

2026-2027 STUDENT HANDBOOK



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

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PURPOSE OF REVISIONS

The proposed revisions to the 2026-2027 Student Handbook are intended to:

- Improve clarity and readability for students and families
- Align handbook language with current legal and policy expectations
- Clarify operational procedures and district expectations
- Strengthen communication regarding health, safety, technology, and student conduct
- Ensure consistency across district practices

Key Areas of Revision



Health and safety procedures



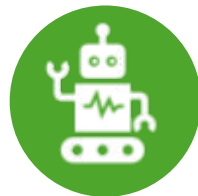
Visitor management and school security



Student appearance and cultural protections



Technology and electronic device expectations



Artificial intelligence and technology use



Formatting and readability improvements

Consolidated Student Support, Safety, and Technology Updates

Equity & Student Appearance

Expanded protections for culturally and historically associated hairstyles

Affirmed student rights regarding cultural, ethnic, and religious graduation attire

Continued alignment with the Illinois Human Rights Act and culturally responsive practices

Student Conduct and Technology Expectations

Updated electronic device expectations to address phones, smart devices, wearable technology, and electronic communications

Clarified expectations for responsible and appropriate use of AI tools

Health & Safety Enhancement

Updated head lice procedures, including screening, communication with families, treatment, and return to school expectations

Additional Updates Across Chapters:

Readability enhancements, editorial clarifications, and policy alignment updates

Transportation
and Parking

Student Fees

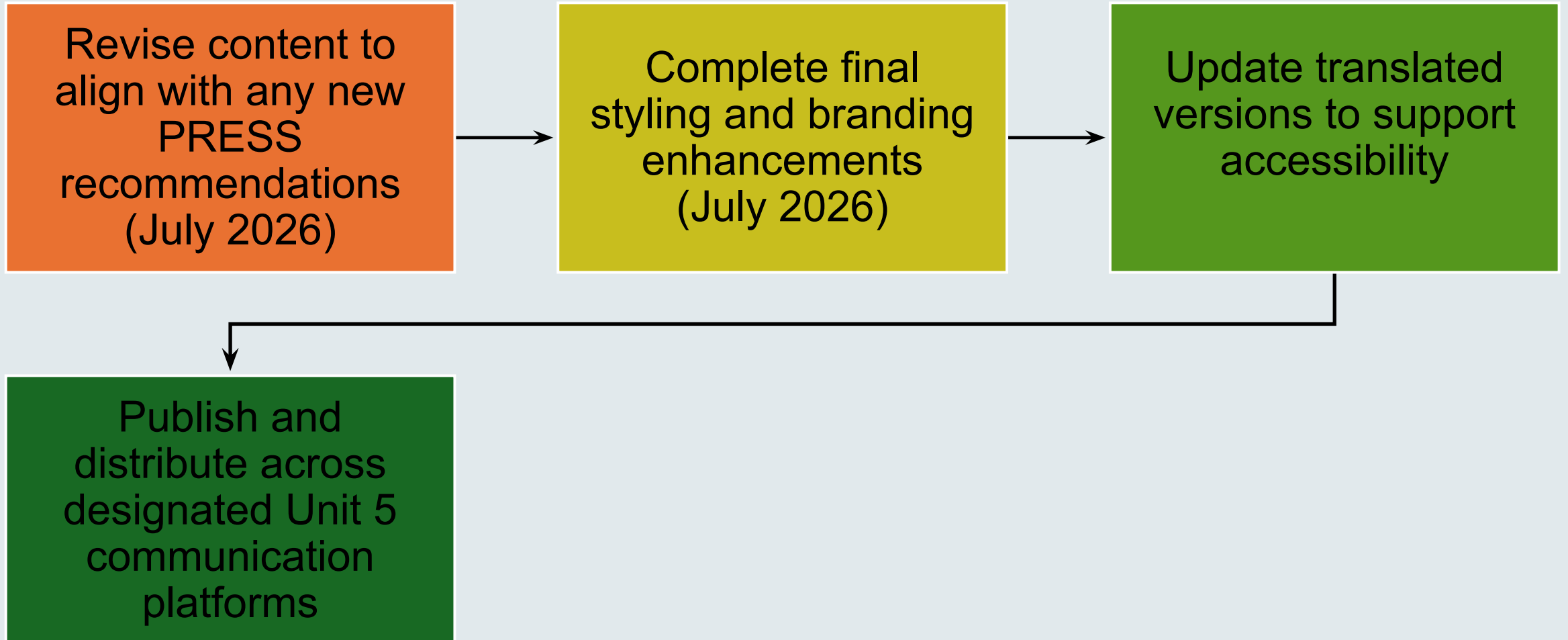
Search and
Seizure

Extracurricular
Activities

Student
Records and
Privacy

Parental
Rights and
Notification

Next Steps





Questions