

Minnesota Department of Education

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendment to Rules Governing School Desegregation/Integration, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 3535; Revisor's ID Number RD4309

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Education requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing school desegregation/integration. The Department is considering rules that govern desegregation and integration in Minnesota public schools. The proposed rules are needed because of inconsistencies, omissions, and outdated language in the existing rules when compared to the new achievement and integration statute passed by the 2013 Minnesota legislature. The proposed rules will address these issues and will result in better alignment between relevant Minnesota statutes and rules and better implementation of achievement and integration programs in participating districts.

Persons Affected. The amendment to and repeal of the rules will likely affect educators, school and district staff and leadership, parents and students, and relevant interest, advocacy and professional groups.

Statutory Authority. 2014 Minn. Laws, Chapter 272, Art. 3, Sec. 48, requires the Department to adopt rules relating to desegregation and integration and inclusive education, consistent with sections 124D.861 and 124D.862.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on April 10, 2015. The Department formed a legislative task force, the Integration Rule and Statute Alignment Work Group, which met between November 2013 and November 2014. Work Group members proposed changes and shared feedback about the proposed rule during the initial drafting process. The Department will continue to work with members of this group throughout the rulemaking process.

Rules Drafts. The Department has drafted the possible rules amendments. The draft rule will be available on the Department rulemaking webpage:
<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Welcome/Rule/ActiveRule/index.html>.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Kerstin Forsythe Hahn at the Minnesota Department of Education, 1500 Hwy 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113, Phone: 651-582-8583, FAX: 651-582-8248 and email: Kerstin.forsythe@state.mn.us.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments

received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed

Dated: January 30, 2015

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Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner
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