receive anything of value for personal benefit.	All
Records and Reports	118.123	Requires officers and teachers of a school district to make required reports or to maintain required records under penalty of a forfeiture for each failure or neglect.	All**
Teacher Records	118.18	Requires teachers to keep certain records, including daily attendance.	All
Teacher Licenses	118.19	Requires teachers to obtain permits or licenses from DPI prior to teaching in a public school. Requires school districts to provide, upon the request of the State Superintendent, certain information about each person employed by the district who holds a DPI license with no expiration date.	All

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Professional Teaching Permits for Music, Art, Foreign Language, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Science	118.192(3)&(4)	Requires supervision of each person holding a professional teaching permit during the initial permit period by a licensed teacher. Further, no licensed teacher may be removed from his or her position due to the employment of persons holding permits.	All**
Discrimination Against Teachers	118.195 118.20	Requires that school districts not discriminate against handicapped teachers when hiring. Further, no discrimination because of sex, race, nationality, or political or religious affiliation may be practiced.	All
Teacher Contracts	118.21	Requires school districts to contract in writing with qualified teachers.	All**
Renewal of Teacher Contracts	118.22	Requires school districts to give written preliminary notice of nonrenewal of a contract and written notice of final renewal or nonrenewal of a contract.	A/M
Lunch Periods for Teachers	118.235	Requires school districts provide teachers a duty-free lunch period.	All**
School District Administrator	118.24	Specifies that contracts for certain school district-administrative positions may not exceed two years, and allows for specified extensions. Specifies procedures for renewal or nonrenewal. Specifies duties of the positions. Prohibits a principal or assistant principal from being granted tenure or permanent employment. Certain provisions not cited in Chapter 119 as applying to MPS.	All*
Health Examinations	118.25	Requires physical exams of employees who come in contact with children, specifies requirements for the exams, and requires the school district to pay for the exams.	All
Custodian of School Premises	119.16(6)	Requires school board to fix duties and responsibilities of principals as the custodian of the school premises.	MPS
Superintendent of Schools	119.32 119.36	Requires board election of superintendent and specifies position's duties. Specifies procedures for board dismissal of the superintendent.	MPS
Teacher Salary Schedule	119.40	Requires board to annually establish a teacher salary schedule.	MPS
Interest in Contracts	119.66	Prohibits school board members during their term, and for two years after, from being employed by the board or the Department of Employee Trust Funds. Prohibits board members and its employees from having any interest in the purchase or sale of school property.	MPS
Educator Effectiveness	120.12(2m) 115.415	Requires school boards to evaluate the effectiveness of each teacher and principal based upon measures of student performance and the extent to which the teacher's or principal's practice meets specified core teaching standards or educational leadership policy standards.	All
Health Care Benefits	120.12(24)	Requires school boards to solicit sealed bids prior to selection of group health care benefits provider for district employees. Requires school boards to annually submit to DOA a report containing specified information regarding health care for district employees.	All
Professional Staff Licensure	121.02(1)(a) 121.006(2)(b)	Requires school districts to ensure that: (a) every teacher, supervisor, administrator, and professional staff member holds a certificate, license, or permit to teach issued by DPI; (b) all instructional staff in charter schools established by a district hold a DPI license or permit; and (c) an individual who provides instruction through an online course offered from another state to pupils enrolled in the district holds a valid license or permit in the state from which the online course is provided.	All 20 STD
Staff Development	121.02(1)(b)	Requires school districts to annually establish with school board employees a professional staff development plan designed to meet the needs of individuals or curriculum areas in each school.	All 20 STD

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Personnel Evaluation	121.02(1)(q)	Requires school districts to evaluate, in writing, the performance of all certified school personnel at the end of their first year and at least every third year thereafter.	All 20 STD
Internet Privacy Protection	995.55(2)	Prohibits a school district from: (a) requesting or requiring an employee or applicant for employment to disclose access information for their personal Internet account; (b) discharging or discriminating against an employee for refusing to disclose that information; and (c) refusing to hire an applicant for not disclosing that information. Identifies activities that are allowable within the prohibitions.	All

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PART III: CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
Driver Education Courses	115.28(11) 121.41	For school districts providing driver education instruction, requires that driver education courses be approved by the State Superintendent and specifies required topics of instruction in such courses.	All*
Academic and Career Planning	115.28(59)	Requires school districts to provide academic and career planning services to all pupils in grades 6 through 12.	All
Second Chance Partners for Education	115.363	For school districts contracting with Second Chance Partners or other work-based learning program for disengaged high school pupils, requires the school board pay the nonprofit corporation an amount no more than the amount paid per pupil to operators of independent charter schools in the current year, multiplied by the number of pupils participating under the contract.	All*
School and School District Performance Report	115.38 121.02(1)(o)	Requires school districts annually to notify each pupil's parent or guardian of the right to request a performance report developed by DPI. Requires school districts to distribute the report upon request. Requires that the report include certain information and performance indicators by school, school district, and athletic conference. If the district maintains an Internet site, then the report must be made available to the public on that site. If a school board enters into an agreement with a federally recognized American Indian tribe to establish a charter school, that school board must distribute a copy of the school and school district performance report to each pupil's parent or guardian upon request.	All 20 STD
Statewide Student Information System	115.383(3)(a)	Within five years of the establishment of a statewide student information system by the State Superintendent, requires that every school district be using the system.	All
Educational Goals	118.01(2)	Requires school districts to teach specified academic skills, vocational skills, citizenship, and personal development.	All
Reading Instruction	118.015	Requires school districts to employ a certified reading specialist, develop reading program goals, assess reading program needs, and annually evaluate school district reading curriculum.	All
Dyslexia Guidebook	118.015(4)(d)	If a school board maintains an Internet site for the school district, require that the site include a link to the guidebook related to dyslexia and related conditions that is published on DPI's Internet site.	All*
Assessment of Reading Readiness	118.016	Requires school districts to annually assess each pupil enrolled in four-year-old kindergarten to second grade for reading readiness, including for phonemic awareness and letter sound knowledge. The results of the assessment must be reported to the parent and remedial services must be provided if indicated.	All
Instruction in English	118.017	Requires all instruction to be in English, except for foreign language classes and in bilingual-bicultural education.	All

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Human Growth and Development	118.019 146.89(3r)(e)	For school districts providing instruction in human growth and development, requires district to determine whether and for what subjects pupils will be separated by gender. Requires use of instructional methods and materials that do not discriminate against a pupil based upon the pupil's race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic or cultural background or against sexually active pupils or children with disabilities. If a school board provides instruction in any of certain specified topics, establishes required subjects that must be covered. No pupil may be required to take instruction in human growth and development, if the pupil's parent or guardian files a written request that the pupil be exempted. Requires that each school board providing instruction in human growth and development must annually provide the parents and guardians of each pupil enrolled in the district with specified information. If a district offers human growth and development instruction, requires the board to appoint an ad hoc committee to advise on the design and implementation of the curriculum. The board may not allow a volunteer health care provider, including nurses, physicians, nurse practitioners, or others, providing health services in the school, to provide instruction in human growth and development.	All*
Special Observance Days	118.02	Requires that specified special observance days be appropriately observed.	All
Textbooks	118.03	Requires school districts to adopt all necessary textbooks and file the list with the school district clerk.	All
Summer Classes	118.04	For school districts operating summer classes, requires district to establish rules governing attendance and to enroll resident pupils in summer or interim classes without tuition charge (provided district receives state equalization aid for such classes).	All*
Commencement of School Term	118.045	Prohibits school districts from commencing the school term before September 1, unless the school board submits a request and reasons for the request to DPI, and DPI determines that there are extraordinary reasons for granting it. Athletics, in-service days, work days, and year-round school are not affected.	All
Flag and Pledge of Allegiance	118.06	Requires every public school to display the U.S. flag every school day and offer the pledge of allegiance or national anthem in grades one to twelve every school day.	All
Four-Year-Old Kindergarten	118.14(3)	Requires a school board that establishes a four-year-old kindergarten program to make the program available to all eligible pupils.	All
High School Admission Requirements	118.145(1)	Requires school boards to determine the minimum requirements for high school admission.	All**
Part-Time Attendance Option for Private and Tribal School Pupils	118.145(4)	Requires school boards to allow resident pupils enrolled in a private or tribal school who have met the requirements for high school admission to take up to two courses each semester in the public school if there is sufficient space in the classroom.	All
WTCS Admission for Certain High School Students	118.15(2)(a)	Requires school boards to pay WTCS districts for pupils who attend WTCS schools in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis. Specifies determination of payment amount.	All
Graduation Standards	118.33 121.02(1)(p)	Requires school districts to require at least a specific number of courses in certain subject areas in order to graduate a pupil from high school. Requires that school district graduation standards policies be approved by the State Superintendent if equivalent to statutory requirements.	All 20 STD
Graduation Standards	118.33(1)(f)	Prohibits school districts from granting a pupil a high school diploma unless the pupil satisfies criteria set by the school board, including teacher recommendations and the pupil's academic performance.	All

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Civics Assessment Requirement for High School Graduation	118.33(1m)(a)(1)	Prohibits a school district from granting a pupil a high school diploma unless the pupil successfully completes a civics assessment, unless the pupil has an IEP. The assessment must be comprised of the 100 questions that may be asked of an individual in the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.	All
Criteria for Promotion from 4 th and 8 th Grade	118.33(6)(a)	Requires school districts to adopt a written policy for promotion from 4 th and 8 th grade. Requires that the criteria include the pupil's score on the 4 th and 8 th Wisconsin Forward examination, unless the pupil has been excused from taking the examination. The criteria also include the pupil's academic performance, teacher recommendations, and any other academic criteria specified by the board. Prohibits promotion unless pupil satisfies criteria.	All
Kindergarten as a Prerequisite for First Grade	118.33(6)(cm)	Prohibits school districts from enrolling a pupil in first grade unless the pupil has completed five-year-old kindergarten. Requires school districts that operate five-year-old kindergarten programs to establish a written policy specifying criteria for promoting a pupil from five-year-old kindergarten to first grade, as well as policies for exempting a child from the requirement, and for reviewing the denial of an exemption upon a parent's request. Exempts children who move into the state from the requirement, under certain conditions.	All*
Technical Preparation Programs	118.34	Requires school districts, in cooperation with WTCS district boards, to establish in each high school a technical preparation program consisting of courses designed to allow high school students to gain advanced standing in WTCS associate degree programs upon graduation from high school, and to establish tech-prep consortia. Requires districts to annually evaluate programs and report the results to DPI and the WTCS Board.	All
Low-Performing School Districts and Schools	118.42 121.006(2)(d)	For school districts or schools deemed in need of improvement for four consecutive school years or for schools in such districts that are among the lowest-performing 5% in the state, requires the implementation of academic improvement strategies, and provides the State Superintendent with authority to implement changes in professional development, accountability, administrative structures, or instructional design.	All*
Admission Standards for K-8 Courses	118.53(2)	Requires school boards to determine the minimum standards for admission to a course offered by the district in grades K-8.	All
Part-Time Attendance Option for Pupils in Home-Based Programs	118.53(2m)&(3)	Requires school boards to allow pupils enrolled in home-based private educational programs, who have met the standards for admission to a course to take up to two courses each semester in a public school if there is sufficient space in the classroom.	All
Early College Credit Program	118.55	For college attendance, requires school districts to pay a portion of the cost of tuition, fees, books, and other necessary materials if a comparable course is not offered in the district, and the pupil earns a passing grade in the course. Requires a school board to determine: (a) whether a comparable course is offered in the district; (b) whether a course satisfies any of the high school graduation requirements; and (c) the number of credits to award the pupil for the course. Requires school districts to annually provide information about the Early College Credit program to all pupils enrolled in grades 8 - 11.	All

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High School Pupil Attendance at a Technical College	38.12(14)	For technical college attendance, requires school districts to pay the cost of tuition, course fees and books if the course is taken for high school credit, a comparable course is not offered in the district, and the pupil earns a passing grade in the course. Requires school board to notify the pupil if a course in which the pupil will be enrolled does not meet the high school graduation requirements and whether the course is comparable to one offered in the district.	All
Notice of Educational Options and School Performance Category	118.57	Requires school districts to annually by January 31, publish as a class 1 notice and post on the district's Internet site a list of educational options available to children who reside in the district, including public schools, private choice schools, charter schools, virtual schools, full-time or part-time open enrollment, and the early college credit program. Additionally, school districts must include in the notice the most recent performance category assigned to each school within the school district boundaries, including independent charter schools and private choice schools, on the school report cards prepared by DPI. The notice must include that the full school and school district accountability reports are available on the school board's Internet site.	All**
Educational Goals	119.16(1)	Requires school board to identify educational objectives and priorities and issue an annual report on pupil progress.	MPS
Special Courses	119.16(5)	Requires school board to, within budgetary limitations, establish special classes of instruction at the petition of a sufficient number of parents of pupils in grades 7 or higher.	MPS
Alternative Routes to Graduation	119.16(12)	Requires the school board to provide alternative methods of attaining a high school diploma for those pupils who are unlikely to graduate in the traditional manner, including a program allowing a pupil or former pupil to retake a course in which he or she was not initially successful.	MPS
Research Consortium	119.16(13)	If the school board determines sufficient state, federal, or private funding is available, the board shall participate in an educational research consortium similar to the Consortium on Chicago School Research and the Boston Plan for Excellence, to provide research and policy recommendations, including recommendations addressing pupil literacy and academic achievement, to DPI, the board, the Legislature, and the public.	MPS
Notification of Educational Standards	120.12(13)	Requires a school board to annually, prior to the start of a school term, notify parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in the school district of the pupil academic standards that will be in effect for the school year. The notification may be provided electronically, including on the district's Internet site. Additionally, requires a school board to identify the academic standards in effect for the school year as an item on the agenda of the first school board meeting of the school year.	All**
Curriculum	120.12(14)	Requires school boards to determine the school course of study.	All**
Length of School Day	120.12(15)	Requires school boards to establish rules for scheduling hours in a normal school day.	All
University of Wisconsin Tuition	120.12(17)	Requires school districts to pay the tuition of pupils who are attending a UW institution, if the pupil is not participating in the early college credit program, the course is not offered by the school district, and the pupil will receive high school credit for the course.	All

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Advanced Placement Examinations	120.12(22)	Requires school districts to pay, using federal, state, local, or private funds, for advanced placement examinations taken by pupils enrolled in the district who satisfy the income eligibility criteria for free or reduced-price lunches under the federal school lunch program.	All
Internet Posting of School Accountability Report	120.123	Requires any school that maintains an Internet site to include a prominent link on the home page of that Internet site to the most recent accountability report concerning the school within 30 days after the publication of the report.	All**
Remedial Reading	121.02(1)(c)	Requires school districts to provide interventions or remedial reading services to pupils in grades K to 4 if the pupil: (a) fails to meet the district's reading objectives; (b) fails to meet the minimum performance standard for reading on the third grade standardized exam, and a teacher determines, based on other objective evidence, that the pupil's performance accurately reflects the pupil's reading ability or a teacher and parent or guardian agree that the pupil's performance accurately reflects the pupil's reading ability; or (c) the pupil's assessment of reading readiness indicates that the pupil is at risk of reading difficulty. If (c) applies, the interventions or services must be scientifically based and address all areas in which a pupil is deficient, consistent with state standards in reading and language arts.	All 20 STD
Five-Year-Old Kindergarten	121.02(1)(d)	Requires each school district (except union high school districts) to operate a five-year-old kindergarten program.	All* 20 STD
Hours of Instruction	121.02(1)(f) 121.006(2)(a)	Requires school districts to annually schedule at least 437 hours of direct pupil instruction in kindergarten, at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 to 6, and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 to 12. Specifies what may and may not be included in scheduled hours.	All 20 STD
Instructional Materials, Texts, and Library Services	121.02(1)(h)	Requires school districts to provide adequate instructional materials, texts, and library services which reflect the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society.	All 20 STD
Health, Physical Education, Art, and Music	121.02(1)(j)	Requires school districts to ensure that instruction in elementary and high schools in health, physical education, art, and music is provided by qualified teachers.	All 20 STD
Curriculum Plans	121.02(1)(k)	Requires school districts to maintain a written, sequential curriculum plan that includes reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, health, computer literacy, environmental education, vocational education, physical education, art, and music. The plan must specify objectives, course content, and resources and include a program evaluation method.	All 20 STD

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Regular Instruction	121.02(1)(L) 253.15(5)	Requires school districts to: (1) In elementary grades, provide regular instruction in reading, language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, art, and music. (2) In grades 5-8, provide regular instruction in language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, art, and music. The school board must also provide pupils with an introduction to career exploration and planning. (3) In grades 9-12, provide access to an educational program that enables pupils each year to study English, social studies, mathematics, science, vocational education, foreign language, physical education, art, and music. "Access" means an opportunity to study through school district course offerings, independent study, CESAs or cooperative arrangements between school boards or between school boards and post-secondary institutions. (4) At least twice in grades K-8 and at least once in grades 9-12, as part of the social studies curriculum, include instruction on the history, culture, and sovereignty of the state's American Indian tribes and bands. (5) In grades 7-8, provide regular instruction in foreign language. (6) In one of grades 5 to 8 and in one of grades 10 to 12, provide pupils with instruction on shaken baby syndrome and impacted babies. (7) Adopt academic standards for financial literacy and incorporate instruction in financial literacy into the curriculum in grades K-12.	All 20 STD
Education for Employment	121.02(1)(m)	Requires school districts to provide access to an education for employment program that has been approved by the State Superintendent. Requires that the program incorporate: applied curricula, guidance and counseling services, technical preparation, college preparation, youth apprenticeship or other job training and work experience, and instruction in employment skills.	All 20 STD
Third Grade Standardized Exam	121.02(1)(r)	Requires school districts to annually administer a standardized reading test developed by DPI to all third grade pupils enrolled in the school district, including pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the district.	All 20 STD
Pupil Assessment	121.02(1)(s) 118.30	Requires school districts to: (1) Administer the 9 th , 10 th , and 11 th grade exams adopted or approved by the State Superintendent during specified sessions. (2) Administer the exam developed by DPI or the school district to 4 th and 8 th grade pupils. (3) Excuse pupil from taking the examination at the request of the pupil's parent or guardian.	All 20 STD

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Local Educational Agency Duties	115.77(1m)	Requires school districts to demonstrate that they meet the specified requirements under s. 115.77(1m) to the Division for Learning Support in DPI.	All
Identification of Children with Disabilities	115.77(1m)(a)	Requires school districts to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services, including children under age three.	All
Free Appropriate Public Education	115.77(1m)(b)	Requires school districts to provide a free appropriate public education to children with disabilities, except those under age three and participating in an early intervention program under DHS, in accordance with state and federal law.	All
Pupil Assessments	115.77(1m)(bg)	Requires school districts to include children with disabilities in statewide and school district assessments, including those required under federal law, with appropriate accommodations, or in alternate assessments if needed and as indicated in their IEPs.	All
Children Participating in Early Intervention Programs	115.77(1m)(c)	Requires school districts to ensure that children with disabilities participating in early intervention programs experience a smooth and effective transition to preschool programs and that an IEP be implemented for the child by age three.	All
Children Enrolled in Private Schools or Facilities by the School District	115.77(1m)(d)	Requires school districts to ensure that children with disabilities who are enrolled in private schools and facilities are provided special education services in accordance with the IEP at no charge to them or the parents, if the children are referred to such facilities by the school district to satisfy state or federal law.	All
Children Enrolled in Private Schools or Facilities by their Parents	115.77(1m)(e)	Requires school districts to ensure that children with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private schools and facilities located within the district have an opportunity to participate in special education services and that the amount spent by the school district for those services equals a proportionate amount of the federal funds provided.	All
Written Policies	115.77(1m)(f)	Requires school districts to establish written policies, procedures, and programs for implementing applicable state and federal law.	All
Information on Funding	115.77(1m)(g)	Requires school districts to make available upon request all documents relating to the school district's eligibility for children with disabilities funding.	All
Information on Special Education Services	115.77(1m)(h)	Requires each school district to regularly publicize information regarding its special education procedures and services.	All
Information to DPI	115.77(2)	Requires school districts to provide the Division for Learning Support in DPI with information needed by the Division to carry out its duties under state and federal law.	All
Use of State and Federal Funding	115.77(3)	Requires school districts to use any state or federal aid provided for special education and related services to comply with state and federal law governing children with disabilities.	All
Plan for Provision of Special Education	115.77(4)	Requires school districts to submit a plan that provides assurances to the Division for Learning Support in DPI that the district meets certain conditions set by federal law, including five items specified in the statutes, as well as any other information required by the Division.	All
Children with Disabilities Attending Charter Schools	115.77(8)	Requires school districts to serve children with disabilities who are attending a charter school under contract with the school district in the same manner as it serves children attending schools of the school district. Requires districts to provide state and federal funds to charter schools for children with disabilities on the same basis as it provides such funds to schools of the school district, including proportional distribution based on enrollment of children with disabilities, and at the same time as it distributes other federal funds to other district schools.	All

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Special Education Referrals and Open Enrollment	115.777(1)	Requires a school district which receives a referral that a child has a disability, but the child is attending a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program, to provide the name of the child and related information to the school district of attendance. If the school district of attendance receives the initial referral, it is required to provide the name of the child and related information to the school district of residence.	All
Special Education Referral Procedures	115.777(3)	Requires school districts to: (a) establish written procedures for processing referrals; (b) document and date the receipt of referrals; (c) provide information and in-service opportunities to all licensed staff about referral procedures; (d) at least annually inform parents and relevant professionals about the school district's referral and evaluation procedures; and (e) within 15 days of receiving a referral, either send to the child's parents a request for consent to evaluate the child or, if the district needs no additional data, notify the parents of that determination.	All
Individualized Education Program Team	115.78(1m)	Requires school district to appoint an IEP team for each child referred to it, and identifies certain statutorily required members of the IEP team.	All
IEP Team Responsibilities	115.78(2)	Requires an IEP team to: (a) evaluate a child referred to a school district to determine the child's eligibility or continued eligibility for special education services; (b) develop an IEP for the child; and (c) determine the special education placement for the child.	All
Timeline	115.78(3)	Requires a school district to determine if a child has a disability within 60 days after receiving parental consent for an evaluation or notifying the parents that no additional data are needed, with possible extension. Requires a district to conduct a meeting to develop an IEP and determine placement within 30 days of a determination of disability. Upon request, the district must provide a copy of the most recent evaluation report to the child's parents at any IEP meeting. If more time is required by the parent or needed to permit meaningful parental participation, the school district must provide it.	All
Evaluation Notification and Consent	115.782(1)	Requires school districts to notify parents of any evaluation procedures, and the names of individuals involved, if known. The school district must obtain informed consent from parents before an evaluation is conducted, or, if the child is a ward of the state, obtain informed consent from an individual appointed to represent the child, in accordance with federal law.	All
Conduct of Evaluation	115.782(2)(c)	Requires school districts to administer any assessments or other evaluation measures needed by an IEP team.	All
Evaluation Coordination With Other Districts	115.782(2)(f)	Requires school districts to ensure that the evaluation of a child with a disability who transfers from one district to another in the same year is coordinated with the child's prior and subsequent schools as necessary.	All
Determination of Eligibility	115.782(3)	Requires school districts to prepare an evaluation report and give a copy of the evaluation report, including documentation of eligibility, to the parents.	All
Reevaluations	115.782(4)	Requires school districts to ensure that an IEP team follows statutory procedures governing reevaluating a child with a disability, which must be done no more frequently than once a year, unless the district and parent agree otherwise, and at least every three years, unless the district and parent agree that reevaluation is unnecessary. Reevaluation must also be conducted before determining that a child is no longer a child with a disability.	All
Individualized Education Programs	115.787(1) thru (5)	Requires school districts to have an IEP in effect at the beginning of each school year for each child with a disability. Establishes specific elements that must be included in an IEP. Specifies factors an IEP team must consider in developing an IEP and in reviewing and revising the IEP. Requires school districts to reconvene IEP team if another agency fails to provide transition services.	All

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Educational Placements	115.79(1)	Requires school districts to ensure that all of the following occur: (a) an evaluation is conducted before special education services are provided; (b) an educational placement is provided to implement the IEP; (c) to the maximum extent appropriate, the child is educated with nondisabled children; and (d) special classes or other removal of a child with a disability occurs only when education in a regular classroom, even with supplementary aids and services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily.	All
Denial of Consent	115.79(2)	Requires school districts to obtain informed consent from parents before providing special education and related services to a child. If consent is denied, services cannot be provided, and the district is not in violation of the requirement to provide a free appropriate public education and does not have to develop an IEP.	All
Reimbursement for Private School Placement	115.791	Establishes procedures under which a school district may be required to reimburse costs of private school enrollment of a child with disabilities.	All
Special Needs Scholarship Program	115.7915(5)(a) 115.7915(5)(b) 115.7915(4m)(e) 1.a. 115.7915(3)(bm)	Requires school districts to: (a) Notify the parents of each child with a disability enrolled in the school district about the special needs scholarship program, which provides state funds for pupils with special needs to attend a private school. (b) Administer state assessments to a pupil in the special needs scholarship program at the request of that pupil's parent or guardian, if the school the pupil attends does not administer the test. (c) Notify the child's parent or guardian of relevant procedural safeguards in place under federal law if it is determined that the child no longer has a disability. (d) Provide the private school with a copy of a pupil's IEP or services plan within five days upon request.	All
Procedural Safeguards	115.792	Requires school districts to establish and maintain procedural safeguards relating to parents' review of records, participation in meetings, child's rights, use of mediation, and notice requirements. School districts must inform parents of procedural safeguards under state and federal law at least once per year, and upon the child's initial referral or parental request for evaluation.	All
Due Process Hearings	115.80	Establishes procedures under which a school district may be required to respond to requests for due process hearings.	All
Age of Majority	115.807	Requires school districts to notify a child with a disability at age 18 and the parents that, in general, when a child reaches age 18 all rights the law accords to parents transfer to the child and provide the child and the child's parents with information about supported decision making, other alternatives to guardianship, and strategies to remain engaged in the child's secondary education.	All
Children in Residential Care Centers	115.81	Establishes procedures governing school district involvement in the IEP and responsibility for children in residential care centers.	All
Referrals for Older Children	115.812(2)	Requires school districts to report to the appropriate county departments the names of children who reside in the district and are at least 16, are not expected to be enrolled in school in two years, but who may need services from the county.	All
County Children with Disabilities Education Boards	115.817	Specifies procedures and requirements for establishing, organizing, and dissolving county children with disabilities education boards (CCDEBs) including board duties and taxation authority. Requires CCDEBs and participating school districts to submit a report to the State Superintendent on jointly enrolled pupils.	All

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Nonresident Children with Disabilities	115.82	Requires admission of nonresident pupils to special education programs if deemed appropriate for the child's needs and requires district of residence to pay for transportation of children with disabilities except in certain cases.	All
Transportation for Pupils With Disabilities	115.88(2m)(a)	Requires a school board to provide special or additional transportation as required in a pupil's individualized education program	All
Hospitals and Convalescent Home Aid	115.88(4)	Requires supervision of special education instruction in hospitals and convalescent homes by DPI and the school board of the district in which the hospital or home is located. Requires school board to submit to DPI an itemized statement of all revenues and expenditures for the actual cost of such instruction and any other information required by DPI.	All
Health Treatment for Children With Special Needs	118.255	Requires school districts that provide physical or mental health care treatments to private school or tribal school pupils to not charge for such treatment unless a charge is made to public school pupils. Further, requires annual reports on health treatment services as specified by DPI.	All*
Children with Disabilities Programs	119.28	Requires board to establish special schools for children with disabilities as needed.	MPS
Coordinated Services Initiative	120.12(19)	Requires school board to participate in a coordinated services initiative for children with severe disabilities, if established by the county board.	All*

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School Age Parents Program Services	115.915	Requires school districts to make program modifications and services available to school age parents to allow them to remain in school.	All**
School Age Parents	115.92 115.93	For school districts establishing a program for school age parents, requires district to provide certain services and instruction and to submit an annual report to DPI. Submittal of this report is a requirement for state aid.	All**
Limited-English Proficient (LEP) Pupil Count	115.96(1)	Requires school districts to annually conduct a count of limited-English proficient pupils within each district, assess the language proficiency of such pupils, and classify pupils by language, grade, age, and proficiency.	All
Bilingual-Bicultural Education Notice to Parents	115.96(2)	Requires school districts to annually notify parents of LEP pupils about the program's availability, if the district is required to offer a bilingual education program under s. 115.97.	All*
Bilingual-Bicultural Program Requirements	115.96(4)	Requires instruction in reading, writing and speaking the English language, and through the use of the native language of the pupil, instruction in the subjects needed to permit effective progress through the educational system, if the district is required to offer a bilingual education program under s. 115.97.	All*
Placement in Bilingual-Bicultural Programs	115.96(5)	Requires placement of LEP pupils in appropriate programs with written parental consent and specifies procedures for parent appeals, if the district is required to offer a bilingual education program under s. 115.97.	All*
Bilingual-Bicultural Education Requirements	115.97	Requires school districts to establish bilingual education programs if the number of LEP pupils meets certain criteria and requires instruction by bilingual teachers or, under certain conditions and with state approval, English as a second language teachers.	All*
Report on Bilingual-Bicultural Education	115.993	Requires annual pupil and financial report to be submitted to DPI if the school district operates a bilingual-bicultural education program. Receipt of this report is a condition for state aid.	All*
Educational Records and Enrollment for Military Children	115.997(4)	For children of military families transferring between states, requires sending districts to furnish unofficial education records when official records cannot be released to parents. Requires districts to request and furnish official records within 10 days or the time determined by the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, and to enroll and place the student as quickly as possible based on available information pending validation by the official records. Requires a receiving district to honor the grade level in which a student was enrolled at the sending district, regardless of age.	All
Placement and Attendance for Military Children	115.997(5)(a), (b), & (c)	For children of military families transferring between states, requires the receiving district to initially honor educational placement of the student based on enrollment or assessments in the sending district, including: (a) enrolling the student in honors, advanced placement, vocational, and other courses; (b) placing the student in gifted and talented or English as a second language programs; (c) providing equal access to education and comparable services for a student with disabilities based on his or her current IEP.	All
Absence as Related to Deployment Activities for Military Children	115.997(5)(e)	Requires districts to adopt a policy for excusing from school attendance a child of a military family who moved to the district in order to visit his or her parent or guardian who is on active duty and has either been called to duty or is on leave from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, or has returned from such a deployment within the past 30 days.	All

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Eligibility for Enrollment by Military Children	115.997(6)(a)	Prohibits districts from charging tuition to a child of a military family placed in the care of a noncustodial parent or other person standing in place of a parent who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent. Such a child may continue to attend the school in which he or she was enrolled while residing with the custodial parent.	All
Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation by Military Children	115.997(6)(b)	Requires districts to facilitate the opportunity for a child of a military family to be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of application deadlines, to the extent the child is otherwise qualified.	All
Graduation Requirements for Military Children	115.997(7)	Requires that districts receiving transfer students take certain steps to facilitate the on-time graduation of a child of a military family, including: (a) waiving courses required for graduation, if similar course work has been completed in another district successfully, or providing an alternate means of completing those courses; (b) accepting exit exams from sending states, national norm-referenced tests, or alternative testing in lieu of the district's own exit exam; or (c) if a child transfers during the child's senior year, and after all alternatives have been considered and a child would be ineligible to graduate from the receiving district, the sending and receiving districts would be required to cooperate to ensure the receipt of a diploma from the sending district if the student meets graduation requirements for that district.	All
Children-at-Risk/General Requirement	118.153(2)(a) 121.02(1)(n)	Requires school districts to identify pupils who are children-at-risk and develop a plan to meet the needs of such children.	All 20 STD
Children-at-Risk/State Aid Applicants	118.153(2)(b) 118.153(3)(a)1 118.153(3)(b) 118.153(4)(a)	Allows districts with 30 or more dropouts or a dropout rate exceeding 5% to apply for children-at-risk aid. If a district applies for aid, requires the district to offer a children-at-risk program, designed to allow pupils enrolled to meet high school graduation requirements, and submit an annual report on pupil achievement of objectives. (No funding for this purpose is appropriated in the 2019-21 biennium.)	All*
Children-at-Risk/MPS Requirements	118.153(3)(a)2 118.153(3)(b)	Requires school board to: (a) ensure that there are at least 30 pupils and no more than 250 pupils in each children-at-risk program and that a separate administrator or teacher is in charge of each program; and (b) place pupils on a waiting list if there is no space in a requested program and offer such pupils an alternative program.	MPS
Children-at-Risk/Private Contracting	118.153(3)(c)	Requires school districts to identify appropriate private, nonprofit, nonsectarian agencies located in the district or within 5 miles of the district's boundaries to provide children-at-risk programs. Requires contract payment to equal at least 80% of the district's average per pupil cost.	All
Children-at-Risk/Preference in Funding Allocation	118.153(5)(b) 118.153(5)(c)	Requires school districts receiving aid to: (a) provide a specific sum to each children-at-risk program based on the program's ability to meet objectives; and (b) give preference in allocating any aid received to alternative schools, charter schools, schools within schools, and private agencies.	All
Gifted and Talented Programs	118.35 121.02(1)(t)	Requires school districts to provide access to appropriate gifted and talented programs.	All 20 STD
Five-Year-Old Kindergarten	119.71 119.73	Requires school board to use \$5.09 million of its funds annually to expand its half-day kindergarten for five-year-olds to full-day programs, to enroll only low-income pupils in the expanded program, to use the funds for specific costs, and to evaluate annually the expanded program and report its findings to DPI and the Legislature.	MPS
Extended-Day Elementary Grade, 4-Year-Old Kindergarten and AODA Programs	119.74	Requires school board to use \$0.43 million of its funds annually for extended-day preschool to grade six programs, four-year-old kindergarten programs, and AODA programs at 68 th St. School. (68 th St. School is now closed.)	MPS

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Title	Statute	Description	Note
First Grade Programs	119.75	Requires school board to use \$1.07 million of its funds annually to provide expanded educational opportunities for first grade pupils who participated in an expanded five-year-old kindergarten program.	MPS
Alternative Education Programs	119.82	Requires school board to provide an alternative educational program for pupils subject to certain sanctions.	MPS
Indigent Children	120.12(11)	Requires school boards to provide books and supplies for indigent children.	A/M
Children Receiving Education under Court Order	120.12(18)	Requires school boards to coordinate the educational programming of children receiving services as the result of a court order and to report to the court before the dispositional hearing.	All

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Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse	48.981(2)	Requires every nurse, social worker, school teacher, administrator, counselor, or other school employees to report when those individuals have reason to believe that a child seen by the person in the course of professional duties has been or will be abused or neglected.	All
Certificates of Food Protection Practices	97.33(1m)	Requires that the operator or manager of a school lunchroom, or his or her designee, holds a valid certificate of food protection practices, if the school participates in the National School Lunch Program and directly provides food service.	All**
Suicide Prevention Information	115.365(3)	Requires school boards to annually inform their professional staff of the resources available from DPI and other sources regarding suicide prevention.	All
Health and Safety Requirements	118.07(1) and (2)	Requires first aid kits and fire drills, tornado or other hazard drills, and school safety incident drills in public schools. Requires the safety drill be based on the school's safety plan. Requires school boards to maintain a record of each drill conducted for at least seven years. Requires public schools to file annual reports on such drills with their local fire departments.	All
Meningococcal Disease	118.07(3)	Requires school districts to provide information about meningococcal disease to parents of sixth grade pupils each year. (Current law repeals this requirement if DHS promulgates a rule that requires vaccinations against meningitis, which has not occurred to date.)	All
School Safety Plans	118.07(4)	Requires each school board to have in effect a school safety plan for each school. If a new school opens, a plan must be in effect within three years of its opening. Requires the safety plan be created with active participation by appropriate parties. Requires each school board to conduct an on-site safety assessment of school buildings and other facilities in consultation with local law enforcement prior to creating or updating a school safety plan. The plan must include guidelines and procedures to address school violence and other threats. Requires the school safety plan to also include general guidelines for emergency prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Require the plan also to specify the process for reviewing the methods for conducting drills required to comply with the plan which must be conducted at least once per year, with a brief evaluation of each drill submitted to the school board. The school board must determine which persons are required to receive safety plan training and the frequency of such training, which must be based upon the district's prioritized needs, risks, and vulnerabilities. The safety plan must be reviewed and approved at least once every three years. Each district must submit a copy of its school safety plan, along with blueprints of each school building and other specified information, to the Office of School Safety under DOJ, and must also submit blueprints of each school building to law enforcement.	All
Elemental Mercury	118.07(4m)	Prohibits school boards from: (a) purchasing or using free-flowing elemental mercury for any purpose; (b) purchasing or using a mercury-containing compound or instrument or measuring device that contains mercury except under certain specified conditions; or (c) storing free-flowing elemental mercury or an instrument or measuring device that contains mercury, except under certain specified conditions.	All
Employment Assistance for Sex Offenders	118.07(4p)	Except under specified circumstances, prohibit a school board from assisting a school employee in obtaining a new job in a school or with a local educational agency if the board knows or has a reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee committed a sex offense and the victim was a minor or a pupil.	All

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Training in Identifying Victims of Child Abuse and Mandatory Reporting Requirements	118.07(5)	Requires each school board to require each district employee to receive training to identify children who have been abused or neglected, in reporting of a threat of violence, and in the laws governing the reporting of suspected or threatened child abuse or neglect. An employee must receive the training within six months after commencing employment, and at least once every five years after that initial training.	All
Indoor Environmental Quality	118.075 (4)	Requires school districts to develop and implement plans for maintaining indoor environmental quality in schools following DPI's development of a model management plan. Requires each district to provide a copy of the plan implemented to any person upon request.	All
Lifesaving Skills Instruction	118.076	Requires each school board operating grades 7 to 12 to offer instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and cardiocerebral resuscitation in any health education class offered to pupils in grades 7-12, and provide instruction about automated external defibrillators. Virtual schools are permitted to provide instruction via the internet.	All*
Safety Zones	118.09	Requires public schools to provide safety zones for the loading and unloading of pupils in unincorporated areas.	All*
School Fences	118.11	Requires school districts to erect and maintain all the fence necessary to enclose the school grounds without any financial burden to owners of adjacent property.	All**
Sale of Soft Drinks	118.12(4)	Requires that if a school board contracts with a vendor for the exclusive right to sell soft drinks in one or more schools of the district, then the contract may not prohibit the sale of milk, and to, the maximum extent possible, the board must ensure that milk is available to pupils in each school covered by the contract.	All*
Eye Examinations and Evaluations	118.135	Requires school boards to request pupils entering kindergarten to provide evidence the pupil's eyes have been examined by an optometrist or evaluated by a physician.	All
Suicide Prevention Information on Identification Card	118.169(2)	Require that if a school board issues identification cards to pupils, the cards include the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or one of its affiliate crisis centers, or if the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ceases operations, another national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to individuals in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Identifies other optional information that may be included.	All**
Indigent Children	118.17	Requires the principal or teacher in charge of a school to report to the county social services agency any child whose parents or guardians are without sufficient means to furnish the child with food or clothing necessary to attend school.	All**
Administration of Drugs to Pupils	118.29(4)&(6)	Requires school districts whose employees or volunteers may be authorized to administer nonprescription drug products or prescription drugs to pupils, to have a written policy governing the administration of nonprescription drug products and prescription drugs to pupils. Requires employees who may be required to administer a nonprescription drug product or prescription drug to receive training approved by DPI. Health care professionals are exempt from this requirement.	All**
Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors	118.2925	If the governing body of a school adopts a plan for the management of pupils attending the school who have life-threatening allergies, it must specify in the plan the training necessary for the use of epinephrine auto-injectors. Prohibits adoption of a plan unless it has been approved by a physician. Requires plan to be available on Internet site or on request.	All*

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Concussion and Head Injury	118.293	Requires athletic coaches or other officials involved in youth athletic activities to distribute information on concussions and head injuries to participants, to be signed by each participant's parent or guardian. Requires coaches or other officials to remove a person from athletic activity if the person exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury until he or she receives written clearance to participate from a health care provider.	All
Sanitary Facilities	120.12(12)	Requires school boards to provide and maintain enough suitable and separate toilets and other sanitary facilities for both sexes in each school.	All**
Immunization	120.12(16)	Requires school boards to require evidence of student immunization. Requires an annual plan to encourage immunization submitted to DHS.	All
Prohibition of Tobacco	120.12(20)	Prohibits use of all tobacco products on premises owned or rented by, or under the control of, a school board, except that a board may allow the use of tobacco products on premises owned by the board and rented to another person for noneducational purposes.	All
School Crossing Guards	120.13(31)	Requires uniforms and equipment for school crossing guards if the school board and other local units of government provide for the appointment of adult crossing guards.	A/M*
Emergency Nursing	121.02(1)(g)	Requires school districts to provide for emergency nursing services.	All 20 STD
Reporting of Threats of School Violence	175.32	Requires every nurse, social worker, school teacher, administrator, counselor, or other school employees to report to a law enforcement office if the person believes in good faith, based on a threat made by an individual seen in the course of professional duties regarding violence in or targeted at a school, that there is a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a student or school employee or the public.	All
Immunization	252.04(1) thru (6)	Requires school districts to notify parents and the district attorney in certain cases if a pupil fails to meet immunization requirements. Requires district to exclude from attendance pupils in grades K-6 if they have not met immunization requirements and fewer than 99% of the district's pupils have met the requirements.	All
Hazardous Substances Information and Emergency Planning	323.60	Specifies that schools, at which hazardous or toxic chemicals are present at or above federal governmental threshold quantities, comply with federal regulations regarding these chemicals.	All*

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Religious Beliefs	115.28(31)	Requires State Superintendent to promulgate rules providing for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to all examinations and other academic requirements.	All
School Uniforms	118.035	Requires school districts adopting school uniform policies to allow parents and guardians to exempt their children from the policy, ensure that no exempted student is penalized or discriminated against, notify each parent or guardian at least three months before implementation, and assist economically disadvantaged students to obtain the uniforms. These requirements do not apply to districts that have had school uniform policies in effect continuously since September 1, 2001.	All*
School Yearbook Photographs	118.12(5)	For school boards contracting for photographs of 12 th grade pupils for a school yearbook, the contract may not prohibit a pupil from supplying his or her own photograph for the yearbook, subject to the school board's reasonable specifications.	All*
Pupil Records	118.125 118.126 118.127	Specifies that all pupil records be confidential, with certain exceptions. Requires school districts to disclose pertinent pupil records to an investigating law enforcement agency or district attorney, if that person certifies that the records concern the juvenile justice system and its ability to serve the student, relate to an ongoing investigation or pending delinquency petition, and will not be disclosed to any other person except as otherwise authorized by law. Law enforcement and court records prohibited as sole basis for disciplinary action, except that law enforcement records may be used as the sole basis for taking action under the district's athletic code. Requires that school districts adopt policies governing the maintenance and disclosure of pupil records and establishes certain notification and disclosure procedures.	All
Pupil Discrimination	118.13 120.13(37m)	Specifies that public schools may not deny a pupil admission to, or participation in, any program or activity because of the pupil's race, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability, except that districts may operate single-sex courses and schools. Further, requires school boards to develop written policies and procedures that ensure pupil discrimination does not occur and that allow for attention to complaints, with appeal to the State Superintendent. Establishes penalty for intentional discrimination.	All
Participation in Athletics and Extracurricular Activities	118.133	Requires school boards to permit pupils who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program and who reside in the district to participate in interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities on the same basis and to the same extent as pupils enrolled in the school district.	All
Race-based Nicknames, Logos, Mascots, and Team Names	118.134	Requires school districts to discontinue use of nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names if a complaint containing a number of signatures of district electors equal to at least 10% of the district's enrollment is filed by a district resident and the name or logo is subsequently found by the DOA Division of Hearings and Appeals to promote discrimination, pupil harassment, or stereotyping. Specifies procedures and timelines for complaints and resolution.	All
Pupil Age	118.14(1) 120.12(25)	Requires that school districts not admit pupils of a certain age to certain grade levels and that districts prescribe procedures, conditions and standards for early admission to kindergarten and first grade.	All

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Alternatives to Compulsory School Attendance	118.15	Requires school boards, upon the child's request and with the approval of the child's parent or guardian, to enter into a written agreement to excuse from regular school attendance: (a) any child who is 17 years of age or over and who began a high school equivalency diploma program in a juvenile correctional facility, juvenile detention facility, juvenile portion of a county jail or residential care center for children and youth and agrees to continue to participate in the program; and (b) any child who is 16 years of age or over and a child at risk, as defined by state law, who agrees to attend a technical college full- or part-time. Requires that school boards: evaluate requests from children age 16 or over and their parents for program or curriculum modifications; enter into and monitor agreements with pupils granted program modifications leading to high school graduation or equivalency; and notify pupils and parents of program or curriculum alternatives. Requires school boards to render decisions within specified time frames and give reasons for denial of any request. Prohibits school employees from compelling a pregnant student to withdraw from education programs.	All
Religious Instruction	118.155 119.19	Requires school districts to allow pupils to leave school for up to three hours per week for religious instruction, with parental consent.	All
School Attendance Enforcement	118.16 118.162	Requires school districts to have an attendance officer and a written attendance policy, distribute the policy to each pupil, and adopt a truancy plan, which must be reviewed at least every two years. Specifies duties of an attendance officer. Prohibits school districts from denying credit in a course or subject solely because of a pupil's unexcused absences or suspensions. Requires school districts to specify conditions under which a pupil can take examinations or complete coursework missed during the pupil's absence from school.	All
Assessment Periods	118.16(4) (cm)	Establishes certain limitations on the use of assessments if school districts assign a pupil to a period of assessment as a consequence of truancy or other circumstances.	All
Pupil Discipline and Removal from Class	118.164 120.13(1)	Specifies procedures for the suspension and expulsion of pupils and removal of pupils from the classroom. Establishes procedures for reinstatement, early reinstatement, and conditional enrollment following a pupil's expulsion.	All
Pupil Identification Numbers	118.169(1)	For school districts that assign pupil identification numbers, the board cannot assign a number that is identical to or incorporates the pupil's social security number.	All* **
Pupils Without Parents or Guardian Report	118.175	Requires any school teacher, administrator, counselor, or social worker who knows that a pupil is without a parent or guardian to report that fact to the county social services or human services department (to state DHS in Milwaukee County).	All
Electronic Communication Devices	118.258	Requires that if school boards adopt rules prohibiting use or possession of electronic communication devices on school premises, then a copy of such rules must be provided annually to pupils enrolled in the district.	All*
Seclusion and Physical Restraint	118.305	Sets conditions for and restrictions on the use of seclusion and physical restraint on pupils whose behavior represents clear, present, and imminent risk to the physical safety of the pupil or others.	All
Corporal Punishment	118.31	Prohibits use of corporal punishment in school districts. Requires school boards to adopt policies allowing any official, employee or agent of the board to use reasonable and necessary force in certain circumstances.	All
Strip Search	118.32	Prohibits any employee or agent of a school district from conducting a strip search of any pupil.	All

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Locker Searches	118.325	Allows an employee or agent of a school or district to search a student locker without consent, notification, or a search warrant, only if the school district adopts a written policy specifying the school board owns the lockers, designates the persons who may conduct locker searches, and distributes the policy to pupils.	All*
Tests for Alcohol Use	118.45	Authorizes school board employees to require pupils to provide a breath sample in order to determine the presence of alcohol, as long as: the employee has reasonable suspicion, the breath-screening device has been approved by DOT, and the school board has a written policy on pupil discipline for alcohol use.	All* **
Policies on Bullying	118.46	Requires school boards to adopt policies prohibiting bullying by pupils and to provide a copy of the policy to any person who requests it. Requires each board to distribute the policy annually to all pupils enrolled in the district and to their parents or guardians.	All
Full-Time Open Enrollment Application Procedures and Other Requirements	118.51(3) thru (8)&(12)	Establishes application and reapplication procedures that school districts must follow under the open enrollment program. Requires school districts to adopt policies and acceptance and rejection criteria under the program. Establishes requirements relating to the transfer of disciplinary records.	All
Part-Time Open Enrollment Application Procedures and Other Requirements	118.52(3) thru (10)	Establishes application procedures that school districts; must follow under the part-time open enrollment program. Requires school districts to adopt policies and acceptance and rejection criteria under the program. Requires school districts to transfer disciplinary records upon request.	All
Comprehensive Programs	119.16(11)	Requires the school board to collaborate with nonprofit organizations and government agencies to provide pupils with comprehensive social services and educational support, which may include a program that offers comprehensive services that address the needs of children and youth from before the time they are born through postsecondary education.	MPS
Parent Survey	119.16(14)	Requires the school board to conduct an annual survey of parents of pupils enrolled in the school district and to use the results to develop or modify parent involvement and school improvement plans, which may include school-based community resource centers, regularly scheduled public meetings, or parent education classes.	MPS
Sex Discrimination	119.22	Prohibits sex discrimination in physical education, subject to state law governing single-sex courses and schools.	MPS
Pupil Admission	119.24	Requires spaces in each school to be open to pupils residing outside of the school's attendance district but any unused spaces must be filled with pupils who reside in the attendance district.	MPS
Pupil Expulsion	119.25	Establishes alternative procedures for the expulsion of pupils.	MPS
Annual Report	119.44(2)	Requires annual report to DPI on certain attendance, graduation and test score data.	MPS
Youth Services Centers, Truancy Abatement and Burglary Suppression	119.55	Requires the board to establish two youth service centers for the counseling of children who are taken into custody for being truant. Requires the board contract with Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee for the operation of the centers. Requires the board to pay the City a sum sufficient to pay the costs of salaries and fringe benefits of four law enforcement officers to work on truancy abatement and burglary suppression on a full-time basis.	MPS
Family Resource Center	119.78	Requires school board to establish a family resource center to conduct workshops on child development, facilitate communication, distribute information to parents, and provide volunteer opportunities.	MPS

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Pupil Participation in School Activities	120.12(23)	Requires school boards to adopt a policy on access to extracurricular and recreational school activities that encourages full participation by all elementary grade pupils. Does not apply to union high schools.	All*
Treatment of Recovery Charter School Pupils	120.12(26)	If a recovery charter school is established by the Office of Educational Opportunity, and if a resident pupil withdraws from the school, the resident district is required to assist the pupil in meeting the compulsory school attendance requirements and to ensure that all credits earned at the recovery charter school are applied towards high school graduation requirements if the pupil enrolls in the district.	All*
Child Care in Schools	120.125	Requires school boards to permit before- and after-school child care to be provided in any elementary school if the provider submits a request which meets specific requirements and the district does not deny the request for certain specified reasons. Requires a written agreement between board and provider with specified conditions.	All
Child Care Programs	120.13(14)	Requires that child care programs meet state standards for licensure if a board provides or contracts for such programs and that contractors pass DCF background investigations. Requires a board to rescind the contract if the caregiver is convicted of certain crimes, or suspend the contract while such charges are pending.	All*
Guidance and Counseling	121.02(1)(e)	Requires school districts to provide guidance and counseling services.	All 20 STD
Internet Privacy Protection	995.55(3)	Prohibits a public school from: (a) requesting or requiring a student or prospective student to disclose access information for their personal Internet account; (b) expelling, suspending, disciplining, or penalizing a student for refusing to disclose that information; and (c) refusing to admit a prospective student for not disclosing that information. Identifies activities that are allowable within the prohibitions.	All

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Public Deposits	Chapter 34	Provisions of Chapter 34 related to public deposits apply to school districts.	All
School Census	43.70(1)&(3)	Requires the school district administrator to annually report to DPI the total number of children between the ages of 4 and 20 residing in the district for the allocation of school library aids from the common school fund. (K-8 school districts must report on children from ages 4 and 13 and UHS districts must report on children from ages 14 to 20.) Specifies allowable uses for funding. Requires that records of such purchases be kept.	All
Joint TIF Review Board	60.85(4) 66.1105(4m) 66.1106(3)	Requires affected school districts to choose a representative to sit on the joint review board to determine whether a tax incremental financing district should be created. Specifies procedures for selecting the representative.	All
Mill Limit on School Construction Fund	65.07(1)(f) 119.48(3)&(4)	Prohibits school construction fund taxes from exceeding 0.6 mills annually unless decision to exceed levy rate is approved by voter referendum. Specifies referendum procedures.	MPS
Budget Hearing	65.90	Requires school districts to annually formulate a budget and hold public hearings. Specifies information to be listed in the budget and requirements for its publication. Requires school districts to hold a budget hearing which in the case of common and union high school districts shall be held at the same time and place as the annual meeting. Specifies procedures for changes to the budget.	All
Cost of Judgments	66.0117	Provision requiring that the cost of judgments be recovered through the property tax applies to judgments against school districts.	All
Interest on Late Payments	66.0135	Provision regarding interest on late payments for orders or contracts entered into by local governments apply to school districts.	All
Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund	66.0603(1m)(b)	Prohibits school boards from discussing or voting on establishing a trust fund to provide certain post-employment benefits unless the notice of the board meeting at which the discussion or vote may occur includes the issue as a separate agenda item.	All
Withdrawal of Funds	66.0607	Procedures and requirements related to withdrawal or disbursement of funds from local treasuries apply to school districts.	All
Public Works Contracts	66.0901	Procedures and requirements related to contracts and bids for public works apply to school districts.	All
Uniform Financial Fund Accounting	115.28(13)	Requires use of a uniform financial fund accounting system developed by DPI.	All
Minority Pupil Census	115.28(14)	Requires an annual census of resident minority pupils enrolled in the district.	All
Pupil Membership Audits	115.28(18)	Requires 25% of school districts to annually audit the number of pupils reported for membership purposes.	All
Forms and Reports	115.30	Requires maintenance of uniform accounting records, the submittal of a statement of enrollment, and other information requested by DPI.	All**
Gifts and Grants	118.27(2) 119.18(16)	Requires gift and grant monies be used as the donor or grantor specifies.	All
Open Enrollment Aid Adjustments	118.51(16)& (17)	Establishes the aid amount that will be added to or subtracted from each school district's state aid based on the net number of pupils gained or lost under the open enrollment program.	All
Part-Time Open Enrollment Tuition	118.52(12)	Requires resident school board to pay nonresident school board for the cost of providing a course to a pupil under the part-time open enrollment program, calculated in a manner determined by DPI.	All
Competitive Bids	119.16(4)	Requires school board to establish competitive bidding policies and procedures for purchases and construction contracts.	MPS

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Budget	119.16(8)	Requires school board to hold a public hearing on proposed budget and transmit completed budget to common council by first Monday in August. Specifies notice requirements for the hearing.	MPS
School Budget	119.16(9)	Requires school board to annually prepare a budget for each school in the district.	MPS
Annual Financial Report	119.44(1)	Requires the board to file its annual financial report with the city clerk and to send a copy to DPI.	MPS
School Property Taxes	119.46 119.47 119.48 119.485	Requires school board to specify, as part of the budget transmitted annually to the common council, the property taxes required for the school operations fund, the school extension fund, the school construction fund, and for the payment of state trust fund loans for the ensuing school year. Generally requires common council to levy and collect these amounts. Specifies required reporting and use of certain revenue in school operations fund.	MPS
Disbursement of Monies	119.50	Requires that monies for school purposes be disbursed by the city treasurer on the written order of the district superintendent. Requires district superintendent to keep separate accounts for district revenues.	MPS
Claims Against School Board	119.68	Requires the district superintendent to furnish the city auditor with a complete list of claims against the board and condition statements on school district funds and financial transactions.	MPS
Board Reports	120.11(3)	Requires school boards to prepare a financial and budget report for presentation to the annual meeting. Specifies the information to be included in the report.	A/M
Report on Debt Service	120.115	Requires school boards to notify DPI within 10 days after adopting a resolution to incur debt, the approval or rejection of a debt referendum, or a change in a debt service schedule.	All
Tax Levy	120.12(3) &(4)	Requires school boards to determine, by November 1, taxes necessary for district's operation and maintenance (which may be greater or less than amount voted by the annual meeting) and debt retirement; and requires district clerk to certify tax amount to municipal clerk on or before November 10.	A/M
Deposit of Funds	120.12(7)	Requires school boards to designate a public depository of district funds.	A/M
Health Insurance	120.13(2)	Requires that excess reinsurance be obtained if board self-insures for health care benefits for less than 1,000 employees. Requires records be kept confidential if self-insured.	All*
Community Programs and Services	120.13(19)	Prohibits a school board from expending moneys on ineligible costs for community programs and services, as defined by DPI rule.	All
Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund	120.137	Requires a district to have a long-term capital improvement plan if it chooses to establish a long-term capital improvement trust fund. Specifies the allowable timing and purpose of expenditures from the fund.	All*
Annual Audit	120.14	Requires school boards to have a certified audit performed by a licensed accountant at school district expense. Requires school district clerk to file a financial audit statement with DPI by September 15. Specifies information required to be included in the audit.	All
Annual Reports	120.18 121.05 121.15(2)	Requires school district clerk to file an annual financial report with DPI by September 1 and specifies the information to be included in the report. State aid cannot be paid until reports have been filed.	All
Use of State Aid	121.007	Requires school districts to use certain state school aids solely for the purposes for which they were paid.	All

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PART VIII: BUDGET AND FINANCE			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
Challenge Academy Program Aid Adjustments	121.095	Establishes the aid amount that will be subtracted from each school district's state aid based on the number of pupils from the district that attend the Challenge Academy program operated by the Department of Military Affairs.	All
Summer School and Interim Session Classes	121.14	Requires school district to file an annual summer average daily membership report with DPI by October 1. Specifies criteria under which pupils enrolled in summer classes or interim session classes, including online classes, can be included in summer membership for school finance purposes. Requires that such classes be for necessary academic purposes.	All
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	121.17	Requires school districts to use federal revenue sharing funds according to federal requirements.	All
Nonresident Pupil Admission and Tuition	121.77	Requires free admission to public schools for all resident pupils. Requires tuition to be charged and tuition claims to be filed for nonresident pupils, with specified exceptions, including for nonresident pupils attending under the open enrollment program or a whole grade sharing agreement.	All
Tuition Payments by Districts	121.78(1)	Requires school district of residence to pay tuition for pupils attending public school outside the district, if a written agreement is entered into.	All
Tuition Payments by Reorganized Districts	121.78(2)	Requires school district of residence, in certain cases, to pay tuition for pupils attending high school outside the district as a result of district reorganization.	All
Tuition Payments by Parents	121.81	Requires written tuition agreements between the school board and parent or guardian for a nonresident pupil admitted to a district's schools.	All
Tuition at Virtual Charter Schools	121.83(4)	For school boards contracting for the establishment of virtual charter schools, requires tuition be charged to virtual charter school pupils not residing in the state, in an amount equal to at least the open enrollment program aid transfer amount.	All*
Nonresident Tuition Waiver	121.84	Requires school districts to permit certain pupils who are no longer residents to complete the current school year in the district without paying tuition.	All
Intradistrict Integration Aid	121.85(6)(am) 121.87(3)	Requires school district to obtain a certain percentage of written consent from parents or guardians for transfers to another attendance area or incur aid reduction, and report annually on transfers made without written consent.	MPS
Integration Report	121.87	Requires school districts receiving integration aid to submit an annual report to DPI regarding transfer pupils, use of state aid, and program expenditures.	All*
Revenue Limit	121.90 121.905 121.91 121.92	Restricts the amount of revenue a school district can raise each year from general school aid, property taxes, and exempt property aids. Specifies certain adjustments and exclusions to the limit. Specifies procedure and limitations for referenda to exceed the limit, including limits on the number and timing of referenda.	All
Driver Education Vehicle Registration and Insurance	341.267	Requires annual registration of vehicles used in driver education and requires insurance on each vehicle.	All
Motor Vehicle Liability	345.05	Provisions related to municipal liability for motor vehicle accidents apply to school districts.	All

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PART IX: SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PROPERTY			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
Eminent Domain	Chapter 32	School districts are authorized to acquire property by condemnation and are subject to eminent domain requirements of Chapter 32.	All
Inspection of School Buildings	115.33(3)	Requires school boards to repair, remodel, improve, or close a school building by a stated date upon order of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction if it is determined that the school is not in compliance with building and safety regulations. In cases where it is determined that the school is not worth repairing, requires school board upon the State Superintendent's order to develop a plan of compliance.	All
Management	119.16(1m)	Requires school board to possess, care for, control, and manage the district's schools, facilities, operations, property, and affairs.	MPS
Transfer of Facilities to OSPP	119.16(1n)	Requires the board, upon transfer of a school to the Opportunity Schools and Partnership Program (OSPP), to: (a) make the Superintendent or the OSPP Commissioner, as applicable, an agent of the board under any lease between the board and the city; and (b) transfer to the Superintendent or the Commissioner, as applicable, the possession, care, control, and management of all land, buildings, facilities, and other property that is part of the school being transferred.	MPS
Buildings and Sites	119.16(3)	Requires school board to be responsible for buildings and sites (including construction, lease or purchase, and improvements) which are, in general, city property.	MPS
Facilities	119.16(10)	Requires school district to receive approval of the city historic preservation commission prior to demolition of any facility 50 years old or older. Requires board to construct new schools only in areas of greatest local need.	MPS
Sale of Real Property	119.60(1)	Requires school board to, in certain cases, determine whether the proceeds of the sale of real property used for school purposes be deposited in the school construction fund to be used for real property purchases for school purposes or in the school operations fund to be used for debt service on bonds for the neighborhood schools initiative.	MPS
Information on Underutilized Property	119.60(2m)	Requires the board to provide the common council all relevant information regarding the current and planned utilization of city-owned property used for school purposes that is proposed for sale or lease as being underutilized. For property that has been approved for sale or lease, requires board to provide city copies of all documents related to the property and access to the property. Requires proceeds from such a sale or lease be deposited in the school operations fund to be used for debt service on bonds for the neighborhood schools initiative.	MPS
Property Leased by a Charter School	119.60(5)	For any lease of city-owned property used for school purposes in effect on January 1, 2011, between the school board and a non-instrumentality charter school, requires the common council be made party to the lease and allowed to negotiate and modify the terms of the lease with the charter school if the council adopts a resolution to do so. Requires that proceeds from a lease so modified, extended, or renewed be deposited in the school operations fund to be used for debt service on bonds for the neighborhood schools initiative.	MPS

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Surplus Property	119.61	Requires the board to prepare an annual inventory of all school buildings in the district. Specifies the information to be included in the inventory for each building. Specifies the entities to which the inventory must be distributed and to which notice must be given when a change is made to the use of a school building. Specifies the procedures under which eligible school buildings would be transferred or sold to other educational operators. Requires the net proceeds of the sale of an eligible building to be deposited into the school operations fund to be used for debt service on bonds for the neighborhood schools initiative.	MPS
Use of School Property	119.70(3)	Requires school board to report to the common council annually on costs related to various civic activities.	MPS
School Property	120.12(5)	Requires school boards to keep school property in good repair, suitably equipped, and in safe and sanitary condition, and establish an annual building maintenance schedule.	All
School Property Insurance	120.12(6)	Requires school boards to insure school property.	All**
Use of School Property	120.12(9)	Requires school boards to allow use of school property for free discussion of public questions, upon written application of 50% of the electors of the school district.	All**
Historic Properties	120.12(21)	Require school boards to determine if certain proposed actions will affect any historic property and to notify the state historic preservation officer of such actions.	All
School Closings and Reopenings	120.12(27)	Requires school boards to notify DPI within 24 hours of a school being closed by the district administrator, a local health officer or DHS because of a threat to health or safety, and to notify DPI within 24 hours of the school being reopened.	All
Use of School Property	120.13(17)	Authorizes school boards to charge fees not to exceed actual costs to persons who use school property and specifies where fees shall be deposited.	All
Hunting in School Forests	120.13(38)	If a school board allows hunting in its school forest, the board may not allow hunting for a wild animal when there is not an open season for that animal on land adjacent to the school forest.	All*
Facilities	121.02(1)(i)	Requires districts to provide safe and healthful facilities that comply with state laws and rules relating to lead exposure and poisoning.	All 20 STD
Asbestos Abatement Certification	254.20(2)	Requires school employees or contractors for school districts to be state-certified in order to perform asbestos abatement activities.	All
Public Works-Surety Bond Approval	779.14(1m)(e)(3)	Specifies public works surety bond approval by district board president.	All

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PART X: BORROWING			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
State Trust Fund Loans	24.66(1) 24.66(3) 24.66(5)&(6) 24.67 24.68 24.71	For school districts participating in the state trust fund loan program, specifies application procedures, including method for receiving voter approval; requires school board resolution for an irrevocable tax levy for the loan's repayment and a certificate of indebtedness; and specifies the method of collecting the tax and remitting to the state.	All
Municipal Borrowing	Chapter 67	General provisions of Chapter 67 relating to municipal borrowing and municipal bonds apply to school districts.	All
Limitation on Indebtedness	67.03(1)	Prohibits the aggregate amount of school district indebtedness from exceeding 5% of its total equalized value, except if a district offers at least grades 1-12 and is eligible for equalization aid, in which case the limit is 10% of its equalized value.	A/M
General Obligation Bonds	67.05(6a)	Except under certain conditions, requires school districts adopting a resolution to issue general obligation bonds to publish notice of such adoption and to hold either a referendum or a public hearing on the resolution. Specifies procedures and limitations for the referendum and the public hearing, including limits on the number and timing of referenda.	A/M
Temporary Borrowing	67.12(8)	Specifies procedures for temporary borrowing by school boards, including a limitation on such borrowing to one-half of estimated revenues for the school year.	A/M
Borrowing on Promissory Notes	67.12(12)(e)	Except under certain circumstances, requires school districts adopting a resolution to issue a promissory note exceeding \$5,000 to publish notice of such adoption and, if petitioned by electors, requires a referendum on the resolution. Specifies referendum procedures.	A/M
Statement of Indebtedness	69.68	Requires school districts to furnish a statement of indebtedness whenever required by the Secretary of State.	All
Excess Debt	119.12(4)	Prohibits school board from incurring any excess debt or expense.	MPS
Bond Issues	119.49	Requires school board to inform common council of its decision to issue bonds for school construction and remodeling. Requires council to submit the question of issuing school bonds to a referendum. Limits the amount of outstanding school bonds to no more than 2% of the city's total equalized value.	MPS

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PART XI: TRANSPORTATION			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
School Bus Regulation	110.06 121.52(1)(a)	Requires school districts to follow administrative rules developed by the DOT regarding design, construction, inspection, and operation of school buses.	All
Private School Choice Programs	118.60(6) 119.23(6)	Requires resident districts to provide transportation to pupils attending a private school under a private school choice program if such transportation is required to be provided to other private schools under statutes governing pupil transportation.	All*
Transportation of Indigent Pupils	120.13(27m)	Requires reasonable uniformity for public and private school pupils if board provides transportation to indigent pupils.	All * **
Private School Attendance Areas	121.51(1)	Requires school board approval of geographic area designated by a private school as its attendance area.	All
Transportation Contracts	121.52	Requires written contracts between school boards and providers of pupil transportation (either individual drivers or private contractors) to include by reference all state DOT rules governing the design, construction, inspection and operation of school buses. Contracts must require operators to perform any action necessary to fulfill certain statutory requirements. Upon the request of the pupil's parent or guardian, requires school boards to disclose the name of each driver who transports the pupil.	All
School Bus Insurance	121.53	Requires school bus insurance policies with specific minimum liability limits, covering transportation of pupils, parents, and district employees to and from school or extracurricular activities. Requires school boards to have a certificate of insurance on file and filed with DOT.	All
Public School Transportation	121.54(1)(a)& (c) 121.54(2)(a)	Requires school boards to provide transportation to all resident pupils living two or more miles from the nearest public school they are entitled to attend. Such requirement does not apply to pupils residing in cities unless their school is outside the city but within district boundaries. School districts containing cities with populations greater than 40,000 must meet the requirement unless a common carrier is available.	All
Uniformity in Transportation	121.54(1)(b) 121.54(2)(c)	For districts electing to transport pupils who are not required by law to be transported, requires reasonable uniformity in treatment between public and private school pupils.	All
Private School Transportation	121.54(2)(b)	Requires transportation of resident pupils attending private schools located two or more miles from their residence, provided the pupil resides in the private school attendance area and the school is situated in the district or no more than five miles beyond the district's boundaries.	All
Special Education Transportation	121.54(3)	Requires transportation of children with a disability, regardless of distance, if the request for such transportation is approved by the State Superintendent.	All
Transportation in Special Cases	121.54(6)	Requires transportation of a high school student residing two or more miles from the high school the student attends, if the student must be permitted to attend school outside the district due to a reorganization.	All*
Transportation in Areas of Unusual Hazards	121.54(9)	Specifies procedures for determining areas of unusual hazards to pupil travel and requires a school board plan to transport pupils through such areas.	All
Parent Contracts for Transportation	121.55(3)	Specifies method for determining payment to parents of private school pupils who contract with the school board for transportation services.	All
Alternative Transportation Methods	121.555(2)	Requires school boards to determine compliance with certain conditions related to insurance, inspection, operator requirements, and seating if school board elects to provide pupil transportation by an alternative method.	All

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Title	Statute	Description	Note
School Bus Routes	121.56	Requires school boards to be responsible for pupil transportation including the management of school bus routes and requires the effective coordination of public and private school pupil transportation.	All
Board and Lodging	121.57(1)	Requires school boards to enter into written contract when a child will be boarded and lodged instead of transported, and to pay for such costs.	All
Transportation Aid	121.58(1)	Requires school districts to report to DPI such information as DPI requires on the number of pupils for whom transportation or board and lodging is provided.	All
Interdistrict Transportation	121.85(7)	Requires school district operating a program of intradistrict transfers to pay for transportation of interdistrict transfers.	MPS
School Bus Registration Fee	341.26(2)(d)	Requires a five-year registration fee of \$5 per bus owned and operated by a school district.	All
Strobe Lights for School Buses	347.25(2)	Requires school buses to have flashing white strobe lights and other warning lights.	All
Painting Requirements for School Buses	347.44	Requires school buses to be painted national school bus glossy yellow and lettered with the words "School Bus."	All
Crossing Gates for School Buses	347.445	Requires school buses to be equipped with crossing gates on the front that prevent children from crossing in front of the bus out of the driver's view.	All

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PART XII: STATE GRANT PROGRAMS			
Title	Statute	Description	Note
Educational Technology Infrastructure Financial Assistance	16.995(2)	For school districts that participated in this program, requires districts to repay the loan portion of the financial assistance plus applicable interest and establishes requirements relating to use of the financial assistance. No financial assistance could be provided under this program after July 26, 2003.	All*
Telecommunications Access Funding	16.997	For school districts receiving grants for subsidies under this program, requires compliance with requirements relating to payments for data lines and video links provided and the number of and specifications for the links and lines provided under the program.	All*
Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarships	39.41	Requires school boards operating public high schools and governing bodies of private and tribal high schools to name one 12 th grade pupil in each high school, generally for each 500 students enrolled, who has the highest grade point average to be eligible to receive a higher education scholarship.	All*
Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarships	39.415	Requires school boards operating public high schools and governing bodies of private and tribal high schools to name one 12 th grade pupil in each high school, generally for each 500 students enrolled, who has the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects to be eligible to receive a technical excellence higher education scholarship.	All*
Dual Enrollment Credential Grants	39.51	Require grant recipients to submit a report to the Higher Educational Aids Board that includes all of the following information in the school year following the year in which the grant was received: (a) the number of high school teachers who received financial assistance funded by the grant; (b) the total number of postsecondary credits completed by high school teachers that were funded by the grant; and (c) the number of high school teachers who received financial assistance who are minimally qualified to teach dual enrollment courses. This program sunsets on June 30, 2021.	All
Wisconsin School Day Milk Program	115.343	For school districts participating in the Wisconsin school day milk program, specifies requirements for the type of beverage served, confidentiality of pupils' records, and pupil eligibility.	All*
Elderly Nutrition Programs	115.345	For school districts opening an elderly nutrition program, requires district to submit program plan to DPI, establish programs in every high school and junior high school, with certain exceptions, and serve meals approved by the State Superintendent.	All*
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Grants	115.36(3)(c) & (d)	For school districts participating in the AODA grant program, requires submittal of grant applications to local county department for review. Requires local matching funds of 20% of the grant.	All * **
Peer Review and Mentoring	115.405	Requires applicants for peer review and mentoring grants to submit a plan to DPI specifying how the funding will be allocated and the school districts and CESAs that will participate. A recipient must provide matching funds equal to at least 20% of the grant.	All * **
American Indian Education Program	115.72 115.73 115.735	For school districts participating in the American Indian language and culture education program, requires district to develop a program plan (including specific objectives), keep specific records, and establish a parent advisory committee.	All*
Teacher Development Program	118.196	Require school boards receiving a teacher development program grant from the Department of Workforce Development to design a program to prepare district employees to successfully complete the requirements to obtain a teacher license or permit. Require the board to allow employees enrolled in the program to complete their student teaching requirement in a school in the district, and permit an individual without a bachelor's degree to enroll in the program.	All

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Achievement Gap Reduction Program	118.44	For school districts participating in the achievement gap reduction program, requires districts to do one or more of the following: (a) limit class sizes; (b) provide instructional coaching to teachers; and (c) provide one-to-one tutoring to pupils in reading or mathematics. Also establishes provisions for program review and evaluation, methodology, and implementation.	All*
Grants for School Safety	165.88	Require applicants for a school safety grant to include the following with their application: (a) a school safety plan; (b) blueprints of each school building and facility or, if blueprints were already submitted, a certification that the blueprints submitted are current; and (c) a proposed plan of expenditure of the grant moneys.	All*

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