

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Child Fatality Review Committee ("Committee"), pursuant to the authority set forth in the Child Fatality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2000 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 4-1371.01 *et seq.* (2001)), hereby gives notice of the intent to adopt the following rules to be included in Chapter 51 of Title 28 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR") in not less than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. The purpose of the rules is to reflect the establishment of a Child Fatality Review Committee as part of the District of Columbia government, and to promulgate rules regarding the manner of review of child fatality cases by the Committee.

Title 28 (Corrections, Courts & Criminal Justice) (May 1987) of the DCMR is amended by adding a new Chapter 51 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 51

5100 REVIEW OF CASES BY CHILD FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

- 5100.1 Pursuant to the Child Fatality Review Committee Establishment Act of 2001 (D.C. Law 14-02) (the Act) the Child Fatality Review Committee ("Committee") shall conduct reviews of the deaths of children who meet the criteria of section 4605 of the Act.
- 5100.2 The Committee shall have the discretion to determine the manner of review of cases, including the use of any of the approaches listed below:
- (a) Multidisciplinary/multi-agency reviews of individual fatalities;
 - (b) Multidisciplinary/multi-agency reviews of clusters of fatalities identified by special category or characteristic;
 - (c) Statistical reviews of fatalities; or
 - (d) Any combination of such approaches.
- 5100.3 The Child Fatality Review Team, established by the Committee pursuant to section 4605 (d) of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 4-1371-05(d)) (2001), shall

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conduct individual reviews of the deaths of children one year of age or older. These reviews shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (a) Children under the age of 14 years in which evidence illustrates that one or more of the following factors may have been present:
 - 1. Blunt force trauma, child abuse syndrome, or other causes associated with child abuse, including sexual abuse;
 - 2. Malnutrition, dehydration, failure to thrive, or other causes associated with neglect;
 - 3. Head trauma or fractures;
 - 4. Drowning;
 - 5. Asphyxia, suffocation, or strangulation;
 - 6. Evidence of ingestion of drugs, alcohol, or another harmful substance (including pre and/or post-natally);
 - 7. Burns or smoke inhalation;
 - 8. Gunshot wound;
 - 9. Suicide; or
 - 10. Suspicious cause and manner of death.
- (b) Children over the age of 14 years in which evidence illustrates that one of the following factors may have been present:
 - 1. A determination of suicide as the manner of death; or
 - 2. A cause and manner of death suspicious in nature.

5100.4 The Infant Mortality Review Team shall conduct individual reviews of the deaths of children from birth to the age of one year. These reviews shall include, at a minimum, the following fatalities:

- (a) Deaths investigated and certified by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; and
- (b) Twenty percent of deaths of infants with 500 grams or greater birth weight.

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- 5100.5 A full multidisciplinary/multi-agency team ("Cluster Review Team") shall review groups of cases ("clusters") that share common characteristics and trends that may indicate a prevailing community problem or risk factor for specific types of fatalities. A cluster shall be identified by the following:
- (a) Special categories or common characteristics;
 - (b) Trends;
 - (c) Causes of death;
 - (d) Other contributory factors, such as, parental/child behavior, environmental conditions, etc.; and/or
 - (e) Health conditions.
- 5100.6 The composition of the Infant Mortality Review Team, Child Fatality Review Team and the Cluster Review Team ("the Teams") shall be multi-disciplinary and multi-agency; but may vary upon the type of death and review required.
- 5100.7 The teams shall have broad cross representation of the service areas and professionals identified by the member agencies and organizations.
- 5100.8 Committee members may designate representatives from their respective agencies and organizations who have the requisite administrative or program knowledge and experience to serve on the Teams.
- 5100.9 A minimum of two community members shall participate on each of the Teams.
- 5100.10 The Committee shall make every effort to involve community members from the wards of the decedents whose cases are being reviewed in Team meetings.
- 5100.11 Community members of Teams may not delegate the responsibility to serve on the Team nor designate an alternate.
- 5100.12 The Teams may include participants who are not official Committee appointees.
- 5100.13 The Committee shall identify non-Committee participants in the Teams through a data gathering process from representatives of the agencies and organizations that were involved with a decedent's family.

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- 5100.14 Other persons and consultants having expertise in professional areas that are not represented on the Committee may also be invited to participate in Team meetings when the discussion involves issues where their special expertise is required.
- 5100.15 The Committee Coordinator shall identify Team participants.
- 5100.16 The Committee's Co-Chairpersons may grant written requests for non-members to attend Team meetings for the purpose of training and education.
- 5100.17 The individual case reviews may be conducted in a manner that includes decedent, family member and agency identifiers or may be anonymous.
- 5100.18 Review by the Cluster Review Team shall be anonymous and may not focus on details of individual cases. The Committee may permit its established subcommittees to make annual determinations of the specific issues to be addressed through the Cluster Review Team process.
- 5100.19 Recommendations of the Committee shall be issued to the appropriate public agencies on a quarterly basis.
- 5100.20 Subordinate agency directors to whom a Committee recommendation is made shall respond in writing to the Committee within 30 days of issuance of the report containing the recommendation.

28-5101 DEFINITIONS

- 5101.1 For the purposes of this Chapter, the term:
- (a) "Multidisciplinary/multi-agency reviews of individual fatalities" means a comprehensive review of the circumstances surrounding the death and interventions and organizations prior to, at the time of, or subsequent to the fatal event in order to identify case specific systemic improvements and prevention strategies.
 - (b) "Multidisciplinary/multi-agency reviews of clusters of fatalities" means cohort studies of groups of child death cases based on similar characteristics, causes and manners of death, trends or other similar circumstances surrounding the death
 - (c) "Statistical reviews of fatalities" means a review of the relevant data factors identified for routine collection for all child fatalities that meet the criteria of section 4605 of the Act (D.C. Official Code 4-1371.05) (2001).

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- (d) "Cluster" means a group of cases identified by special categories or common characteristics, trends, causes of death, or other contributory factors (parental/child behavior, environmental conditions, etc.) and/or health conditions. The reviews shall focus on the common characteristics and trends of the cluster that may indicate a prevailing community problem or risk factor for specific types of fatalities.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Comments should be filed with the General Counsel, District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, 1910 Massachusetts Ave., SE, Bldg. 27, Washington, D.C. 20003. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner at the above address.

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STATE EDUCATION OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The State Education Office, pursuant to the authority set forth in the District of Columbia Nonresident Tuition Act, approved September 8, 1960, (74 Stat. 853, D.C. Official Code, § 38-302 *et seq.*(2001), and the State Education Office Establishment Act of 2000, effective October 21, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-176; D.C. Official Code § 38-2601 *et seq.* (2001), hereby gives notice of its intent to amend §2008.13 of chapter 20 of Title 5 DCMR in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. The purpose of the amendment is to establish new tuition rates for non-resident students attending public and public charter schools in the District of Columbia.

5 DCMR § 2008.13, is amended to read as follows:

2008.13 The following shall be the non-resident tuition rates currently in effect for public and public charter schools in the District of Columbia:

SCHEDULE OF 2005-06 NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES

The rates displayed in the charts below are the same as the per-pupil allocations provided by the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula during the FY 2005 school year. Based on these rates, the tuition cost for each student who is not a resident of the District of Columbia and who is enrolled in the District of Columbia Public Schools or in a public charter school in the District of Columbia shall be calculated in the following manner:

- (a) Using the Grade Level Table below, determine the rate for the grade level or span at which the student, based on grade assignment or age, will be enrolled.

Rates by Grade Level or Applicable Grade Range

Grade Levels	Yearly Rate	Half-Yearly Rate	Daily Rate
Pre-School/Pre-Kindergarten	\$8,077	\$4,039	\$45
Kindergarten	\$8,077	\$4,039	\$45
Grades 1-3	\$7,111	\$3,556	\$40
Grades 4-5	\$6,904	\$3,452	\$38
Ungraded ES	\$7,111	\$3,556	\$40
Grades 6-8	\$7,111	\$3,556	\$40
Ungraded MS/JHS	\$7,111	\$3,556	\$40
Grades 9-12	\$8,077	\$4,039	\$45
Ungraded SHS	\$8,077	\$4,039	\$45
Alternative	\$8,975	\$4,488	\$50
Special Education Schools	\$8,077	\$4,039	\$45
Adult	\$5,178	\$2,589	\$29

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- (b) If the student is enrolled in a daytime special education program, use the table below to determine the rates for services the student will receive. Add this amount to the grade level cost in paragraph (a) of this section.

Rates for Special Needs Students Enrolled in a Daytime Special Education Program

Level/Program	Yearly Rate	Half-Yearly Rate	Daily Rate
Level 1: Special Education	\$3,797	\$1,899	\$21
Level 2: Special Education	\$5,868	\$2,934	\$33
Level 3: Special Education	\$10,355	\$5,178	\$58
Level 4: Special Education	\$18,640	\$9,320	\$104
LEP/NEP	\$2,761	\$1,381	\$15

- (c) If the student is enrolled in a residential school that serves special needs students, use the table below to determine the rates for any of the listed services that the student will receive. Add these amounts to the totals from paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

Rates for Special Needs Students Enrolled in a Residential School

Level/Program	Yearly Rate	Half-Yearly Rate	Daily Rate
Level 1: Special Education - Residential	\$2,582	\$1,291	\$14
Level 2: Special Education - Residential	\$9,389	\$4,695	\$52
Level 3: Special Education - Residential	\$20,303	\$10,152	\$113
Level 4: Special Education - Residential	\$20,168	\$10,093	\$112
Level 5: Special Education - Residential	\$64,894	\$32,447	\$361
LEP/NEP -- Residential	\$46,94	\$23,47	\$26

- (d) Any student enrolled in a residential school, whether or not the student has special needs, is entitled to the Residential Rate listed below, which covers the cost of room and board. Add this amount to the total of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) in this section. This amount is the student's total non-resident tuition rate for the regular school year program.

Rates for Room and Board for students Enrolled in a Residential School

Program	Yearly Rate	Half-Yearly Rate	Daily Rate
Residential (Room and Board)	\$11,736	\$5,868	\$65

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- (e) A non-resident student who wishes to attend summer school in the District of Columbia must register for the summer program separately from the regular school year program. Students will be admitted on a space-available basis. The non-resident tuition rates for summer school are displayed below.

Additional Rates for Non-Resident Students Enrolled in Summer School

Program	Rate
Summer School	\$1,174

The rates in this schedule only apply to non-resident students enrolled in the regular school program of the District of Columbia Public Schools or a public charter school in the District of Columbia. Some schools may offer services that are not considered part of the regular school program, and participation in such programs may require payment of additional fees.

All persons who desire to comment on these proposed rules should submit their comments in writing to Deborah A. Gist, Interim State Education Officer, 441 Fourth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, Attn: Dr. Glenda Partee, Director, Policy, Research & Analysis. All comments must be received by the State Education Office not later than thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Copies of this proposed rule amendment and related information may be obtained by writing to the above address, or by calling the State Education Office at (202) 727-6436.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DOCKET NUMBER 05-04-TS

The Director of the Department of Transportation, pursuant to the authority in sections 3, 5(3), and 6 of the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 21, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-137; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-921.02, 50-921.04(3) and 50-921.05), and sections 6(a)(1), 6(a)(6) and 6(b) of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1121; D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.03(a)(1), (a)(6) and (b)), hereby gives notice of the intent to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Regulations (18 DCMR). Final rulemaking action shall be taken in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

Title 18 DCMR, Section 4004, ONE-WAY STREETS, Subsection 4004.1, (c) Southwest Section, is amended by adding the following to the list of locations where traffic is restricted to one direction of travel:

“V Street, S.W., between Half and 1st Streets, for eastbound traffic only”;

“Half Street, S.W., between V and Water Streets, for northbound traffic only”.

Title 18 DCMR, Section 4008, STOP SIGNS, Subsection 4008.1, (C) Southwest Section, is amended by deleting the following from the list of locations where the Director has authorized the placement of STOP signs:

“On westbound V Street, S.W., so as to stop at 1st Street”.

All persons interested in commenting on the subject matter in this proposed rulemaking action may file comments in writing, not later than thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice in the D.C. Register, with the Department of Transportation, Traffic Services Administration, 2000 14th Street, N.W., 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20009 (Attention: Docket No. 05-04-TS). Copies of this proposal are available, at cost, by writing to the above address.

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UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice of its proposed amendment of Chapter 5, Facilities, Buildings, and Grounds, of Title 8, DCMR, the Rules of the University of the District of Columbia, with the intent to clarify that the Board reserves to itself the authority to name any and all campus facilities, not just entire buildings, as follows:

The title of section 512 shall be changed from "Names of Buildings" to "Names of Campus Facilities" and subsection 512.1 shall be changed from "University buildings shall be named by the Board of Trustees" to "University Campus Facilities shall be named by the Board of Trustees."

To wit:

512 NAMES OF CAMPUS FACILITIES

512.1 University Campus Facilities shall be named by the Board of Trustees.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of the proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register. Comments should be filed with the Office of the University General Counsel, Building 39 – Room 301Q, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20008. Comments of no more than fifteen pages may be submitted by telecopier (FAX) to (202) 274-5320. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Office of the University General Counsel at the address set forth above.

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