

**Notice of Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
Monday, June 17, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. For more information about public comment, see Policy BED. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. CALL TO ORDER - Brad Greenslade, Board President

Description: I call this meeting of the Rio Vista Independent School District to order. Let the record show that a quorum of the Board members are present and this meeting has been duly called and the notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRAYER

4. CAMPUS UPDATES

5. REGULAR REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER- MEGAN SCHWARZ

6. REGULAR REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - JEANNE COBB

1. Policy Update 122

2. Policy Update 123

7. REGULAR REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT - TROY ROBERTS

8. REGULAR REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT - LYLE DUBUS

9. CONSENT AGENDA: ALL ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE SAME TIME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Description:

- Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- Personnel
- Removal & Addition of employee authorization for Pinnacle Bank

1. BOARD MINUTES

1. ADDITIONS

2. CORRECTIONS

2. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION - PINNACLE BANK REMOVAL OF EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZATION

3. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION-PINNACLE BANK ADDITION OF EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZATION

10. ACTION

1. Consider and take action to administer the Oath of Office to the new Board Members

2. Discuss & Consider the new board meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year

3. Consider and approve bids for AC units to be installed for the high school and elementary schools (six total)

4. Discuss & Consider the proposed Compensation Plan for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

5. Discuss and consider the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

6. Discuss & consider final budget amendments for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

7. Policy

Update

122:

(LEGAL) policies
 (LOCAL) policies (see attached list of codes)

8. Policy Update 123:
 (LEGAL) policies
 (LOCAL) policies (see attached list of codes)

9. CONSIDER & TAKE ACTION PERSONNEL

1. EMPLOYMENT

2. ASSIGNMENTS

3. RESIGNATIONS

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

11. OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

Description:	TEXAS	GOVERNMENT	CODE	SECTION:
39.030	Educ.	Code:	Assessment	Instruments
418.183		Homeland		Security
551.071	Private	consultation	with	the Board's attorney
551.072	Discussion	purchase, exchange,	leases, or	value of real property.
551.073	Discussing	negotiated contracts	for	prospective gifts or donations
551.074	Discussing	personnel	or to	hear complaints against personnel
551.0785	Medical	or	Psychiatric	Records
551.076	Considering	the deployment,	specific occasions	for, or implementation of,
security	personnel		or	devices.
551.082	Considering	discipline of a public school child,	or complaint	or charge against personnel.
551.0821	Personally	Identifiable	Student	Information
551.083	Consider	the standards, guidelines, terms, or conditions	the Board will follow, or will	
instruct	its	representatives	of	employee groups.
551.084	Excluding	witness	from	a hearing.
551.087	Economic Development	Negotiations		

13. ADJOURNMENT

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting. [See TASB Policy BEC(LEGAL)]

An original copy was posted on the front door of the Rio Vista School District Administration Building.

For the Board of Trustees



(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue, bold font: **new text**.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes—as in an extensive rewrite—may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

Contact:	School Districts and Education Service Centers	Community Colleges
	policy.service@tasb.org	colleges@tasb.org
	800.580.7529	800.580.1488

Plan The District shall develop a cybersecurity plan to secure the District's cyberinfrastructure against a cyberattack or any other cybersecurity incidents, determine cybersecurity risk, and implement appropriate mitigation planning.

Coordinator The Superintendent shall designate a cybersecurity coordinator. The cybersecurity coordinator shall serve as the liaison between the District and the Texas Education Agency in cybersecurity matters.

Training The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to:

1. Determine the cybersecurity training program to be used in the District;
2. Verify and report compliance with training requirements in accordance with guidance from the Department of Information Resources; and
3. Remove access to the District's computer systems and databases for noncompliance with training requirements as appropriate.

The District shall complete periodic audits to ensure compliance with the cybersecurity training requirements.

Security Breach Notifications Upon discovering or receiving notification of a breach of system security or a security incident, as defined by law, the District shall disclose the breach or incident to affected persons or entities in accordance with the time frames established by law. The District shall give notice by using one or more of the following methods:

1. Written notice.
2. Email, if the District has email addresses for the affected persons.
3. Conspicuous posting on the District's websites.
4. Publication through broadcast media.

The District shall disclose a breach or incident involving sensitive, protected, or confidential student information as required by law.

**Building Access
Control**

Audits of building access control shall include weekly inspections of instructional facilities during school hours to certify all exterior doors are, by default, set to closed, latched, and locked status and cannot be opened from the outside without a key.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the findings of the weekly inspections are:

1. Reported to the District safety and security committee; and
2. Reported to the campus principal or lead administrator of the instructional facility to ensure awareness of any deficiencies identified.

The campus principal or lead administrator shall assign appropriate staff to take action to reduce the likelihood of similar deficiencies in the future.

The results of the weekly reports shall be kept for review as part of the required safety and security audit.

The District's building access control procedures shall not be interpreted as discouraging parents or guardians who have been properly verified as authorized visitors from visiting their student's campus. [See GKC]

Personnel Duties	The Superintendent shall define the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of all positions and shall ensure that job descriptions are current and accessible to employees and supervisors.
Posting Vacancies	The Superintendent or designee shall establish guidelines for advertising employment opportunities and posting notices of vacancies. These guidelines shall advance the Board's commitment to equal opportunity employment and to recruiting well-qualified candidates. Current District employees may apply for any vacancy for which they have appropriate qualifications.
Applications	All applicants shall complete the application form supplied by the District. Information on applications shall be confirmed before a contract is offered for a contractual position and before hiring or as soon as possible thereafter for a noncontractual position. [For information related to the evaluation of criminal history records, see DBAA.]
Employment of Contractual Personnel	The Superintendent has sole authority to make recommendations to the Board regarding the selection of contractual personnel. The Board retains final authority for employment of contractual personnel. [See DCA, DCB, DCC, and DCE as appropriate]
Employment of Noncontractual Personnel	<hr/> Note: For employment of a bus driver related to a Board member or the Superintendent, see DBE(LEGAL). <hr/>
	The Board delegates to the Superintendent final authority to employ and dismiss noncontractual employees on an at-will basis. [See DCD]
Employment Assistance Prohibited	No District employee shall assist another employee of the District or of any school district in obtaining a new job if the employee knows, or has probable cause to believe, that the other employee engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law. Routine transmission of an administrative or personnel file does not violate this prohibition. [See CJ for prohibitions relating to contractors and agents and DH(EXHIBIT) for the Educators' Code of Ethics.]

Dyslexia and Related Disorders

The District shall comply with all rules and standards adopted by the State Board of Education and guidance published by the commissioner of education to implement the program to test students for dyslexia and related disorders.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the District shall provide regular training opportunities for teachers of students with dyslexia that include new research and practices for educating students with dyslexia.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

EHBC
(LOCAL)

~~Each student who has been identified as being at risk of dropping out of school, who is not performing at grade level, or who did not perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment shall be provided accelerated and/or compensatory educational services.~~

**Accelerated
Instruction**

~~The District shall provide accelerated instruction in accordance with law if a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment.~~

**Accelerated
Learning Committee**

~~When a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a math or reading state-mandated assessment in grades 3, 5, or 8, an accelerated learning committee shall develop a written educational plan in accordance with law. If a parent requests that the student be assigned to a particular teacher the following school year, the request shall be addressed in accordance with the District's administrative procedures.~~

~~A parent complaint about the content or implementation of the educational plan shall be filed in accordance with FNG.~~

COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS
ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

EHBCA
(LOCAL)

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**Accelerated
Instruction**

The District shall provide accelerated instruction in accordance with law if a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment.

Parent Request

If a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment, a parent's request that the student be assigned to a particular teacher the following school year shall be addressed in accordance with the District's administrative procedures.

**Accelerated
Education Plan**

Appropriate District staff shall develop an accelerated education plan for a student who fails to perform satisfactorily on the same state-mandated assessment for two or more consecutive years.

A parent complaint about the content or implementation of the accelerated education plan shall be filed in accordance with FNG.

Students in violation of the compulsory attendance law shall be reported to the District attendance officer, who may institute court action as provided by law.

Excused Absences

In addition to excused absences required by law, the District shall excuse absences for the following purposes. A student shall be required to submit verification of these absences in accordance with administrative regulations.

Higher Education Visits

The District shall excuse a student for up to two days during the student's junior year and up to two days during the student's senior year to visit an accredited institution of higher education.

Career Investigation

The District shall excuse a student for up to two days during the student's junior year and up to two days during the student's senior year to visit a professional's workplace for purposes of exploring the student's interest in pursuing a career in that professional's field.

Armed Services Enlistment

The District shall excuse a student 17 years of age or older for up to four days during his or her enrollment in high school for activities related to pursuing enlistment in a branch of the U.S. Armed Services or Texas National Guard.

Early Voting or Election Clerk

The District shall excuse a student for up to two days per school year to serve as an early voting or election clerk.

Learner or Driver's License

The District shall excuse a student 15 years of age or older for one day during his or her enrollment in high school for each of the following:

- Visiting a driver's license office to obtain a learner license; or
- Visiting a driver's license office to obtain a driver's license.

[For extracurricular activity absences, see FM.]

Withdrawal for Nonattendance

The District may initiate withdrawal of a student under the age of 19 for nonattendance under the following conditions:

1. The student has been absent ~~ten~~10 consecutive school days; and
2. Repeated efforts by the attendance officer and/or principal to locate the student have been unsuccessful.

[For District-initiated withdrawal of students 19 or older, see FEA(LEGAL).]

Students Attending Homeschools

Students who are homeschooled are exempt from the compulsory attendance law to the same extent as students enrolled in other private schools.

ATTENDANCE
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

FEA
(LOCAL)

Adequate documentation of homeschooling for withdrawal shall consist of either a statement of withdrawal in accordance with FD(LOCAL) indicating the date homeschooling began, or a signed and dated letter from a parent or guardian indicating that his or her child is being homeschooled and the date the homeschooling began.

The District may request from a parent or guardian a letter of assurance that a child is being educated using a curriculum designed to meet basic education goals of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and a study of good citizenship.

Enforcing
Compulsory
Attendance

If a parent or guardian refuses to submit a requested statement or letter, or if the District has evidence that a school-aged child is not being homeschooled within legal requirements, the District may investigate further and, if warranted, shall pursue legal action to enforce the compulsory attendance law.

No employee shall give any student prescription medication, non-prescription medication, herbal substances, anabolic steroids, or dietary supplements of any type, except as authorized by this or other District policy.

Medication Provided by Parent

The Superintendent shall designate the employees who are authorized to administer medication that has been provided by a student's parent. An authorized employee is permitted to administer the following medication in accordance with administrative regulations:

1. Prescription medication in accordance with legal requirements.
2. Nonprescription medication, upon a parent's written request, when properly labeled and in the original container.
3. Herbal substances or dietary supplements provided by the parent and only if required by the individualized education program or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities.

No Medication Provided by District

~~The~~ Except as required by law and provided by this policy, the District shall not purchase medication to administer to a student.

Opioid Antagonist

This provision shall be applicable to each campus that serves students in grades 6-12.

On Campus

The District authorizes school personnel who have been adequately trained to administer an opioid antagonist in accordance with law and this policy. Administration of an opioid antagonist shall only be permitted when an authorized and trained individual reasonably believes a person is experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

Each applicable campus shall have at least one individual who is authorized and trained to administer an opioid antagonist present during regular school hours.

Maintenance, Availability, Training, and Reporting

Each applicable campus shall have at least two unused, unexpired opioid antagonist doses available.

All opioid antagonists shall be stored in a secure location and shall be easily accessible by individuals who are authorized and trained to administer an opioid antagonist.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations addressing acquisition, maintenance, expiration, and disposal of opioid antagonists in the District, as well as reporting, employee training, and emergency notification requirements.

Psychotropics

Except as permitted by law, an employee shall not:

1. Recommend to a student or a parent that the student use a psychotropic drug;
2. Suggest a particular diagnosis; or
3. Exclude the student from a class or a school-related activity because of the parent's refusal to consent to psychiatric evaluation or examination or treatment of the student.

Medical Treatment

A student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control shall annually complete and sign a form that provides emergency information and addresses authorization regarding medical treatment. A student who has reached age 18 shall be permitted to complete this form.

The District shall seek appropriate emergency care for a student as required or deemed necessary.

**Threat Assessment
and Safe and
Supportive Team**

In compliance with law, the Superintendent shall ensure that a multidisciplinary threat assessment and safe and supportive team is established to serve each campus. The Superintendent shall appoint team members. The team shall be responsible for developing and implementing a safe and supportive school program at each campus served by the team and shall support the District in implementing its multi-hazard emergency operations plan.

Training

Each team shall complete training provided by an approved provider on evidence-based threat assessment programs.

Student Reports

Each campus shall establish a clear procedure for a student to report concerning behavior exhibited by another student for assessment by the team or other appropriate District employee.

Employee
Confidentiality

A District employee who reports a potential threat may elect for the employee's identity to remain confidential and not be subject to disclosure under the state's public information law. The employee's identity shall only be revealed when necessary for the team, the District, or law enforcement to investigate the reported threat.

The District shall maintain a record of the identity of a District employee who elects for the employee's identity to remain confidential.

Imminent Threats or
Emergencies

A member of the team or any District employee may act immediately to prevent an imminent threat or respond to an emergency, including contacting law enforcement directly.

Threat Assessment
Process

The District shall develop procedures as recommended by the Texas School Safety Center. In accordance with those procedures, the threat assessment and safe and supportive team shall conduct threat assessments using a process that includes:

1. Identifying individuals, based on referrals, tips, or observations, whose behavior has raised concerns due to threats of violence or exhibition of behavior that is harmful, threatening, or violent.
2. Conducting an individualized assessment based on reasonably available information to determine whether the individual poses a threat of violence or poses a risk of harm to self or others and the level of risk.
3. Implementing appropriate intervention and monitoring strategies, if the team determines an individual poses a threat of harm to self or others. These strategies may include referral of a student for a mental health assessment and escalation procedures as appropriate.

For a student or other individual the team determines poses a serious risk of violence to self or others, the team shall immediately report to the Superintendent, who shall immediately attempt to contact the student's parent or guardian. Additionally, the Superintendent shall coordinate with law enforcement authorities as necessary and take other appropriate action in accordance with the District's multihazard emergency operations plan.

For a student the team identifies as at risk of suicide, the team shall follow the District's suicide prevention program.

For a student the team identifies as having a substance abuse issue, the team shall follow the District's substance abuse program.

For a student whose conduct may constitute a violation of the District's Student Code of Conduct, the team shall make a referral to the campus behavior coordinator or other appropriate administrator to consider disciplinary action.

As appropriate, the team may refer a student:

1. To a local mental health authority or health-care provider for evaluation or treatment; or
2. For a full individualized and initial evaluation for special education services.

The team shall not provide any mental health-care services, except as permitted by law.

Guidance to School
Community

The team shall provide guidance to students and District employees on recognizing harmful, threatening, or violent behavior that may pose a threat to another person, the campus, or the community and methods to report such behavior to the team, including through anonymous reporting.

Reports

The team shall provide reports to the Texas Education Agency as required by law.

Comprehensive System

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain a comprehensive system of student records and reports dealing with all facets of the school program operation and shall ensure through reasonable procedures that records are accessed by authorized persons only, as allowed by this policy. These data and records shall be stored in a safe and secure manner and shall be conveniently retrievable for use by authorized school officials.

Cumulative Record

A cumulative record shall be maintained for each student from entrance into District schools until withdrawal or graduation from the District.

This record shall move with the student from school to school and be maintained at the school where currently enrolled until graduation or withdrawal. Records for non-enrolled students shall be retained for the period of time required by law. No permanent records may be destroyed without explicit permission from the Superintendent. [See CPC]

Custodian of Records

The ~~principal~~principal is custodian of all records for currently enrolled students. ~~The Superintendent~~The Superintendent is the custodian of records for students who have withdrawn or graduated. The student handbook made available to all students and parents shall contain a listing of the addresses of District schools, as well as the Superintendent's business address.

Types of Education Records

The record custodian shall be responsible for the education records of the District. These records may include:

1. Admissions data, personal and family data, including certification of date of birth.
2. Standardized test data, including intelligence, aptitude, interest, personality, and social adjustment ratings.
3. All achievement records, as determined by tests, recorded grades, and teacher evaluations.
4. All documentation regarding a student's testing history and any accelerated instruction he or she has received, including any ~~documentation of discussion or action by an accelerated learning committee convened~~education plan developed for the student.
5. Health services record, including:
 - a. The results of any tuberculin tests required by the District.
 - b. The findings of screening or health appraisal programs the District conducts or provides. [See FFAA]

- c. Immunization records. [See FFAB]
6. Attendance records.
7. Student questionnaires.
8. Records of teacher, school counselor, or administrative conferences with the student or pertaining to the student.
9. Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.
10. Copies of correspondence with parents and others concerned with the student.
11. Records transferred from other districts in which the student was enrolled.
12. Records pertaining to participation in extracurricular activities.
13. Information relating to student participation in special programs.
14. Records of fees assessed and paid.
15. Records pertaining to student and parent complaints.
16. Other records that may contribute to an understanding of the student.

Access by Parents

The District shall make a student's records available to the student's parents, as permitted by law. The records custodian or designee shall use reasonable procedures to verify the requester's identity before disclosing student records containing personally identifiable information.

Records may be reviewed in person during regular school hours without charge upon written request to the records custodian. For in-person viewing, the records custodian or designee shall be available to explain the record and to answer questions. The confidential nature of the student's records shall be maintained at all times, and records to be viewed shall be restricted to use only in the Superintendent's, principal's, or school counselor's office, or other restricted area designated by the records custodian. The original copy of the record or any document contained in the cumulative record shall not be removed from the school.

Copies of records are available at a per copy cost, payable in advance. Copies of records must be requested in writing. Parents may be denied copies of records if they fail to follow proper procedures or pay the copying charge. If the student qualifies for free or

reduced-price lunches and the parents are unable to view the records during regular school hours, upon written request of a parent, one copy of the record shall be provided at no charge.

A parent may continue to have access to his or her child's records under specific circumstances after the student has attained 18 years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education. [See FL(LEGAL)]

Access by School Officials

A school official shall be allowed access to student records if he or she has a legitimate educational interest in the records.

For the purposes of this policy, "school officials" shall include:

1. An employee, Board member, or agent of the District, including an attorney, a consultant, a contractor, a volunteer, a school resource officer, and any outside service provider used by the District to perform institutional services.
2. An employee of a cooperative of which the District is a member or of a facility with which the District contracts for placement of students with disabilities.
3. A contractor retained by a cooperative of which the District is a member or by a facility with which the District contracts for placement of students with disabilities.
4. A parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
5. A person appointed to serve on a team to support the District's safe and supportive school program.

All contractors provided with student records shall follow the same rules as employees concerning privacy of the records and shall return the records upon completion of the assignment.

A school official has a "legitimate educational interest" in a student's records when he or she is:

1. Working with the student;
2. Considering disciplinary or academic actions, the student's case, or an individualized education program for a student with disabilities;
3. Compiling statistical data;
4. Reviewing an education record to fulfill the official's professional responsibility; or

5. Investigating or evaluating programs.

**Transcripts and
Transfers of Records**

The District may request transcripts from previously attended schools for students transferring into District schools; however, the ultimate responsibility for obtaining transcripts from sending schools rests with the parent or student, if 18 or older.

For purposes of a student's enrollment or transfer, the District shall promptly forward in accordance with the timeline provided in law education records upon request to officials of other schools or school systems in which the student intends to enroll or enrolls. [See FD(LEGAL), Required Documentation] The District may return an education record to the school identified as the source of the record.

**Records
Responsibility for
Students in Special
Education**

The ~~director of special education~~ **director of special education** shall be responsible for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information in records of students in special education.

A current listing of names and positions of persons who have access to records of students in special education is maintained at ~~the special education office~~ **the special education office**.

**Procedure to Amend
Records**

Within 15 District business days of the record custodian's receipt of a request to amend records, the District shall notify the parents in writing of its decision on the request and, if the request is denied, of their right to a hearing. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held within ~~ten~~ **10** District business days after the request is received.

Parents shall be notified in advance of the date, time, and place of the hearing. An administrator who is not responsible for the contested records and who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing shall conduct the hearing. The parents shall be given a full and fair opportunity to present evidence and, at their own expense, may be assisted or represented at the hearing.

The parents shall be notified of the decision in writing within ~~ten~~ **10** District business days of the hearing. The decision shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and shall include a summary of the evidence and reasons for the decision. If the decision is to deny the request, the parents shall be informed that they have 30 District business days within which to exercise their right to place in the record a statement commenting on the contested information and/or stating any reason for disagreeing with the District's decision.

**Directory
Information**

Directory information for District students has been classified into two separate categories:

1. Items for use only for school-sponsored purposes; and

STUDENT RECORDS

FL
(LOCAL)

2. Items for all other purposes.

School-Sponsored
Purposes

For the following school-sponsored purposes—all District publications and announcements—directory information shall include a student's name, address, telephone listing, email address, photograph, date and place of birth, honors and awards received, dates of attendance, grade level, most recent school previously attended, enrollment status, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height, if a member of an athletic team.

All Other Purposes

For all other purposes, the District shall not release student directory information.

Explanatory Notes

TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 122

Rio Vista ISD

ATTN(NOTE)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS UPDATE

Please note:

Changes at Update 122 are based almost exclusively on legislation from the 88th Regular Legislative Session.

Unless otherwise noted, references to legislative bills throughout these explanatory notes refer to Senate Bills (SB) or House Bills (HB) from the 88th Regular Legislative Session. All referenced bills have already gone into effect unless otherwise noted.

Each regular legislative session, legislation is passed that makes nonsubstantive additions, revisions, or corrections to existing statutes. HB 4595 was passed for this purpose in the 88th Regular Legislative Session. Minor nonsubstantive changes throughout Update 122 result from HB 4595 and are not otherwise mentioned in the explanatory notes.

For more information about the bills mentioned throughout and other changes from the 88th Legislative Session, download the free [2023 Legislative Summary for TASB Members](#) PDF from the TASB store.

The *Local Policy Overview* for Update 122, available with your Update 122 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online® (TASB login required), provides a general, high-level overview of the changes to the local policies included in the update. **Legal policies provide the legal framework for key areas of district operations and are not adopted by the board.**

Changes to the policy manual based on bills from the special called sessions will be included in Update 123.

AF(LEGAL)

INNOVATION DISTRICTS

New and amended Administrative Code rules, effective June 20, 2023, revise the process and timeline for renewing an innovation plan. (See pages 5-6.)

AIB(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Provisions regarding remote instruction expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

BBB(LEGAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: ELECTIONS

This legal policy has been updated to increase the population threshold for certain districts to conduct elections jointly with a hospital district. (HB 4559)

BBBA(LEGAL)

ELECTIONS: CONDUCTING ELECTIONS

HB 1217 repeals Election Code provisions creating different requirements for days and hours of early voting at temporary branch polling places in counties with a population under 100,000. The same requirements now apply regardless of county size.

BBBB(LEGAL)

ELECTIONS: POST-ELECTION PROCEDURES

HB 2559 adds retired justices of the peace, the comptroller of public accounts, and former comptrollers to the list of persons authorized to administer an oath in Texas. Because this legal policy includes only the four broadest categories of authorized persons, it has been amended to include retired justices of the peace. (See Oath of Office on page 4.)

Explanatory Notes

TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 122

Rio Vista ISD

BBBC(LLEGAL) ELECTIONS: CAMPAIGN FINANCE

HB 2626 requires all districts, regardless of size, to post campaign finance reports filed with the district on the district website not later than the 10th business day after receipt. Certain address information may be removed before posting, and the reports must remain accessible on the website for five years.

BBC(LLEGAL) BOARD MEMBERS: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

SB 232 implements automatic removal from office for certain criminal offenses. If a board member is removed, the board must fill the vacancy at the first regular meeting following the removal. (See page 4.)

HB 17 makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law regarding removal of a board member by written petition and trial. (See page 3.)

BBD(LLEGAL) BOARD MEMBERS: TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

The attorney general (AG) may require board members to complete Public Information Act (PIA) training if the AG determines the district has failed to comply with a requirement of the PIA (see page 1). (HB 3033)

BBI(LLEGAL) BOARD MEMBERS: TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Note at the beginning of this policy has been updated to include a reference to CQC(LLEGAL), where provisions from SB 1893 regarding prohibited applications on district-owned devices have been added.

BE(LLEGAL) BOARD MEETINGS

HB 3440 requires all districts to post both the notice *and* agenda for a board meeting on the district website under the Open Meetings Act. (See Internet Posting — Notice on page 4.) The bill repeals the previous provision that tied the requirement to post the agenda to the size of a municipality in the district.

C(LLEGAL) BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Section C table of contents has been revised to rename CKA as Safety Program/Risk Management: Safety and Security Audits and Monitoring. Provisions regarding asbestos management have been moved to a new code CSC, Facility Standards: Asbestos Management.

CCA(LLEGAL) LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES: BOND ISSUES

For bonds authorized at an election after September 1, 2023, HB 3 allows the use of bond proceeds to pay for compliance with school safety and security requirements for school facilities. If TEA finds that the district is not in compliance, the district must use bond proceeds to achieve compliance before using the proceeds for other purposes. (See page 3.)

CDA(LLEGAL) OTHER REVENUES: INVESTMENTS

SB 1246 amends the Public Funds Investment Act to authorize districts to invest in repurchase agreements through a joint account.

CDB(LLEGAL) OTHER REVENUES: SALE, LEASE, OR EXCHANGE OF SCHOOL-OWNED PROPERTY

HB 2518 requires a public property lease between a district and another person to include terms requiring the person to include payment and performance bond requirements in any construction contract the person enters related to the leased property. In addition, the person must provide notice of commencement to the district at least 90 days before any construction begins. (See pages 3-4.)

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PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION: VENDOR DISCLOSURES AND CONTRACTS

HB 1817 specifies the circumstances under which a district contract is voidable for the vendor's failure to provide the required disclosure of interested parties. (See page 2.)

A provision has been added from HB 900 prohibiting the purchase of library material from vendors included on a list created by TEA. Other provisions of HB 900 are set out in EFB(LEGAL). (See page 10.)

CJA(LEGAL)

CONTRACTED SERVICES: CRIMINAL HISTORY

HB 4123 makes significant changes to the laws regarding criminal history record information (CHRI) reviews by the district and "qualified school contractors," as defined in the bill, and repeals provisions relating to CHRI reviews for certain public works contractors. The bill creates a single statutory approach to CHRI reviews for contractors and their employees.

CK(LEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT

Several legislative changes affect this legal policy on safety programs and risk management:

- HB 3 requires sheriffs in counties with a population of less than 350,000 to conduct semiannual meetings to discuss issues related to school safety.
- HB 1905 allows districts to make school safety training courses, including active shooter training courses, available at no cost to employees of private schools or child-care facilities in the district.
- SB 29 prohibits districts from implementing mandates related to COVID-19.

To better present legislative changes related to school safety and make the associated policies easier to use, provisions in this policy related to safety and security audits have been relocated to CKA(LEGAL).

CKA(LEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: SAFETY AND SECURITY AUDITS AND MONITORING

To better present legislative changes related to school safety and make the associated policies easier to use, this legal policy has been renamed Safety and Security Audits and Monitoring, and provisions regarding asbestos management have been relocated to CSC(LEGAL) in the policy series related to facility standards. Provisions regarding safety and security audits have been moved from CK(LEGAL) and amended by HB 3.

Other revisions from HB 3 include new provisions related to the following:

- Monitoring by TEA of district implementation and operation of safety and security requirements through a new office of school safety and security
- Vulnerability assessments by TEA
- Intruder detection audits by regional school safety review teams
- Assignment of a conservator by the commissioner if a district fails to comply with specified safety and security requirements

CKC(LEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: EMERGENCY PLANS

Numerous legislative changes affect this legal policy on emergency plans.

Under HB 3, a district must:

- Adopt a policy for providing notice regarding violent activity at a district campus or facility or at a district-sponsored activity. (See page 1.) [TEA issued a [To the Administrator Addressed letter](#) to provide

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guidance to educational leaders on September 7, 2023, with [Guidance on Model Standards for Parental Notification](#) that can be used to develop administrative procedures.]

- Provide the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and local law enforcement with emergency response maps and an opportunity to conduct a walk-through using the maps. (See page 1.)
- Follow TEA guidelines in adopting and implementing the district's multihazard emergency operations plan (EOP) to ensure the safety of students and personnel with disabilities or impairments in a disaster or emergency. TEA must develop the guidelines. (See page 3.)
- Submit its multihazard EOP no later than the 30th day after the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) requests it. HB 3 modifies the timelines related to submitting the plan and correcting any deficiencies. (See page 5.)
- Provide information from DPS and TxSSC regarding safe storage of firearms to parents. (See pages 6-7.) [TxSSC released [information](#) on September 1, 2023.]

Provisions have been added to this policy from the Texas Disaster Act regarding confidentiality of certain types of information the district may have related to safety and disaster response. (See pages 7-8.)

CKE(LLEGAL) SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: SECURITY PERSONNEL

Several revisions to this legal policy on security personnel result from HB 3.

- The board must determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each campus. The board must ensure that at least one armed security officer, as defined by the bill, is present during regular school hours at each campus or claim a good cause exception due to availability of funding or qualified personnel. A board that claims a good cause exception must develop an alternative standard. (See page 1.)
- The board's options as to who may be hired for security purposes are expanded. (See pages 1-2.)
- Security personnel are no longer required to be commissioned peace officers to carry weapons, but a person permitted to carry a firearm on campus may not perform certain law enforcement duties, except in an emergency, unless they are commissioned peace officers. (See page 5.)

HB 3 and SB 999 modify requirements related to active shooter response training. (See page 3.)

HB 1133 allows peace officers providing volunteer security services at school events to wear their uniforms under certain circumstances. (See pages 3-4.)

For more information, see TASB Legal Services' School Law eSource article "[Armed Security Officer Requirement in House Bill 3 \(2023\)](#)."

CKEA(LLEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

This legal policy has been updated to include existing provisions regarding the circumstances under which a body-worn camera recording may be released. (See page 5.)

CKEB(LLEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: SCHOOL MARSHALS

HB 3623 allows a district to enter into a memorandum of understanding with another district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school to share a school marshal on the other school's campus for certain events. (See page 4.)

CKEC(LLEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

HB 3 implements requirements for a memorandum of understanding for the provision of school resource officers.

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CLA(LLEGAL) BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT: SECURITY

SB 2069 revises the requirements for schools to post human trafficking signs. The signs must now be posted in a conspicuous place reasonably likely to be viewed by employees and visitors.

CLE(LLEGAL) BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT: FLAG DISPLAYS

HB 2012 allows a classroom teacher to display the national motto in a classroom if the poster or framed copy meets existing requirements.

CMD(LLEGAL) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CARE AND ACCOUNTING

HB 1605 makes numerous changes to this legal policy on instructional materials care and accounting, including revisions to permitted expenditures, requisition procedures, requirements related to open education resources (OER), and certification. In addition, districts may be entitled to additional state aid for certain instructional materials.

Administrative code provisions have been deleted to the extent they are superseded by new laws.

CNA(LLEGAL) TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Duplicative information regarding the transportation of students to accelerated instruction programs has been replaced with a reference on page 7 to EHBCA for more information.

CNC(LLEGAL) TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

HB 2190 changes all references in state law from "accident" to "collision."

CQA(LLEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: DISTRICT, CAMPUS, AND CLASSROOM WEBSITES

The list of required internet postings has been updated to include:

- Campaign finance filings at item 18 (HB 2626)
- Item 46 regarding annual reports on measurable outcomes for dropout recovery education programs (SB 1647)

A district may now either post online or provide physical copies of the report on library materials (see item 4 at Optional Internet Postings). (HB 900)

CQB(LLEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: CYBERSECURITY

SB 768 shortens the deadline to notify the attorney general of a system security breach from 60 to 30 days and requires the notice to be submitted electronically. (See page 4.)

SB 271 creates additional notification requirements for "security incidents" as defined in the bill. (See page 6.)

CQB(LOCAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: CYBERSECURITY

Based on the new notification requirements imposed by SB 271, the security breach notification provisions have been revised to include security incidents.

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CQC(LEGAL)

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: EQUIPMENT

HB 18 amends requirements related to transferring data processing equipment or electronic devices to students. Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, in addition to existing requirements, districts must adopt rules establishing programs that promote parents as partners in cybersecurity and online safety and install filters to block pornographic or obscene materials or applications. TEA must adopt standards for permissible devices and applications used by a district. If necessary, Policy Service will recommend policy revisions following publication of the TEA standards.

SB 1893 requires the district to adopt a policy prohibiting the installation or use of a "covered application," as defined in the bill, on any device owned or leased by the district. (See page 3.) The Department of Information Resources (DIR) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) must develop a model policy for districts to use in developing the required policy, and the district must adopt the required policy no later than 60 days after the model is released. Policy Service will recommend local policy revisions, as appropriate, following publication of the DIR/DPS model policy.

CS(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS

For clarity and ease of use, this legal policy on Facility Standards has been divided into four codes:

- CS: Facility Standards
- CSA: Safety and Security
- CSB: Gas and Pipelines
- CSC: Asbestos Management

CS includes the existing school facility standards that apply to all district capital improvement projects. Accessibility standards as well as provisions related to portable buildings and outdoor lighting also remain in this policy code.

CSA(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: SAFETY AND SECURITY

This new policy code regarding safety and security includes existing provisions moved from CS(LEGAL) as well as the commissioner's new school safety rules for facilities, effective May 31, 2023.

HB 3 implements additional safety and security requirements for facilities.

SB 838 requires a district to provide each classroom with silent panic alert technology that allows immediate contact with emergency services and law enforcement. This applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year. (See page 9.)

CSA(LOCAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: SAFETY AND SECURITY

This new local policy on facility safety and security includes recommended provisions addressing audits of building access control to comply with the commissioner's new school safety rules for facilities, effective May 31, 2023.

CSB(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: SAFETY AND SECURITY

To present legal requirements more clearly, this new legal policy regarding gas and pipelines includes existing provisions moved from CS(LEGAL).

CSC(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

To present legal requirements more clearly, existing provisions related to asbestos management have been moved from CKA(LEGAL) to this new policy code.

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CV(LEGAL) FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

This legal policy regarding facilities construction includes several revisions:

- HB 679 prohibits requiring a specified experience modifier in construction contracts or solicitations. (See pages 5-6.)
- HB 3485 allows vendors and subcontractors to elect not to proceed with additional work without a properly executed change order. (See page 8.)
- HB 2518 adds the failure to include required lease terms to the circumstances under which a district may be liable for failure to obtain a payment bond. (See page 13.)
- HB 2965 prohibits the waiver of Government Code Chapter 2272 regarding construction liability claims. (See page 20.)

DBAA(LEGAL) EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS: PRE-EMPLOYMENT REVIEWS

Changes to the laws regarding the use, confidentiality, and destruction of criminal history record information (CHRI) are from HB 4123. (See pages 4-5.) Other revisions are to better reflect statutory sources.

DBE(LEGAL) EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS: NEPOTISM

HB 1789 provides an exception to the nepotism prohibition for hiring bus drivers if the board approves the employment. (See page 4.)

DC(LOCAL) EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

HB 1789 creates a nepotism exception for hiring bus drivers, regardless of county population, if the *board* approves employment. We recommend adding a note referring to DBE(LEGAL) (concerning nepotism) to this policy that delegates hiring authority for noncontractual employees to the superintendent as a reminder of the special requirements related to this nepotism exception for bus drivers.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

DEAA(LEGAL) COMPENSATION PLAN: INCENTIVES AND STIPENDS

For at least two school years, a district must assign a mentor teacher to a teacher who has been issued a temporary certificate for military service members and first responders to teach career and technology education (see page 5). (HB 621)

DEC(LEGAL) COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: LEAVES AND ABSENCES

Two bills impact leave requirements for district police officers and emergency personnel.

- HB 1486 adds full-time telecommunicators authorized under the Occupations Code to those entitled to paid mental health leave after experiencing a traumatic event in the scope of employment. (See page 6.)
- HB 471 requires a district to extend a leave of absence to a police officer or emergency medical services personnel for an illness or injury related to the person's line of duty. (See pages 6-7.)

DF(LEGAL) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

HB 4520 adds conviction of or placement on deferred adjudication community supervision for sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor as a basis for mandatory termination. (See page 2.)

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DG(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Revisions to this legal policy incorporate recent state and federal legislative changes.

- HB 1605 prohibits a district from penalizing a teacher for failure to follow the pacing of instructional materials for a subject in the required curriculum. A classroom teacher is also immune from disciplinary proceedings for violating certain state and federal laws if the teacher used only approved and adopted instructional material and delivered the instruction with fidelity. (See pages 4-5.)
- The federal Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Mothers Act, effective December 29, 2022, repealed and replaced prior law requiring breaks for employees to express breast milk. The provisions are not limited to nonexempt employees. (See pages 6-7.)

DGC(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES: IMMUNITY

HB 2059 adds local behavioral health authorities to the list of providers of mental health first aid training who receive immunity when assisting an individual experiencing a mental health crisis. (See page 4.)

DH(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

HB 4520 adds Penal Code 43.24 (sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to minor) to the qualifying felonies that render a person ineligible for a TRS service retirement annuity if convicted. (See item 4 on page 2.)

DI(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE WELFARE

HB 915 requires a district to post information for reporting workplace violence to the Department of Public Safety.

Other changes are to improve online accessibility of the policy.

DIA(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE WELFARE: FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION

Revisions to this legal policy incorporate recent state and federal legislative changes.

- HB 567 provides that the prohibition against racial discrimination includes discrimination based on an employee's hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race. A district commits an unlawful employment practice if it adopts a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against such hair texture or protective hairstyle. (See page 4.)
- The federal Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, effective June 27, 2023, requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to the known limitations related to the pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions of a qualified employee. (See pages 9-11.)

Additional changes have been made to include citations to Administrative Code provisions and update other citations.

DL(LEGAL) WORK LOAD

HB 1605 allows supplemental agreements between a district and a classroom teacher related to lesson planning or selecting instructional material during planning and preparation time. This applies beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

DLB(LEGAL) WORK LOAD: REQUIRED PLANS AND REPORTS

HB 1605 allows a unit or weekly lesson plan included in instructional material adopted by the board to satisfy a requirement to prepare such a plan. (See item 6 at Restrictions on Written Reports.)

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DMA(LEGAL) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: REQUIRED STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Several legislative changes impact this legal policy on staff development.

- A district may satisfy a requirement to implement a program related to substance abuse and prevention and intervention by providing instruction related to fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness (see page 4). (HB 3908)
- A district must require all district employees who regularly interact with students to complete an evidence-based mental health training program (see pages 5-6). (HB 3)
- An athletic trainer who serves as a member of a district's concussion oversight team must take a course that meets the requirements set by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) (see page 9). (HB 2495)

Other revisions have been made to clarify the training requirements for other employees related to concussions.

DP(LEGAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS

Revisions to this legal policy include new Administrative Code provisions, effective May 21, 2023, regarding school counselors, including requirements that they track time spent on various work duties and that the district assess its compliance with its counselor policy. (See pages 5-6.)

The policy also includes provisions from SB 763 authorizing a district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the board. (See pages 8-9.)

DP(LOCAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS

SB 763 authorizes districts to employ chaplains or accept chaplains as volunteers to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the board. These provisions apply beginning with the 2023-24 school year. While your district currently may allow chaplains along with other visitors or volunteers on campus, SB 763 requires each board to take a record vote not later than six months after the effective date, September 1, 2023, on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain. To facilitate this record vote, TASB Policy Service sent a draft resolution with the [2023 Post-Legislative Policy Changes Policy Alert](#), available in the Policy Online® Governance and Management Library (TASB login required), for consideration by the board between September 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024. If the board approves the option to adopt a policy to authorize district campuses to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain, send your TASB policy consultant a copy of the resolution for TASB to update the district's DP(LOCAL) policy to reflect the board's decision. If the board would prefer only to accept chaplains as volunteers like other district or campus volunteers, contact your policy consultant for assistance with language at GKG(LOCAL).

EEB(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: CLASS SIZE

HB 2729 requires a district or an entity with which a district contracts to provide a prekindergarten program to attempt to maintain an average ratio of at least one *qualified*, rather than certified, teacher or aide for each 11 students. (See High-Quality Prekindergarten Program on page 1.)

EF(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

This legal policy includes the following revisions from HB 1605:

- Changes to timelines and other requirements related to parental review of tests and instructional materials

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- New requirements pertaining to district instructional material review on request of a parent or group of parents

The district must adopt a process for a parent to request a district instructional material review. TEA must adopt standards for a district to use in this review. Policy Service will recommend local policy revisions following publication of the TEA standards.

Provisions related to parental rights regarding consent to surveys and information collection have been relocated to new policy FA(LLEGAL), dedicated to parental rights.

EFA(LLEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Numerous revisions throughout this legal policy on instructional materials are the result of HB 1605.

- Expanded definition of "instructional materials"
- Revised provisions regarding the SBOE's review, selection, and approval or rejection of instructional materials
- New provisions related to TEA's instructional materials website and other support for districts
- New and revised provisions pertaining to open education resource (OER) instructional material

EFB(LLEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

HB 900 required revisions throughout this legal policy on library materials.

- A district must adhere to the standards for library collection development adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) with approval of the SBOE. TSLAC must develop standards by January 1, 2024; Policy Service will recommend local policy revisions following publication of the standards.
- Written parental consent is required before a student may check out library material rated by a vendor as "sexually relevant."
- A district must conduct a biennial review of library contents and post a report not later than January 1 of every odd-numbered year.
- Library material vendors may not sell library materials unless they have issued ratings regarding sexually explicit and sexually relevant material previously sold to the district. No sexually explicit material may be sold and any in use must be recalled. Vendors must submit a list to TEA of rated materials sold and in use, and TEA must post the list online.

EHAA(LLEGAL) BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (ALL LEVELS)

HB 1605 requires districts, when adopting instructional materials, to ensure sufficient time for teachers to teach and students to learn the essential knowledge and skills for the subject and grade level. (See Scope and Sequence and Instructional Materials on page 3.)

HB 3908 expands the scope of instruction regarding the dangers of opioids about which the school health advisory council (SHAC) must make recommendations. (See item 7 on page 7.)

EHAB(LLEGAL) BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (ELEMENTARY)

HB 1605 prohibits any instruction that incorporates three-cueing in the required phonics curriculum.

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EHAC(LEGAL) BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (SECONDARY)

Several bills impact this legal policy on required secondary instruction.

- SB 2124 requires districts to develop an advanced mathematics program and automatically enroll certain sixth grade students unless the student's parent opts out. (See page 3.)
- HB 3908 requires a district to provide annual instruction regarding fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness to students in grades 6 through 12. (See page 7-8.)
- HB 4375 requires a district to provide instruction in using an automated external defibrillator (AED) to students in grades 7 through 12 and allows a district to accept donations to provide such instruction. (See pages 8-9.)

A reference to policy EHBAD has been added on page 9 for more information on new notice requirements regarding the driving with disability program from SB 2304.

EHB(LEGAL) CURRICULUM DESIGN: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

HB 3928 impacts this legal policy on special programs as follows:

- Further outlines the district's obligations when a student is suspected of having dyslexia or a related disorder (See pages 1-2.)
- Requires the board to adopt a local policy requiring the district to comply with all SBOE and commissioner rules, standards, and guidance related to implementing the program to test students for dyslexia and related disorders (See pages 2-3.)
- Requires the multidisciplinary evaluation team to include a dyslexia specialist when determining a student's eligibility for special education services (See page 3.)
- Implements requirements for progress reports for students receiving dyslexia services (See page 5.)
- Specifies required qualifications for providers of dyslexia instruction (See pages 5-6.)

EHB(LOCAL) CURRICULUM DESIGN: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

New provisions are recommended to comply with HB 3928, which requires the board to adopt and implement a policy requiring the district to comply with all rules and standards adopted by the SBOE and guidance published by the commissioner to implement the program to test students for dyslexia and related disorders.

EHBA(LEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND ELIGIBILITY

This policy on identification, evaluation, and eligibility has been updated to include a reference on page 5 to policy EHB for more information on special education of students with dyslexia and related disorders.

EHBAB(LEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: ARD COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Changes reflect revised Administrative Code provisions regarding the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee, effective July 18, 2023. The revisions include requirements related to students new to a district (see pages 4-6), including students who register in the summer, and requirements related to interpretation to ensure parent participation and understanding (see Collaborative Process on page 11).

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EHBAD(LEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: TRANSITION SERVICES

SB 2304 requires a district to provide information regarding the Texas Driving with Disability Program to specified students. (See pages 3-4.)

EHBC(LEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

The requirements for dropout recovery education programs are revised and supplemented by SB 1647. New provisions, beginning on page 6, address who can operate a program, when a district administrator or counselor may refer a student to a program, and reporting requirements.

EHBC(LOCAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

This local policy containing provisions on accelerated instruction has been moved to EHBCA(LOCAL) (see below) to align with the legal policy created at that code in Update 121.

EHBCA(LEGAL) COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS: ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

HB 1416 impacts this legal policy on accelerated instruction in numerous ways, including the following:

- Implements exceptions to accelerated instruction for certain students (See pages 1-2.)
- Modifies requirements for supplemental instruction, including requirements regarding the hours of instruction and the instructional group size (See page 3.)
- Provides parents an option to modify or remove a requirement for supplemental instruction for students who failed to perform satisfactorily on certain assessment instruments (See page 4.)
- Excepts a district from the requirement to provide transportation for students to accelerated instruction programs if the district does not operate or contract for a transportation system
- Expands the requirements to provide notice to parents and requires TEA to develop a [model notice](#) [TEA released [information](#) on July 13, 2023.]
- Requires a district to develop an accelerated education plan for a student who does not perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument for two or more school years in the same subject (See pages 6-7.)
- Requires the district to make a good faith attempt to provide a parent conference for a student with an accelerated education plan
- Adds circumstances under which the commissioner may waive a district's accelerated instruction requirements (See pages 8-9.)
- Repeals several provisions, including provisions related to accelerated learning committees
- Amends the ARD committee meeting requirements

EHBCA(LOCAL) COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS: ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

This local policy has been recoded from EHBC(LOCAL) to align with EHBCA(LEGAL) created in Update 121. HB 1416 made several changes to the requirements for accelerated instruction. Recommended changes to this local policy reflect that a parent's ability to request a particular teacher after a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state assessment is no longer limited to students in grades 3, 5, and 8. Other changes delete references to the accelerated learning committee, which has been eliminated. A

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district now must develop an accelerated learning plan for certain students, and parents still may file a complaint about the plan in accordance with FNG.

EHBG(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: PREKINDERGARTEN

HB 2729 makes several changes related to prekindergarten programs:

- Expands teacher qualifications (See page 5.)
- Requires a district or an entity with which a district contracts to provide a prekindergarten program to attempt to maintain an average ratio of at least one *qualified*, rather than certified, teacher or aide for each 11 students (See page 6.)
- Prescribes new supervisor requirements for entities with which a district contracts to provide a prekindergarten program (See page 6.)

EHBK(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

HB 3991 designates the first Friday in April as Texas Fruit and Vegetable Day and requires appropriate instruction. (See page 4.)

HB 3908 requires the governor to designate Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week, which may include age-appropriate instruction. (See page 7.)

EHDD(LLEGAL) ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: COLLEGE COURSE WORK/DUAL CREDIT

HB 8 implements the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program to allow certain students to enroll at no cost in a dual credit course. A district must provide notice to parents about the program and determine student eligibility. (See pages 7-8.)

EHDE(LLEGAL) ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: DISTANCE LEARNING

Provisions related to attendance calculation for off campus electronic instruction expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

EHDF(LLEGAL) ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: LOCAL REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM

Provisions related to local remote learning programs expired on September 1, 2023. This legal policy has been deleted in its entirety.

EI(LLEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Changes reflect new Administrative Code provisions regarding the academic achievement record of a student who earns a diploma for completing the Texas First Early High School Completion Program, effective June 15, 2023. (See page 4.)

EIA(LLEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: GRADING/PROGRESS REPORTS TO PARENTS

This policy on grading/progress reports to parents has been updated to include a reference on page 2 to policy EHB for more information on progress reports for students receiving dyslexia instruction.

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EIC(LOCAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: CLASS RANKING

HB 3803 permits parents to elect to have their student repeat a high school course in which the student was enrolled during the previous school year unless the district determines the student has met all requirements for graduation. Absent local policy, TEA guidance provides that the original passing grade must be retained.

Contact your policy consultant for assistance with policy language that reflects the district's option regarding the use of grades from retaken courses in the calculation of class rank and on the transcript.

EIE(LEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: RETENTION AND PROMOTION

HB 3803 permits a parent to elect for a student to repeat the grade in which the student was enrolled in the previous school year up to grade 8. In addition, a parent may elect for a student to repeat a course taken for high school credit in the previous school year unless the district determines the student has met all requirements for graduation. (See page 1.)

EIF(LEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: GRADUATION

Provisions related to diplomas for certain students who entered ninth grade before the 2011-12 school year expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

SB 2294 requires a district to allow a student to graduate and receive a diploma under the Texas First Early High School Completion Program if the student satisfies other requirements. (See page 7.)

EKB(LEGAL) TESTING PROGRAMS: STATE ASSESSMENT

This legal policy has been updated to include legislative changes regarding state assessments.

- In establishing the district's calendar and the dates for the administration of state assessment instruments, the board may consider religious holy days or periods of observance likely to be observed by students during the period for administering those instruments (see page 5). (HB 1883)
- A district may administer a state assessment instrument in paper format to up to three percent of students upon request of a student's parent, guardian, or teacher (see pages 6-7). (HB 1225)

F(LEGAL) STUDENTS

The Section F table of contents has been revised to add the new code FA, Parent Rights and Responsibilities. We have also added for future expansion a new code addressing identification of students at FI.

FA(LEGAL) PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Many of the legal provisions regarding parent rights have been moved to this new policy code so that information is available in a single location. In addition, this policy catalogs the other policy codes that address specific parents' rights throughout the policy manual.

FD(LEGAL) ADMISSIONS

SB 1008 extends the deadline for an active-duty military parent to provide proof of residence in the district from 10 to 90 days after arrival. (See pages 3-4.)

HB 3 requires a parent enrolling a child or the district the child most recently attended to provide the new district a copy of the child's disciplinary record and any threat assessment involving the child's behavior. (See page 8.)

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ADMISSIONS: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS

HB 3 requires a transfer student's district of residence to provide the receiving district with the student's disciplinary record and any threat assessment involving the student's behavior. (See page 1.)

HB 1959 and HB 2892 require the board to grant the request of a peace officer who is a parent of a student or a servicemember who is a parent of a student to transfer the student to another campus or to another district under an agreement between the districts under Education Code 25.035. (See pages 2-3.)

FDB(LEGAL)

ADMISSIONS: INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

A reference to information regarding intradistrict transfers requested by a parent who is a servicemember or peace officer has been added to page 2 of this legal policy. The referenced information is located in FDA(LEGAL).

FEA(LEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

HB 1212 prohibits a district from requiring documentation from a clergy member or other religious leader and requires the district to accept a note from a parent when excusing a student's absence to observe a religious holy day. (See page 4.)

SB 68 allows a district to excuse a student from attending school for career investigation days to visit a professional's workplace during the student's junior and senior years to determine the student's interest in a career in the professional's field. (See page 6.)

HB 4559 increases the population threshold for constitutional county courts in certain counties to be designated as truancy courts. (See page 8.)

FEA(LOCAL)

ATTENDANCE: COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

SB 68 allows a district to excuse a student from attending school for career investigation days to visit a professional's workplace during the student's junior and senior years to determine the student's interest in a career in the professional's field. Districts that choose to excuse students for absences to visit a professional's workplace to explore a career in that professional's field must adopt a policy to determine when an absence will be excused for this purpose and a procedure to verify the visit. A new provision offered for the board's consideration at Career Investigation permits such absences for the maximum amount allowed in law — up to two days during a student's junior year and up to two days during the student's senior year. Contact your policy consultant for revisions if the district will allow fewer excused absences or will not allow any excused absences for this purpose.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

FEB(LEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING

References regarding funding for courses taken with the Texas Virtual School Network have been updated.

FEC(LEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Provisions allowing a district to adopt a policy to exempt students from the 90 percent rule for courses offered under a local remote learning program exception expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

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FED(LLEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT

HB 3917 allows a parent against whom a complaint for contributing to nonattendance has been filed to enter a written agreement to complete counseling, training, or another program designated by the district. (See page 10.)

FFAC(LLEGAL)

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

SB 629 requires a district to adopt a policy regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus that serves students in grades 6 through 12; a district may adopt a policy at campuses serving students in grades below 6. Provisions have been added beginning on page 4 regarding reporting, training, immunity, and other topics.

General provisions related to the administration of opioid antagonists have been deleted in light of the new requirements.

SB 294 revises provisions related to a district's option to adopt a policy regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal of medication for respiratory distress. A district that adopts a policy must require each campus to have at least one authorized and trained person present during regular school hours. Provisions have been added beginning on page 11 regarding required referrals after medication is administered, training, reporting, parental notice of the policy, and other topics.

Also under SB 294, a district that implements a policy for the maintenance, administration, and disposal of epinephrine auto-injectors must give notice *of the policy* to parents before the policy is implemented or before the start of each school year. (See page 10.)

Finally, SB 294 prohibits disciplinary action against an employee or volunteer who refuses to administer or receive training to administer epinephrine auto-injectors or medication for respiratory distress in accordance with board policy. (See pages 13-14.)

FFAC(LOCAL)

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

Recommended revisions to this policy are based on SB 629, which requires a district to adopt a policy regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus that serves students in grades 6 through 12. Contact the district's policy consultant if your district will implement this policy at campuses serving students in grades below 6.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

FFAF(LLEGAL)

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: CARE PLANS

SB 1506 requires a student's seizure management and treatment plan to be on a form adopted by TEA. TEA must adopt the form by December 1, 2023, and post the form on the TEA website. (See page 5.)

FFB(LLEGAL)

STUDENT WELFARE: CRISIS INTERVENTION

The required policies and procedures for the district's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team are changed as follows (see pages 1-2):

- Under HB 3, the policy must require each campus to establish a procedure for students to report concerning behavior by another student.
- SB 1720 requires the policy to allow employees who report a potential threat to elect to keep their identities confidential.

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Before the threat assessment and safe and supportive school team may conduct a threat assessment, HB 473 requires the team to notify a student's parent regarding the assessment. The team must also notify the parent of its findings and conclusions after the assessment.

HB 3 also requires that materials and information from a threat assessment be maintained in the student's school record until the student's 24th birthday.

FFB(LOCAL) STUDENT WELFARE: CRISIS INTERVENTION

Recommended revisions to this local policy on crisis intervention include the following:

- In accordance with HB 3, provisions have been added at Student Reports to require each campus to establish a clear procedure for students to report concerning behavior by another student.
- Revisions at Employee Confidentiality are based on SB 1720 and allow employees who report a potential threat to elect to keep their identities confidential.

FFBA(LEGAL) CRISIS INTERVENTION: TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

This policy on trauma-informed care has been updated to include a reference to policy DMA for more information on mental health training for district employees.

FFEA(LEGAL) COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH: COUNSELING

HB 1605 clarifies that materials required to be made available for parent review are those that are not available digitally through an instructional materials parent portal. (See page 1.)

HB 4363 requires that notice be given to students, teachers, counselors, and parents of Future Texas Teachers Scholarship programs. (See page 3.)

FFG(LEGAL) STUDENT WELFARE: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

HB 63 prohibits the Department of Family and Protective Services from taking anonymous reports of abuse or neglect. Revisions have been made to the required contents of a report, including the name and contact information of the person making the report. (See page 3.) Other provisions have been rearranged for clarity.

FL(LEGAL) STUDENT RECORDS

Information regarding enrollment records has been deleted from this policy to avoid unnecessary duplication of the same information in policy FD. A reference to that policy has been added on page 4.

The following provisions have been relocated to new policy FA(LEGAL) dedicated to parental rights:

- Parental rights regarding consent to surveys and information collection.
- Parental consent requirements related to videotaping or recording students.

FL(LOCAL) STUDENT RECORDS

HB 1416 repeals provisions related to accelerated learning committees. The references to the accelerated learning committee have been replaced with references to the accelerated education plan that now must be created for certain students who fail to perform satisfactorily on state assessments.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

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FM(LEGAL)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

HB 1002 allows a licensed chiropractor or physical therapist to serve on the concussion oversight team if the person meets the training requirements. (See pages 4-5.) This bill also allows a physical therapist to remove a student from practice or competition if the physical therapist believes the student has sustained a concussion. (See page 5.)

HB 2484 requires a district to provide a peace officer, SRO, administrator, or security personnel at an athletic event on district property to ensure the safety of an official of the activity under certain circumstances. (See page 8.) This bill also requires a district to prohibit a spectator from attending athletic activities for at least a year if the spectator causes bodily injury to an official because of the official's actions. (See page 18.)

HB 59 implements new requirements for organized water activities including parental affirmation of whether a child can swim and provision of flotation devices for children who cannot swim. (See pages 9-10.)

HB 699 requires UIL, in assigning league classification, to use the same student enrollment calculation formula for a school that allows homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities as for one that does not. (See pages 15-16.)

HB 3708 provides an allotment of \$1,500 for each UIL activity in which a district allows a homeschooled student to participate. (See page 16.)

An existing provision that a nurse or health-care professional who is not in compliance with training requirements may not serve on a concussion oversight team has been relocated from GKG. (See page 5.)

FNCA(LEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: DRESS CODE

HB 567 prohibits a student dress or grooming policy, including an extracurricular dress code, that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race. In light of this new Education Code provision, citations to older caselaw have been deleted.

FNCC(LEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: PROHIBITED ORGANIZATIONS AND HAZING

SB 1900 expands the offense of coercing, inducing, or soliciting membership in a criminal street gang to include a foreign terrorist organization. (See page 1.)

SB 37 allows a report of hazing to be made to a peace officer or law enforcement agency. Provisions regarding immunity for reporting hazing have been added to this legal policy. (See page 2.)

FNCD(LEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

This legal policy on tobacco use and possession has been updated to include a reference to policy FOC regarding the new disciplinary consequences for conduct involving e-cigarettes.

FNCF(LEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

This legal policy has been updated on page 1 to increase the population threshold for certain districts to petition for an alcohol-free zone. (HB 4559)

FNCG(LEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: WEAPONS

HB 114 clarifies that the procedural requirements of Education Code 37.009(a) regarding conference and mitigating factors apply to expulsion. (See Possession of Weapons on page 1.)

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FNG(LEGAL)

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Provisions outlining parental rights have been relocated to new policy FA(LEGAL) dedicated to parent rights.

FO(LEGAL)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A district peace officer or security personnel may not restrain or use a chemical irritant or Taser on a student in fifth grade or below unless the student poses a serious risk of harm (see page 6). (SB 133)

FOC(LEGAL)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE: PLACEMENT IN A DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTING

Several bills impact this legal policy regarding placement in a DAEP.

- HB 114:
- Clarifies that the procedural requirements of Education Code 37.009(a) regarding conference and mitigating factors apply to placement in a DAEP (see page 1).
- Requires DAEP placement for certain conduct involving e-cigarettes (see item 5 on page 2).
- Allows placement in in-school suspension of students who engaged in certain conduct when DAEP is at capacity (see page 9).
- HB 2187 expands the Title V felony offense of abandoning or endangering a child to include elderly or disabled individuals. (See item 25 on page 4.)
- HB 3928 requires the district, upon placement of a student in DAEP, to provide information to the parent about the process to request an evaluation of the student for special education services. (See page 8.)

FOCA(LEGAL)

PLACEMENT IN A DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTING: DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM OPERATIONS

HB 114 allows a program of educational and support services to be provided to a student and the student's parents when a DAEP offense involves e-cigarettes. (See page 5.)

HB 3928 requires the personalized transition plan for a student exiting a DAEP to include the provision of information to the parent about the process to request an evaluation of the student for special education services. (See pages 6-7.)

FOD(LEGAL)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE: EXPULSION

HB 114 clarifies that the procedural requirements of Education Code 37.009(a) regarding conference and mitigating factors apply to expulsion. For ease of reference, content related to pre-placement proceedings has been duplicated in this policy. (See page 6.)

This legal policy also has been updated to increase the population threshold for certain counties considered to be a county with a population of 125,000 or less for purposes of JJAEP requirements (see page 10). (HB 4559)

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FODA(LLEGAL)

EXPULSION: JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

This legal policy has been updated to increase population thresholds for certain counties considered to be a county with a population of 125,000 or less for purposes of JJAEP requirements. (See pages 1-2.) (HB 4559)

GBA(LLEGAL)

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM: ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Several legislative changes affect this legal policy on access to public information.

- HB 1161 adds victims of child abduction to those covered by the address confidentiality program. (See page 10.)
- HB 3130 restricts the release of information about certain persons who hold or apply for a license issued by the district. (See page 12.)
- HB 4123 prohibits the release of criminal history record information (CHRI) obtained from the FBI and limits the release of CHRI obtained from other Texas criminal justice agencies. (See page 12.)
- HB 3033 provides that the litigation exception to disclosure does not apply to election information in the possession of the entity that administers elections. (See page 16.)
- HB 30 and HB 3033 address the release of information related to certain arrests and crimes. (See page 17.)

GBAA(LLEGAL)

ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Numerous revisions throughout this legal policy on requests for information are the result of HB 3033, including the following:

- The attorney general (AG) may require board members and the officer for public information to complete Public Information Act (PIA) training if the AG determines the district has failed to comply with a requirement of the PIA. (See page 4.)
- "Business day" is defined. A board may designate 10 nonbusiness days each calendar year. (See page 7.)
- With limited exceptions, a district must submit a request for an AG decision through the AG's electronic filing system. (See page 14.)
- A district must take certain actions as soon as practicable after receiving an AG decision. (See pages 20-21.)
- A district may request photo identification from a requestor to establish the requestor has not exceeded a personnel time limit and concealed the requestor's identity. A requestor may decline to provide identification and pay a charge for exceeding the time limit. (See page 30.)

The list of state and national holidays has been added on page 8.

GC(LLEGAL)

PUBLIC NOTICES

This legal policy has been updated to increase the population threshold for the selection of the newspaper for publication of notice in certain counties (see page 2). (HB 4559)

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GKA(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

HB 1760 modifies the Penal Code regarding places where weapons are prohibited to require that grounds on which a school-sponsored activity is occurring be owned by and under the control of a school. (See page 7.)

GKC(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: VISITORS

HB 3 allows a district to eject a person on district property who fails or refuses to provide identification on request if the person reasonably appears to have no legitimate reason to be on district property.

GKG(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

HB 4123 allows a district to obtain criminal history record information (CHRI) from the Department of Public Safety, in addition to other agencies, about a volunteer who is excepted from the required CHRI check but subject to a discretionary check by the district. (See page 2.)

Provisions related to the concussion oversight team have been relocated to FM(LLEGAL).

GRAC(LLEGAL) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES: JUVENILE SERVICE PROVIDERS

HB 446 changed terminology used in statutes to refer to intellectual disability. (See item 8 on page 2.)

GRB(LLEGAL) RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACTS

This policy has been updated to increase the population threshold for municipalities to contract with one or more school districts to provide school crossing guards. (HB 4559)

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CSA(LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS - SAFETY AND SECURITY

DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EHBC(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

EHBCA(LOCAL): COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS - ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

• FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - MEDICAL TREATMENT

• FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION

FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS



(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue, bold font: **new text**.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes—as in an extensive rewrite—may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

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**Public Information
Coordinator**

After Election or
Appointment

The Superintendent shall fulfill the responsibilities of the public information coordinator and shall receive, on behalf of Board members, the training specified by Government Code 552.012. [See GBAA]

After a Violation

A Board member who receives written notice from the attorney general that the member must complete Public Information Act (PIA) training described by GBAA(LEGAL) following the District's failure to comply with a PIA requirement shall complete the training within the timelines described in law. The completion of the training in response to such a notice cannot be delegated.

**Reporting
Continuing
Education Credit**

The Board President shall announce the status of each Board member's continuing education credit. The announcement shall be made annually at the last regular Board meeting before the District's uniform election date, whether or not an election is held. The announcement shall be reflected in the meeting minutes and, when necessary, posted on the District's website in accordance with law.

In addition to disclosures required by law, a Board member shall disclose to the Board any personal financial interest, business interest, or obligation or relationship that in any way creates a potential conflict of interest with a vote on a pending matter.

A Board member shall not use coercive means or promise special treatment in order to influence Board or District decisions, nor use the member's position to seek personal advantage. [See also BBF(LOCAL)]

**Annual Financial
Management Report**

Each Board member shall provide to the District in a timely manner information necessary for the District's annual financial management report. [See CFA]

**Emergency
Operations Plan**

The Superintendent shall ensure updating of the District's emergency operations plan and ongoing staff training.

As required by law, the emergency operations plan shall include the District's procedures addressing:

1. Reasonable security measures when District property is used as a polling place;
2. Response to an active shooter emergency;
3. Response to a nearby train derailment, as applicable; and
4. Access to campus buildings and materials necessary for a substitute teacher to carry out the duties of a District employee during an emergency or an emergency drill.

Firearms

Purpose

~~The Board has adopted these provisions regarding firearms to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations on District property, including invasion of a school by an armed outsider; a hostage situation; actions of a student or employee who is armed and poses a direct threat of physical harm to himself, herself, or others; and similar circumstances.~~

Authorization

~~Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may authorize specific District employees and Board members to possess certain firearms in schools, at Board meetings, and at school-sponsored or school-related events on District property, to the extent allowed by law.~~

**Each specifically
authorized employee
and Board member
shall be approved by
action of the Board.**

~~The Superintendent shall issue written authorization to each approved employee and Board member.~~

**Notice Regarding
Violent Activity**

~~Participation in this safety program shall be strictly voluntary and shall not be a requirement of any employee or Board member position.~~

Revocation

~~The Superintendent, as well as the Board, shall have the authority to revoke at any time a specific employee's authorization to possess a firearm under this policy. The Board may revoke a Board member's authorization at any time.~~

~~However, authorization for a specific employee or Board member to possess a firearm under this policy shall be automatically revoked if the employee is placed on administrative leave or separates from employment with the District, regardless of the reason, or if the Board member resigns or otherwise no longer holds office as a Board member, regardless of the reason.~~

Handgun Licensees

~~Only a District employee or Board member who maintains a current license to carry a handgun in accordance with state law shall~~

	<p>be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property under this policy and in accordance with the District's emergency operations plan.</p> <p>A District employee who is a handgun license holder but who has not been specifically authorized by Board action under this policy shall not be permitted to possess a firearm on school property except in accordance with the limited provisions of DH(LOCAL).</p>
Training	<p>The District shall provide to each District employee or Board member who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property specialized training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other topics the Board may determine necessary or appropriate.</p>
Permitted Weapons and Ammunition	<p>Only District approved firearms and ammunition shall be authorized for possession and use under this policy and the District's emergency operationsdevelop procedures.</p>
Implementation	<p>The Superintendent shall ensure to notify parents regarding violent activity that procedures to implement this security program are detailed in the District's emergency operations plan.has occurred or is being investigated at a campus or other District facility or at a District-sponsored activity.</p>

**District Police
Department**

To ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff, and property, the Board authorizes the formation of a District police department and shall employ and commission a police officer, who shall serve as chief of police.

Supervisory
Authority

The District police officer shall be accountable to and shall report to the Superintendent. In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall not delegate this supervisory responsibility.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the District police officer shall include all territory within District boundaries, as well as all real and personal property outside the boundaries of the District that is owned, leased, or rented by the District, or is otherwise under the District's control.

Police Authority and
Duties

The District police officer shall have all the powers, privileges, and immunities of police officers on or off duty within the jurisdiction of the District. Subject to limitations in law, the District police officer shall:

1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District and protect the property of the District.
2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, the District police officer may serve search warrants in connection with District-related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
3. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant, for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
4. Coordinate and cooperate with commissioned officers of all other law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of this policy as necessary.
5. Enforce District policies, rules, and regulations on District property, in school zones, at bus stops, or at District functions.
6. Investigate violations of District policy, rules, and regulations as requested by the Superintendent and participate in hearings concerning alleged violations.
7. Carry weapons as approved by the Superintendent.
8. Carry out all other duties as directed by the Superintendent.

	<p>The District police officer shall not be assigned routine classroom discipline or administrative tasks.</p>
<p>Limitations on Nonschool Employment</p>	<p>The District police officer commissioned under this policy shall not provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the Superintendent. The District police officer shall enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while working off-duty or temporarily assigned to another agency.</p>
<p>Relationship with Outside Agencies</p>	<p>The District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into memoranda of understanding and other appropriate interlocal agreements that outline reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. The District police officer and the Superintendent shall review the memoranda of understanding and other agreements at least once every year. All such agreements shall be approved by the Board.</p>
<p><i>Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid</i></p>	<p>While operating pursuant to an interlocal agreement for mutual aid or other support for another law enforcement agency, the District police officer shall perform the duties and have the authorities set out in the agreement, including enforcing all laws within the other agency's jurisdiction.</p>
<p>Video Monitoring</p>	<p>If available, video equipment shall be used on a District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.</p>
<p><i>Access to Recordings</i></p>	<p>Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the police department, and shall be maintained as required by the department regulations manual and law. A parent or student who wishes to view a video recording in response to disciplinary action taken against the student may request such access under the procedures set out by. [See FL(LEGAL)]</p>
<p>Body-Worn Cameras</p>	<p>The District police officer shall use a body-worn camera only when performing official law enforcement duties for the District and in accordance with the provisions of the District police department's body-worn camera program. The District police officer shall receive training on the program, including proper use and operation of cameras. Any District employee who has access to data from body-worn cameras shall receive training on storage, retention, and release of recordings.</p>
<p>Training</p>	<p>The District police officer shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.</p>

Department Regulations Manual	To carry out the provisions in this policy, the police department shall compile and maintain a manual that describes and sets forth operational procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the administration of police services. The District police officer and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.
<i>Racial Profiling</i>	The District police officer shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with laws regarding racial profiling. The District police officer shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.
<i>Use of Force</i>	The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.
<i>High-Speed Pursuit</i>	The District police officer shall not engage in high-speed chases in a motor vehicle when the immediate danger to the public or the officer created by the pursuit exceeds the immediate or potential danger presented by the offenders remaining at large. Guidelines for high-speed pursuits shall be addressed in the department regulations manual.
Complaints	<p>Complaints against the District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the District and shall be signed by the person making the complaint. In accordance with law, the District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint.</p> <p>Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.</p> <p>[See CKE(LEGAL) and CKEA(LEGAL)]</p>
Employees and Board Members Authorized to Possess Firearms for Emergency Response	The Board has adopted these provisions regarding firearms to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations on District property, including invasion of a school by an armed outsider; a hostage situation; actions of a student or employee who is armed and poses a direct threat of physical harm to himself, herself, or others; and similar circumstances.
Purpose	
Authorization	<p>Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may authorize specific District employees and Board members to possess certain firearms in schools, at Board meetings, and at school-sponsored or school-related events on District property, to the extent allowed by law. Each authorized employee and Board member shall have immunities as provided by law.</p> <p>Each specifically authorized employee and Board member shall be approved by action of the Board. The Superintendent shall issue</p>

written authorization to each approved employee and Board member. The written authorization shall specify the District premises and other property where the employee or Board member is authorized to carry a firearm, as well as the means of carrying and storing the firearm.

Participation in this safety and security program shall be strictly voluntary.

Revocation

The Superintendent, as well as the Board, shall have the authority to revoke at any time a specific employee's authorization to possess a firearm under this policy. The Board may revoke a Board member's authorization at any time.

In addition, authorization for a specific employee or Board member to possess a firearm under this policy shall be automatically revoked if the employee is placed on administrative leave or separates from employment with the District, regardless of the reason, or if the Board member resigns or otherwise no longer holds office as a Board member, regardless of the reason.

Duties

An authorized employee or Board member shall not perform routine law enforcement duties unless the duty is performed in response to an emergency that poses a threat of death or serious bodily injury to a student, employee, or other individual on a District campus.

In an emergency an authorized employee or Board member shall:

1. Act as necessary to protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District; and
2. Carry out all other lawful duties as directed by the Superintendent.

Handgun Licensees

Only a District employee or Board member who maintains a current license to carry a handgun in accordance with state law shall be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property under this policy and in accordance with the District's emergency operations plan.

A District employee who is a handgun license holder but who has not been specifically authorized by Board action under this policy shall not be permitted to possess a firearm on school property except in accordance with the limited provisions of DH(LOCAL).

Training

The District shall provide to each District employee or Board member who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property spe-

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cialized training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other topics the Board may determine necessary or appropriate.

Permitted Weapons
and Ammunition

Only District-approved firearms and ammunition shall be authorized for possession and use under this policy and the District's emergency operations procedures.

Implementation

The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures to implement this safety and security program are detailed in the District's emergency operations plan.

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**District Police
Department**

~~To ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff, and property, the Board authorizes the formation of a District police department and shall employ and commission a police officer, who shall serve as chief of police.~~

~~Supervisory
Authority~~

~~The police officer shall be accountable to and shall report to the Superintendent. In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall not delegate this supervisory responsibility.~~

~~Jurisdiction~~

~~The jurisdiction of the police officer shall include all territory within District boundaries, as well as all real and personal property outside the boundaries of the District that is owned, leased, or rented by the District, or is otherwise under the District's control.~~

~~Police Authority~~

~~The police officer employed by the District shall have all the powers, privileges, and immunities of police officers on or off duty within the jurisdiction of the District. Subject to limitations in law, the District police officer shall have the authority to:~~

- ~~1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District and protect the property of the District.~~
- ~~2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, the District police officer may serve search warrants in connection with District-related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.~~
- ~~3. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant, for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.~~
- ~~4. Coordinate and cooperate with commissioned officers of all other law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of this policy as necessary.~~
- ~~5. Enforce District policies, rules, and regulations on District property, in school zones, at bus stops, or at District functions.~~
- ~~6. Investigate violations of District policy, rules, and regulations as requested by the Superintendent and participate in hearings concerning alleged violations.~~
- ~~7. Carry weapons as approved by the Superintendent.~~
- ~~8. Carry out all other duties as directed by the Superintendent.~~

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	The District police officer shall not be assigned routine classroom discipline or administrative tasks.
Temporary Assignment	The District police officer shall enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while temporarily assigned to the other agency.
Limitations on Nonschool Employment	An officer commissioned under this policy shall not provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the Superintendent.
Relationship with Outside Agencies	The District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that outlines reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. The police officer and the Superintendent shall review the memorandum of understanding at least once every year. The memorandum of understanding shall be approved by the Board.
Video Monitoring	If available, video equipment shall be used on a District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.
Access to Recordings	Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the police department, and shall be maintained as required by the department regulations manual and law. A parent or student who wishes to view a video recording in response to disciplinary action taken against the student may request such access under the procedures set out by law. [See FL(LEGAL)]
Training	The District police officer shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.
Department Regulations Manual	To carry out the provisions in this policy, the police department shall compile and maintain a manual that describes and sets forth operational procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the administration of police services. The police officer and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.
Racial Profiling	The police officer shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with state law regarding racial profiling. The police officer employed by the District shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.

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<i>Use of Force</i>	The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.
<i>High-Speed Pursuit</i>	The police officer shall not engage in high-speed chases in a motor vehicle when the immediate danger to the public or the officer created by the pursuit exceeds the immediate or potential danger presented by the offenders remaining at large. Guidelines for high-speed pursuits shall be addressed in the department regulations manual.
Complaints	Complaints against the District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the District and shall be signed by the person making the complaint. In accordance with law, the District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint. Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.

With this policy, the Board adopts the model health and safety guidelines for the effective integration of digital devices in schools that have been developed by the Texas Education Agency and the Health and Human Services Commission.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations that implement these guidelines.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
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**Non-Chapter 21
Contracts**

Non-Chapter 21 contracts shall be provided for positions included on the list approved by the Board. A non-Chapter 21 contract shall not be governed by Chapter 21 of the Education Code.

**Appeal of
Employment Actions
An Termination
During Contract
Term**

In accordance with DCE(LEGAL), an employee may request a hearing before the Board to appeal discharge during the contract period ~~in accordance with DCE(LEGAL).~~

An employee whose contract is not reissued at the end of the contract period may appeal in accordance with DGBA(LOCAL).

Complaints

In this policy, the terms “complaint” and “grievance” shall have the same meaning.

Other Complaint Processes

Employee complaints shall be filed in accordance with this policy, except as required by the policies listed below. Some of these policies require appeals to be submitted in accordance with DGBA after the relevant complaint process:

1. Complaints alleging discrimination, including violations of Title IX (gender), Title VII (sex, race, color, religion, national origin), ADEA (age), or Section 504 (disability), shall be submitted in accordance with [the DIA series](#).
2. Complaints alleging certain forms of harassment, including harassment by a supervisor and violation of Title VII, shall be submitted in accordance with [the DIA series](#).
3. Complaints concerning retaliation relating to discrimination and harassment shall be submitted in accordance with [the DIA series](#).
4. Complaints concerning instructional resources shall be submitted in accordance with the EF series.
5. Complaints concerning a commissioned peace officer who is an employee of the District shall be submitted in accordance with [the CKE series](#).
6. Complaints concerning the proposed nonrenewal of a term contract issued under Chapter 21 of the Education Code shall be submitted in accordance with DFBB.
7. Complaints concerning the proposed termination or suspension without pay of an employee on a probationary, term, or continuing contract issued under Chapter 21 of the Education Code during the contract term shall be submitted in accordance with DFAA, DFBA, or DFCA.

Notice to Employees

The District shall inform employees of this policy through appropriate District publications.

Guiding Principles

Informal Process

The Board encourages employees to discuss their concerns with their supervisor, principal, or other appropriate administrator who has the authority to address the concerns. Concerns should be expressed as soon as possible to allow early resolution at the lowest possible administrative level.

Informal resolution shall be encouraged but shall not extend any deadlines in this policy, except by mutual written consent.

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Direct Communication with Board Members	Employees shall not be prohibited from communicating with a member of the Board regarding District operations except when communication between an employee and a Board member would be inappropriate because of a pending hearing or appeal related to the employee.
Formal Process	<p>An employee may initiate the formal process described below by timely filing a written complaint form.</p> <p>Even after initiating the formal complaint process, employees are encouraged to seek informal resolution of their concerns. An employee whose concerns are resolved may withdraw a formal complaint at any time.</p> <p>The process described in this policy shall not be construed to create new or additional rights beyond those granted by law or Board policy, nor to require a full evidentiary hearing or “mini-trial” at any level.</p>
Freedom from Retaliation	Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against an employee for bringing a concern or complaint.
Whistleblower Complaints	<p>Whistleblower complaints shall be filed within the time specified by law and may be made to the Superintendent or designee beginning at Level Two. Timelines for the employee and the District set out in this policy may be shortened to allow the Board to make a final decision within 60 calendar days of the initiation of the complaint.</p> <p>[See DG]</p>
Complaints Against Supervisors	Complaints alleging a violation of law by a supervisor may be made to the Superintendent or designee. Complaint forms alleging a violation of law by the Superintendent may be submitted directly to the Board or designee.
General Provisions Filing	Complaint forms and appeal notices may be filed by hand-delivery, by electronic communication, including email and fax, or by U.S. Mail. Hand-delivered filings shall be timely filed if received by the appropriate administrator or designee by the close of business on the deadline. Filings submitted by electronic communication shall be timely filed if they are received by the close of business on the deadline, as indicated by the date/time shown on the electronic communication. Mail filings shall be timely filed if they are post-marked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline and received by the appropriate administrator or designated representative no more than three days after the deadline.
Scheduling Conferences	The District shall make reasonable attempts to schedule conferences at a mutually agreeable time. If the employee fails to appear at a scheduled conference, the District may hold the conference and issue a decision in the employee’s absence.

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Response	<p>At Levels One and Two, “response” shall mean a written communication to the employee from the appropriate administrator. Responses may be hand-delivered, sent by electronic communication to the employee’s email address of record, or sent by U.S. Mail to the employee’s mailing address of record. Mailed responses shall be timely if they are postmarked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline.</p>
Days	<p>“Days” shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day a document is filed is “day zero.” The following business day is “day one.”</p>
Representative	<p>“Representative” shall mean any person who or an organization that does not claim the right to strike and is designated by the employee to represent him or her in the complaint process.</p> <p>The employee may designate a representative through written notice to the District at any level of this process. The representative may participate in person or by telephone conference call. If the employee designates a representative with fewer than three days’ notice to the District before a scheduled conference or hearing, the District may reschedule the conference or hearing to a later date, if desired, in order to include the District’s counsel. The District may be represented by counsel at any level of the process.</p>
Consolidating Complaints	<p>Complaints arising out of an event or a series of related events shall be addressed in one complaint. Employees shall not file separate or serial complaints arising from any event or series of events that have been or could have been addressed in a previous complaint.</p> <p>When two or more complaints are sufficiently similar in nature and remedy sought to permit their resolution through one proceeding, the District may consolidate the complaints.</p>
Untimely Filings	<p>All time limits shall be strictly followed unless modified by mutual written consent.</p> <p>If a complaint form or appeal notice is not timely filed, the complaint may be dismissed, on written notice to the employee, at any point during the complaint process. The employee may appeal the dismissal by seeking review in writing within ten days from the date of the written dismissal notice, starting at the level at which the complaint was dismissed. Such appeal shall be limited to the issue of timeliness.</p>
Costs Incurred	<p>Each party shall pay its own costs incurred in the course of the complaint.</p>

Complaint and
Appeal Forms

Complaints and appeals under this policy shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the District.

Copies of any documents that support the complaint should be attached to the complaint form. If the employee does not have copies of these documents, they may be presented at the Level One conference. After the Level One conference, no new documents may be submitted by the employee unless the employee did not know the documents existed before the Level One conference.

A complaint or appeal form that is incomplete in any material aspect may be dismissed but may be refiled with all the required information if the refile is within the designated time for filing.

Audio Recording

As provided by law, an employee shall be permitted to make an audio recording of a conference or hearing under this policy at which the substance of the employee's complaint is discussed. The employee shall notify all attendees present that an audio recording is taking place.

Level One

Complaint forms must be filed:

1. Within 15 days of the date the employee first knew, or with reasonable diligence should have known, of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint or grievance; and
2. With the lowest level administrator who has the authority to remedy the alleged problem.

In most circumstances, employees on a school campus shall file Level One complaints with the campus principal; other District employees shall file Level One complaints with their immediate supervisor.

If the only administrator who has authority to remedy the alleged problem is the Superintendent or designee, the complaint may begin at Level Two following the procedure, including deadlines, for filing the complaint form at Level One.

If the complaint is not filed with the appropriate administrator, the receiving administrator must note the date and time the complaint form was received and immediately forward the complaint form to the appropriate administrator.

The appropriate administrator shall investigate as necessary and schedule a conference with the employee within ten days after receipt of the written complaint. The administrator may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the administrator shall provide the employee a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the administrator may consider information provided at the Level One conference and any other relevant documents or information the administrator believes will help resolve the complaint.

Level Two

If the employee did not receive the relief requested at Level One or if the time for a response has expired, the employee may request a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the Level One decision.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level One response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level One response deadline.

After receiving notice of the appeal, the Level One administrator shall prepare and forward a record of the Level One complaint to the Level Two administrator. The employee may request a copy of the Level One record.

The Level One record shall include:

1. The original complaint form and any attachments.
2. All other documents submitted by the employee at Level One.
3. The written response issued at Level One and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the Level One administrator in reaching the Level One decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within ten days after the appeal notice is filed. The conference shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level One. At the conference, the employee may provide information concerning any documents or information relied upon by the administration for the Level One decision. The Superintendent or designee may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the employee a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the Superintendent or designee may consider the Level One record, information provided at the Level Two conference, and any other relevant documents or information the Superintendent or designee believes will help resolve the complaint.

Recordings of the Level One and Level Two conferences, if any, shall be maintained with the Level One and Level Two records.

Level Three

If the employee did not receive the relief requested at Level Two or if the time for a response has expired, the employee may appeal the decision to the Board.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level Two response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level Two response deadline.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the employee of the date, time, and place of the Board meeting at which the complaint will be on the agenda for presentation to the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board the record of the Level Two appeal. The employee may request a copy of the Level Two record.

The Level Two record shall include:

1. The Level One record.
2. The notice of appeal from Level One to Level Two.
3. The written response issued at Level Two and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the administration in reaching the Level Two decision.

The appeal shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level Two, except that if at the Level Three hearing the administration intends to rely on evidence not included in the Level Two record, the administration shall provide the employee notice of the nature of the evidence at least three days before the hearing.

The District shall determine whether the complaint will be presented in open or closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and other applicable law. [See BE]

The presiding officer may set reasonable time limits and guidelines for the presentation, including an opportunity for the employee and administration to each make a presentation and provide rebuttal and an opportunity for questioning by the Board. The Board shall hear the complaint and may request that the administration provide an explanation for the decisions at the preceding levels.

In addition to any other record of the Board meeting required by law, the Board shall prepare a separate record of the Level Three

presentation. The Level Three presentation, including the presentation by the employee or the employee's representative, any presentation from the administration, and questions from the Board with responses, shall be recorded by audio recording, video/audio recording, or court reporter.

The Board shall then consider the complaint. It may give notice of its decision orally or in writing at any time up to and including the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If the Board does not make a decision regarding the complaint by the end of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the lack of a response by the Board upholds the administrative decision at Level Two.

General Education

Consistent with ~~TEA's~~the Texas Education Agency (TEA) *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH)*, a student may be eligible for general education homebound services if the student is to be confined for a minimum of four weeks to a hospital or homebound setting for medical or psychological reasons specifically documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The weeks of confinement need not be consecutive. The parent's request for services shall be submitted to the principal in accordance with TEA's *SAAH* and administrative procedures.

The principal or designee shall convene a placement committee composed of at least a campus administrator, a teacher of the student, and the parent or guardian of the student to consider the necessity of providing general education homebound instruction to the student. If the committee determines that such instruction is appropriate, the committee shall determine the type and amount of instruction to be provided and, if applicable, the length of the transition period to the school-based setting based on current ~~medical~~ information regarding the medical or psychological condition.

Special Education

Consistent with state rule and the *SAAH*, a student receiving special education services may be eligible for special education homebound services if the student is to be confined for a minimum of four weeks to a hospital or homebound setting for medical or psychological reasons specifically documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. ~~If a student is chronically ill, the student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee shall determine whether the~~The weeks of confinement need ~~to not~~ be consecutive.

~~If the ARD~~If a student's admission, review, and dismissal committee determines that homebound instruction is appropriate, the committee shall determine the type and amount of instruction to be provided in accordance with law, and, if applicable, the length of the transition period to the school-based setting based on current ~~medical~~ information regarding the medical or psychological condition.

Documentation of Services

The District shall maintain full documentation about students receiving homebound services, in accordance with administrative procedures, the *SAAH*, and a student's individualized education program ~~(IEP)~~, as applicable.

Note: For information related to the selection process and accounting of instructional materials, as this term is defined by state law and rule, see GMD and EFA.

The District shall provide a wide range of instructional resources for students and faculty that present varying levels of difficulty, diversity of appeal, and a variety of points of view. Although professional staff members may select instructional resources for their use in accordance with District policy and administrative regulations, the ultimate authority for determining and approving the curriculum and instructional program of the District lies with the Board.

Objectives

In this policy, “instructional resources” may include textbooks, library acquisitions, supplementary resources for classroom use, and any other instructional resources, including electronic resources, used for formal or informal teaching and learning purposes. The primary objectives of instructional resources are to implement, enrich, and support the District’s educational program.

The Board shall rely on District professional staff to select and acquire instructional resources that:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration students’ varied interests, abilities, learning styles, and maturity levels.
2. Stimulate growth in factual knowledge, enjoyment of reading, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and societal standards.
3. Present various sides of controversial issues so that students have an opportunity to develop, under guidance, skills in critical analysis and in making informed judgments in their daily lives.
4. Represent many ethnic, religious, and cultural groups and their contributions to the national heritage and world community.
5. Provide a wide range of background information that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.

Selection Criteria

In the selection of instructional resources, professional staff shall ensure that the resources:

1. Support and are consistent with the general educational goals of the state and District and the aims and objectives of individual schools and specific courses consistent with the District and campus improvement plans.

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- ~~2.— Meet high standards for artistic quality and/or literary style, authenticity, educational significance, factual content, physical format, presentation, readability, and technical quality.~~
- ~~3.— Are appropriate for the subject area and for the age, ability level, learning styles, and social and emotional development of the students for whom they are selected.~~
- ~~4.— Are designed to help students gain an awareness of our pluralistic society.~~
- ~~5.— Are designed to provide information that will motivate students and staff to examine their own attitudes and behavior; to understand their duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges as citizens participating in our society; and to make informed choices in their daily lives.~~
- ~~6.— For library selections, are integral to the instructional program, are appropriate for the reading levels and understanding of students, reflect the interests and needs of the students and faculty, are included because of their literary or artistic value and merit, and present information with the greatest degree of accuracy and clarity.~~

~~Administrators, teachers, library media specialists, other District personnel, parents, and community members, as appropriate, may recommend instructional resources for selection. Gifts of instructional resources shall be evaluated according to these criteria and accepted or rejected in accordance with CDG(LOCAL).~~

~~Selection of resources is an ongoing process that includes the removal of resources no longer appropriate and the periodic replacement or repair of resources that still have educational value.~~

Controversial Issues

~~District professional staff shall endeavor to maintain a balanced collection representing various views when selecting instructional resources on controversial issues. Resources shall be chosen to clarify historical and contemporary forces by presenting and analyzing intergroup tension and conflict objectively, placing emphasis on recognizing and understanding social and economic problems. [See also EMB regarding instruction about controversial issues and EHAA regarding human sexuality instruction.]~~

Challenged Resources

~~A parent of a District student, any employee, or any District resident may formally challenge an instructional resource used in the District's educational program on the basis of appropriateness.~~

~~Informal
Reconsideration~~

~~The school receiving a complaint about the appropriateness of an instructional resource shall try to resolve the matter informally using the following procedure:~~

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- ~~1.—The principal or designee shall explain the school’s selection process, the criteria for selection, and the qualifications of the professional staff who selected the questioned resource.~~
- ~~2.—The principal or designee shall explain the intended educational purpose of the resource and any additional information regarding its use.~~
- ~~3.—If appropriate, the principal or designee may offer a concerned parent an alternative instructional resource to be used by that parent’s child in place of the challenged resource.~~
- ~~4.—If the complainant wishes to make a formal challenge, the principal or designee shall provide the complainant a copy of this policy and a form to request a formal reconsideration of the resource.~~

~~Formal
Reconsideration~~

~~A complainant shall make any formal objection to an instructional resource on the form provided by the District and shall submit the completed and signed form to the principal. Upon receipt of the form, the principal shall appoint a reconsideration committee.~~

~~The reconsideration committee shall include at least one member of the instructional staff who has experience using the challenged resource with students or is familiar with the challenged resource’s content. Other members of the committee may include District-level staff, library staff, secondary-level students, parents, and any other appropriate individuals.~~

~~All members of the committee shall review the challenged resource in its entirety. As soon as reasonably possible, the committee shall meet and determine whether the challenged resource conforms to the principles of selection set out in this policy. The committee shall prepare a written report of its findings and provide copies to the principal, the Superintendent or designee, and the complainant.~~

~~Appeal~~

~~The complainant may appeal the decision of the reconsideration committee in accordance with appropriate complaint policies, starting with the appropriate administrator. [See DGBA, FNG, and GF]~~

~~Guiding Principles~~

~~The following principles shall guide the Board and staff in responding to challenges of instructional resources:~~

- ~~1.—A complainant may raise an objection to an instructional resource used in a school’s educational program, despite the fact that the professional staff selecting the resources were qualified to make the selection, followed the proper procedure, and adhered to the objectives and criteria for instructional resources set out in this policy.~~

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- ~~2. A parent's ability to exercise control over reading, listening, or viewing matter extends only to his or her own child.~~
- ~~3. Access to a challenged resource shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process, except the District may deny access to a child if requested by the child's parent.~~

~~The major criterion for the final decision on challenged resources is the appropriateness of the resource for its intended educational use. No challenged instructional resource shall be removed solely because of the ideas expressed therein.~~

Note: For information related to the accounting of instructional materials, as this term is defined by state law and rule, see CMD.

For information related to the selection process of library materials, see EFB.

The District shall provide instructional materials designed to teach the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and further the District's educational mission. Although the Superintendent shall ensure that professional staff select instructional materials in accordance with District policy and administrative regulations, the ultimate authority for determining and approving the curriculum and instructional program of the District lies with the Board.

Objectives

In this policy, "instructional materials" may include textbooks, supplementary resources for classroom use, and any other instructional resources, including electronic resources, used for formal or informal teaching and learning purposes. The primary objectives of instructional materials are to implement, enrich, and support the District's educational program.

Selection

Instructional materials that are textbooks and related supplemental materials, which may include items from the list of resources adopted by the State Board of Education, shall be chosen in accordance with administrative regulations and the objectives above.

The Board shall rely on District professional staff to select and acquire instructional materials that:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum consistent with the general educational goals of the state and District, the aims and objectives of individual schools and specific courses, and the District and campus improvement plans.
2. Are appropriate for the subject area and for the age, ability level, learning styles, interests, and social and emotional development of the students for whom they are selected.
3. Meet high standards for artistic quality, literary style, authenticity, educational significance, factual content, physical format, presentation, readability, and technical quality.
4. Present various sides of controversial issues so that students have an opportunity to develop, under guidance, skills in critical analysis and in making informed judgments in their daily lives. [See also EMB regarding instruction about controversial issues.]
5. Promote literacy.

District professional staff may select additional instructional materials in accordance with administrative regulations and the criteria above.

Administrators, teachers, other District personnel, parents, and community members, as appropriate, may recommend instructional materials for selection. Gifts of instructional materials shall be evaluated according to these criteria and accepted or rejected in accordance with CDC(LOCAL).

Selection of instructional materials is an ongoing process that includes the removal of materials no longer appropriate and the periodic replacement or repair of materials that still have educational value.

**Reconsideration of
Instructional
Materials**

A District employee or a parent or guardian of a District student may request reconsideration of instructional material used in the District's educational program on the basis that the instructional material fails to meet the standards set forth in this policy.

Guiding Principles

The following principles shall guide the Board and staff in responding to a request for reconsideration of instructional materials:

1. A complainant may raise an objection to an instructional material used in a school's educational program, despite the fact that the professional staff selecting the materials were qualified to make the selection, followed the proper procedure, and adhered to the objectives for instructional materials set out in this policy.
2. A parent's ability to exercise control over instruction extends only to his or her own child as set forth in Education Code Chapter 26.
3. Access to a challenged material shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process, except the District may deny access to a child if requested by the child's parent.

The major criterion for the final decision on challenged instructional materials is the appropriateness of the material for its intended educational use. No challenged instructional material shall be removed solely because of the ideas expressed therein.

Informal
Reconsideration

When the District or a campus receives an objection to the appropriateness of an instructional material, the appropriate administrator shall try to resolve the matter informally. The administrator shall explain the selection process and discuss the intended educational purpose for the instructional material. If appropriate, the adminis-

trator may offer a concerned parent an alternative instructional material to be used by that parent's child in place of the challenged material.

If the complainant wishes to make a formal challenge, the administrator shall provide the complainant a copy of this policy and a form to request a formal reconsideration of the instructional material.

Formal Request for
Reconsideration

A complainant shall make any formal request to reconsider an instructional material on the form provided by the District and shall submit the completed and signed form to the principal. Upon receipt of the form, the principal shall appoint a reconsideration committee.

The reconsideration committee shall include at least one member of the instructional staff who has experience using the challenged material with students or is familiar with the challenged material's content. Other members of the committee may include District-level staff, secondary-level students, parents, and any other appropriate individuals.

All members of the committee shall review the challenged instructional material in its entirety. As soon as reasonably possible, the committee shall meet and determine whether the challenged material conforms to the principles of selection set out in this policy and whether the challenged material will continue to be used in the educational program. The committee shall prepare a written report of its findings. The Superintendent, other appropriate administrators, and the complainant shall receive copies of the report.

*Frequency of
Review*

After an instructional material has been reviewed through formal reconsideration, it shall not be reviewed again until it is evaluated in the periodic local selection process.

Appeal

The complainant may appeal the decision of the reconsideration committee in accordance with appropriate complaint policies, starting at the appropriate level. [See DGBA, FNG, and GF]

Note: For information related to the selection of instructional materials, see EFA.

**Collection
Development Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the District provides a wide range of library materials for students and faculty that support student achievement and present varying levels of difficulty, diversity of appeal, and a variety of points of view. This policy also provides standards for collection development and the selection and evaluation of library materials.

In this policy, “library materials” may include printed and electronic library acquisitions, including online catalogs, and other ancillary or supplementary materials maintained in a campus library.

The library collection development standards shall apply to all library materials available for use or display, including material contained in school libraries, classroom libraries, and online catalogs.

In developing library collections, the District shall consider the age groups, grade levels, and access to library material by all students on a campus.

Responsibility

The District shall ensure librarians, professional library staff, and other designated professional staff trained on the proper collection development standards select and acquire library materials in accordance with state law and rules, this collection development policy, and administrative procedures.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to ensure that library collections comply with applicable law and the District’s collection development purpose and goals.

Collection
Development Goals

In addition to the requirements in state law and rules, the District’s library collections shall:

1. Present multiple viewpoints related to controversial issues [see EMB regarding instruction about controversial issues].
2. Provide a wide range of background information that will enable students to make intelligent decisions in their daily lives.
3. Include accurate and authentic factual content from authoritative sources.
4. Have a high degree of potential user appeal and interest.
5. Offer a global perspective that promotes equity of access, including print and nonprint materials such as electronic and multimedia, to meet the needs of individual learners.

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6. Represent diverse viewpoints and cultures appropriate to each campus to ensure the collection embodies the unique background of its student population.

Selection and
Evaluation of
Materials

Library materials shall be selected and acquired in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the District standards and priorities expressed in this policy.

When selecting, acquiring, and evaluating library materials, librarians and other professional staff shall ensure that the materials:

1. Enrich and support the TEKS and the state and local curriculum, taking into consideration students' varied interests, maturity levels, abilities, and learning styles.
2. Foster growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and societal standards.
3. Encourage the enjoyment of reading, foster high-level thinking skills, support personal learning, and encourage discussion based on rational analysis.
4. Represent ethnic, religious, and cultural groups of the state and their contributions to the state, the nation, and the world.

The Superintendent shall ensure that administrative procedures regarding the selection of library materials consider at least two of the following factors:

1. Recommendations from students, parents or guardians, teachers, and District community members.
2. Consultation with District teachers and library staff.
3. Consultation with library staff from other districts.
4. Extensive review of the library material.
5. Context of the library material, including overall fit within the existing collection and support of District curriculum.
6. Reviews of the library material from sources such as professional journals in library science, recognized professional education or content journals with book reviews, national and state award recognition lists, library science field experts, and highly acclaimed author and literacy expert recommendations.
7. Coverage of topics, authors, series, or genres that fill gaps in the school library collection.

Access Plan

The District shall allow efficient parental access to the District's library and any available online catalogs.

Online catalogs shall be publicly available. The District shall publish information about library material titles, including how and where material can be accessed.

Each campus shall communicate the following to parents and guardians:

- Access to policies relating to school libraries and library materials;
- Consistent access to library materials and resources; and
- Opportunities for students, parents and guardians, educators, and community members to provide feedback on library materials and services.

Parental
Involvement

Parents and guardians are the primary decision makers regarding their student's access to library material. In general, a student is afforded the opportunity to self-select library materials as part of literacy development and the library program. District staff may assist a student in selecting library material; however, the ultimate determination of appropriateness remains with the student and parent or guardian. Parents and guardians are encouraged to communicate with the campus librarian and their child's teacher about special considerations regarding library materials self-selected by their student.

In accordance with state law and administrative procedures, parents or guardians may select alternative library materials for their student. [For information on parental rights regarding instructional materials and other instructional resources, see EFA(LEGAL).]

The District shall focus on maximizing transparency with parents while meeting student needs and providing enrichment opportunities with library materials. Parental involvement in library acquisition, maintenance, and campus activities is encouraged.

*Access
Procedures*

School Library

A parent or guardian who wishes to access a school's library shall first submit a request to the principal. The principal or a staff member designated by the principal shall work with the parent or guardian to determine a time to access the library that will not interfere with the delivery of instruction or disrupt student use of library services.

Online Catalog

A parent or guardian who wishes to access an online catalog shall submit a written request to the principal. The principal or a staff member designated by the principal shall respond to the request in accordance with administrative procedures.

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Protection from
Inappropriate
Material

Library materials shall not include “harmful material” as defined by Penal Code 43.24(a)(2); “obscene” material as defined by Penal Code 43.21(a)(1); any library material that is pervasively vulgar or educationally unsuitable as referenced in *Board of Education v. Pico*; or any other material legally prohibited from inclusion in a public school library. [See EFB(LEGAL)]

Obscene material is not protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Library materials shall comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), including technology protection measures. [See CQ]

Reconsideration of
Library Material

A District employee or a parent or guardian of a District student may request the reconsideration of a library material maintained in the District's library program.

*Guiding
Principles*

The following principles shall guide the review of a request to reconsider a library material:

1. An individual may raise an objection to a library material used in the District's library program, despite the fact that the professional staff selecting the materials were qualified to make the selection, followed the proper procedure, and adhered to the objectives and criteria for library materials set out in this policy.
2. A parent's or guardian's ability to exercise control over instruction and instructional resources, including library materials, extends only to his or her own child as set forth in Education Code Chapter 26.
3. Access to a challenged material shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process, except the District may deny access to a student if requested by the student's parent or guardian.

In addition to compliance with state law and this policy, a criterion for the final decision on challenged library materials is the appropriateness of the material for its intended use. No challenged library material shall be removed solely because of the ideas expressed in the library material or the personal background of the library material's author or the personal background of the characters in the material.

*Informal
Reconsideration*

When the District or a campus receives an objection to the appropriateness of a library material, the appropriate librarian or adminis-

trator shall try to resolve the matter informally. The librarian or administrator shall explain the selection process and discuss the intended purpose for the library material.

The librarian or administrator shall offer a concerned parent or guardian an alternative library material to be used by the child in place of the material and, if requested, shall restrict the child's access to the material objected to by the parent or guardian.

If the individual wishes to make a formal challenge, the administrator shall make available to the individual a copy of this policy and a form to request a formal reconsideration of the library material.

*Formal Request
for
Reconsideration*

The District shall make a form to request reconsideration of library material available on the District's website and in the District's administrative office.

If an employee or a parent or guardian of a District student wishes to request reconsideration of a library material, they shall follow the procedures to complete and submit the request for reconsideration form.

After a request for reconsideration form is submitted, the form shall be provided to the Superintendent. Copies of the form shall be provided to the school librarian, the Board, and any other staff designated in administrative procedures.

*Reconsideration
Committee*

For purposes of this policy, "days" shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted.

The Superintendent shall appoint a reconsideration committee and notify committee members within 10 days of receiving the request for reconsideration form.

The reconsideration committee shall include the librarian and at least one member of the instructional staff who is familiar with the material's content. Other members of the committee may include District-level staff, secondary-level students, parents or guardians, and any other appropriate individuals.

Within 10 days of appointment of the committee the District shall provide members of the committee the relevant materials to review. If additional time is required to obtain and distribute the materials for review, all members of the committee shall be informed that a reasonable extension of time is needed.

All members of the committee shall review the challenged library material in its entirety and determine whether the material conforms to this policy and whether the material will continue to be

available in the library. The committee shall prepare a written report of its findings.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the written report shall be provided to the administration within 60 days of the District providing the material to the committee members. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day the committee is provided the materials is “day zero.” The following business day is “day one.”

Extensions of time due to extenuating circumstances shall take into consideration the time necessary to convene the committee members, the amount of material being reviewed, and any other pending reconsideration requests being handled by the committee.

An extension of any deadline shall be promptly communicated to the individual who submitted the request for reconsideration.

The Superintendent, the school librarian, the individual submitting the request for reconsideration, and any other appropriate administrators shall receive a copy of the committee’s report.

Appeal

An individual who submitted a request for reconsideration may appeal the decision of the reconsideration committee in accordance with appropriate complaint policies, starting at the level immediately preceding Board consideration of a complaint. [See DGBA and FNG]

Frequency of Review

After a library material has been reviewed through the reconsideration process, it shall not be reviewed again within two calendar years of the reconsideration committee’s final decision.

Maintenance of Library Materials

In accordance with state guidelines and District administrative procedures, collections shall be evaluated and updated regularly based on the collections’ age, relevance, diversity, and variety. The Superintendent shall ensure administrative procedures are established for regular maintenance of the library collection on each campus. Standard maintenance procedures for any library collection include repair, replacement, and removal of materials as necessary. Regular maintenance shall also include scheduled inventories of the collection. Disposal of any District-owned library materials shall be in accordance with District policy and procedures. [See CI]

Gifts and Donations

The District shall accept gifts and donations of library materials with the understanding that the use and disposition of the materials and monies will be in accordance with District policy and the selection criteria noted above. [See CDC]

Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed at least every three years and revised as necessary.

Complaints

In this policy, the terms “complaint” and “grievance” shall have the same meaning.

Other Complaint Processes

Student or parent complaints shall be filed in accordance with this policy, except as required by the policies listed below. Some of these policies require appeals to be submitted in accordance with FNG after the relevant complaint process:

1. Complaints alleging discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, or disability shall be submitted in accordance with [the FFH series](#).
2. Complaints concerning dating violence shall be submitted in accordance with [the FFH series](#).
3. Complaints concerning retaliation related to discrimination and harassment shall be submitted in accordance with [the FFH series](#).
4. Complaints concerning bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be submitted in accordance with FFI.
5. Complaints concerning failure to award credit or a final grade on the basis of attendance shall be submitted in accordance with FEC.
6. Complaints concerning expulsion shall be submitted in accordance with FOD and the Student Code of Conduct.
7. Complaints concerning any final decisions of the gifted and talented selection committee regarding selection for or exit from the gifted program shall be submitted in accordance with EHBB.
8. Complaints within the scope of Section 504, including complaints concerning identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a student with a disability, shall be submitted in accordance with FB and the procedural safeguards handbook.
9. Complaints within the scope of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, including complaints concerning identification, evaluation, educational placement, or discipline of a student with a disability, shall be submitted in accordance with EHBAE, FOF, and the procedural safeguards handbook provided to parents of all students referred to special education.
10. Complaints concerning instructional resources shall be submitted in accordance with the EF series.

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11. Complaints concerning a commissioned peace officer who is an employee of the District shall be submitted in accordance with [the CKE series](#).
12. Complaints concerning intradistrict transfers or campus assignment shall be submitted in accordance with FDB.
13. Complaints concerning admission, placement, or services provided for a homeless student shall be submitted in accordance with FDC.
14. Complaints concerning disputes regarding a student's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meal programs shall be submitted in accordance with COB.

Complaints regarding refusal of entry to or ejection from District property based on Education Code 37.105 shall be filed in accordance with this policy. However, the timelines shall be adjusted as necessary to permit the complainant to address the Board in person within 90 calendar days of filing the initial complaint, unless the complaint is resolved before the Board considers it. [See GKA(LEGAL)]

Notice to Students and Parents

The District shall inform students and parents of this policy through appropriate District publications.

Guiding Principles

Informal Process

The Board encourages students and parents to discuss their concerns with the appropriate teacher, principal, or other campus administrator who has the authority to address the concerns. Concerns should be expressed as soon as possible to allow early resolution at the lowest possible administrative level.

Informal resolution shall be encouraged but shall not extend any deadlines in this policy, except by mutual written consent.

Formal Process

A student or parent may initiate the formal process described below by timely filing a written complaint form.

Even after initiating the formal complaint process, students and parents are encouraged to seek informal resolution of their concerns. A student or parent whose concerns are resolved may withdraw a formal complaint at any time.

The process described in this policy shall not be construed to create new or additional rights beyond those granted by law or Board policy, nor to require a full evidentiary hearing or "mini-trial" at any level.

Freedom from Retaliation

Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against any student or parent for bringing a concern or complaint.

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Complaint forms and appeal notices may be filed by hand-delivery, by electronic communication, including email and fax, or by U.S. Mail. Hand-delivered filings shall be timely filed if received by the appropriate administrator or designee by the close of business on the deadline. Filings submitted by electronic communication shall be timely filed if they are received by the close of business on the deadline, as indicated by the date/time shown on the electronic communication. Mail filings shall be timely filed if they are post-marked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline and received by the appropriate administrator or designated representative no more than three days after the deadline.

Scheduling
Conferences

The District shall make reasonable attempts to schedule conferences at a mutually agreeable time. If a student or parent fails to appear at a scheduled conference, the District may hold the conference and issue a decision in the student's or parent's absence.

Response

At Levels One and Two, "response" shall mean a written communication to the student or parent from the appropriate administrator. Responses may be hand-delivered, sent by electronic communication to the student's or parent's email address of record, or sent by U.S. Mail to the student's or parent's mailing address of record. Mailed responses shall be timely if they are postmarked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline.

Days

"Days" shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day a document is filed is "day zero." The following business day is "day one."

Representative

"Representative" shall mean any person who or organization that is designated by the student or parent to represent the student or parent in the complaint process. A student may be represented by an adult at any level of the complaint.

The student or parent may designate a representative through written notice to the District at any level of this process. If the student or parent designates a representative with fewer than three days' notice to the District before a scheduled conference or hearing, the District may reschedule the conference or hearing to a later date, if desired, in order to include the District's counsel. The District may be represented by counsel at any level of the process.

Consolidating
Complaints

Complaints arising out of an event or a series of related events shall be addressed in one complaint. A student or parent shall not file separate or serial complaints arising from any event or series of events that have been or could have been addressed in a previous complaint.

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Untimely Filings	<p>All time limits shall be strictly followed unless modified by mutual written consent.</p> <p>If a complaint form or appeal notice is not timely filed, the complaint may be dismissed, on written notice to the student or parent, at any point during the complaint process. The student or parent may appeal the dismissal by seeking review in writing within ten days from the date of the written dismissal notice, starting at the level at which the complaint was dismissed. Such appeal shall be limited to the issue of timeliness.</p>
Costs Incurred	<p>Each party shall pay its own costs incurred in the course of the complaint.</p>
Complaint and Appeal Forms	<p>Complaints and appeals under this policy shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the District.</p> <p>Copies of any documents that support the complaint should be attached to the complaint form. If the student or parent does not have copies of these documents, copies may be presented at the Level One conference. After the Level One conference, no new documents may be submitted by the student or parent unless the student or parent did not know the documents existed before the Level One conference.</p> <p>A complaint or appeal form that is incomplete in any material aspect may be dismissed but may be refiled with all the required information if the refiled is within the designated time for filing.</p>

Level One

Complaint forms must be filed:

1. Within 15 days of the date the student or parent first knew, or with reasonable diligence should have known, of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint or grievance; and
2. With the lowest level administrator who has the authority to remedy the alleged problem.

In most circumstances, students and parents shall file Level One complaints with the campus principal.

If the only administrator who has authority to remedy the alleged problem is the Superintendent or designee, the complaint may begin at Level Two following the procedure, including deadlines, for filing the complaint form at Level One.

If the complaint is not filed with the appropriate administrator, the receiving administrator must note the date and time the complaint form was received and immediately forward the complaint form to the appropriate administrator.

The appropriate administrator shall investigate as necessary and schedule a conference with the student or parent within ten days after receipt of the written complaint. The administrator may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the administrator shall provide the student or parent a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the administrator may consider information provided at the Level One conference and any other relevant documents or information the administrator believes will help resolve the complaint.

Level Two

If the student or parent did not receive the relief requested at Level One or if the time for a response has expired, the student or parent may request a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the Level One decision.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level One response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level One response deadline.

After receiving notice of the appeal, the Level One administrator shall prepare and forward a record of the Level One complaint to the Level Two administrator. The student or parent may request a copy of the Level One record.

The Level One record shall include:

1. The original complaint form and any attachments.
2. All other documents submitted by the student or parent at Level One.
3. The written response issued at Level One and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the Level One administrator in reaching the Level One decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within ten days after the appeal notice is filed. The conference shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level One. At the conference, the student or parent may provide information concerning any documents or information relied upon by the administration for the Level One decision. The Superintendent or designee may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the student or parent a written response within ten days following the conference. The

written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the Superintendent or designee may consider the Level One record, information provided at the Level Two conference, and any other relevant documents or information the Superintendent or designee believes will help resolve the complaint.

Recordings of the Level One and Level Two conferences, if any, shall be maintained with the Level One and Level Two records.

Level Three

If the student or parent did not receive the relief requested at Level Two or if the time for a response has expired, the student or parent may appeal the decision to the Board.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level Two response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level Two response deadline.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the student or parent of the date, time, and place of the Board meeting at which the complaint will be on the agenda for presentation to the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board the record of the Level Two appeal. The student or parent may request a copy of the Level Two record.

The Level Two record shall include:

1. The Level One record.
2. The notice of appeal from Level One to Level Two.
3. The written response issued at Level Two and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the administration in reaching the Level Two decision.

The appeal shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level Two, except that if at the Level Three hearing the administration intends to rely on evidence not included in the Level Two record, the administration shall provide the student or parent notice of the nature of the evidence at least three days before the hearing.

The District shall determine whether the complaint will be presented in open or closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and other applicable law. [See BE]

The presiding officer may set reasonable time limits and guidelines for the presentation, including an opportunity for the student or par-

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ent and administration to each make a presentation and provide rebuttal and an opportunity for questioning by the Board. The Board shall hear the complaint and may request that the administration provide an explanation for the decisions at the preceding levels.

In addition to any other record of the Board meeting required by law, the Board shall prepare a separate record of the Level Three presentation. The Level Three presentation, including the presentation by the student or parent or the student's representative, any presentation from the administration, and questions from the Board with responses, shall be recorded by audio recording, video/audio recording, or court reporter.

The Board shall then consider the complaint. It may give notice of its decision orally or in writing at any time up to and including the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If the Board does not make a decision regarding the complaint by the end of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the lack of a response by the Board upholds the administrative decision at Level Two.

Complaints

In this policy, the terms “complaint” and “grievance” shall have the same meaning.

Other Complaint Processes

Complaints by members of the public shall be filed in accordance with this policy, except as required by the policies listed below. Some of these policies require appeals to be submitted in accordance with GF after the relevant complaint process:

1. Complaints concerning instructional resources shall be filed in accordance with the EF series.
2. Complaints concerning a commissioned peace officer who is an employee of the District shall be filed in accordance with [the CKE series](#).

Complaints regarding refusal of entry to or ejection from District property based on Education Code 37.105 shall be filed in accordance with this policy. However, the timelines shall be adjusted as necessary to permit the complainant to address the Board in person within 90 calendar days of filing the initial complaint, unless the complaint is resolved before the Board considers it. [See GKA(LEGAL)]

Guiding Principles

Informal Process

The Board encourages the public to discuss concerns with an appropriate administrator who has the authority to address the concerns. Concerns should be expressed as soon as possible to allow early resolution at the lowest possible administrative level.

Informal resolution shall be encouraged but shall not extend any deadlines in this policy, except by mutual written consent.

Formal Process

An individual may initiate the formal process described below by timely filing a written complaint form.

Even after initiating the formal complaint process, individuals are encouraged to seek informal resolution of their concerns. An individual whose concerns are resolved may withdraw a formal complaint at any time.

The process described in this policy shall not be construed to create new or additional rights beyond those granted by law or Board policy, nor to require a full evidentiary hearing or “mini-trial” at any level.

Freedom from Retaliation

Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against any individual for bringing a concern or complaint.

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Complaint forms and appeal notices may be filed by hand-delivery, by electronic communication, including email and fax, or by U.S. Mail. Hand-delivered filings shall be timely filed if received by the appropriate administrator or designee by the close of business on

the deadline. Filings submitted by electronic communication shall be timely filed if they are received by the close of business on the deadline, as indicated by the date/time shown on the electronic communication. Mail filings shall be timely filed if they are post-marked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline and received by the appropriate administrator or designated representative no more than three days after the deadline.

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Conferences

The District shall make reasonable attempts to schedule conferences at a mutually agreeable time. If the individual fails to appear at a scheduled conference, the District may hold the conference and issue a decision in the individual's absence.

Response

At Levels One and Two, "response" shall mean a written communication to the individual from the appropriate administrator. Responses may be hand-delivered, sent by electronic communication to the individual's email address of record, or sent by U.S. Mail to the individual's mailing address of record. Mailed responses shall be timely if they are postmarked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline.

Days

"Days" shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day a document is filed is "day zero." The following business day is "day one."

Representative

"Representative" shall mean any person who or organization that is designated by an individual to represent the individual in the complaint process.

The individual may designate a representative through written notice to the District at any level of this process. If the individual designates a representative with fewer than three days' notice to the District before a scheduled conference or hearing, the District may reschedule the conference or hearing to a later date, if desired, in order to include the District's counsel. The District may be represented by counsel at any level of the process.

Consolidating
Complaints

Complaints arising out of an event or a series of related events shall be addressed in one complaint. An individual shall not file separate or serial complaints arising from any event or series of events that have been or could have been addressed in a previous complaint.

Untimely Filings

All time limits shall be strictly followed unless modified by mutual written consent.

If a complaint form or appeal notice is not timely filed, the complaint may be dismissed, on written notice to the individual, at any point during the complaint process. The individual may appeal the dismissal by seeking review in writing within ten days from the date

of the written dismissal notice, starting at the level at which the complaint was dismissed. Such appeal shall be limited to the issue of timeliness.

Costs Incurred

Each party shall pay its own costs incurred in the course of the complaint.

Complaint and Appeal Forms

Complaints and appeals under this policy shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the District.

Copies of any documents that support the complaint should be attached to the complaint form. If the individual does not have copies of these documents, they may be presented at the Level One conference. After the Level One conference, no new documents may be submitted by the individual unless the individual did not know the documents existed before the Level One conference.

A complaint or appeal form that is incomplete in any material aspect may be dismissed but may be refiled with all the required information if the refiling is within the designated time for filing.

Level One

Complaint forms must be filed:

1. Within 15 days of the date the individual first knew, or with reasonable diligence should have known, of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint or grievance; and
2. With the lowest level administrator who has the authority to remedy the alleged problem.

If the only administrator who has authority to remedy the alleged problem is the Superintendent or designee, the complaint may begin at Level Two following the procedure, including deadlines, for filing the complaint form at Level One.

If the complaint is not filed with the appropriate administrator, the receiving administrator must note the date and time the complaint form was received and immediately forward the complaint form to the appropriate administrator.

The appropriate administrator shall investigate as necessary and schedule a conference with the individual within ten days after receipt of the written complaint. The administrator may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the administrator shall provide the individual a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the administrator may consider information provided at the Level One conference and any other

relevant documents or information the administrator believes will help resolve the complaint.

Level Two

If the individual did not receive the relief requested at Level One or if the time for a response has expired, he or she may request a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the Level One decision.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level One response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level One response deadline.

After receiving notice of the appeal, the Level One administrator shall prepare and forward a record of the Level One complaint to the Level Two administrator. The individual may request a copy of the Level One record.

The Level One record shall include:

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The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within ten days after the appeal notice is filed. The conference shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level One. At the conference, the individual may provide information concerning any documents or information relied upon by the administration for the Level One decision. The Superintendent or designee may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the individual a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the Superintendent or designee may consider the Level One record, information provided at the Level Two conference, and any other relevant documents or information the Superintendent or designee believes will help resolve the complaint.

Recordings of the Level One and Level Two conferences, if any, shall be maintained with the Level One and Level Two records.

Level Three

If the individual did not receive the relief requested at Level Two or if the time for a response has expired, he or she may appeal the decision to the Board.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level Two response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level Two response deadline.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the individual of the date, time, and place of the Board meeting at which the complaint will be on the agenda for presentation to the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board the record of the Level Two appeal. The individual may request a copy of the Level Two record.

The Level Two record shall include:

1. The Level One record.
2. The notice of appeal from Level One to Level Two.
3. The written response issued at Level Two and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the administration in reaching the Level Two decision.

The appeal shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level Two, except that if at the Level Three hearing the administration intends to rely on evidence not included in the Level Two record, the administration shall provide the individual notice of the nature of the evidence at least three days before the hearing.

The District shall determine whether the complaint will be presented in open or closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and other applicable law. [See BE]

The presiding officer may set reasonable time limits and guidelines for the presentation, including an opportunity for the individual and administration to each make a presentation and provide rebuttal and an opportunity for questioning by the Board. The Board shall hear the complaint and may request that the administration provide an explanation for the decisions at the preceding levels.

In addition to any other record of the Board meeting required by law, the Board shall prepare a separate record of the Level Three presentation. The Level Three presentation, including the presentation by the individual or his or her representative, any presentation

from the administration, and questions from the Board with responses, shall be recorded by audio recording, video/audio recording, or court reporter.

The Board shall then consider the complaint. It may give notice of its decision orally or in writing at any time up to and including the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If the Board does not make a decision regarding the complaint by the end of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the lack of a response by the Board upholds the administrative decision at Level Two.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS UPDATE

Please note:

Unless otherwise noted, references to legislative bills throughout these explanatory notes refer to Senate Bills (SB) or House Bills (HB) from the 88th Legislature, regular and special sessions. All referenced bills have already gone into effect unless otherwise noted.

The Local Policy Overview for Update 123, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online® (TASB login required), provides a general, high-level overview of the changes to the local policies included in the update. **Legal policies provide the legal framework for key areas of district operations and are not adopted by the board.**

AIB(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The Results Driven Accountability (RDA) section of the policy has been deleted. TEA included RDA information in the Accountability Manual starting in 2023 and repealed the RDA information in the Administrative Code. This change aims to streamline information used in academic accountability and RDA systems.

AIC(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: INTERVENTIONS AND SANCTIONS

A citation to the Administrative Code has been included under Student Enrollment and Assignment, Enrollment Provision in Contract, regarding campuses that are closed and repurposed.

As 19 TAC 97.2005 has been repealed, the reference to Results Driven Accountability has been deleted from the section on Special Program Performance Determination.

AIE(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: INVESTIGATIONS

The word "accreditation" has been removed as a descriptor for investigations in two places within the policy after an amendment to the Administrative Code, effective January 17, 2024.

BBA(LEGAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATIONS

At Intent to Return, language from the Election Code has been included to minimize confusion regarding the specific requirements for establishing an intent to return to the individual's residence after a temporary absence.

BBB(LEGAL)

ELECTIONS: POST-ELECTION PROCEDURES

HB 5180 added new requirements for public inspection of election records. A reference has been added at Election Records regarding where to find information on public inspection of those records for districts who serve as custodians of their own election records.

BBD(LOCAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

HB 3033 authorizes the attorney general to require trustees to complete training on the Public Information Act if the attorney general finds that there has been a violation of the Act. Language is recommended to make clear that this training after a violation cannot be delegated to the district's Public Information Act coordinator.

BBFA(LOCAL)

ETHICS: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Language is recommended to clarify that a trustee's ethical duty to disclose a financial or other personal interest in board transactions goes beyond the statutory conflicts of interest set out in state and federal law. The added language serves to demonstrate a commitment to avoid undue influence, increase transparency, and avoid the appearance of impropriety in public dealings.

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CCG(LLEGAL)

LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES: AD VALOREM TAXES

HB 3273, effective January 1, 2024, revised the Tax Code and requires a taxing unit, including a school district, to provide specific notice to property owners on its website. These provisions have been included in the Appraisal District Property Tax Database section of the policy.

CCGA(LLEGAL)

AD VALOREM TAXES: EXEMPTIONS AND PAYMENTS

This policy has been updated to indicate that a board that adopted an exemption for the 2022 tax year may not reduce the amount or repeal that exemption based on SB 2 from the second special session of the 88th Legislature. [See Homestead, Local Options.]

HB 4559, from the 88th regular session, increased the population range for certain districts to provide that the split payment option does not apply to the district's taxes collected by another taxing unit that has adopted that option. [See Split Payments, In Certain Counties.]

CCGB(LLEGAL)

AD VALOREM TAXES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 4559 increased the population threshold for determining a large municipality for provisions related to the appointment of reinvestment zone board members. [See Tax Increment Financing Act, Large Municipality.]

Substantial changes have also been made based on HB 5 to incorporate the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act.

CKB(LLEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND REPORTS

TEA's amendments to the Administrative Code rules for mandatory school drills necessitated reorganization of definitions and added clarity to several sections of the policy. Changes in this policy also reflect TEA's amendments to the Administrative Code rules related to active threat exercises.

CKC(LOCAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: EMERGENCY PLANS

A new section on Notice Regarding Violent Activity is recommended to comply with legal requirements. Administrative procedures must be created to align with TEA's model standards.

Provisions regarding individuals authorized to possess firearms for emergency response have been relocated to the appropriate code in the CKE series, as indicated below.

CKE(LOCAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: SECURITY PERSONNEL

To address in one policy all security arrangements a district may have implemented, we have added CKE(LOCAL) and moved the relevant provisions from CKC(LOCAL) and CKEA(LOCAL) to this code.

Significant revisions are recommended to the CKE policy series to promote compliance and clarification with HB 3 and other legal requirements.

Regarding the provisions addressing district police officers, as Education Code 37.081 covers both police authority and duties, the margin note has been edited to clarify the scope of the policy language. The section on temporary assignments has been incorporated into Limitations on Nonschool Employment to account for possible off-duty officer use by both the district and other agencies. A section on Interlocal Agreement has been added to note that district police officers will function within the scope of the agreement.

The text regarding individuals authorized to possess firearms has been edited to clarify that the authorization to possess firearms is limited to emergency responses. A statement about immunities is included. A written authorization will specify the property at which the individual is authorized to carry a firearm, as

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well as the means of carrying and storage. A section on the duties of an authorized firearm carrier has been added to this policy.

Please note: The policy continues to reflect that board members can be authorized to possess firearms on district property. If this is no longer district practice, please contact your policy consultant for appropriate revisions.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

CKEA(LOCAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

To address in one policy all security arrangements the district has implemented, we have deleted this policy and moved the provisions to CKE(LOCAL).

CKED(LEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: OTHER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

The provisions of this policy address commissioned security officers with Level III training under the Department of Public Safety hired through a security services contractor or as a district employee in accordance with the Education Code and the Occupations Code.

CMD(LEGAL) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CARE AND ACCOUNTING

Cross-references throughout this policy have been updated to EFA since policy EF has been separated into EFA (instructional materials) and EFB (library materials).

CPC(LEGAL) OFFICE MANAGEMENT: RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Edits to this policy at Destruction of Records remove a reference to 13 TAC 7.123(c), which was deleted from Texas State Library and Archives Commission rules, effective March 6, 2024.

CQA(LEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: DISTRICT, CAMPUS, AND CLASSROOM WEBSITES

HB 3273, effective January 1, 2024, requires school districts to post a notice informing property owners of the property tax database maintained by the appraisal district. Language has been added at item 28 under the section on Other Required Internet Postings.

CQC(LEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: EQUIPMENT

A section on Guidelines for Use of Digital Devices has been added to address the TEA and Health and Human Services Commission model health and safety guidelines for the use of digital devices, which are required by the Education Code and were issued in October 2023.

CQC(LOCAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: EQUIPMENT

This new local policy is recommended to meet the legal requirement for the board to adopt a policy for the effective integration of digital devices in the district. The policy language adopts the model health and safety guidelines developed by TEA and the Health and Human Services Commission and clarifies that the superintendent must develop regulations for implementation.

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DCE(LOCAL)

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

Revisions at Termination During Contract Term are recommended to specify that an employee may request a hearing before the board to appeal discharge during the contract period and to differentiate between terminations during and at the end of the contract term.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

DGBA(LOCAL)

PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS: EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes.

Also, to accommodate planned restructuring of policy DIA, we have revised the references to that code in this policy to reflect the DIA series. No other changes have been made to this policy.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

DHE(LEGAL)

EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: SEARCHES AND ALCOHOL/DRUG TESTING

New Department of Transportation rules amend the department's regulated industry drug testing program. The language in the Reports to DPS section has been amended for clarity.

DNA(LEGAL)

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL: EVALUATION OF TEACHERS

Amendments to the Administrative Code allow districts to begin using the Alternate Domain I rubric as part of the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Language has been updated to reflect this change.

DP(LEGAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS

The section on School Psychological Services has been amended to provide additional clarity and to set out the correct title for licensed specialists in school psychology (LSSPs) as indicated in the Administrative Code.

EEH(LOCAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

TEA's revisions to the *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH)* prompted recommended updates to this policy. Students may now receive homebound services for psychological, as well as medical, conditions. The *SAAH* also indicates that the weeks of confinement due to a medical or psychological condition do not need to be consecutive to qualify. The policy language has been updated to reflect this change.

EF(LEGAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

In order to clarify the differences in requirements for instructional materials and library materials, as well as to accommodate the new library collection development standards, policy EF has been divided into EFA (instructional material) and EFB (library material). The content in EF(LEGAL) has moved to either EFA or EFB, as appropriate.

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EF(LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

As explained at EF(LEGAL), above, this local policy addressing instructional resources is being deleted. New local policies to address instructional materials and library materials separately are included at EFA and EFB.

EFA(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Content regarding instructional material review and federally required parental inspection has been moved from EF(LEGAL) to EFA(LEGAL).

EFA(LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The enclosed policy regarding instructional materials is recommended to coordinate with the policy addressing library materials at EFB(LOCAL). The provisions previously housed at EF(LOCAL) have been moved to this code with the following revisions:

- At Selection, a clarification has been made to reflect that instructional materials must be chosen in accordance with stated objectives and administrative regulations and may include items from the State Board of Education list.
- At Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, the list of individuals who can submit a request for reconsideration has been revised. This change is recommended to align with the list provided in the new EFB(LOCAL), which permits an employee or parent or guardian to submit these requests. If the district would like to expand this list, please contact your policy consultant.

Please review the information at Formal Reconsideration, which specifies who will receive forms requesting the reconsideration of instructional material and who will appoint a reconsideration committee. If the policy needs to identify a different position for these responsibilities, please contact your policy consultant for assistance with revisions.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

EFB(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

EFB(LEGAL) has been revised to incorporate new library collection development standards adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), effective January 23, 2024. The policy includes a note regarding the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals enjoinder and the resulting unenforceability of certain statutes related to library material. The TSLAC Library Collection Development Standards are not currently enjoined by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

EFB(LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

This recommended policy aligns with changes to the Administrative Code and the new collection development standards for school libraries as a result of HB 900. Please review the following information in your policy:

- The location of the form for formal reconsideration;
- The position title for the person responsible for appointing the reconsideration committee; and
- The number of days allocated for appointing the committee, providing the material for review to the committee, and completing the committee's final report.

If any information needs to be updated or if further revisions to the policy are needed, please contact your policy consultant for assistance.

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EHBAA(LLEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND ELIGIBILITY

A cross-reference to policy EHB has been included for additional requirements relating to the evaluation and identification process when dyslexia is a suspected disability. [See Determination of Initial Eligibility.]

EHBAB(LLEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: ARD COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

The section on Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) has been revised to reflect amended Administrative Code rules, effective April 18, 2023. The district is required to notify parents of SSES eligibility and related information during an ARD committee meeting.

A provision regarding an IEP supplement for each child who was enrolled in a district's special education program during the 2019-20 school year or the 2020-21 school year has been removed. That requirement expired on September 1, 2023.

EHBE(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: BILINGUAL EDUCATION/ESL

Extensive revisions have been made throughout this policy to reflect amended rules relating to emergent bilingual students.

EHBJ(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: INNOVATIVE AND MAGNET PROGRAMS

Changes to this policy stem from amended Administrative Code provisions relating to innovative courses. The amended rules became effective February 18, 2024.

EKB(LLEGAL) TESTING PROGRAMS: STATE ASSESSMENT

Revisions have been made to remove language that does not require district action to aid in readability and clarity. Citations have also been updated based on rule changes.

FA(LLEGAL) PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The cross-reference at Parental Rights relating to teaching materials has been updated to reflect the division of policy EF into EFA and EFB.

FFAC(LLEGAL) WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

A section on Telehealth in Medicaid Covered Services has been added to provide guidance from Administrative Code rules specific to telehealth services authorized as Texas Medicaid covered services.

The section on opioid antagonists has been updated to reflect new rules effective November 1, 2023.

Changes have also been made to the section on epinephrine auto-injectors to reflect amended Administrative Code rules.

Citations throughout have been updated based on rule amendments.

FNG(LOCAL) STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes.

Also, to accommodate planned restructuring of policy FFH, we have revised the references to that code in this policy to reflect the FFH series. No other changes have been made to this policy.

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The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

GBA(LLEGAL) PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM: ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

A cross-reference regarding economic development negotiations under Government Code Chapter 403 has been added.

GF(LLEGAL) PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The division of policy EF into EFA and EFB necessitated an update to the cross-reference in this policy.

GF(LOCAL) PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes. No other changes have been made to this policy.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

GKA(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations necessitated changes to the section regarding operation of a small unmanned aircraft system.

GRA(LLEGAL) RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES

The Definitions section has been revised to reflect amended Administrative Code rules that include school resource officers and contracted police officers in the definition of "school personnel and volunteers."

Language has been added at Notice to School Personnel to provide direction if the superintendent is the individual alleged to have committed child abuse or neglect.

The Students Taken into Custody section has been updated to incorporate appropriate legal citations and improve clarity.

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BBD(LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS - TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

BBFA(LOCAL): ETHICS - CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

CKC(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - EMERGENCY PLANS

CKE(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - SECURITY PERSONNEL

CKEA(LOCAL): SECURITY PERSONNEL - COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

CQC(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - EQUIPMENT

DCE(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES - OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

DGBA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS - EMPLOYEE
COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

EEH(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS - HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

EF(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

EFA(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES - INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

EFB(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES - LIBRARY MATERIALS

FNG(LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - STUDENT AND PARENT
COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

GF(LOCAL): PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Special Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024 4:00pm

Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093

1. **Call to Order - Matt Gilbert, Board President**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Public comments on agenda items only**

4. **Adjournment to closed session pursuant to Texas**

Government Code Section:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections §551.071, to consult with the District's attorney, in person or by phone, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections §551.074 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer, employee, or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

A. Discussion and Consideration of Candidate(s) for the Position of Interim Superintendent

B. Discussion and Consideration of terms to hire an Interim Superintendent

C. Discussion and Consideration of Hiring a Superintendent

5. **Reconvene to Open Session**

6. **Action**

6.1. Consider Hiring an Interim Superintendent

6.2. Consider hiring a high school spanish teacher

6.3. Consider adding 2 or 3 custodial positions

7. **Adjournment**

Board Secretary

Board President

Closed Session

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:30pm

Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093

Terry Broumley: Present
Ronnie Crecelius: Present
Bryan Ford: Present
Matt Gilbert: Present
Brad Greenslade: Present
RJ Hodges: Present
Cathy Smith: Present

1. CALL TO ORDER - Matt Gilbert, Board President

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRAYER

4. ACTION

4.1. CONSIDER & TAKE ACTION PERSONNEL

4.1.1. EMPLOYMENT

Action(s):

I MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS AS RECOMMENDED. This motion, made by RJ Hodges and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4.1.2. ASSIGNMENTS

4.1.3. RESIGNATIONS

4.1.4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:

Discussion: The board adjourned into closed session at 4:31pm. The board reconvened back into session at 6:20pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Action(s):

I MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING. LET THE RECORD SHOW THE TIME OF 6:22pm. This motion, made by RJ Hodges and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley:	Yea
Ronnie Crecelius:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Yea
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea
Cathy Smith:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion: The board adjourned at 6:22pm.

Board Secretary

Board President

Special Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:30pm

Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093

Terry Broumley: Present
Ronnie Crecelius: Present
Bryan Ford: Present
Matt Gilbert: Present
Brad Greenslade: Present
RJ Hodges: Present
Cathy Smith: Present

1. **CALL TO ORDER - Matt Gilbert, Board President**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PRAYER**

Discussion: RJ Hodges opened up in prayer

4. **OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion: There are no public participants

5. **Canvass the Votes for the May 4, 2024, RVISD**

Board of Trustees Election

Discussion: Matt Gilbert shares the board election votes with the board.

6. **Board Workshop for the 2024-25 budget**

Discussion: Megan Schwarz discusses some of the budget with the board.

Clint Blythe: Requests for a new fleet

- Broumley asks if there was a list of priorities before they see the wants, wants to know the argument of the passenger.
- Board member Smith asked if we already had a passenger van and Roberts answered yes.
- Fuel costs are going up. Board member Greenslade asks what the cost was per gallon. Megan answered that she would have to look back at the contract.
- Repair asphalt in parking lots.

Greenslade asks if the recommendation for culinary to go away and Megan responds, " Yes, that is the recommendation.
Amount went up due to the maintenance, and the purchase of the new bus.

\$25,000 for athletics for school meals for the athletes.

AED incompilient about a \$30,000 rise in function 33.

Function 71 MNO debt services. (Leases).

7. ACTION

7.1. ELECTIONS

7.1.1. Discuss/Consider/Take Action to Canvass the Votes for the May 4, 2024, RVISD Board of Trustees Election

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the Canvass Vote for the May 7, 2024 RVISD Board of Trustees Election. This motion, made by Bryan Ford and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley:	Yea
Ronnie Crecelius:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Yea
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea
Cathy Smith:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.2. Consider Retirement of Superintendent

Action(s):

I move that the board of trustees accept the Voluntary Retirement Agreements of Jennifer Ryan and Paul Ryan as presented. This motion, made by Ronnie Crecelius and seconded by Bryan Ford, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley:	Yea
Ronnie Crecelius:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Yea
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea
Cathy Smith:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.3. Consider Voluntary Retirement Agreements

Action(s):

I move that the board of trustees accept the Voluntary Retirement Agreements of Jennifer Ryan and Paul Ryan as presented. This motion, made by Terry Broumley and seconded by Ronnie Crecelius, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley:	Yea
Ronnie Crecelius:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Yea
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea

Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7.4. Consider hiring an Interim Superintendent

7.5. Consider hiring an Acting Superintendent

Action(s):

I move that the board of trustees name Troy Roberts as the Acting Superintendent under the terms discussed in closed session until: a. An Interim Superintendent is hired. Or b. Until a Superintendent is hired. This motion, made by Terry Broumley and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea

Ronnie Crecelius: Yea

Bryan Ford: Nay

Matt Gilbert: Yea

Brad Greenslade: Yea

RJ Hodges: Yea

Cathy Smith: Nay

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 2

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:**

Discussion: The board went to closed session at: 4:49p and reconvened back from closed session at 7:15p

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Action(s):

I MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING. LET THE RECORD SHOW THE TIME OF. This motion, made by Ronnie Crecelius and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea

Ronnie Crecelius: Yea

Bryan Ford: Yea

Matt Gilbert: Yea

Brad Greenslade: Yea

RJ Hodges: Yea

Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion: Meeting adjourn at 7:27pm

Board Secretary

Board President

Budget Workshop

Sunday, May 19, 2024 1:00pm

Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093

1. **CALL TO ORDER - Matt Gilbert, Board President**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS**
4. **BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Secretary

Board President

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024 6:30pm

Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093

Terry Broumley: Present
Ronnie Crecelius: Present
Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Present
Brad Greenslade: Present
RJ Hodges: Present
Cathy Smith: Present

1. CALL TO ORDER - Matt Gilbert, Board President

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRAYER

Discussion: RJ Hodges opens up the meeting in prayer.

4. CAMPUS UPDATES

Discussion: Elem principal Cassie Lloyd shares campus updates: Instructional focus: Map scores, summer school dates, pre-k & kinder round-up, Middle school principal Michele Drake shares campus updates: Field day, awards, summer school, attendance recovery, plans for next year, shout-outs

High school principal Stephen Hermesmeier shares campus updates: Awards, senior trip, senior walk, baccalaureate, graduation practice, summer school dates, baseball promo video, life lesson for students

Athletic Director Woodard shares updates within the athletic department: summer camps, athletic banquet, student Jace Coleman went to the state for track, student track camp held by Mark Whitfill, a calendar with all sporting events.

Construction Update: Clint Colvin- classroom edition moving forward, tile up in hallways, ceiling grid, dry wall and carpentry going up, waiting on AC to finish up, cabinets being made, middle of June close to closing up. Gymnasium, roof deck ready to pour if mother nature allows, inside of building once roof goes up is the slab. The attaching hallway, concrete will start next week, everything going well. Sept is guess on when it can start.

Curriculum Department Jennifer Ryan & Meagan Dupre: present the recommendations for materials K-12th. Did not look at curriculum that was not approved by TEA.

5. REGULAR REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM DIRECTOR - JENNIFER RYAN

5.1. Proclamation 2024 Instructional Materials Presentation

6. **REGULAR REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER- MEGAN SCHWARZ**

7. **REGULAR REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT - JEANNE COBB**

7.1. JJAEP MOU

7.2. Staffing

8. **REGULAR REPORT OF THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT - TROY ROBERTS**

8.1. 2024 Spring Emergency Operation Plan Review

9. **CONSENT AGENDA: ALL ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE SAME TIME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

9.1. BOARD MINUTES

9.1.1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2024

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the board minutes for the meeting held on April 15, 2024. This motion, made by Brad Greenslade and seconded by Terry Broumley, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley:	Yea
Ronnie Crecelius:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Absent
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea
Cathy Smith:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9.1.2. ADDITIONS

9.1.3. CORRECTIONS

10. **ACTION**

10.1. Administer Board of Trustees Oath of Office

Discussion: Teresa Vaughn, Notary, gave the Oath of Office to Brad Greenslade and RJ Hodges. (swearing in of Board Members)

10.2. Consider and take action on Realignment of the Board

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the realignment of the board:. This motion, made by Ronnie Crecelius and seconded by Terry Broumley, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley:	Yea
Ronnie Crecelius:	Yea

Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Nomination of Board President

Terry Broumley nominated Brad Greenslade to serve as Board President.

The Board unanimously approved Brad Greenslade as Board President.

Nomination of Vice President

Ronnie Crecelius nominated RJ Hodges to serve as Board Vice President.

The Board unanimously approved RJ Hodges as Board Vice President.

Nomination of Board Secretary

Ronnie Crecelius nominated Matt Gilbert to serve as Board Secretary

The Board unanimously approved Matt Gilbert as Board Secretary.

Rio Vista ISD Board Officers: Brad Greenslade - Board President, RJ Hodges - Board Vice President, Matt Gilbert - Board Secretary - update all signers at Pinnacle Bank Accounts, with new officers, if applicable.

10.3. Proclamation 2024 Instructional Materials Presentation

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve moving forward with the proclamation for instructional materials as discussed and presented. This motion, made by Ronnie Crecelius and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.4. Discuss/Consider/Take Action - JJAEP MOU

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the JJAEP MOU as discussed and presented. This motion, made by Terry Broumley and seconded by Ronnie Crecelius, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.5. Discuss/Consider/Take Action - Addition of a Spanish Teacher for the High School

Discussion: No action was taken.

10.6. Discuss/Consider/Take Action - Addition of a 7th grade ELAR teacher

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the addition of a 7th grade teacher as recommended. This motion, made by Cathy Smith and seconded by Terry Broumley, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.7. Discuss/Consider/Take Action - Addition of two custodial positions

Discussion: No action was taken.

10.8. Discuss/Consider/Take Action - Addition of SPED Teacher(s)

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the addition(s) of a SPED teacher position(s) as recommended. This motion, made by Cathy Smith and seconded by Ronnie Crecelius, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Let the record show that TWO SPED positions were approved.

10.9. Discuss/Consider/Take Action - Addition of Technology Applications Teacher

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the technology applications teacher position as recommended. This motion, made by Cathy Smith and seconded by Terry Broumley, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- 10.10. Discuss/Consider/Take Action - Addition of a Self-Contained Paraprofessional

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the addition of a self contained paraprofessional as recommended. This motion, made by Cathy Smith and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Absent
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- 10.11. CONSIDER & TAKE ACTION PERSONNEL

10.11.1. Employment

10.11.2. Assignments

10.11.3. Resignations

10.11.4. Leave of Absence

10.12. ELECTION

11. OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion: There were no public participants.

- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act:**

Discussion: The board went into executive session at 7:11pm and reconvened at 9:43pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Action(s):

I MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING. LET THE RECORD SHOW THE TIME OF 9:50pm. This motion, made

by Terry Broumley and seconded by Brad Greenslade, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley:	Yea
Ronnie Crecelius:	Yea
Bryan Ford:	Absent
Matt Gilbert:	Yea
Brad Greenslade:	Yea
RJ Hodges:	Yea
Cathy Smith:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: Meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm

Board Secretary

Board President

Special Meeting

Monday, June 3, 2024 4:00 pm

Rio Vista Administration Building, 100 Capps St., Rio Vista, TX 76093

1. **CALL TO ORDER - Brad Greenslade, Board President**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PRAYER**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

5. **ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION:**

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections §551.071, to consult with the District's attorney, in person or by phone, on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the District under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections §551.074 for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer, employee, or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

A. Discussion and Consideration of Candidate(s) for the Position of Interim Superintendent

B. Discussion and Consideration of terms to hire an Interim Superintendent

C. Interview Candidate(s) for the position of Interim Superintendent

D. Discussion and Consideration of Hiring a Superintendent

E. Discussion of Superintendent Timeline

6. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

7. **ACTION**

7.1. CONSIDER HIRING AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Action(s) :

I move that the Board of Trustees at Rio Vista ISD name Lyle DuBus for the position of Interim Superintendent under the terms and conditions as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Bryan Ford and seconded by Matt Gilbert, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea

Ronnie Crecelius: Yea

Bryan Ford: Yea

Matt Gilbert: Yea

Brad Greenslade: Nay

RJ Hodges: Yea

Cathy Smith: Nay

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 2

Discussion: The board named Lyle DuBus for the position of Interim Superintendent.

7.2. CONSIDER HIRING ADDITIONAL STAFF

Action(s) :

I make a motion to approve the addition of two (# of positions) custodians for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended. This motion, made by Bryan Ford and seconded by Ronnie Crecelius, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion: The board approved the addition of two custodians. The board made no motion not to pass for the addition of a spanish teacher.

7.3. CONSIDER BID FOR CLASSROOM FURNITURE FOR THE ELEMENTARY

Action(s):

I make a motion to approve the bid not to exceed \$360,000 for classroom furniture for the elementary. This motion, made by Cathy Smith and seconded by Terry Broumley, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion: Not to exceed \$360,000

7.4. CONSIDER RENEWAL/RENEW CD'S AT PINNACLE BANK OPEN - MARK MILLER SCHOLARSHIP & MUSTANG FOUNDATION

Action(s):

I make a motion to renew CDs at Pinnacle Bank as recommended. This motion, made by Ronnie Crecelius and seconded by RJ Hodges, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Terry Broumley: Yea
Ronnie Crecelius: Yea
Bryan Ford: Yea
Matt Gilbert: Yea
Brad Greenslade: Yea
RJ Hodges: Yea
Cathy Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Rio Vista ISD Board Meeting Dates*

2024-2025

July 15, 2024

August 19, 2024

September 16, 2024

October 21, 2024

November 18, 2024

December 16, 2024

January 20, 2025 - Board Appreciation Month

February 17, 2025

March 24, 2025 (March 17-21 Spring Break)

April 21, 2025

May 19, 2025

June 16, 2025

*Meetings are subject to change



(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue, bold font: **new text**.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes—as in an extensive rewrite—may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

Contact:	School Districts and Education Service Centers	Community Colleges
	policy.service@tasb.org	colleges@tasb.org
	800.580.7529	800.580.1488

Plan The District shall develop a cybersecurity plan to secure the District's cyberinfrastructure against a cyberattack or any other cybersecurity incidents, determine cybersecurity risk, and implement appropriate mitigation planning.

Coordinator The Superintendent shall designate a cybersecurity coordinator. The cybersecurity coordinator shall serve as the liaison between the District and the Texas Education Agency in cybersecurity matters.

Training The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to:

1. Determine the cybersecurity training program to be used in the District;
2. Verify and report compliance with training requirements in accordance with guidance from the Department of Information Resources; and
3. Remove access to the District's computer systems and databases for noncompliance with training requirements as appropriate.

The District shall complete periodic audits to ensure compliance with the cybersecurity training requirements.

Security Breach Notifications Upon discovering or receiving notification of a breach of system security or a security incident, as defined by law, the District shall disclose the breach or incident to affected persons or entities in accordance with the time frames established by law. The District shall give notice by using one or more of the following methods:

1. Written notice.
2. Email, if the District has email addresses for the affected persons.
3. Conspicuous posting on the District's websites.
4. Publication through broadcast media.

The District shall disclose a breach or incident involving sensitive, protected, or confidential student information as required by law.

**Building Access
Control**

Audits of building access control shall include weekly inspections of instructional facilities during school hours to certify all exterior doors are, by default, set to closed, latched, and locked status and cannot be opened from the outside without a key.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the findings of the weekly inspections are:

1. Reported to the District safety and security committee; and
2. Reported to the campus principal or lead administrator of the instructional facility to ensure awareness of any deficiencies identified.

The campus principal or lead administrator shall assign appropriate staff to take action to reduce the likelihood of similar deficiencies in the future.

The results of the weekly reports shall be kept for review as part of the required safety and security audit.

The District's building access control procedures shall not be interpreted as discouraging parents or guardians who have been properly verified as authorized visitors from visiting their student's campus. [See GKC]

Personnel Duties	The Superintendent shall define the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of all positions and shall ensure that job descriptions are current and accessible to employees and supervisors.
Posting Vacancies	The Superintendent or designee shall establish guidelines for advertising employment opportunities and posting notices of vacancies. These guidelines shall advance the Board's commitment to equal opportunity employment and to recruiting well-qualified candidates. Current District employees may apply for any vacancy for which they have appropriate qualifications.
Applications	<p>All applicants shall complete the application form supplied by the District. Information on applications shall be confirmed before a contract is offered for a contractual position and before hiring or as soon as possible thereafter for a noncontractual position.</p> <p>[For information related to the evaluation of criminal history records, see DBAA.]</p>
Employment of Contractual Personnel	<p>The Superintendent has sole authority to make recommendations to the Board regarding the selection of contractual personnel.</p> <p>The Board retains final authority for employment of contractual personnel. [See DCA, DCB, DCC, and DCE as appropriate]</p>
Employment of Noncontractual Personnel	<hr/> <p>Note: For employment of a bus driver related to a Board member or the Superintendent, see DBE(LEGAL).</p> <hr/>
	<p>The Board delegates to the Superintendent final authority to employ and dismiss noncontractual employees on an at-will basis. [See DCD]</p>
Employment Assistance Prohibited	No District employee shall assist another employee of the District or of any school district in obtaining a new job if the employee knows, or has probable cause to believe, that the other employee engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law. Routine transmission of an administrative or personnel file does not violate this prohibition. [See CJ for prohibitions relating to contractors and agents and DH(EXHIBIT) for the Educators' Code of Ethics.]

Dyslexia and Related Disorders

The District shall comply with all rules and standards adopted by the State Board of Education and guidance published by the commissioner of education to implement the program to test students for dyslexia and related disorders.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the District shall provide regular training opportunities for teachers of students with dyslexia that include new research and practices for educating students with dyslexia.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

EHBC
(LOCAL)

~~Each student who has been identified as being at risk of dropping out of school, who is not performing at grade level, or who did not perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment shall be provided accelerated and/or compensatory educational services.~~

**Accelerated
Instruction**

~~The District shall provide accelerated instruction in accordance with law if a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment.~~

**Accelerated
Learning Committee**

~~When a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a math or reading state-mandated assessment in grades 3, 5, or 8, an accelerated learning committee shall develop a written educational plan in accordance with law. If a parent requests that the student be assigned to a particular teacher the following school year, the request shall be addressed in accordance with the District's administrative procedures.~~

~~A parent complaint about the content or implementation of the educational plan shall be filed in accordance with FNG.~~

COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS
ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

EHBCA
(LOCAL)

Each student who has been identified as being at risk of dropping out of school, who is not performing at grade level, or who did not perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment shall be provided accelerated and/or compensatory educational services.

**Accelerated
Instruction**

The District shall provide accelerated instruction in accordance with law if a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment.

Parent Request

If a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment, a parent's request that the student be assigned to a particular teacher the following school year shall be addressed in accordance with the District's administrative procedures.

**Accelerated
Education Plan**

Appropriate District staff shall develop an accelerated education plan for a student who fails to perform satisfactorily on the same state-mandated assessment for two or more consecutive years.

A parent complaint about the content or implementation of the accelerated education plan shall be filed in accordance with FNG.

Students in violation of the compulsory attendance law shall be reported to the District attendance officer, who may institute court action as provided by law.

Excused Absences

In addition to excused absences required by law, the District shall excuse absences for the following purposes. A student shall be required to submit verification of these absences in accordance with administrative regulations.

Higher Education Visits

The District shall excuse a student for up to two days during the student's junior year and up to two days during the student's senior year to visit an accredited institution of higher education.

Career Investigation

The District shall excuse a student for up to two days during the student's junior year and up to two days during the student's senior year to visit a professional's workplace for purposes of exploring the student's interest in pursuing a career in that professional's field.

Armed Services Enlistment

The District shall excuse a student 17 years of age or older for up to four days during his or her enrollment in high school for activities related to pursuing enlistment in a branch of the U.S. Armed Services or Texas National Guard.

Early Voting or Election Clerk

The District shall excuse a student for up to two days per school year to serve as an early voting or election clerk.

Learner or Driver's License

The District shall excuse a student 15 years of age or older for one day during his or her enrollment in high school for each of the following:

- Visiting a driver's license office to obtain a learner license; or
- Visiting a driver's license office to obtain a driver's license.

[For extracurricular activity absences, see FM.]

Withdrawal for Nonattendance

The District may initiate withdrawal of a student under the age of 19 for nonattendance under the following conditions:

1. The student has been absent ~~ten~~10 consecutive school days; and
2. Repeated efforts by the attendance officer and/or principal to locate the student have been unsuccessful.

[For District-initiated withdrawal of students 19 or older, see FEA(LEGAL).]

Students Attending Homeschools

Students who are homeschooled are exempt from the compulsory attendance law to the same extent as students enrolled in other private schools.

ATTENDANCE
COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

FEA
(LOCAL)

Adequate documentation of homeschooling for withdrawal shall consist of either a statement of withdrawal in accordance with FD(LOCAL) indicating the date homeschooling began, or a signed and dated letter from a parent or guardian indicating that his or her child is being homeschooled and the date the homeschooling began.

The District may request from a parent or guardian a letter of assurance that a child is being educated using a curriculum designed to meet basic education goals of reading, spelling, grammar, mathematics, and a study of good citizenship.

Enforcing
Compulsory
Attendance

If a parent or guardian refuses to submit a requested statement or letter, or if the District has evidence that a school-aged child is not being homeschooled within legal requirements, the District may investigate further and, if warranted, shall pursue legal action to enforce the compulsory attendance law.

No employee shall give any student prescription medication, non-prescription medication, herbal substances, anabolic steroids, or dietary supplements of any type, except as authorized by this or other District policy.

Medication Provided by Parent

The Superintendent shall designate the employees who are authorized to administer medication that has been provided by a student's parent. An authorized employee is permitted to administer the following medication in accordance with administrative regulations:

1. Prescription medication in accordance with legal requirements.
2. Nonprescription medication, upon a parent's written request, when properly labeled and in the original container.
3. Herbal substances or dietary supplements provided by the parent and only if required by the individualized education program or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities.

No Medication Provided by District

~~The~~ Except as required by law and provided by this policy, the District shall not purchase medication to administer to a student.

Opioid Antagonist

This provision shall be applicable to each campus that serves students in grades 6-12.

On Campus

The District authorizes school personnel who have been adequately trained to administer an opioid antagonist in accordance with law and this policy. Administration of an opioid antagonist shall only be permitted when an authorized and trained individual reasonably believes a person is experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

Each applicable campus shall have at least one individual who is authorized and trained to administer an opioid antagonist present during regular school hours.

Maintenance, Availability, Training, and Reporting

Each applicable campus shall have at least two unused, unexpired opioid antagonist doses available.

All opioid antagonists shall be stored in a secure location and shall be easily accessible by individuals who are authorized and trained to administer an opioid antagonist.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations addressing acquisition, maintenance, expiration, and disposal of opioid antagonists in the District, as well as reporting, employee training, and emergency notification requirements.

Psychotropics

Except as permitted by law, an employee shall not:

1. Recommend to a student or a parent that the student use a psychotropic drug;
2. Suggest a particular diagnosis; or
3. Exclude the student from a class or a school-related activity because of the parent's refusal to consent to psychiatric evaluation or examination or treatment of the student.

Medical Treatment

A student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control shall annually complete and sign a form that provides emergency information and addresses authorization regarding medical treatment. A student who has reached age 18 shall be permitted to complete this form.

The District shall seek appropriate emergency care for a student as required or deemed necessary.

**Threat Assessment
and Safe and
Supportive Team**

In compliance with law, the Superintendent shall ensure that a multidisciplinary threat assessment and safe and supportive team is established to serve each campus. The Superintendent shall appoint team members. The team shall be responsible for developing and implementing a safe and supportive school program at each campus served by the team and shall support the District in implementing its multi-hazard emergency operations plan.

Training

Each team shall complete training provided by an approved provider on evidence-based threat assessment programs.

Student Reports

Each campus shall establish a clear procedure for a student to report concerning behavior exhibited by another student for assessment by the team or other appropriate District employee.

Employee
Confidentiality

A District employee who reports a potential threat may elect for the employee's identity to remain confidential and not be subject to disclosure under the state's public information law. The employee's identity shall only be revealed when necessary for the team, the District, or law enforcement to investigate the reported threat.

The District shall maintain a record of the identity of a District employee who elects for the employee's identity to remain confidential.

Imminent Threats or
Emergencies

A member of the team or any District employee may act immediately to prevent an imminent threat or respond to an emergency, including contacting law enforcement directly.

Threat Assessment
Process

The District shall develop procedures as recommended by the Texas School Safety Center. In accordance with those procedures, the threat assessment and safe and supportive team shall conduct threat assessments using a process that includes:

1. Identifying individuals, based on referrals, tips, or observations, whose behavior has raised concerns due to threats of violence or exhibition of behavior that is harmful, threatening, or violent.
2. Conducting an individualized assessment based on reasonably available information to determine whether the individual poses a threat of violence or poses a risk of harm to self or others and the level of risk.
3. Implementing appropriate intervention and monitoring strategies, if the team determines an individual poses a threat of harm to self or others. These strategies may include referral of a student for a mental health assessment and escalation procedures as appropriate.

For a student or other individual the team determines poses a serious risk of violence to self or others, the team shall immediately report to the Superintendent, who shall immediately attempt to contact the student's parent or guardian. Additionally, the Superintendent shall coordinate with law enforcement authorities as necessary and take other appropriate action in accordance with the District's multihazard emergency operations plan.

For a student the team identifies as at risk of suicide, the team shall follow the District's suicide prevention program.

For a student the team identifies as having a substance abuse issue, the team shall follow the District's substance abuse program.

For a student whose conduct may constitute a violation of the District's Student Code of Conduct, the team shall make a referral to the campus behavior coordinator or other appropriate administrator to consider disciplinary action.

As appropriate, the team may refer a student:

1. To a local mental health authority or health-care provider for evaluation or treatment; or
2. For a full individualized and initial evaluation for special education services.

The team shall not provide any mental health-care services, except as permitted by law.

Guidance to School
Community

The team shall provide guidance to students and District employees on recognizing harmful, threatening, or violent behavior that may pose a threat to another person, the campus, or the community and methods to report such behavior to the team, including through anonymous reporting.

Reports

The team shall provide reports to the Texas Education Agency as required by law.

Comprehensive System

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain a comprehensive system of student records and reports dealing with all facets of the school program operation and shall ensure through reasonable procedures that records are accessed by authorized persons only, as allowed by this policy. These data and records shall be stored in a safe and secure manner and shall be conveniently retrievable for use by authorized school officials.

Cumulative Record

A cumulative record shall be maintained for each student from entrance into District schools until withdrawal or graduation from the District.

This record shall move with the student from school to school and be maintained at the school where currently enrolled until graduation or withdrawal. Records for non-enrolled students shall be retained for the period of time required by law. No permanent records may be destroyed without explicit permission from the Superintendent. [See CPC]

Custodian of Records

The ~~principal~~principal is custodian of all records for currently enrolled students. ~~The Superintendent~~The Superintendent is the custodian of records for students who have withdrawn or graduated. The student handbook made available to all students and parents shall contain a listing of the addresses of District schools, as well as the Superintendent's business address.

Types of Education Records

The record custodian shall be responsible for the education records of the District. These records may include:

1. Admissions data, personal and family data, including certification of date of birth.
2. Standardized test data, including intelligence, aptitude, interest, personality, and social adjustment ratings.
3. All achievement records, as determined by tests, recorded grades, and teacher evaluations.
4. All documentation regarding a student's testing history and any accelerated instruction he or she has received, including any ~~documentation of discussion or action by an accelerated learning committee convened~~education plan developed for the student.
5. Health services record, including:
 - a. The results of any tuberculin tests required by the District.
 - b. The findings of screening or health appraisal programs the District conducts or provides. [See FFAA]

- c. Immunization records. [See FFAB]
6. Attendance records.
7. Student questionnaires.
8. Records of teacher, school counselor, or administrative conferences with the student or pertaining to the student.
9. Verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.
10. Copies of correspondence with parents and others concerned with the student.
11. Records transferred from other districts in which the student was enrolled.
12. Records pertaining to participation in extracurricular activities.
13. Information relating to student participation in special programs.
14. Records of fees assessed and paid.
15. Records pertaining to student and parent complaints.
16. Other records that may contribute to an understanding of the student.

Access by Parents

The District shall make a student's records available to the student's parents, as permitted by law. The records custodian or designee shall use reasonable procedures to verify the requester's identity before disclosing student records containing personally identifiable information.

Records may be reviewed in person during regular school hours without charge upon written request to the records custodian. For in-person viewing, the records custodian or designee shall be available to explain the record and to answer questions. The confidential nature of the student's records shall be maintained at all times, and records to be viewed shall be restricted to use only in the Superintendent's, principal's, or school counselor's office, or other restricted area designated by the records custodian. The original copy of the record or any document contained in the cumulative record shall not be removed from the school.

Copies of records are available at a per copy cost, payable in advance. Copies of records must be requested in writing. Parents may be denied copies of records if they fail to follow proper procedures or pay the copying charge. If the student qualifies for free or

reduced-price lunches and the parents are unable to view the records during regular school hours, upon written request of a parent, one copy of the record shall be provided at no charge.

A parent may continue to have access to his or her child's records under specific circumstances after the student has attained 18 years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education. [See FL(LEGAL)]

Access by School Officials

A school official shall be allowed access to student records if he or she has a legitimate educational interest in the records.

For the purposes of this policy, "school officials" shall include:

1. An employee, Board member, or agent of the District, including an attorney, a consultant, a contractor, a volunteer, a school resource officer, and any outside service provider used by the District to perform institutional services.
2. An employee of a cooperative of which the District is a member or of a facility with which the District contracts for placement of students with disabilities.
3. A contractor retained by a cooperative of which the District is a member or by a facility with which the District contracts for placement of students with disabilities.
4. A parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
5. A person appointed to serve on a team to support the District's safe and supportive school program.

All contractors provided with student records shall follow the same rules as employees concerning privacy of the records and shall return the records upon completion of the assignment.

A school official has a "legitimate educational interest" in a student's records when he or she is:

1. Working with the student;
2. Considering disciplinary or academic actions, the student's case, or an individualized education program for a student with disabilities;
3. Compiling statistical data;
4. Reviewing an education record to fulfill the official's professional responsibility; or

5. Investigating or evaluating programs.

**Transcripts and
Transfers of Records**

The District may request transcripts from previously attended schools for students transferring into District schools; however, the ultimate responsibility for obtaining transcripts from sending schools rests with the parent or student, if 18 or older.

For purposes of a student's enrollment or transfer, the District shall promptly forward in accordance with the timeline provided in law education records upon request to officials of other schools or school systems in which the student intends to enroll or enrolls. [See FD(LEGAL), Required Documentation] The District may return an education record to the school identified as the source of the record.

**Records
Responsibility for
Students in Special
Education**

The ~~director of special education~~ **director of special education** shall be responsible for ensuring the confidentiality of any personally identifiable information in records of students in special education.

A current listing of names and positions of persons who have access to records of students in special education is maintained at ~~the special education office~~ **the special education office**.

**Procedure to Amend
Records**

Within 15 District business days of the record custodian's receipt of a request to amend records, the District shall notify the parents in writing of its decision on the request and, if the request is denied, of their right to a hearing. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held within ~~ten~~ **10** District business days after the request is received.

Parents shall be notified in advance of the date, time, and place of the hearing. An administrator who is not responsible for the contested records and who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing shall conduct the hearing. The parents shall be given a full and fair opportunity to present evidence and, at their own expense, may be assisted or represented at the hearing.

The parents shall be notified of the decision in writing within ~~ten~~ **10** District business days of the hearing. The decision shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and shall include a summary of the evidence and reasons for the decision. If the decision is to deny the request, the parents shall be informed that they have 30 District business days within which to exercise their right to place in the record a statement commenting on the contested information and/or stating any reason for disagreeing with the District's decision.

**Directory
Information**

Directory information for District students has been classified into two separate categories:

1. Items for use only for school-sponsored purposes; and

STUDENT RECORDS

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2. Items for all other purposes.

School-Sponsored
Purposes

For the following school-sponsored purposes—all District publications and announcements—directory information shall include a student's name, address, telephone listing, email address, photograph, date and place of birth, honors and awards received, dates of attendance, grade level, most recent school previously attended, enrollment status, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height, if a member of an athletic team.

All Other Purposes

For all other purposes, the District shall not release student directory information.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS UPDATE

Please note:

Changes at Update 122 are based almost exclusively on legislation from the 88th Regular Legislative Session.

Unless otherwise noted, references to legislative bills throughout these explanatory notes refer to Senate Bills (SB) or House Bills (HB) from the 88th Regular Legislative Session. All referenced bills have already gone into effect unless otherwise noted.

Each regular legislative session, legislation is passed that makes nonsubstantive additions, revisions, or corrections to existing statutes. HB 4595 was passed for this purpose in the 88th Regular Legislative Session. Minor nonsubstantive changes throughout Update 122 result from HB 4595 and are not otherwise mentioned in the explanatory notes.

For more information about the bills mentioned throughout and other changes from the 88th Legislative Session, download the free [2023 Legislative Summary for TASB Members](#) PDF from the TASB store.

The *Local Policy Overview* for Update 122, available with your Update 122 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online® (TASB login required), provides a general, high-level overview of the changes to the local policies included in the update. **Legal policies provide the legal framework for key areas of district operations and are not adopted by the board.**

Changes to the policy manual based on bills from the special called sessions will be included in Update 123.

AF(LEGAL)

INNOVATION DISTRICTS

New and amended Administrative Code rules, effective June 20, 2023, revise the process and timeline for renewing an innovation plan. (See pages 5-6.)

AIB(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Provisions regarding remote instruction expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

BBB(LEGAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: ELECTIONS

This legal policy has been updated to increase the population threshold for certain districts to conduct elections jointly with a hospital district. (HB 4559)

BBBA(LEGAL)

ELECTIONS: CONDUCTING ELECTIONS

HB 1217 repeals Election Code provisions creating different requirements for days and hours of early voting at temporary branch polling places in counties with a population under 100,000. The same requirements now apply regardless of county size.

BBBB(LEGAL)

ELECTIONS: POST-ELECTION PROCEDURES

HB 2559 adds retired justices of the peace, the comptroller of public accounts, and former comptrollers to the list of persons authorized to administer an oath in Texas. Because this legal policy includes only the four broadest categories of authorized persons, it has been amended to include retired justices of the peace. (See Oath of Office on page 4.)

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BBBC(LLEGAL) ELECTIONS: CAMPAIGN FINANCE

HB 2626 requires all districts, regardless of size, to post campaign finance reports filed with the district on the district website not later than the 10th business day after receipt. Certain address information may be removed before posting, and the reports must remain accessible on the website for five years.

BBC(LLEGAL) BOARD MEMBERS: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

SB 232 implements automatic removal from office for certain criminal offenses. If a board member is removed, the board must fill the vacancy at the first regular meeting following the removal. (See page. 4.)

HB 17 makes nonsubstantive changes to existing law regarding removal of a board member by written petition and trial. (See page 3.)

BBD(LLEGAL) BOARD MEMBERS: TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

The attorney general (AG) may require board members to complete Public Information Act (PIA) training if the AG determines the district has failed to comply with a requirement of the PIA (see page 1). (HB 3033)

BBI(LLEGAL) BOARD MEMBERS: TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Note at the beginning of this policy has been updated to include a reference to CQC(LLEGAL), where provisions from SB 1893 regarding prohibited applications on district-owned devices have been added.

BE(LLEGAL) BOARD MEETINGS

HB 3440 requires all districts to post both the notice *and* agenda for a board meeting on the district website under the Open Meetings Act. (See Internet Posting — Notice on page 4.) The bill repeals the previous provision that tied the requirement to post the agenda to the size of a municipality in the district.

C(LLEGAL) BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Section C table of contents has been revised to rename CKA as Safety Program/Risk Management: Safety and Security Audits and Monitoring. Provisions regarding asbestos management have been moved to a new code CSC, Facility Standards: Asbestos Management.

CCA(LLEGAL) LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES: BOND ISSUES

For bonds authorized at an election after September 1, 2023, HB 3 allows the use of bond proceeds to pay for compliance with school safety and security requirements for school facilities. If TEA finds that the district is not in compliance, the district must use bond proceeds to achieve compliance before using the proceeds for other purposes. (See page 3.)

CDA(LLEGAL) OTHER REVENUES: INVESTMENTS

SB 1246 amends the Public Funds Investment Act to authorize districts to invest in repurchase agreements through a joint account.

CDB(LLEGAL) OTHER REVENUES: SALE, LEASE, OR EXCHANGE OF SCHOOL-OWNED PROPERTY

HB 2518 requires a public property lease between a district and another person to include terms requiring the person to include payment and performance bond requirements in any construction contract the person enters related to the leased property. In addition, the person must provide notice of commencement to the district at least 90 days before any construction begins. (See pages 3-4.)

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CHE(LEGAL)

PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION: VENDOR DISCLOSURES AND CONTRACTS

HB 1817 specifies the circumstances under which a district contract is voidable for the vendor's failure to provide the required disclosure of interested parties. (See page 2.)

A provision has been added from HB 900 prohibiting the purchase of library material from vendors included on a list created by TEA. Other provisions of HB 900 are set out in EFB(LEGAL). (See page 10.)

CJA(LEGAL)

CONTRACTED SERVICES: CRIMINAL HISTORY

HB 4123 makes significant changes to the laws regarding criminal history record information (CHRI) reviews by the district and "qualified school contractors," as defined in the bill, and repeals provisions relating to CHRI reviews for certain public works contractors. The bill creates a single statutory approach to CHRI reviews for contractors and their employees.

CK(LEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT

Several legislative changes affect this legal policy on safety programs and risk management:

- HB 3 requires sheriffs in counties with a population of less than 350,000 to conduct semiannual meetings to discuss issues related to school safety.
- HB 1905 allows districts to make school safety training courses, including active shooter training courses, available at no cost to employees of private schools or child-care facilities in the district.
- SB 29 prohibits districts from implementing mandates related to COVID-19.

To better present legislative changes related to school safety and make the associated policies easier to use, provisions in this policy related to safety and security audits have been relocated to CKA(LEGAL).

CKA(LEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: SAFETY AND SECURITY AUDITS AND MONITORING

To better present legislative changes related to school safety and make the associated policies easier to use, this legal policy has been renamed Safety and Security Audits and Monitoring, and provisions regarding asbestos management have been relocated to CSC(LEGAL) in the policy series related to facility standards. Provisions regarding safety and security audits have been moved from CK(LEGAL) and amended by HB 3.

Other revisions from HB 3 include new provisions related to the following:

- Monitoring by TEA of district implementation and operation of safety and security requirements through a new office of school safety and security
- Vulnerability assessments by TEA
- Intruder detection audits by regional school safety review teams
- Assignment of a conservator by the commissioner if a district fails to comply with specified safety and security requirements

CKC(LEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: EMERGENCY PLANS

Numerous legislative changes affect this legal policy on emergency plans.

Under HB 3, a district must:

- Adopt a policy for providing notice regarding violent activity at a district campus or facility or at a district-sponsored activity. (See page 1.) [TEA issued a [To the Administrator Addressed letter](#) to provide

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guidance to educational leaders on September 7, 2023, with [Guidance on Model Standards for Parental Notification](#) that can be used to develop administrative procedures.]

- Provide the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and local law enforcement with emergency response maps and an opportunity to conduct a walk-through using the maps. (See page 1.)
- Follow TEA guidelines in adopting and implementing the district's multihazard emergency operations plan (EOP) to ensure the safety of students and personnel with disabilities or impairments in a disaster or emergency. TEA must develop the guidelines. (See page 3.)
- Submit its multihazard EOP no later than the 30th day after the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) requests it. HB 3 modifies the timelines related to submitting the plan and correcting any deficiencies. (See page 5.)
- Provide information from DPS and TxSSC regarding safe storage of firearms to parents. (See pages 6-7.) [TxSSC released [information](#) on September 1, 2023.]

Provisions have been added to this policy from the Texas Disaster Act regarding confidentiality of certain types of information the district may have related to safety and disaster response. (See pages 7-8.)

CKE(LLEGAL) SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: SECURITY PERSONNEL

Several revisions to this legal policy on security personnel result from HB 3.

- The board must determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each campus. The board must ensure that at least one armed security officer, as defined by the bill, is present during regular school hours at each campus or claim a good cause exception due to availability of funding or qualified personnel. A board that claims a good cause exception must develop an alternative standard. (See page 1.)
- The board's options as to who may be hired for security purposes are expanded. (See pages 1-2.)
- Security personnel are no longer required to be commissioned peace officers to carry weapons, but a person permitted to carry a firearm on campus may not perform certain law enforcement duties, except in an emergency, unless they are commissioned peace officers. (See page 5.)

HB 3 and SB 999 modify requirements related to active shooter response training. (See page 3.)

HB 1133 allows peace officers providing volunteer security services at school events to wear their uniforms under certain circumstances. (See pages 3-4.)

For more information, see TASB Legal Services' School Law eSource article "[Armed Security Officer Requirement in House Bill 3 \(2023\)](#)."

CKEA(LLEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

This legal policy has been updated to include existing provisions regarding the circumstances under which a body-worn camera recording may be released. (See page 5.)

CKEB(LLEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: SCHOOL MARSHALS

HB 3623 allows a district to enter into a memorandum of understanding with another district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school to share a school marshal on the other school's campus for certain events. (See page 4.)

CKEC(LLEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

HB 3 implements requirements for a memorandum of understanding for the provision of school resource officers.

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CLA(LLEGAL) BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT: SECURITY

SB 2069 revises the requirements for schools to post human trafficking signs. The signs must now be posted in a conspicuous place reasonably likely to be viewed by employees and visitors.

CLE(LLEGAL) BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT: FLAG DISPLAYS

HB 2012 allows a classroom teacher to display the national motto in a classroom if the poster or framed copy meets existing requirements.

CMD(LLEGAL) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CARE AND ACCOUNTING

HB 1605 makes numerous changes to this legal policy on instructional materials care and accounting, including revisions to permitted expenditures, requisition procedures, requirements related to open education resources (OER), and certification. In addition, districts may be entitled to additional state aid for certain instructional materials.

Administrative code provisions have been deleted to the extent they are superseded by new laws.

CNA(LLEGAL) TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Duplicative information regarding the transportation of students to accelerated instruction programs has been replaced with a reference on page 7 to EHBCA for more information.

CNC(LLEGAL) TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

HB 2190 changes all references in state law from "accident" to "collision."

CQA(LLEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: DISTRICT, CAMPUS, AND CLASSROOM WEBSITES

The list of required internet postings has been updated to include:

- Campaign finance filings at item 18 (HB 2626)
- Item 46 regarding annual reports on measurable outcomes for dropout recovery education programs (SB 1647)

A district may now either post online or provide physical copies of the report on library materials (see item 4 at Optional Internet Postings). (HB 900)

CQB(LLEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: CYBERSECURITY

SB 768 shortens the deadline to notify the attorney general of a system security breach from 60 to 30 days and requires the notice to be submitted electronically. (See page 4.)

SB 271 creates additional notification requirements for "security incidents" as defined in the bill. (See page 6.)

CQB(LOCAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: CYBERSECURITY

Based on the new notification requirements imposed by SB 271, the security breach notification provisions have been revised to include security incidents.

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CQC(LEGAL)

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: EQUIPMENT

HB 18 amends requirements related to transferring data processing equipment or electronic devices to students. Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, in addition to existing requirements, districts must adopt rules establishing programs that promote parents as partners in cybersecurity and online safety and install filters to block pornographic or obscene materials or applications. TEA must adopt standards for permissible devices and applications used by a district. If necessary, Policy Service will recommend policy revisions following publication of the TEA standards.

SB 1893 requires the district to adopt a policy prohibiting the installation or use of a "covered application," as defined in the bill, on any device owned or leased by the district. (See page 3.) The Department of Information Resources (DIR) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) must develop a model policy for districts to use in developing the required policy, and the district must adopt the required policy no later than 60 days after the model is released. Policy Service will recommend local policy revisions, as appropriate, following publication of the DIR/DPS model policy.

CS(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS

For clarity and ease of use, this legal policy on Facility Standards has been divided into four codes:

- CS: Facility Standards
- CSA: Safety and Security
- CSB: Gas and Pipelines
- CSC: Asbestos Management

CS includes the existing school facility standards that apply to all district capital improvement projects. Accessibility standards as well as provisions related to portable buildings and outdoor lighting also remain in this policy code.

CSA(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: SAFETY AND SECURITY

This new policy code regarding safety and security includes existing provisions moved from CS(LEGAL) as well as the commissioner's new school safety rules for facilities, effective May 31, 2023.

HB 3 implements additional safety and security requirements for facilities.

SB 838 requires a district to provide each classroom with silent panic alert technology that allows immediate contact with emergency services and law enforcement. This applies beginning with the 2025-26 school year. (See page 9.)

CSA(LOCAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: SAFETY AND SECURITY

This new local policy on facility safety and security includes recommended provisions addressing audits of building access control to comply with the commissioner's new school safety rules for facilities, effective May 31, 2023.

CSB(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: SAFETY AND SECURITY

To present legal requirements more clearly, this new legal policy regarding gas and pipelines includes existing provisions moved from CS(LEGAL).

CSC(LEGAL)

FACILITY STANDARDS: ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

To present legal requirements more clearly, existing provisions related to asbestos management have been moved from CKA(LEGAL) to this new policy code.

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CV(LEGAL) FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

This legal policy regarding facilities construction includes several revisions:

- HB 679 prohibits requiring a specified experience modifier in construction contracts or solicitations. (See pages 5-6.)
- HB 3485 allows vendors and subcontractors to elect not to proceed with additional work without a properly executed change order. (See page 8.)
- HB 2518 adds the failure to include required lease terms to the circumstances under which a district may be liable for failure to obtain a payment bond. (See page 13.)
- HB 2965 prohibits the waiver of Government Code Chapter 2272 regarding construction liability claims. (See page 20.)

DBAA(LEGAL) EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS: PRE-EMPLOYMENT REVIEWS

Changes to the laws regarding the use, confidentiality, and destruction of criminal history record information (CHRI) are from HB 4123. (See pages 4-5.) Other revisions are to better reflect statutory sources.

DBE(LEGAL) EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS: NEPOTISM

HB 1789 provides an exception to the nepotism prohibition for hiring bus drivers if the board approves the employment. (See page 4.)

DC(LOCAL) EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

HB 1789 creates a nepotism exception for hiring bus drivers, regardless of county population, if the *board* approves employment. We recommend adding a note referring to DBE(LEGAL) (concerning nepotism) to this policy that delegates hiring authority for noncontractual employees to the superintendent as a reminder of the special requirements related to this nepotism exception for bus drivers.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

DEAA(LEGAL) COMPENSATION PLAN: INCENTIVES AND STIPENDS

For at least two school years, a district must assign a mentor teacher to a teacher who has been issued a temporary certificate for military service members and first responders to teach career and technology education (see page 5). (HB 621)

DEC(LEGAL) COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: LEAVES AND ABSENCES

Two bills impact leave requirements for district police officers and emergency personnel.

- HB 1486 adds full-time telecommunicators authorized under the Occupations Code to those entitled to paid mental health leave after experiencing a traumatic event in the scope of employment. (See page 6.)
- HB 471 requires a district to extend a leave of absence to a police officer or emergency medical services personnel for an illness or injury related to the person's line of duty. (See pages 6-7.)

DF(LEGAL) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

HB 4520 adds conviction of or placement on deferred adjudication community supervision for sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor as a basis for mandatory termination. (See page 2.)

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DG(LLEGAL) EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Revisions to this legal policy incorporate recent state and federal legislative changes.

- HB 1605 prohibits a district from penalizing a teacher for failure to follow the pacing of instructional materials for a subject in the required curriculum. A classroom teacher is also immune from disciplinary proceedings for violating certain state and federal laws if the teacher used only approved and adopted instructional material and delivered the instruction with fidelity. (See pages 4-5.)
- The federal Providing Urgent Maternal Protections (PUMP) for Nursing Mothers Act, effective December 29, 2022, repealed and replaced prior law requiring breaks for employees to express breast milk. The provisions are not limited to nonexempt employees. (See pages 6-7.)

DGC(LLEGAL) EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES: IMMUNITY

HB 2059 adds local behavioral health authorities to the list of providers of mental health first aid training who receive immunity when assisting an individual experiencing a mental health crisis. (See page 4.)

DH(LLEGAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

HB 4520 adds Penal Code 43.24 (sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to minor) to the qualifying felonies that render a person ineligible for a TRS service retirement annuity if convicted. (See item 4 on page 2.)

DI(LLEGAL) EMPLOYEE WELFARE

HB 915 requires a district to post information for reporting workplace violence to the Department of Public Safety.

Other changes are to improve online accessibility of the policy.

DIA(LLEGAL) EMPLOYEE WELFARE: FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION

Revisions to this legal policy incorporate recent state and federal legislative changes.

- HB 567 provides that the prohibition against racial discrimination includes discrimination based on an employee's hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race. A district commits an unlawful employment practice if it adopts a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against such hair texture or protective hairstyle. (See page 4.)
- The federal Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, effective June 27, 2023, requires employers to provide reasonable accommodations to the known limitations related to the pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions of a qualified employee. (See pages 9-11.)

Additional changes have been made to include citations to Administrative Code provisions and update other citations.

DL(LLEGAL) WORK LOAD

HB 1605 allows supplemental agreements between a district and a classroom teacher related to lesson planning or selecting instructional material during planning and preparation time. This applies beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

DLB(LLEGAL) WORK LOAD: REQUIRED PLANS AND REPORTS

HB 1605 allows a unit or weekly lesson plan included in instructional material adopted by the board to satisfy a requirement to prepare such a plan. (See item 6 at Restrictions on Written Reports.)

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DMA(LLEGAL)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: REQUIRED STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Several legislative changes impact this legal policy on staff development.

- A district may satisfy a requirement to implement a program related to substance abuse and prevention and intervention by providing instruction related to fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness (see page 4). (HB 3908)
- A district must require all district employees who regularly interact with students to complete an evidence-based mental health training program (see pages 5-6). (HB 3)
- An athletic trainer who serves as a member of a district's concussion oversight team must take a course that meets the requirements set by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) (see page 9). (HB 2495)

Other revisions have been made to clarify the training requirements for other employees related to concussions.

DP(LLEGAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS

Revisions to this legal policy include new Administrative Code provisions, effective May 21, 2023, regarding school counselors, including requirements that they track time spent on various work duties and that the district assess its compliance with its counselor policy. (See pages 5-6.)

The policy also includes provisions from SB 763 authorizing a district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the board. (See pages 8-9.)

DP(LOCAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS

SB 763 authorizes districts to employ chaplains or accept chaplains as volunteers to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the board. These provisions apply beginning with the 2023-24 school year. While your district currently may allow chaplains along with other visitors or volunteers on campus, SB 763 requires each board to take a record vote not later than six months after the effective date, September 1, 2023, on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain. To facilitate this record vote, TASB Policy Service sent a draft resolution with the [2023 Post-Legislative Policy Changes Policy Alert](#), available in the Policy Online® Governance and Management Library (TASB login required), for consideration by the board between September 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024. If the board approves the option to adopt a policy to authorize district campuses to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain, send your TASB policy consultant a copy of the resolution for TASB to update the district's DP(LOCAL) policy to reflect the board's decision. If the board would prefer only to accept chaplains as volunteers like other district or campus volunteers, contact your policy consultant for assistance with language at GKG(LOCAL).

EEB(LLEGAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: CLASS SIZE

HB 2729 requires a district or an entity with which a district contracts to provide a prekindergarten program to attempt to maintain an average ratio of at least one *qualified*, rather than certified, teacher or aide for each 11 students. (See High-Quality Prekindergarten Program on page 1.)

EF(LLEGAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

This legal policy includes the following revisions from HB 1605:

- Changes to timelines and other requirements related to parental review of tests and instructional materials

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- New requirements pertaining to district instructional material review on request of a parent or group of parents

The district must adopt a process for a parent to request a district instructional material review. TEA must adopt standards for a district to use in this review. Policy Service will recommend local policy revisions following publication of the TEA standards.

Provisions related to parental rights regarding consent to surveys and information collection have been relocated to new policy FA(LEGAL), dedicated to parental rights.

EFA(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Numerous revisions throughout this legal policy on instructional materials are the result of HB 1605.

- Expanded definition of "instructional materials"
- Revised provisions regarding the SBOE's review, selection, and approval or rejection of instructional materials
- New provisions related to TEA's instructional materials website and other support for districts
- New and revised provisions pertaining to open education resource (OER) instructional material

EFB(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

HB 900 required revisions throughout this legal policy on library materials.

- A district must adhere to the standards for library collection development adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) with approval of the SBOE. TSLAC must develop standards by January 1, 2024; Policy Service will recommend local policy revisions following publication of the standards.
- Written parental consent is required before a student may check out library material rated by a vendor as "sexually relevant."
- A district must conduct a biennial review of library contents and post a report not later than January 1 of every odd-numbered year.
- Library material vendors may not sell library materials unless they have issued ratings regarding sexually explicit and sexually relevant material previously sold to the district. No sexually explicit material may be sold and any in use must be recalled. Vendors must submit a list to TEA of rated materials sold and in use, and TEA must post the list online.

EHAA(LEGAL) BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (ALL LEVELS)

HB 1605 requires districts, when adopting instructional materials, to ensure sufficient time for teachers to teach and students to learn the essential knowledge and skills for the subject and grade level. (See Scope and Sequence and Instructional Materials on page 3.)

HB 3908 expands the scope of instruction regarding the dangers of opioids about which the school health advisory council (SHAC) must make recommendations. (See item 7 on page 7.)

EHAB(LEGAL) BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (ELEMENTARY)

HB 1605 prohibits any instruction that incorporates three-cueing in the required phonics curriculum.

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EHAC(LLEGAL) BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (SECONDARY)

Several bills impact this legal policy on required secondary instruction.

- SB 2124 requires districts to develop an advanced mathematics program and automatically enroll certain sixth grade students unless the student's parent opts out. (See page 3.)
- HB 3908 requires a district to provide annual instruction regarding fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness to students in grades 6 through 12. (See page 7-8.)
- HB 4375 requires a district to provide instruction in using an automated external defibrillator (AED) to students in grades 7 through 12 and allows a district to accept donations to provide such instruction. (See pages 8-9.)

A reference to policy EHBAD has been added on page 9 for more information on new notice requirements regarding the driving with disability program from SB 2304.

EHB(LLEGAL) CURRICULUM DESIGN: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

HB 3928 impacts this legal policy on special programs as follows:

- Further outlines the district's obligations when a student is suspected of having dyslexia or a related disorder (See pages 1-2.)
- Requires the board to adopt a local policy requiring the district to comply with all SBOE and commissioner rules, standards, and guidance related to implementing the program to test students for dyslexia and related disorders (See pages 2-3.)
- Requires the multidisciplinary evaluation team to include a dyslexia specialist when determining a student's eligibility for special education services (See page 3.)
- Implements requirements for progress reports for students receiving dyslexia services (See page 5.)
- Specifies required qualifications for providers of dyslexia instruction (See pages 5-6.)

EHB(LOCAL) CURRICULUM DESIGN: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

New provisions are recommended to comply with HB 3928, which requires the board to adopt and implement a policy requiring the district to comply with all rules and standards adopted by the SBOE and guidance published by the commissioner to implement the program to test students for dyslexia and related disorders.

EHBA(LLEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND ELIGIBILITY

This policy on identification, evaluation, and eligibility has been updated to include a reference on page 5 to policy EHB for more information on special education of students with dyslexia and related disorders.

EHBAB(LLEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: ARD COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Changes reflect revised Administrative Code provisions regarding the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee, effective July 18, 2023. The revisions include requirements related to students new to a district (see pages 4-6), including students who register in the summer, and requirements related to interpretation to ensure parent participation and understanding (see Collaborative Process on page 11).

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EHBAD(LEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: TRANSITION SERVICES

SB 2304 requires a district to provide information regarding the Texas Driving with Disability Program to specified students. (See pages 3-4.)

EHBC(LEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

The requirements for dropout recovery education programs are revised and supplemented by SB 1647. New provisions, beginning on page 6, address who can operate a program, when a district administrator or counselor may refer a student to a program, and reporting requirements.

EHBC(LOCAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

This local policy containing provisions on accelerated instruction has been moved to EHBCA(LOCAL) (see below) to align with the legal policy created at that code in Update 121.

EHBCA(LEGAL) COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS: ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

HB 1416 impacts this legal policy on accelerated instruction in numerous ways, including the following:

- Implements exceptions to accelerated instruction for certain students (See pages 1-2.)
- Modifies requirements for supplemental instruction, including requirements regarding the hours of instruction and the instructional group size (See page 3.)
- Provides parents an option to modify or remove a requirement for supplemental instruction for students who failed to perform satisfactorily on certain assessment instruments (See page 4.)
- Excepts a district from the requirement to provide transportation for students to accelerated instruction programs if the district does not operate or contract for a transportation system
- Expands the requirements to provide notice to parents and requires TEA to develop a [model notice](#) [TEA released [information](#) on July 13, 2023.]
- Requires a district to develop an accelerated education plan for a student who does not perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument for two or more school years in the same subject (See pages 6-7.)
- Requires the district to make a good faith attempt to provide a parent conference for a student with an accelerated education plan
- Adds circumstances under which the commissioner may waive a district's accelerated instruction requirements (See pages 8-9.)
- Repeals several provisions, including provisions related to accelerated learning committees
- Amends the ARD committee meeting requirements

EHBCA(LOCAL) COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS: ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

This local policy has been recoded from EHBC(LOCAL) to align with EHBCA(LEGAL) created in Update 121. HB 1416 made several changes to the requirements for accelerated instruction. Recommended changes to this local policy reflect that a parent's ability to request a particular teacher after a student fails to perform satisfactorily on a state assessment is no longer limited to students in grades 3, 5, and 8. Other changes delete references to the accelerated learning committee, which has been eliminated. A

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district now must develop an accelerated learning plan for certain students, and parents still may file a complaint about the plan in accordance with FNG.

EHBG(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: PREKINDERGARTEN

HB 2729 makes several changes related to prekindergarten programs:

- Expands teacher qualifications (See page 5.)
- Requires a district or an entity with which a district contracts to provide a prekindergarten program to attempt to maintain an average ratio of at least one *qualified*, rather than certified, teacher or aide for each 11 students (See page 6.)
- Prescribes new supervisor requirements for entities with which a district contracts to provide a prekindergarten program (See page 6.)

EHBK(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

HB 3991 designates the first Friday in April as Texas Fruit and Vegetable Day and requires appropriate instruction. (See page 4.)

HB 3908 requires the governor to designate Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week, which may include age-appropriate instruction. (See page 7.)

EHDD(LLEGAL) ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: COLLEGE COURSE WORK/DUAL CREDIT

HB 8 implements the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program to allow certain students to enroll at no cost in a dual credit course. A district must provide notice to parents about the program and determine student eligibility. (See pages 7-8.)

EHDE(LLEGAL) ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: DISTANCE LEARNING

Provisions related to attendance calculation for off campus electronic instruction expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

EHDF(LLEGAL) ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: LOCAL REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM

Provisions related to local remote learning programs expired on September 1, 2023. This legal policy has been deleted in its entirety.

EI(LLEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Changes reflect new Administrative Code provisions regarding the academic achievement record of a student who earns a diploma for completing the Texas First Early High School Completion Program, effective June 15, 2023. (See page 4.)

EIA(LLEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: GRADING/PROGRESS REPORTS TO PARENTS

This policy on grading/progress reports to parents has been updated to include a reference on page 2 to policy EHB for more information on progress reports for students receiving dyslexia instruction.

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EIC(LOCAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: CLASS RANKING

HB 3803 permits parents to elect to have their student repeat a high school course in which the student was enrolled during the previous school year unless the district determines the student has met all requirements for graduation. Absent local policy, TEA guidance provides that the original passing grade must be retained.

Contact your policy consultant for assistance with policy language that reflects the district's option regarding the use of grades from retaken courses in the calculation of class rank and on the transcript.

EIE(LEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: RETENTION AND PROMOTION

HB 3803 permits a parent to elect for a student to repeat the grade in which the student was enrolled in the previous school year up to grade 8. In addition, a parent may elect for a student to repeat a course taken for high school credit in the previous school year unless the district determines the student has met all requirements for graduation. (See page 1.)

EIF(LEGAL) ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: GRADUATION

Provisions related to diplomas for certain students who entered ninth grade before the 2011-12 school year expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

SB 2294 requires a district to allow a student to graduate and receive a diploma under the Texas First Early High School Completion Program if the student satisfies other requirements. (See page 7.)

EKB(LEGAL) TESTING PROGRAMS: STATE ASSESSMENT

This legal policy has been updated to include legislative changes regarding state assessments.

- In establishing the district's calendar and the dates for the administration of state assessment instruments, the board may consider religious holy days or periods of observance likely to be observed by students during the period for administering those instruments (see page 5). (HB 1883)
- A district may administer a state assessment instrument in paper format to up to three percent of students upon request of a student's parent, guardian, or teacher (see pages 6-7). (HB 1225)

F(LEGAL) STUDENTS

The Section F table of contents has been revised to add the new code FA, Parent Rights and Responsibilities. We have also added for future expansion a new code addressing identification of students at FI.

FA(LEGAL) PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Many of the legal provisions regarding parent rights have been moved to this new policy code so that information is available in a single location. In addition, this policy catalogs the other policy codes that address specific parents' rights throughout the policy manual.

FD(LEGAL) ADMISSIONS

SB 1008 extends the deadline for an active-duty military parent to provide proof of residence in the district from 10 to 90 days after arrival. (See pages 3-4.)

HB 3 requires a parent enrolling a child or the district the child most recently attended to provide the new district a copy of the child's disciplinary record and any threat assessment involving the child's behavior. (See page 8.)

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FDA(LEGAL)

ADMISSIONS: INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS

HB 3 requires a transfer student's district of residence to provide the receiving district with the student's disciplinary record and any threat assessment involving the student's behavior. (See page 1.)

HB 1959 and HB 2892 require the board to grant the request of a peace officer who is a parent of a student or a servicemember who is a parent of a student to transfer the student to another campus or to another district under an agreement between the districts under Education Code 25.035. (See pages 2-3.)

FDB(LEGAL)

ADMISSIONS: INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

A reference to information regarding intradistrict transfers requested by a parent who is a servicemember or peace officer has been added to page 2 of this legal policy. The referenced information is located in FDA(LEGAL).

FEA(LEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

HB 1212 prohibits a district from requiring documentation from a clergy member or other religious leader and requires the district to accept a note from a parent when excusing a student's absence to observe a religious holy day. (See page 4.)

SB 68 allows a district to excuse a student from attending school for career investigation days to visit a professional's workplace during the student's junior and senior years to determine the student's interest in a career in the professional's field. (See page 6.)

HB 4559 increases the population threshold for constitutional county courts in certain counties to be designated as truancy courts. (See page 8.)

FEA(LOCAL)

ATTENDANCE: COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

SB 68 allows a district to excuse a student from attending school for career investigation days to visit a professional's workplace during the student's junior and senior years to determine the student's interest in a career in the professional's field. Districts that choose to excuse students for absences to visit a professional's workplace to explore a career in that professional's field must adopt a policy to determine when an absence will be excused for this purpose and a procedure to verify the visit. A new provision offered for the board's consideration at Career Investigation permits such absences for the maximum amount allowed in law — up to two days during a student's junior year and up to two days during the student's senior year. Contact your policy consultant for revisions if the district will allow fewer excused absences or will not allow any excused absences for this purpose.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

FEB(LEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING

References regarding funding for courses taken with the Texas Virtual School Network have been updated.

FEC(LEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Provisions allowing a district to adopt a policy to exempt students from the 90 percent rule for courses offered under a local remote learning program exception expired on September 1, 2023, and have been removed from this legal policy.

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FED(LLEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT

HB 3917 allows a parent against whom a complaint for contributing to nonattendance has been filed to enter a written agreement to complete counseling, training, or another program designated by the district. (See page 10.)

FFAC(LLEGAL)

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

SB 629 requires a district to adopt a policy regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus that serves students in grades 6 through 12; a district may adopt a policy at campuses serving students in grades below 6. Provisions have been added beginning on page 4 regarding reporting, training, immunity, and other topics.

General provisions related to the administration of opioid antagonists have been deleted in light of the new requirements.

SB 294 revises provisions related to a district's option to adopt a policy regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal of medication for respiratory distress. A district that adopts a policy must require each campus to have at least one authorized and trained person present during regular school hours. Provisions have been added beginning on page 11 regarding required referrals after medication is administered, training, reporting, parental notice of the policy, and other topics.

Also under SB 294, a district that implements a policy for the maintenance, administration, and disposal of epinephrine auto-injectors must give notice *of the policy* to parents before the policy is implemented or before the start of each school year. (See page 10.)

Finally, SB 294 prohibits disciplinary action against an employee or volunteer who refuses to administer or receive training to administer epinephrine auto-injectors or medication for respiratory distress in accordance with board policy. (See pages 13-14.)

FFAC(LOCAL)

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

Recommended revisions to this policy are based on SB 629, which requires a district to adopt a policy regarding maintenance, administration, and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus that serves students in grades 6 through 12. Contact the district's policy consultant if your district will implement this policy at campuses serving students in grades below 6.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

FFAF(LLEGAL)

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: CARE PLANS

SB 1506 requires a student's seizure management and treatment plan to be on a form adopted by TEA. TEA must adopt the form by December 1, 2023, and post the form on the TEA website. (See page 5.)

FFB(LLEGAL)

STUDENT WELFARE: CRISIS INTERVENTION

The required policies and procedures for the district's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team are changed as follows (see pages 1-2):

- Under HB 3, the policy must require each campus to establish a procedure for students to report concerning behavior by another student.
- SB 1720 requires the policy to allow employees who report a potential threat to elect to keep their identities confidential.

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Before the threat assessment and safe and supportive school team may conduct a threat assessment, HB 473 requires the team to notify a student's parent regarding the assessment. The team must also notify the parent of its findings and conclusions after the assessment.

HB 3 also requires that materials and information from a threat assessment be maintained in the student's school record until the student's 24th birthday.

FFB(LOCAL) STUDENT WELFARE: CRISIS INTERVENTION

Recommended revisions to this local policy on crisis intervention include the following:

- In accordance with HB 3, provisions have been added at Student Reports to require each campus to establish a clear procedure for students to report concerning behavior by another student.
- Revisions at Employee Confidentiality are based on SB 1720 and allow employees who report a potential threat to elect to keep their identities confidential.

FFBA(LEGAL) CRISIS INTERVENTION: TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

This policy on trauma-informed care has been updated to include a reference to policy DMA for more information on mental health training for district employees.

FFEA(LEGAL) COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH: COUNSELING

HB 1605 clarifies that materials required to be made available for parent review are those that are not available digitally through an instructional materials parent portal. (See page 1.)

HB 4363 requires that notice be given to students, teachers, counselors, and parents of Future Texas Teachers Scholarship programs. (See page 3.)

FFG(LEGAL) STUDENT WELFARE: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

HB 63 prohibits the Department of Family and Protective Services from taking anonymous reports of abuse or neglect. Revisions have been made to the required contents of a report, including the name and contact information of the person making the report. (See page 3.) Other provisions have been rearranged for clarity.

FL(LEGAL) STUDENT RECORDS

Information regarding enrollment records has been deleted from this policy to avoid unnecessary duplication of the same information in policy FD. A reference to that policy has been added on page 4.

The following provisions have been relocated to new policy FA(LEGAL) dedicated to parental rights:

- Parental rights regarding consent to surveys and information collection.
- Parental consent requirements related to videotaping or recording students.

FL(LOCAL) STUDENT RECORDS

HB 1416 repeals provisions related to accelerated learning committees. The references to the accelerated learning committee have been replaced with references to the accelerated education plan that now must be created for certain students who fail to perform satisfactorily on state assessments.

The [Legal Issues in Update 122](#) memo describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

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FM(LLEGAL)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

HB 1002 allows a licensed chiropractor or physical therapist to serve on the concussion oversight team if the person meets the training requirements. (See pages 4-5.) This bill also allows a physical therapist to remove a student from practice or competition if the physical therapist believes the student has sustained a concussion. (See page 5.)

HB 2484 requires a district to provide a peace officer, SRO, administrator, or security personnel at an athletic event on district property to ensure the safety of an official of the activity under certain circumstances. (See page 8.) This bill also requires a district to prohibit a spectator from attending athletic activities for at least a year if the spectator causes bodily injury to an official because of the official's actions. (See page 18.)

HB 59 implements new requirements for organized water activities including parental affirmation of whether a child can swim and provision of flotation devices for children who cannot swim. (See pages 9-10.)

HB 699 requires UIL, in assigning league classification, to use the same student enrollment calculation formula for a school that allows homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities as for one that does not. (See pages 15-16.)

HB 3708 provides an allotment of \$1,500 for each UIL activity in which a district allows a homeschooled student to participate. (See page 16.)

An existing provision that a nurse or health-care professional who is not in compliance with training requirements may not serve on a concussion oversight team has been relocated from GKG. (See page 5.)

FNCA(LLEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: DRESS CODE

HB 567 prohibits a student dress or grooming policy, including an extracurricular dress code, that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race. In light of this new Education Code provision, citations to older caselaw have been deleted.

FNCC(LLEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: PROHIBITED ORGANIZATIONS AND HAZING

SB 1900 expands the offense of coercing, inducing, or soliciting membership in a criminal street gang to include a foreign terrorist organization. (See page 1.)

SB 37 allows a report of hazing to be made to a peace officer or law enforcement agency. Provisions regarding immunity for reporting hazing have been added to this legal policy. (See page 2.)

FNCD(LLEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: TOBACCO USE AND POSSESSION

This legal policy on tobacco use and possession has been updated to include a reference to policy FOC regarding the new disciplinary consequences for conduct involving e-cigarettes.

FNCF(LLEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

This legal policy has been updated on page 1 to increase the population threshold for certain districts to petition for an alcohol-free zone. (HB 4559)

FNCG(LLEGAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: WEAPONS

HB 114 clarifies that the procedural requirements of Education Code 37.009(a) regarding conference and mitigating factors apply to expulsion. (See Possession of Weapons on page 1.)

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FNG(LEGAL)

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Provisions outlining parental rights have been relocated to new policy FA(LEGAL) dedicated to parent rights.

FO(LEGAL)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A district peace officer or security personnel may not restrain or use a chemical irritant or Taser on a student in fifth grade or below unless the student poses a serious risk of harm (see page 6). (SB 133)

FOC(LEGAL)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE: PLACEMENT IN A DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTING

Several bills impact this legal policy regarding placement in a DAEP.

- HB 114:
- Clarifies that the procedural requirements of Education Code 37.009(a) regarding conference and mitigating factors apply to placement in a DAEP (see page 1).
- Requires DAEP placement for certain conduct involving e-cigarettes (see item 5 on page 2).
- Allows placement in in-school suspension of students who engaged in certain conduct when DAEP is at capacity (see page 9).
- HB 2187 expands the Title V felony offense of abandoning or endangering a child to include elderly or disabled individuals. (See item 25 on page 4.)
- HB 3928 requires the district, upon placement of a student in DAEP, to provide information to the parent about the process to request an evaluation of the student for special education services. (See page 8.)

FOCA(LEGAL)

PLACEMENT IN A DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTING: DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM OPERATIONS

HB 114 allows a program of educational and support services to be provided to a student and the student's parents when a DAEP offense involves e-cigarettes. (See page 5.)

HB 3928 requires the personalized transition plan for a student exiting a DAEP to include the provision of information to the parent about the process to request an evaluation of the student for special education services. (See pages 6-7.)

FOD(LEGAL)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE: EXPULSION

HB 114 clarifies that the procedural requirements of Education Code 37.009(a) regarding conference and mitigating factors apply to expulsion. For ease of reference, content related to pre-placement proceedings has been duplicated in this policy. (See page 6.)

This legal policy also has been updated to increase the population threshold for certain counties considered to be a county with a population of 125,000 or less for purposes of JJAEP requirements (see page 10). (HB 4559)

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FODA(LLEGAL)

EXPULSION: JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

This legal policy has been updated to increase population thresholds for certain counties considered to be a county with a population of 125,000 or less for purposes of JJAEP requirements. (See pages 1-2.) (HB 4559)

GBA(LLEGAL)

PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM: ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Several legislative changes affect this legal policy on access to public information.

- HB 1161 adds victims of child abduction to those covered by the address confidentiality program. (See page 10.)
- HB 3130 restricts the release of information about certain persons who hold or apply for a license issued by the district. (See page 12.)
- HB 4123 prohibits the release of criminal history record information (CHRI) obtained from the FBI and limits the release of CHRI obtained from other Texas criminal justice agencies. (See page 12.)
- HB 3033 provides that the litigation exception to disclosure does not apply to election information in the possession of the entity that administers elections. (See page 16.)
- HB 30 and HB 3033 address the release of information related to certain arrests and crimes. (See page 17.)

GBAA(LLEGAL)

ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Numerous revisions throughout this legal policy on requests for information are the result of HB 3033, including the following:

- The attorney general (AG) may require board members and the officer for public information to complete Public Information Act (PIA) training if the AG determines the district has failed to comply with a requirement of the PIA. (See page 4.)
- "Business day" is defined. A board may designate 10 nonbusiness days each calendar year. (See page 7.)
- With limited exceptions, a district must submit a request for an AG decision through the AG's electronic filing system. (See page 14.)
- A district must take certain actions as soon as practicable after receiving an AG decision. (See pages 20-21.)
- A district may request photo identification from a requestor to establish the requestor has not exceeded a personnel time limit and concealed the requestor's identity. A requestor may decline to provide identification and pay a charge for exceeding the time limit. (See page 30.)

The list of state and national holidays has been added on page 8.

GC(LLEGAL)

PUBLIC NOTICES

This legal policy has been updated to increase the population threshold for the selection of the newspaper for publication of notice in certain counties (see page 2). (HB 4559)

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GKA(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

HB 1760 modifies the Penal Code regarding places where weapons are prohibited to require that grounds on which a school-sponsored activity is occurring be owned by and under the control of a school. (See page 7.)

GKC(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: VISITORS

HB 3 allows a district to eject a person on district property who fails or refuses to provide identification on request if the person reasonably appears to have no legitimate reason to be on district property.

GKG(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

HB 4123 allows a district to obtain criminal history record information (CHRI) from the Department of Public Safety, in addition to other agencies, about a volunteer who is excepted from the required CHRI check but subject to a discretionary check by the district. (See page 2.)

Provisions related to the concussion oversight team have been relocated to FM(LLEGAL).

GRAC(LLEGAL) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES: JUVENILE SERVICE PROVIDERS

HB 446 changed terminology used in statutes to refer to intellectual disability. (See item 8 on page 2.)

GRB(LLEGAL) RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACTS

This policy has been updated to increase the population threshold for municipalities to contract with one or more school districts to provide school crossing guards. (HB 4559)

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CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY

CSA(LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS - SAFETY AND SECURITY

DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EHBC(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

EHBCA(LOCAL): COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS - ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

• FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - MEDICAL TREATMENT

• FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION

FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS



(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue, bold font: **new text**.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes—as in an extensive rewrite—may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

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**Public Information
Coordinator**

After Election or
Appointment

The Superintendent shall fulfill the responsibilities of the public information coordinator and shall receive, on behalf of Board members, the training specified by Government Code 552.012. [See GBAA]

After a Violation

A Board member who receives written notice from the attorney general that the member must complete Public Information Act (PIA) training described by GBAA(LEGAL) following the District's failure to comply with a PIA requirement shall complete the training within the timelines described in law. The completion of the training in response to such a notice cannot be delegated.

**Reporting
Continuing
Education Credit**

The Board President shall announce the status of each Board member's continuing education credit. The announcement shall be made annually at the last regular Board meeting before the District's uniform election date, whether or not an election is held. The announcement shall be reflected in the meeting minutes and, when necessary, posted on the District's website in accordance with law.

In addition to disclosures required by law, a Board member shall disclose to the Board any personal financial interest, business interest, or obligation or relationship that in any way creates a potential conflict of interest with a vote on a pending matter.

A Board member shall not use coercive means or promise special treatment in order to influence Board or District decisions, nor use the member's position to seek personal advantage. [See also BBF(LOCAL)]

**Annual Financial
Management Report**

Each Board member shall provide to the District in a timely manner information necessary for the District's annual financial management report. [See CFA]

**Emergency
Operations Plan**

The Superintendent shall ensure updating of the District's emergency operations plan and ongoing staff training.

As required by law, the emergency operations plan shall include the District's procedures addressing:

1. Reasonable security measures when District property is used as a polling place;
2. Response to an active shooter emergency;
3. Response to a nearby train derailment, as applicable; and
4. Access to campus buildings and materials necessary for a substitute teacher to carry out the duties of a District employee during an emergency or an emergency drill.

Firearms

Purpose

~~The Board has adopted these provisions regarding firearms to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations on District property, including invasion of a school by an armed outsider; a hostage situation; actions of a student or employee who is armed and poses a direct threat of physical harm to himself, herself, or others; and similar circumstances.~~

Authorization

~~Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may authorize specific District employees and Board members to possess certain firearms in schools, at Board meetings, and at school-sponsored or school-related events on District property, to the extent allowed by law.~~

**Each specifically
authorized employee
and Board member
shall be approved by
action of the Board.**

~~The Superintendent shall issue written authorization to each approved employee and Board member.~~

**Notice Regarding
Violent Activity**

~~Participation in this safety program shall be strictly voluntary and shall not be a requirement of any employee or Board member position.~~

Revocation

~~The Superintendent, as well as the Board, shall have the authority to revoke at any time a specific employee's authorization to possess a firearm under this policy. The Board may revoke a Board member's authorization at any time.~~

~~However, authorization for a specific employee or Board member to possess a firearm under this policy shall be automatically revoked if the employee is placed on administrative leave or separates from employment with the District, regardless of the reason, or if the Board member resigns or otherwise no longer holds office as a Board member, regardless of the reason.~~

Handgun Licensees

~~Only a District employee or Board member who maintains a current license to carry a handgun in accordance with state law shall~~

	<p>be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property under this policy and in accordance with the District's emergency operations plan.</p> <p>A District employee who is a handgun license holder but who has not been specifically authorized by Board action under this policy shall not be permitted to possess a firearm on school property except in accordance with the limited provisions of DH(LOCAL).</p>
Training	<p>The District shall provide to each District employee or Board member who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property specialized training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other topics the Board may determine necessary or appropriate.</p>
Permitted Weapons and Ammunition	<p>Only District approved firearms and ammunition shall be authorized for possession and use under this policy and the District's emergency operationsdevelop procedures.</p>
Implementation	<p>The Superintendent shall ensure to notify parents regarding violent activity that procedures to implement this security program are detailed in the District's emergency operations plan.has occurred or is being investigated at a campus or other District facility or at a District-sponsored activity.</p>

**District Police
Department**

To ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff, and property, the Board authorizes the formation of a District police department and shall employ and commission a police officer, who shall serve as chief of police.

Supervisory
Authority

The District police officer shall be accountable to and shall report to the Superintendent. In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall not delegate this supervisory responsibility.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the District police officer shall include all territory within District boundaries, as well as all real and personal property outside the boundaries of the District that is owned, leased, or rented by the District, or is otherwise under the District's control.

Police Authority and
Duties

The District police officer shall have all the powers, privileges, and immunities of police officers on or off duty within the jurisdiction of the District. Subject to limitations in law, the District police officer shall:

1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District and protect the property of the District.
2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, the District police officer may serve search warrants in connection with District-related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
3. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant, for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
4. Coordinate and cooperate with commissioned officers of all other law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of this policy as necessary.
5. Enforce District policies, rules, and regulations on District property, in school zones, at bus stops, or at District functions.
6. Investigate violations of District policy, rules, and regulations as requested by the Superintendent and participate in hearings concerning alleged violations.
7. Carry weapons as approved by the Superintendent.
8. Carry out all other duties as directed by the Superintendent.

	<p>The District police officer shall not be assigned routine classroom discipline or administrative tasks.</p>
<p>Limitations on Nonschool Employment</p>	<p>The District police officer commissioned under this policy shall not provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the Superintendent. The District police officer shall enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while working off-duty or temporarily assigned to another agency.</p>
<p>Relationship with Outside Agencies</p>	<p>The District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into memoranda of understanding and other appropriate interlocal agreements that outline reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. The District police officer and the Superintendent shall review the memoranda of understanding and other agreements at least once every year. All such agreements shall be approved by the Board.</p>
<p><i>Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid</i></p>	<p>While operating pursuant to an interlocal agreement for mutual aid or other support for another law enforcement agency, the District police officer shall perform the duties and have the authorities set out in the agreement, including enforcing all laws within the other agency's jurisdiction.</p>
<p>Video Monitoring</p>	<p>If available, video equipment shall be used on a District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.</p>
<p><i>Access to Recordings</i></p>	<p>Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the police department, and shall be maintained as required by the department regulations manual and law. A parent or student who wishes to view a video recording in response to disciplinary action taken against the student may request such access under the procedures set out by. [See FL(LEGAL)]</p>
<p>Body-Worn Cameras</p>	<p>The District police officer shall use a body-worn camera only when performing official law enforcement duties for the District and in accordance with the provisions of the District police department's body-worn camera program. The District police officer shall receive training on the program, including proper use and operation of cameras. Any District employee who has access to data from body-worn cameras shall receive training on storage, retention, and release of recordings.</p>
<p>Training</p>	<p>The District police officer shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.</p>

Department Regulations Manual	To carry out the provisions in this policy, the police department shall compile and maintain a manual that describes and sets forth operational procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the administration of police services. The District police officer and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.
<i>Racial Profiling</i>	The District police officer shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with laws regarding racial profiling. The District police officer shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.
<i>Use of Force</i>	The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.
<i>High-Speed Pursuit</i>	The District police officer shall not engage in high-speed chases in a motor vehicle when the immediate danger to the public or the officer created by the pursuit exceeds the immediate or potential danger presented by the offenders remaining at large. Guidelines for high-speed pursuits shall be addressed in the department regulations manual.
Complaints	<p>Complaints against the District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the District and shall be signed by the person making the complaint. In accordance with law, the District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint.</p> <p>Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.</p> <p>[See CKE(LEGAL) and CKEA(LEGAL)]</p>
Employees and Board Members Authorized to Possess Firearms for Emergency Response	The Board has adopted these provisions regarding firearms to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations on District property, including invasion of a school by an armed outsider; a hostage situation; actions of a student or employee who is armed and poses a direct threat of physical harm to himself, herself, or others; and similar circumstances.
Purpose	
Authorization	<p>Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may authorize specific District employees and Board members to possess certain firearms in schools, at Board meetings, and at school-sponsored or school-related events on District property, to the extent allowed by law. Each authorized employee and Board member shall have immunities as provided by law.</p> <p>Each specifically authorized employee and Board member shall be approved by action of the Board. The Superintendent shall issue</p>

written authorization to each approved employee and Board member. The written authorization shall specify the District premises and other property where the employee or Board member is authorized to carry a firearm, as well as the means of carrying and storing the firearm.

Participation in this safety and security program shall be strictly voluntary.

Revocation

The Superintendent, as well as the Board, shall have the authority to revoke at any time a specific employee's authorization to possess a firearm under this policy. The Board may revoke a Board member's authorization at any time.

In addition, authorization for a specific employee or Board member to possess a firearm under this policy shall be automatically revoked if the employee is placed on administrative leave or separates from employment with the District, regardless of the reason, or if the Board member resigns or otherwise no longer holds office as a Board member, regardless of the reason.

Duties

An authorized employee or Board member shall not perform routine law enforcement duties unless the duty is performed in response to an emergency that poses a threat of death or serious bodily injury to a student, employee, or other individual on a District campus.

In an emergency an authorized employee or Board member shall:

1. Act as necessary to protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District; and
2. Carry out all other lawful duties as directed by the Superintendent.

Handgun Licensees

Only a District employee or Board member who maintains a current license to carry a handgun in accordance with state law shall be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property under this policy and in accordance with the District's emergency operations plan.

A District employee who is a handgun license holder but who has not been specifically authorized by Board action under this policy shall not be permitted to possess a firearm on school property except in accordance with the limited provisions of DH(LOCAL).

Training

The District shall provide to each District employee or Board member who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property spe-

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cialized training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other topics the Board may determine necessary or appropriate.

Permitted Weapons
and Ammunition

Only District-approved firearms and ammunition shall be authorized for possession and use under this policy and the District's emergency operations procedures.

Implementation

The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures to implement this safety and security program are detailed in the District's emergency operations plan.

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COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

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**District Police
Department**

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~~Supervisory
Authority~~

~~The police officer shall be accountable to and shall report to the Superintendent. In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall not delegate this supervisory responsibility.~~

~~Jurisdiction~~

~~The jurisdiction of the police officer shall include all territory within District boundaries, as well as all real and personal property outside the boundaries of the District that is owned, leased, or rented by the District, or is otherwise under the District's control.~~

~~Police Authority~~

~~The police officer employed by the District shall have all the powers, privileges, and immunities of police officers on or off duty within the jurisdiction of the District. Subject to limitations in law, the District police officer shall have the authority to:~~

- ~~1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District and protect the property of the District.~~
- ~~2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, the District police officer may serve search warrants in connection with District-related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.~~
- ~~3. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant, for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.~~
- ~~4. Coordinate and cooperate with commissioned officers of all other law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of this policy as necessary.~~
- ~~5. Enforce District policies, rules, and regulations on District property, in school zones, at bus stops, or at District functions.~~
- ~~6. Investigate violations of District policy, rules, and regulations as requested by the Superintendent and participate in hearings concerning alleged violations.~~
- ~~7. Carry weapons as approved by the Superintendent.~~
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	The District police officer shall not be assigned routine classroom discipline or administrative tasks.
Temporary Assignment	The District police officer shall enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while temporarily assigned to the other agency.
Limitations on Nonschool Employment	An officer commissioned under this policy shall not provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the Superintendent.
Relationship with Outside Agencies	The District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that outlines reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. The police officer and the Superintendent shall review the memorandum of understanding at least once every year. The memorandum of understanding shall be approved by the Board.
Video Monitoring	If available, video equipment shall be used on a District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.
Access to Recordings	Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the police department, and shall be maintained as required by the department regulations manual and law. A parent or student who wishes to view a video recording in response to disciplinary action taken against the student may request such access under the procedures set out by law. [See FL(LEGAL)]
Training	The District police officer shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.
Department Regulations Manual	To carry out the provisions in this policy, the police department shall compile and maintain a manual that describes and sets forth operational procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the administration of police services. The police officer and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.
Racial Profiling	The police officer shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with state law regarding racial profiling. The police officer employed by the District shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.

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<i>Use of Force</i>	The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.
<i>High-Speed Pursuit</i>	The police officer shall not engage in high-speed chases in a motor vehicle when the immediate danger to the public or the officer created by the pursuit exceeds the immediate or potential danger presented by the offenders remaining at large. Guidelines for high-speed pursuits shall be addressed in the department regulations manual.
Complaints	Complaints against the District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the District and shall be signed by the person making the complaint. In accordance with law, the District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint. Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.

With this policy, the Board adopts the model health and safety guidelines for the effective integration of digital devices in schools that have been developed by the Texas Education Agency and the Health and Human Services Commission.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations that implement these guidelines.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

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**Non-Chapter 21
Contracts**

Non-Chapter 21 contracts shall be provided for positions included on the list approved by the Board. A non-Chapter 21 contract shall not be governed by Chapter 21 of the Education Code.

**Appeal of
Employment Actions
An Termination
During Contract
Term**

In accordance with DCE(LEGAL), an employee may request a hearing before the Board to appeal discharge during the contract period ~~in accordance with DCE(LEGAL).~~

An employee whose contract is not reissued at the end of the contract period may appeal in accordance with DGBA(LOCAL).

Complaints

In this policy, the terms “complaint” and “grievance” shall have the same meaning.

Other Complaint
Processes

Employee complaints shall be filed in accordance with this policy, except as required by the policies listed below. Some of these policies require appeals to be submitted in accordance with DGBA after the relevant complaint process:

1. Complaints alleging discrimination, including violations of Title IX (gender), Title VII (sex, race, color, religion, national origin), ADEA (age), or Section 504 (disability), shall be submitted in accordance with [the DIA series](#).
2. Complaints alleging certain forms of harassment, including harassment by a supervisor and violation of Title VII, shall be submitted in accordance with [the DIA series](#).
3. Complaints concerning retaliation relating to discrimination and harassment shall be submitted in accordance with [the DIA series](#).
4. Complaints concerning instructional resources shall be submitted in accordance with the EF series.
5. Complaints concerning a commissioned peace officer who is an employee of the District shall be submitted in accordance with [the CKE series](#).
6. Complaints concerning the proposed nonrenewal of a term contract issued under Chapter 21 of the Education Code shall be submitted in accordance with DFBB.
7. Complaints concerning the proposed termination or suspension without pay of an employee on a probationary, term, or continuing contract issued under Chapter 21 of the Education Code during the contract term shall be submitted in accordance with DFAA, DFBA, or DFCA.

Notice to Employees

The District shall inform employees of this policy through appropriate District publications.

Guiding Principles

Informal Process

The Board encourages employees to discuss their concerns with their supervisor, principal, or other appropriate administrator who has the authority to address the concerns. Concerns should be expressed as soon as possible to allow early resolution at the lowest possible administrative level.

Informal resolution shall be encouraged but shall not extend any deadlines in this policy, except by mutual written consent.

PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

DGBA
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Direct Communication with Board Members	Employees shall not be prohibited from communicating with a member of the Board regarding District operations except when communication between an employee and a Board member would be inappropriate because of a pending hearing or appeal related to the employee.
Formal Process	<p>An employee may initiate the formal process described below by timely filing a written complaint form.</p> <p>Even after initiating the formal complaint process, employees are encouraged to seek informal resolution of their concerns. An employee whose concerns are resolved may withdraw a formal complaint at any time.</p> <p>The process described in this policy shall not be construed to create new or additional rights beyond those granted by law or Board policy, nor to require a full evidentiary hearing or “mini-trial” at any level.</p>
Freedom from Retaliation	Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against an employee for bringing a concern or complaint.
Whistleblower Complaints	<p>Whistleblower complaints shall be filed within the time specified by law and may be made to the Superintendent or designee beginning at Level Two. Timelines for the employee and the District set out in this policy may be shortened to allow the Board to make a final decision within 60 calendar days of the initiation of the complaint.</p> <p>[See DG]</p>
Complaints Against Supervisors	Complaints alleging a violation of law by a supervisor may be made to the Superintendent or designee. Complaint forms alleging a violation of law by the Superintendent may be submitted directly to the Board or designee.
General Provisions Filing	Complaint forms and appeal notices may be filed by hand-delivery, by electronic communication, including email and fax, or by U.S. Mail. Hand-delivered filings shall be timely filed if received by the appropriate administrator or designee by the close of business on the deadline. Filings submitted by electronic communication shall be timely filed if they are received by the close of business on the deadline, as indicated by the date/time shown on the electronic communication. Mail filings shall be timely filed if they are post-marked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline and received by the appropriate administrator or designated representative no more than three days after the deadline.
Scheduling Conferences	The District shall make reasonable attempts to schedule conferences at a mutually agreeable time. If the employee fails to appear at a scheduled conference, the District may hold the conference and issue a decision in the employee’s absence.

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EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

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Response	<p>At Levels One and Two, “response” shall mean a written communication to the employee from the appropriate administrator. Responses may be hand-delivered, sent by electronic communication to the employee’s email address of record, or sent by U.S. Mail to the employee’s mailing address of record. Mailed responses shall be timely if they are postmarked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline.</p>
Days	<p>“Days” shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day a document is filed is “day zero.” The following business day is “day one.”</p>
Representative	<p>“Representative” shall mean any person who or an organization that does not claim the right to strike and is designated by the employee to represent him or her in the complaint process.</p> <p>The employee may designate a representative through written notice to the District at any level of this process. The representative may participate in person or by telephone conference call. If the employee designates a representative with fewer than three days’ notice to the District before a scheduled conference or hearing, the District may reschedule the conference or hearing to a later date, if desired, in order to include the District’s counsel. The District may be represented by counsel at any level of the process.</p>
Consolidating Complaints	<p>Complaints arising out of an event or a series of related events shall be addressed in one complaint. Employees shall not file separate or serial complaints arising from any event or series of events that have been or could have been addressed in a previous complaint.</p> <p>When two or more complaints are sufficiently similar in nature and remedy sought to permit their resolution through one proceeding, the District may consolidate the complaints.</p>
Untimely Filings	<p>All time limits shall be strictly followed unless modified by mutual written consent.</p> <p>If a complaint form or appeal notice is not timely filed, the complaint may be dismissed, on written notice to the employee, at any point during the complaint process. The employee may appeal the dismissal by seeking review in writing within ten days from the date of the written dismissal notice, starting at the level at which the complaint was dismissed. Such appeal shall be limited to the issue of timeliness.</p>
Costs Incurred	<p>Each party shall pay its own costs incurred in the course of the complaint.</p>

Complaint and
Appeal Forms

Complaints and appeals under this policy shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the District.

Copies of any documents that support the complaint should be attached to the complaint form. If the employee does not have copies of these documents, they may be presented at the Level One conference. After the Level One conference, no new documents may be submitted by the employee unless the employee did not know the documents existed before the Level One conference.

A complaint or appeal form that is incomplete in any material aspect may be dismissed but may be refiled with all the required information if the refile is within the designated time for filing.

Audio Recording

As provided by law, an employee shall be permitted to make an audio recording of a conference or hearing under this policy at which the substance of the employee's complaint is discussed. The employee shall notify all attendees present that an audio recording is taking place.

Level One

Complaint forms must be filed:

1. Within 15 days of the date the employee first knew, or with reasonable diligence should have known, of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint or grievance; and
2. With the lowest level administrator who has the authority to remedy the alleged problem.

In most circumstances, employees on a school campus shall file Level One complaints with the campus principal; other District employees shall file Level One complaints with their immediate supervisor.

If the only administrator who has authority to remedy the alleged problem is the Superintendent or designee, the complaint may begin at Level Two following the procedure, including deadlines, for filing the complaint form at Level One.

If the complaint is not filed with the appropriate administrator, the receiving administrator must note the date and time the complaint form was received and immediately forward the complaint form to the appropriate administrator.

The appropriate administrator shall investigate as necessary and schedule a conference with the employee within ten days after receipt of the written complaint. The administrator may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the administrator shall provide the employee a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the administrator may consider information provided at the Level One conference and any other relevant documents or information the administrator believes will help resolve the complaint.

Level Two

If the employee did not receive the relief requested at Level One or if the time for a response has expired, the employee may request a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the Level One decision.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level One response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level One response deadline.

After receiving notice of the appeal, the Level One administrator shall prepare and forward a record of the Level One complaint to the Level Two administrator. The employee may request a copy of the Level One record.

The Level One record shall include:

1. The original complaint form and any attachments.
2. All other documents submitted by the employee at Level One.
3. The written response issued at Level One and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the Level One administrator in reaching the Level One decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within ten days after the appeal notice is filed. The conference shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level One. At the conference, the employee may provide information concerning any documents or information relied upon by the administration for the Level One decision. The Superintendent or designee may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the employee a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the Superintendent or designee may consider the Level One record, information provided at the Level Two conference, and any other relevant documents or information the Superintendent or designee believes will help resolve the complaint.

Recordings of the Level One and Level Two conferences, if any, shall be maintained with the Level One and Level Two records.

Level Three

If the employee did not receive the relief requested at Level Two or if the time for a response has expired, the employee may appeal the decision to the Board.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level Two response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level Two response deadline.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the employee of the date, time, and place of the Board meeting at which the complaint will be on the agenda for presentation to the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board the record of the Level Two appeal. The employee may request a copy of the Level Two record.

The Level Two record shall include:

1. The Level One record.
2. The notice of appeal from Level One to Level Two.
3. The written response issued at Level Two and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the administration in reaching the Level Two decision.

The appeal shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level Two, except that if at the Level Three hearing the administration intends to rely on evidence not included in the Level Two record, the administration shall provide the employee notice of the nature of the evidence at least three days before the hearing.

The District shall determine whether the complaint will be presented in open or closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and other applicable law. [See BE]

The presiding officer may set reasonable time limits and guidelines for the presentation, including an opportunity for the employee and administration to each make a presentation and provide rebuttal and an opportunity for questioning by the Board. The Board shall hear the complaint and may request that the administration provide an explanation for the decisions at the preceding levels.

In addition to any other record of the Board meeting required by law, the Board shall prepare a separate record of the Level Three

presentation. The Level Three presentation, including the presentation by the employee or the employee's representative, any presentation from the administration, and questions from the Board with responses, shall be recorded by audio recording, video/audio recording, or court reporter.

The Board shall then consider the complaint. It may give notice of its decision orally or in writing at any time up to and including the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If the Board does not make a decision regarding the complaint by the end of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the lack of a response by the Board upholds the administrative decision at Level Two.

General Education

Consistent with ~~TEA's~~the Texas Education Agency (TEA) *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH)*, a student may be eligible for general education homebound services if the student is to be confined for a minimum of four weeks to a hospital or homebound setting for medical or psychological reasons specifically documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. The weeks of confinement need not be consecutive. The parent's request for services shall be submitted to the principal in accordance with TEA's *SAAH* and administrative procedures.

The principal or designee shall convene a placement committee composed of at least a campus administrator, a teacher of the student, and the parent or guardian of the student to consider the necessity of providing general education homebound instruction to the student. If the committee determines that such instruction is appropriate, the committee shall determine the type and amount of instruction to be provided and, if applicable, the length of the transition period to the school-based setting based on current ~~medical~~ information regarding the medical or psychological condition.

Special Education

Consistent with state rule and the *SAAH*, a student receiving special education services may be eligible for special education homebound services if the student is to be confined for a minimum of four weeks to a hospital or homebound setting for medical or psychological reasons specifically documented by a physician licensed to practice in the United States. ~~If a student is chronically ill, the student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee shall determine whether the~~The weeks of confinement need ~~to not~~ be consecutive.

~~If the ARD~~If a student's admission, review, and dismissal committee determines that homebound instruction is appropriate, the committee shall determine the type and amount of instruction to be provided in accordance with law, and, if applicable, the length of the transition period to the school-based setting based on current ~~medical~~ information regarding the medical or psychological condition.

Documentation of Services

The District shall maintain full documentation about students receiving homebound services, in accordance with administrative procedures, the *SAAH*, and a student's individualized education program ~~(IEP)~~, as applicable.

Note: For information related to the selection process and accounting of instructional materials, as this term is defined by state law and rule, see GMD and EFA.

The District shall provide a wide range of instructional resources for students and faculty that present varying levels of difficulty, diversity of appeal, and a variety of points of view. Although professional staff members may select instructional resources for their use in accordance with District policy and administrative regulations, the ultimate authority for determining and approving the curriculum and instructional program of the District lies with the Board.

Objectives

In this policy, "instructional resources" may include textbooks, library acquisitions, supplementary resources for classroom use, and any other instructional resources, including electronic resources, used for formal or informal teaching and learning purposes. The primary objectives of instructional resources are to implement, enrich, and support the District's educational program.

The Board shall rely on District professional staff to select and acquire instructional resources that:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration students' varied interests, abilities, learning styles, and maturity levels.
2. Stimulate growth in factual knowledge, enjoyment of reading, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and societal standards.
3. Present various sides of controversial issues so that students have an opportunity to develop, under guidance, skills in critical analysis and in making informed judgments in their daily lives.
4. Represent many ethnic, religious, and cultural groups and their contributions to the national heritage and world community.
5. Provide a wide range of background information that will enable students to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.

Selection Criteria

In the selection of instructional resources, professional staff shall ensure that the resources:

1. Support and are consistent with the general educational goals of the state and District and the aims and objectives of individual schools and specific courses consistent with the District and campus improvement plans.

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- ~~2.— Meet high standards for artistic quality and/or literary style, authenticity, educational significance, factual content, physical format, presentation, readability, and technical quality.~~
- ~~3.— Are appropriate for the subject area and for the age, ability level, learning styles, and social and emotional development of the students for whom they are selected.~~
- ~~4.— Are designed to help students gain an awareness of our pluralistic society.~~
- ~~5.— Are designed to provide information that will motivate students and staff to examine their own attitudes and behavior; to understand their duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges as citizens participating in our society; and to make informed choices in their daily lives.~~
- ~~6.— For library selections, are integral to the instructional program, are appropriate for the reading levels and understanding of students, reflect the interests and needs of the students and faculty, are included because of their literary or artistic value and merit, and present information with the greatest degree of accuracy and clarity.~~

~~Administrators, teachers, library media specialists, other District personnel, parents, and community members, as appropriate, may recommend instructional resources for selection. Gifts of instructional resources shall be evaluated according to these criteria and accepted or rejected in accordance with CDG(LOCAL).~~

~~Selection of resources is an ongoing process that includes the removal of resources no longer appropriate and the periodic replacement or repair of resources that still have educational value.~~

Controversial Issues

~~District professional staff shall endeavor to maintain a balanced collection representing various views when selecting instructional resources on controversial issues. Resources shall be chosen to clarify historical and contemporary forces by presenting and analyzing intergroup tension and conflict objectively, placing emphasis on recognizing and understanding social and economic problems. [See also EMB regarding instruction about controversial issues and EHAA regarding human sexuality instruction.]~~

Challenged Resources

~~A parent of a District student, any employee, or any District resident may formally challenge an instructional resource used in the District's educational program on the basis of appropriateness.~~

Informal Reconsideration

~~The school receiving a complaint about the appropriateness of an instructional resource shall try to resolve the matter informally using the following procedure:~~

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- ~~1.—The principal or designee shall explain the school's selection process, the criteria for selection, and the qualifications of the professional staff who selected the questioned resource.~~
- ~~2.—The principal or designee shall explain the intended educational purpose of the resource and any additional information regarding its use.~~
- ~~3.—If appropriate, the principal or designee may offer a concerned parent an alternative instructional resource to be used by that parent's child in place of the challenged resource.~~
- ~~4.—If the complainant wishes to make a formal challenge, the principal or designee shall provide the complainant a copy of this policy and a form to request a formal reconsideration of the resource.~~

~~Formal
Reconsideration~~

~~A complainant shall make any formal objection to an instructional resource on the form provided by the District and shall submit the completed and signed form to the principal. Upon receipt of the form, the principal shall appoint a reconsideration committee.~~

~~The reconsideration committee shall include at least one member of the instructional staff who has experience using the challenged resource with students or is familiar with the challenged resource's content. Other members of the committee may include District-level staff, library staff, secondary-level students, parents, and any other appropriate individuals.~~

~~All members of the committee shall review the challenged resource in its entirety. As soon as reasonably possible, the committee shall meet and determine whether the challenged resource conforms to the principles of selection set out in this policy. The committee shall prepare a written report of its findings and provide copies to the principal, the Superintendent or designee, and the complainant.~~

~~Appeal~~

~~The complainant may appeal the decision of the reconsideration committee in accordance with appropriate complaint policies, starting with the appropriate administrator. [See DGBA, FNG, and GF]~~

~~Guiding Principles~~

~~The following principles shall guide the Board and staff in responding to challenges of instructional resources:~~

- ~~1.—A complainant may raise an objection to an instructional resource used in a school's educational program, despite the fact that the professional staff selecting the resources were qualified to make the selection, followed the proper procedure, and adhered to the objectives and criteria for instructional resources set out in this policy.~~

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- ~~2.— A parent's ability to exercise control over reading, listening, or viewing matter extends only to his or her own child.~~
- ~~3.— Access to a challenged resource shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process, except the District may deny access to a child if requested by the child's parent.~~

~~The major criterion for the final decision on challenged resources is the appropriateness of the resource for its intended educational use. No challenged instructional resource shall be removed solely because of the ideas expressed therein.~~

Note: For information related to the accounting of instructional materials, as this term is defined by state law and rule, see CMD.

For information related to the selection process of library materials, see EFB.

The District shall provide instructional materials designed to teach the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and further the District's educational mission. Although the Superintendent shall ensure that professional staff select instructional materials in accordance with District policy and administrative regulations, the ultimate authority for determining and approving the curriculum and instructional program of the District lies with the Board.

Objectives

In this policy, "instructional materials" may include textbooks, supplementary resources for classroom use, and any other instructional resources, including electronic resources, used for formal or informal teaching and learning purposes. The primary objectives of instructional materials are to implement, enrich, and support the District's educational program.

Selection

Instructional materials that are textbooks and related supplemental materials, which may include items from the list of resources adopted by the State Board of Education, shall be chosen in accordance with administrative regulations and the objectives above.

The Board shall rely on District professional staff to select and acquire instructional materials that:

1. Enrich and support the curriculum consistent with the general educational goals of the state and District, the aims and objectives of individual schools and specific courses, and the District and campus improvement plans.
2. Are appropriate for the subject area and for the age, ability level, learning styles, interests, and social and emotional development of the students for whom they are selected.
3. Meet high standards for artistic quality, literary style, authenticity, educational significance, factual content, physical format, presentation, readability, and technical quality.
4. Present various sides of controversial issues so that students have an opportunity to develop, under guidance, skills in critical analysis and in making informed judgments in their daily lives. [See also EMB regarding instruction about controversial issues.]
5. Promote literacy.

District professional staff may select additional instructional materials in accordance with administrative regulations and the criteria above.

Administrators, teachers, other District personnel, parents, and community members, as appropriate, may recommend instructional materials for selection. Gifts of instructional materials shall be evaluated according to these criteria and accepted or rejected in accordance with CDC(LOCAL).

Selection of instructional materials is an ongoing process that includes the removal of materials no longer appropriate and the periodic replacement or repair of materials that still have educational value.

**Reconsideration of
Instructional
Materials**

A District employee or a parent or guardian of a District student may request reconsideration of instructional material used in the District's educational program on the basis that the instructional material fails to meet the standards set forth in this policy.

Guiding Principles

The following principles shall guide the Board and staff in responding to a request for reconsideration of instructional materials:

1. A complainant may raise an objection to an instructional material used in a school's educational program, despite the fact that the professional staff selecting the materials were qualified to make the selection, followed the proper procedure, and adhered to the objectives for instructional materials set out in this policy.
2. A parent's ability to exercise control over instruction extends only to his or her own child as set forth in Education Code Chapter 26.
3. Access to a challenged material shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process, except the District may deny access to a child if requested by the child's parent.

The major criterion for the final decision on challenged instructional materials is the appropriateness of the material for its intended educational use. No challenged instructional material shall be removed solely because of the ideas expressed therein.

Informal
Reconsideration

When the District or a campus receives an objection to the appropriateness of an instructional material, the appropriate administrator shall try to resolve the matter informally. The administrator shall explain the selection process and discuss the intended educational purpose for the instructional material. If appropriate, the adminis-

trator may offer a concerned parent an alternative instructional material to be used by that parent's child in place of the challenged material.

If the complainant wishes to make a formal challenge, the administrator shall provide the complainant a copy of this policy and a form to request a formal reconsideration of the instructional material.

Formal Request for
Reconsideration

A complainant shall make any formal request to reconsider an instructional material on the form provided by the District and shall submit the completed and signed form to the principal. Upon receipt of the form, the principal shall appoint a reconsideration committee.

The reconsideration committee shall include at least one member of the instructional staff who has experience using the challenged material with students or is familiar with the challenged material's content. Other members of the committee may include District-level staff, secondary-level students, parents, and any other appropriate individuals.

All members of the committee shall review the challenged instructional material in its entirety. As soon as reasonably possible, the committee shall meet and determine whether the challenged material conforms to the principles of selection set out in this policy and whether the challenged material will continue to be used in the educational program. The committee shall prepare a written report of its findings. The Superintendent, other appropriate administrators, and the complainant shall receive copies of the report.

*Frequency of
Review*

After an instructional material has been reviewed through formal reconsideration, it shall not be reviewed again until it is evaluated in the periodic local selection process.

Appeal

The complainant may appeal the decision of the reconsideration committee in accordance with appropriate complaint policies, starting at the appropriate level. [See DGBA, FNG, and GF]

Note: For information related to the selection of instructional materials, see EFA.

**Collection
Development Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the District provides a wide range of library materials for students and faculty that support student achievement and present varying levels of difficulty, diversity of appeal, and a variety of points of view. This policy also provides standards for collection development and the selection and evaluation of library materials.

In this policy, “library materials” may include printed and electronic library acquisitions, including online catalogs, and other ancillary or supplementary materials maintained in a campus library.

The library collection development standards shall apply to all library materials available for use or display, including material contained in school libraries, classroom libraries, and online catalogs.

In developing library collections, the District shall consider the age groups, grade levels, and access to library material by all students on a campus.

Responsibility

The District shall ensure librarians, professional library staff, and other designated professional staff trained on the proper collection development standards select and acquire library materials in accordance with state law and rules, this collection development policy, and administrative procedures.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to ensure that library collections comply with applicable law and the District’s collection development purpose and goals.

Collection
Development Goals

In addition to the requirements in state law and rules, the District’s library collections shall:

1. Present multiple viewpoints related to controversial issues [see EMB regarding instruction about controversial issues].
2. Provide a wide range of background information that will enable students to make intelligent decisions in their daily lives.
3. Include accurate and authentic factual content from authoritative sources.
4. Have a high degree of potential user appeal and interest.
5. Offer a global perspective that promotes equity of access, including print and nonprint materials such as electronic and multimedia, to meet the needs of individual learners.

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6. Represent diverse viewpoints and cultures appropriate to each campus to ensure the collection embodies the unique background of its student population.

Selection and
Evaluation of
Materials

Library materials shall be selected and acquired in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the District standards and priorities expressed in this policy.

When selecting, acquiring, and evaluating library materials, librarians and other professional staff shall ensure that the materials:

1. Enrich and support the TEKS and the state and local curriculum, taking into consideration students' varied interests, maturity levels, abilities, and learning styles.
2. Foster growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and societal standards.
3. Encourage the enjoyment of reading, foster high-level thinking skills, support personal learning, and encourage discussion based on rational analysis.
4. Represent ethnic, religious, and cultural groups of the state and their contributions to the state, the nation, and the world.

The Superintendent shall ensure that administrative procedures regarding the selection of library materials consider at least two of the following factors:

1. Recommendations from students, parents or guardians, teachers, and District community members.
2. Consultation with District teachers and library staff.
3. Consultation with library staff from other districts.
4. Extensive review of the library material.
5. Context of the library material, including overall fit within the existing collection and support of District curriculum.
6. Reviews of the library material from sources such as professional journals in library science, recognized professional education or content journals with book reviews, national and state award recognition lists, library science field experts, and highly acclaimed author and literacy expert recommendations.
7. Coverage of topics, authors, series, or genres that fill gaps in the school library collection.

Access Plan

The District shall allow efficient parental access to the District's library and any available online catalogs.

Online catalogs shall be publicly available. The District shall publish information about library material titles, including how and where material can be accessed.

Each campus shall communicate the following to parents and guardians:

- Access to policies relating to school libraries and library materials;
- Consistent access to library materials and resources; and
- Opportunities for students, parents and guardians, educators, and community members to provide feedback on library materials and services.

Parental
Involvement

Parents and guardians are the primary decision makers regarding their student's access to library material. In general, a student is afforded the opportunity to self-select library materials as part of literacy development and the library program. District staff may assist a student in selecting library material; however, the ultimate determination of appropriateness remains with the student and parent or guardian. Parents and guardians are encouraged to communicate with the campus librarian and their child's teacher about special considerations regarding library materials self-selected by their student.

In accordance with state law and administrative procedures, parents or guardians may select alternative library materials for their student. [For information on parental rights regarding instructional materials and other instructional resources, see EFA(LEGAL).]

The District shall focus on maximizing transparency with parents while meeting student needs and providing enrichment opportunities with library materials. Parental involvement in library acquisition, maintenance, and campus activities is encouraged.

*Access
Procedures*

School Library

A parent or guardian who wishes to access a school's library shall first submit a request to the principal. The principal or a staff member designated by the principal shall work with the parent or guardian to determine a time to access the library that will not interfere with the delivery of instruction or disrupt student use of library services.

Online Catalog

A parent or guardian who wishes to access an online catalog shall submit a written request to the principal. The principal or a staff member designated by the principal shall respond to the request in accordance with administrative procedures.

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Protection from
Inappropriate
Material

Library materials shall not include “harmful material” as defined by Penal Code 43.24(a)(2); “obscene” material as defined by Penal Code 43.21(a)(1); any library material that is pervasively vulgar or educationally unsuitable as referenced in *Board of Education v. Pico*; or any other material legally prohibited from inclusion in a public school library. [See EFB(LEGAL)]

Obscene material is not protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Library materials shall comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), including technology protection measures. [See CQ]

Reconsideration of
Library Material

A District employee or a parent or guardian of a District student may request the reconsideration of a library material maintained in the District's library program.

*Guiding
Principles*

The following principles shall guide the review of a request to reconsider a library material:

1. An individual may raise an objection to a library material used in the District's library program, despite the fact that the professional staff selecting the materials were qualified to make the selection, followed the proper procedure, and adhered to the objectives and criteria for library materials set out in this policy.
2. A parent's or guardian's ability to exercise control over instruction and instructional resources, including library materials, extends only to his or her own child as set forth in Education Code Chapter 26.
3. Access to a challenged material shall not be restricted during the reconsideration process, except the District may deny access to a student if requested by the student's parent or guardian.

In addition to compliance with state law and this policy, a criterion for the final decision on challenged library materials is the appropriateness of the material for its intended use. No challenged library material shall be removed solely because of the ideas expressed in the library material or the personal background of the library material's author or the personal background of the characters in the material.

*Informal
Reconsideration*

When the District or a campus receives an objection to the appropriateness of a library material, the appropriate librarian or adminis-

trator shall try to resolve the matter informally. The librarian or administrator shall explain the selection process and discuss the intended purpose for the library material.

The librarian or administrator shall offer a concerned parent or guardian an alternative library material to be used by the child in place of the material and, if requested, shall restrict the child's access to the material objected to by the parent or guardian.

If the individual wishes to make a formal challenge, the administrator shall make available to the individual a copy of this policy and a form to request a formal reconsideration of the library material.

*Formal Request
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Reconsideration*

The District shall make a form to request reconsideration of library material available on the District's website and in the District's administrative office.

If an employee or a parent or guardian of a District student wishes to request reconsideration of a library material, they shall follow the procedures to complete and submit the request for reconsideration form.

After a request for reconsideration form is submitted, the form shall be provided to the Superintendent. Copies of the form shall be provided to the school librarian, the Board, and any other staff designated in administrative procedures.

*Reconsideration
Committee*

For purposes of this policy, "days" shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted.

The Superintendent shall appoint a reconsideration committee and notify committee members within 10 days of receiving the request for reconsideration form.

The reconsideration committee shall include the librarian and at least one member of the instructional staff who is familiar with the material's content. Other members of the committee may include District-level staff, secondary-level students, parents or guardians, and any other appropriate individuals.

Within 10 days of appointment of the committee the District shall provide members of the committee the relevant materials to review. If additional time is required to obtain and distribute the materials for review, all members of the committee shall be informed that a reasonable extension of time is needed.

All members of the committee shall review the challenged library material in its entirety and determine whether the material conforms to this policy and whether the material will continue to be

available in the library. The committee shall prepare a written report of its findings.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the written report shall be provided to the administration within 60 days of the District providing the material to the committee members. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day the committee is provided the materials is “day zero.” The following business day is “day one.”

Extensions of time due to extenuating circumstances shall take into consideration the time necessary to convene the committee members, the amount of material being reviewed, and any other pending reconsideration requests being handled by the committee.

An extension of any deadline shall be promptly communicated to the individual who submitted the request for reconsideration.

The Superintendent, the school librarian, the individual submitting the request for reconsideration, and any other appropriate administrators shall receive a copy of the committee’s report.

Appeal

An individual who submitted a request for reconsideration may appeal the decision of the reconsideration committee in accordance with appropriate complaint policies, starting at the level immediately preceding Board consideration of a complaint. [See DGBA and FNG]

Frequency of Review

After a library material has been reviewed through the reconsideration process, it shall not be reviewed again within two calendar years of the reconsideration committee’s final decision.

Maintenance of Library Materials

In accordance with state guidelines and District administrative procedures, collections shall be evaluated and updated regularly based on the collections’ age, relevance, diversity, and variety. The Superintendent shall ensure administrative procedures are established for regular maintenance of the library collection on each campus. Standard maintenance procedures for any library collection include repair, replacement, and removal of materials as necessary. Regular maintenance shall also include scheduled inventories of the collection. Disposal of any District-owned library materials shall be in accordance with District policy and procedures. [See CI]

Gifts and Donations

The District shall accept gifts and donations of library materials with the understanding that the use and disposition of the materials and monies will be in accordance with District policy and the selection criteria noted above. [See CDC]

Policy Review

This policy shall be reviewed at least every three years and revised as necessary.

Complaints

In this policy, the terms “complaint” and “grievance” shall have the same meaning.

Other Complaint Processes

Student or parent complaints shall be filed in accordance with this policy, except as required by the policies listed below. Some of these policies require appeals to be submitted in accordance with FNG after the relevant complaint process:

1. Complaints alleging discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, or disability shall be submitted in accordance with [the FFH series](#).
2. Complaints concerning dating violence shall be submitted in accordance with [the FFH series](#).
3. Complaints concerning retaliation related to discrimination and harassment shall be submitted in accordance with [the FFH series](#).
4. Complaints concerning bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be submitted in accordance with FFI.
5. Complaints concerning failure to award credit or a final grade on the basis of attendance shall be submitted in accordance with FEC.
6. Complaints concerning expulsion shall be submitted in accordance with FOD and the Student Code of Conduct.
7. Complaints concerning any final decisions of the gifted and talented selection committee regarding selection for or exit from the gifted program shall be submitted in accordance with EHBB.
8. Complaints within the scope of Section 504, including complaints concerning identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a student with a disability, shall be submitted in accordance with FB and the procedural safeguards handbook.
9. Complaints within the scope of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, including complaints concerning identification, evaluation, educational placement, or discipline of a student with a disability, shall be submitted in accordance with EHBAE, FOF, and the procedural safeguards handbook provided to parents of all students referred to special education.
10. Complaints concerning instructional resources shall be submitted in accordance with the EF series.

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11. Complaints concerning a commissioned peace officer who is an employee of the District shall be submitted in accordance with [the CKE series](#).
12. Complaints concerning intradistrict transfers or campus assignment shall be submitted in accordance with FDB.
13. Complaints concerning admission, placement, or services provided for a homeless student shall be submitted in accordance with FDC.
14. Complaints concerning disputes regarding a student's eligibility for free or reduced-priced meal programs shall be submitted in accordance with COB.

Complaints regarding refusal of entry to or ejection from District property based on Education Code 37.105 shall be filed in accordance with this policy. However, the timelines shall be adjusted as necessary to permit the complainant to address the Board in person within 90 calendar days of filing the initial complaint, unless the complaint is resolved before the Board considers it. [See GKA(LEGAL)]

Notice to Students and Parents

The District shall inform students and parents of this policy through appropriate District publications.

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Informal Process

The Board encourages students and parents to discuss their concerns with the appropriate teacher, principal, or other campus administrator who has the authority to address the concerns. Concerns should be expressed as soon as possible to allow early resolution at the lowest possible administrative level.

Informal resolution shall be encouraged but shall not extend any deadlines in this policy, except by mutual written consent.

Formal Process

A student or parent may initiate the formal process described below by timely filing a written complaint form.

Even after initiating the formal complaint process, students and parents are encouraged to seek informal resolution of their concerns. A student or parent whose concerns are resolved may withdraw a formal complaint at any time.

The process described in this policy shall not be construed to create new or additional rights beyond those granted by law or Board policy, nor to require a full evidentiary hearing or "mini-trial" at any level.

Freedom from Retaliation

Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against any student or parent for bringing a concern or complaint.

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Complaint forms and appeal notices may be filed by hand-delivery, by electronic communication, including email and fax, or by U.S. Mail. Hand-delivered filings shall be timely filed if received by the appropriate administrator or designee by the close of business on the deadline. Filings submitted by electronic communication shall be timely filed if they are received by the close of business on the deadline, as indicated by the date/time shown on the electronic communication. Mail filings shall be timely filed if they are post-marked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline and received by the appropriate administrator or designated representative no more than three days after the deadline.

Scheduling
Conferences

The District shall make reasonable attempts to schedule conferences at a mutually agreeable time. If a student or parent fails to appear at a scheduled conference, the District may hold the conference and issue a decision in the student's or parent's absence.

Response

At Levels One and Two, "response" shall mean a written communication to the student or parent from the appropriate administrator. Responses may be hand-delivered, sent by electronic communication to the student's or parent's email address of record, or sent by U.S. Mail to the student's or parent's mailing address of record. Mailed responses shall be timely if they are postmarked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline.

Days

"Days" shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day a document is filed is "day zero." The following business day is "day one."

Representative

"Representative" shall mean any person who or organization that is designated by the student or parent to represent the student or parent in the complaint process. A student may be represented by an adult at any level of the complaint.

The student or parent may designate a representative through written notice to the District at any level of this process. If the student or parent designates a representative with fewer than three days' notice to the District before a scheduled conference or hearing, the District may reschedule the conference or hearing to a later date, if desired, in order to include the District's counsel. The District may be represented by counsel at any level of the process.

Consolidating
Complaints

Complaints arising out of an event or a series of related events shall be addressed in one complaint. A student or parent shall not file separate or serial complaints arising from any event or series of events that have been or could have been addressed in a previous complaint.

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Untimely Filings	<p>All time limits shall be strictly followed unless modified by mutual written consent.</p> <p>If a complaint form or appeal notice is not timely filed, the complaint may be dismissed, on written notice to the student or parent, at any point during the complaint process. The student or parent may appeal the dismissal by seeking review in writing within ten days from the date of the written dismissal notice, starting at the level at which the complaint was dismissed. Such appeal shall be limited to the issue of timeliness.</p>
Costs Incurred	<p>Each party shall pay its own costs incurred in the course of the complaint.</p>
Complaint and Appeal Forms	<p>Complaints and appeals under this policy shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the District.</p> <p>Copies of any documents that support the complaint should be attached to the complaint form. If the student or parent does not have copies of these documents, copies may be presented at the Level One conference. After the Level One conference, no new documents may be submitted by the student or parent unless the student or parent did not know the documents existed before the Level One conference.</p> <p>A complaint or appeal form that is incomplete in any material aspect may be dismissed but may be refiled with all the required information if the refiled is within the designated time for filing.</p>

Level One

Complaint forms must be filed:

1. Within 15 days of the date the student or parent first knew, or with reasonable diligence should have known, of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint or grievance; and
2. With the lowest level administrator who has the authority to remedy the alleged problem.

In most circumstances, students and parents shall file Level One complaints with the campus principal.

If the only administrator who has authority to remedy the alleged problem is the Superintendent or designee, the complaint may begin at Level Two following the procedure, including deadlines, for filing the complaint form at Level One.

If the complaint is not filed with the appropriate administrator, the receiving administrator must note the date and time the complaint form was received and immediately forward the complaint form to the appropriate administrator.

The appropriate administrator shall investigate as necessary and schedule a conference with the student or parent within ten days after receipt of the written complaint. The administrator may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the administrator shall provide the student or parent a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the administrator may consider information provided at the Level One conference and any other relevant documents or information the administrator believes will help resolve the complaint.

Level Two

If the student or parent did not receive the relief requested at Level One or if the time for a response has expired, the student or parent may request a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the Level One decision.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level One response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level One response deadline.

After receiving notice of the appeal, the Level One administrator shall prepare and forward a record of the Level One complaint to the Level Two administrator. The student or parent may request a copy of the Level One record.

The Level One record shall include:

1. The original complaint form and any attachments.
2. All other documents submitted by the student or parent at Level One.
3. The written response issued at Level One and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the Level One administrator in reaching the Level One decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within ten days after the appeal notice is filed. The conference shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level One. At the conference, the student or parent may provide information concerning any documents or information relied upon by the administration for the Level One decision. The Superintendent or designee may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the student or parent a written response within ten days following the conference. The

written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the Superintendent or designee may consider the Level One record, information provided at the Level Two conference, and any other relevant documents or information the Superintendent or designee believes will help resolve the complaint.

Recordings of the Level One and Level Two conferences, if any, shall be maintained with the Level One and Level Two records.

Level Three

If the student or parent did not receive the relief requested at Level Two or if the time for a response has expired, the student or parent may appeal the decision to the Board.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level Two response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level Two response deadline.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the student or parent of the date, time, and place of the Board meeting at which the complaint will be on the agenda for presentation to the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board the record of the Level Two appeal. The student or parent may request a copy of the Level Two record.

The Level Two record shall include:

1. The Level One record.
2. The notice of appeal from Level One to Level Two.
3. The written response issued at Level Two and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the administration in reaching the Level Two decision.

The appeal shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level Two, except that if at the Level Three hearing the administration intends to rely on evidence not included in the Level Two record, the administration shall provide the student or parent notice of the nature of the evidence at least three days before the hearing.

The District shall determine whether the complaint will be presented in open or closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and other applicable law. [See BE]

The presiding officer may set reasonable time limits and guidelines for the presentation, including an opportunity for the student or par-

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ent and administration to each make a presentation and provide rebuttal and an opportunity for questioning by the Board. The Board shall hear the complaint and may request that the administration provide an explanation for the decisions at the preceding levels.

In addition to any other record of the Board meeting required by law, the Board shall prepare a separate record of the Level Three presentation. The Level Three presentation, including the presentation by the student or parent or the student's representative, any presentation from the administration, and questions from the Board with responses, shall be recorded by audio recording, video/audio recording, or court reporter.

The Board shall then consider the complaint. It may give notice of its decision orally or in writing at any time up to and including the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If the Board does not make a decision regarding the complaint by the end of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the lack of a response by the Board upholds the administrative decision at Level Two.

Complaints

In this policy, the terms “complaint” and “grievance” shall have the same meaning.

Other Complaint Processes

Complaints by members of the public shall be filed in accordance with this policy, except as required by the policies listed below. Some of these policies require appeals to be submitted in accordance with GF after the relevant complaint process:

1. Complaints concerning instructional resources shall be filed in accordance with the EF series.
2. Complaints concerning a commissioned peace officer who is an employee of the District shall be filed in accordance with [the CKE series](#).

Complaints regarding refusal of entry to or ejection from District property based on Education Code 37.105 shall be filed in accordance with this policy. However, the timelines shall be adjusted as necessary to permit the complainant to address the Board in person within 90 calendar days of filing the initial complaint, unless the complaint is resolved before the Board considers it. [See GKA(LEGAL)]

Guiding Principles

Informal Process

The Board encourages the public to discuss concerns with an appropriate administrator who has the authority to address the concerns. Concerns should be expressed as soon as possible to allow early resolution at the lowest possible administrative level.

Informal resolution shall be encouraged but shall not extend any deadlines in this policy, except by mutual written consent.

Formal Process

An individual may initiate the formal process described below by timely filing a written complaint form.

Even after initiating the formal complaint process, individuals are encouraged to seek informal resolution of their concerns. An individual whose concerns are resolved may withdraw a formal complaint at any time.

The process described in this policy shall not be construed to create new or additional rights beyond those granted by law or Board policy, nor to require a full evidentiary hearing or “mini-trial” at any level.

Freedom from Retaliation

Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against any individual for bringing a concern or complaint.

General Provisions

Filing

Complaint forms and appeal notices may be filed by hand-delivery, by electronic communication, including email and fax, or by U.S. Mail. Hand-delivered filings shall be timely filed if received by the appropriate administrator or designee by the close of business on

the deadline. Filings submitted by electronic communication shall be timely filed if they are received by the close of business on the deadline, as indicated by the date/time shown on the electronic communication. Mail filings shall be timely filed if they are post-marked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline and received by the appropriate administrator or designated representative no more than three days after the deadline.

Scheduling
Conferences

The District shall make reasonable attempts to schedule conferences at a mutually agreeable time. If the individual fails to appear at a scheduled conference, the District may hold the conference and issue a decision in the individual's absence.

Response

At Levels One and Two, "response" shall mean a written communication to the individual from the appropriate administrator. Responses may be hand-delivered, sent by electronic communication to the individual's email address of record, or sent by U.S. Mail to the individual's mailing address of record. Mailed responses shall be timely if they are postmarked by U.S. Mail on or before the deadline.

Days

"Days" shall mean District business days, unless otherwise noted. In calculating timelines under this policy, the day a document is filed is "day zero." The following business day is "day one."

Representative

"Representative" shall mean any person who or organization that is designated by an individual to represent the individual in the complaint process.

The individual may designate a representative through written notice to the District at any level of this process. If the individual designates a representative with fewer than three days' notice to the District before a scheduled conference or hearing, the District may reschedule the conference or hearing to a later date, if desired, in order to include the District's counsel. The District may be represented by counsel at any level of the process.

Consolidating
Complaints

Complaints arising out of an event or a series of related events shall be addressed in one complaint. An individual shall not file separate or serial complaints arising from any event or series of events that have been or could have been addressed in a previous complaint.

Untimely Filings

All time limits shall be strictly followed unless modified by mutual written consent.

If a complaint form or appeal notice is not timely filed, the complaint may be dismissed, on written notice to the individual, at any point during the complaint process. The individual may appeal the dismissal by seeking review in writing within ten days from the date

of the written dismissal notice, starting at the level at which the complaint was dismissed. Such appeal shall be limited to the issue of timeliness.

Costs Incurred

Each party shall pay its own costs incurred in the course of the complaint.

Complaint and
Appeal Forms

Complaints and appeals under this policy shall be submitted in writing on a form provided by the District.

Copies of any documents that support the complaint should be attached to the complaint form. If the individual does not have copies of these documents, they may be presented at the Level One conference. After the Level One conference, no new documents may be submitted by the individual unless the individual did not know the documents existed before the Level One conference.

A complaint or appeal form that is incomplete in any material aspect may be dismissed but may be refiled with all the required information if the refiling is within the designated time for filing.

Level One

Complaint forms must be filed:

1. Within 15 days of the date the individual first knew, or with reasonable diligence should have known, of the decision or action giving rise to the complaint or grievance; and
2. With the lowest level administrator who has the authority to remedy the alleged problem.

If the only administrator who has authority to remedy the alleged problem is the Superintendent or designee, the complaint may begin at Level Two following the procedure, including deadlines, for filing the complaint form at Level One.

If the complaint is not filed with the appropriate administrator, the receiving administrator must note the date and time the complaint form was received and immediately forward the complaint form to the appropriate administrator.

The appropriate administrator shall investigate as necessary and schedule a conference with the individual within ten days after receipt of the written complaint. The administrator may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

Absent extenuating circumstances, the administrator shall provide the individual a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the administrator may consider information provided at the Level One conference and any other

relevant documents or information the administrator believes will help resolve the complaint.

Level Two

If the individual did not receive the relief requested at Level One or if the time for a response has expired, he or she may request a conference with the Superintendent or designee to appeal the Level One decision.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level One response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level One response deadline.

After receiving notice of the appeal, the Level One administrator shall prepare and forward a record of the Level One complaint to the Level Two administrator. The individual may request a copy of the Level One record.

The Level One record shall include:

1. The original complaint form and any attachments.
2. All other documents submitted by the individual at Level One.
3. The written response issued at Level One and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the Level One administrator in reaching the Level One decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall schedule a conference within ten days after the appeal notice is filed. The conference shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level One. At the conference, the individual may provide information concerning any documents or information relied upon by the administration for the Level One decision. The Superintendent or designee may set reasonable time limits for the conference.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the individual a written response within ten days following the conference. The written response shall set forth the basis of the decision. In reaching a decision, the Superintendent or designee may consider the Level One record, information provided at the Level Two conference, and any other relevant documents or information the Superintendent or designee believes will help resolve the complaint.

Recordings of the Level One and Level Two conferences, if any, shall be maintained with the Level One and Level Two records.

Level Three

If the individual did not receive the relief requested at Level Two or if the time for a response has expired, he or she may appeal the decision to the Board.

The appeal notice must be filed in writing, on a form provided by the District, within ten days of the date of the written Level Two response or, if no response was received, within ten days of the Level Two response deadline.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the individual of the date, time, and place of the Board meeting at which the complaint will be on the agenda for presentation to the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board the record of the Level Two appeal. The individual may request a copy of the Level Two record.

The Level Two record shall include:

1. The Level One record.
2. The notice of appeal from Level One to Level Two.
3. The written response issued at Level Two and any attachments.
4. All other documents relied upon by the administration in reaching the Level Two decision.

The appeal shall be limited to the issues and documents considered at Level Two, except that if at the Level Three hearing the administration intends to rely on evidence not included in the Level Two record, the administration shall provide the individual notice of the nature of the evidence at least three days before the hearing.

The District shall determine whether the complaint will be presented in open or closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and other applicable law. [See BE]

The presiding officer may set reasonable time limits and guidelines for the presentation, including an opportunity for the individual and administration to each make a presentation and provide rebuttal and an opportunity for questioning by the Board. The Board shall hear the complaint and may request that the administration provide an explanation for the decisions at the preceding levels.

In addition to any other record of the Board meeting required by law, the Board shall prepare a separate record of the Level Three presentation. The Level Three presentation, including the presentation by the individual or his or her representative, any presentation

from the administration, and questions from the Board with responses, shall be recorded by audio recording, video/audio recording, or court reporter.

The Board shall then consider the complaint. It may give notice of its decision orally or in writing at any time up to and including the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. If the Board does not make a decision regarding the complaint by the end of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the lack of a response by the Board upholds the administrative decision at Level Two.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS UPDATE

Please note:

Unless otherwise noted, references to legislative bills throughout these explanatory notes refer to Senate Bills (SB) or House Bills (HB) from the 88th Legislature, regular and special sessions. All referenced bills have already gone into effect unless otherwise noted.

The Local Policy Overview for Update 123, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online® (TASB login required), provides a general, high-level overview of the changes to the local policies included in the update. **Legal policies provide the legal framework for key areas of district operations and are not adopted by the board.**

AIB(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: PERFORMANCE REPORTING

The Results Driven Accountability (RDA) section of the policy has been deleted. TEA included RDA information in the Accountability Manual starting in 2023 and repealed the RDA information in the Administrative Code. This change aims to streamline information used in academic accountability and RDA systems.

AIC(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: INTERVENTIONS AND SANCTIONS

A citation to the Administrative Code has been included under Student Enrollment and Assignment, Enrollment Provision in Contract, regarding campuses that are closed and repurposed.

As 19 TAC 97.2005 has been repealed, the reference to Results Driven Accountability has been deleted from the section on Special Program Performance Determination.

AIE(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: INVESTIGATIONS

The word "accreditation" has been removed as a descriptor for investigations in two places within the policy after an amendment to the Administrative Code, effective January 17, 2024.

BBA(LEGAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: ELIGIBILITY/QUALIFICATIONS

At Intent to Return, language from the Election Code has been included to minimize confusion regarding the specific requirements for establishing an intent to return to the individual's residence after a temporary absence.

BBB(LEGAL)

ELECTIONS: POST-ELECTION PROCEDURES

HB 5180 added new requirements for public inspection of election records. A reference has been added at Election Records regarding where to find information on public inspection of those records for districts who serve as custodians of their own election records.

BBD(LOCAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

HB 3033 authorizes the attorney general to require trustees to complete training on the Public Information Act if the attorney general finds that there has been a violation of the Act. Language is recommended to make clear that this training after a violation cannot be delegated to the district's Public Information Act coordinator.

BBFA(LOCAL)

ETHICS: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Language is recommended to clarify that a trustee's ethical duty to disclose a financial or other personal interest in board transactions goes beyond the statutory conflicts of interest set out in state and federal law. The added language serves to demonstrate a commitment to avoid undue influence, increase transparency, and avoid the appearance of impropriety in public dealings.

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CCG(LLEGAL)

LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES: AD VALOREM TAXES

HB 3273, effective January 1, 2024, revised the Tax Code and requires a taxing unit, including a school district, to provide specific notice to property owners on its website. These provisions have been included in the Appraisal District Property Tax Database section of the policy.

CCGA(LLEGAL)

AD VALOREM TAXES: EXEMPTIONS AND PAYMENTS

This policy has been updated to indicate that a board that adopted an exemption for the 2022 tax year may not reduce the amount or repeal that exemption based on SB 2 from the second special session of the 88th Legislature. [See Homestead, Local Options.]

HB 4559, from the 88th regular session, increased the population range for certain districts to provide that the split payment option does not apply to the district's taxes collected by another taxing unit that has adopted that option. [See Split Payments, In Certain Counties.]

CCGB(LLEGAL)

AD VALOREM TAXES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 4559 increased the population threshold for determining a large municipality for provisions related to the appointment of reinvestment zone board members. [See Tax Increment Financing Act, Large Municipality.]

Substantial changes have also been made based on HB 5 to incorporate the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act.

CKB(LLEGAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND REPORTS

TEA's amendments to the Administrative Code rules for mandatory school drills necessitated reorganization of definitions and added clarity to several sections of the policy. Changes in this policy also reflect TEA's amendments to the Administrative Code rules related to active threat exercises.

CKC(LOCAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: EMERGENCY PLANS

A new section on Notice Regarding Violent Activity is recommended to comply with legal requirements. Administrative procedures must be created to align with TEA's model standards.

Provisions regarding individuals authorized to possess firearms for emergency response have been relocated to the appropriate code in the CKE series, as indicated below.

CKE(LOCAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: SECURITY PERSONNEL

To address in one policy all security arrangements a district may have implemented, we have added CKE(LOCAL) and moved the relevant provisions from CKC(LOCAL) and CKEA(LOCAL) to this code.

Significant revisions are recommended to the CKE policy series to promote compliance and clarification with HB 3 and other legal requirements.

Regarding the provisions addressing district police officers, as Education Code 37.081 covers both police authority and duties, the margin note has been edited to clarify the scope of the policy language. The section on temporary assignments has been incorporated into Limitations on Nonschool Employment to account for possible off-duty officer use by both the district and other agencies. A section on Interlocal Agreement has been added to note that district police officers will function within the scope of the agreement.

The text regarding individuals authorized to possess firearms has been edited to clarify that the authorization to possess firearms is limited to emergency responses. A statement about immunities is included. A written authorization will specify the property at which the individual is authorized to carry a firearm, as

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well as the means of carrying and storage. A section on the duties of an authorized firearm carrier has been added to this policy.

Please note: The policy continues to reflect that board members can be authorized to possess firearms on district property. If this is no longer district practice, please contact your policy consultant for appropriate revisions.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

CKEA(LOCAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

To address in one policy all security arrangements the district has implemented, we have deleted this policy and moved the provisions to CKE(LOCAL).

CKED(LEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: OTHER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

The provisions of this policy address commissioned security officers with Level III training under the Department of Public Safety hired through a security services contractor or as a district employee in accordance with the Education Code and the Occupations Code.

CMD(LEGAL) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CARE AND ACCOUNTING

Cross-references throughout this policy have been updated to EFA since policy EF has been separated into EFA (instructional materials) and EFB (library materials).

CPC(LEGAL) OFFICE MANAGEMENT: RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Edits to this policy at Destruction of Records remove a reference to 13 TAC 7.123(c), which was deleted from Texas State Library and Archives Commission rules, effective March 6, 2024.

CQA(LEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: DISTRICT, CAMPUS, AND CLASSROOM WEBSITES

HB 3273, effective January 1, 2024, requires school districts to post a notice informing property owners of the property tax database maintained by the appraisal district. Language has been added at item 28 under the section on Other Required Internet Postings.

CQC(LEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: EQUIPMENT

A section on Guidelines for Use of Digital Devices has been added to address the TEA and Health and Human Services Commission model health and safety guidelines for the use of digital devices, which are required by the Education Code and were issued in October 2023.

CQC(LOCAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: EQUIPMENT

This new local policy is recommended to meet the legal requirement for the board to adopt a policy for the effective integration of digital devices in the district. The policy language adopts the model health and safety guidelines developed by TEA and the Health and Human Services Commission and clarifies that the superintendent must develop regulations for implementation.

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DCE(LOCAL)

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

Revisions at Termination During Contract Term are recommended to specify that an employee may request a hearing before the board to appeal discharge during the contract period and to differentiate between terminations during and at the end of the contract term.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

DGBA(LOCAL)

PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS: EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes.

Also, to accommodate planned restructuring of policy DIA, we have revised the references to that code in this policy to reflect the DIA series. No other changes have been made to this policy.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

DHE(LEGAL)

EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: SEARCHES AND ALCOHOL/DRUG TESTING

New Department of Transportation rules amend the department's regulated industry drug testing program. The language in the Reports to DPS section has been amended for clarity.

DNA(LEGAL)

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL: EVALUATION OF TEACHERS

Amendments to the Administrative Code allow districts to begin using the Alternate Domain I rubric as part of the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Language has been updated to reflect this change.

DP(LEGAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS

The section on School Psychological Services has been amended to provide additional clarity and to set out the correct title for licensed specialists in school psychology (LSSPs) as indicated in the Administrative Code.

EEH(LOCAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

TEA's revisions to the *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH)* prompted recommended updates to this policy. Students may now receive homebound services for psychological, as well as medical, conditions. The *SAAH* also indicates that the weeks of confinement due to a medical or psychological condition do not need to be consecutive to qualify. The policy language has been updated to reflect this change.

EF(LEGAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

In order to clarify the differences in requirements for instructional materials and library materials, as well as to accommodate the new library collection development standards, policy EF has been divided into EFA (instructional material) and EFB (library material). The content in EF(LEGAL) has moved to either EFA or EFB, as appropriate.

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EF(LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

As explained at EF(LEGAL), above, this local policy addressing instructional resources is being deleted. New local policies to address instructional materials and library materials separately are included at EFA and EFB.

EFA(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Content regarding instructional material review and federally required parental inspection has been moved from EF(LEGAL) to EFA(LEGAL).

EFA(LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The enclosed policy regarding instructional materials is recommended to coordinate with the policy addressing library materials at EFB(LOCAL). The provisions previously housed at EF(LOCAL) have been moved to this code with the following revisions:

- At Selection, a clarification has been made to reflect that instructional materials must be chosen in accordance with stated objectives and administrative regulations and may include items from the State Board of Education list.
- At Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, the list of individuals who can submit a request for reconsideration has been revised. This change is recommended to align with the list provided in the new EFB(LOCAL), which permits an employee or parent or guardian to submit these requests. If the district would like to expand this list, please contact your policy consultant.

Please review the information at Formal Reconsideration, which specifies who will receive forms requesting the reconsideration of instructional material and who will appoint a reconsideration committee. If the policy needs to identify a different position for these responsibilities, please contact your policy consultant for assistance with revisions.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

EFB(LEGAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

EFB(LEGAL) has been revised to incorporate new library collection development standards adopted by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), effective January 23, 2024. The policy includes a note regarding the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals enjoinder and the resulting unenforceability of certain statutes related to library material. The TSLAC Library Collection Development Standards are not currently enjoined by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

EFB(LOCAL) INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

This recommended policy aligns with changes to the Administrative Code and the new collection development standards for school libraries as a result of HB 900. Please review the following information in your policy:

- The location of the form for formal reconsideration;
- The position title for the person responsible for appointing the reconsideration committee; and
- The number of days allocated for appointing the committee, providing the material for review to the committee, and completing the committee's final report.

If any information needs to be updated or if further revisions to the policy are needed, please contact your policy consultant for assistance.

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EHBAA(LLEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND ELIGIBILITY

A cross-reference to policy EHB has been included for additional requirements relating to the evaluation and identification process when dyslexia is a suspected disability. [See Determination of Initial Eligibility.]

EHBAB(LLEGAL) SPECIAL EDUCATION: ARD COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

The section on Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) has been revised to reflect amended Administrative Code rules, effective April 18, 2023. The district is required to notify parents of SSES eligibility and related information during an ARD committee meeting.

A provision regarding an IEP supplement for each child who was enrolled in a district's special education program during the 2019-20 school year or the 2020-21 school year has been removed. That requirement expired on September 1, 2023.

EHBE(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: BILINGUAL EDUCATION/ESL

Extensive revisions have been made throughout this policy to reflect amended rules relating to emergent bilingual students.

EHBJ(LLEGAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: INNOVATIVE AND MAGNET PROGRAMS

Changes to this policy stem from amended Administrative Code provisions relating to innovative courses. The amended rules became effective February 18, 2024.

EKB(LLEGAL) TESTING PROGRAMS: STATE ASSESSMENT

Revisions have been made to remove language that does not require district action to aid in readability and clarity. Citations have also been updated based on rule changes.

FA(LLEGAL) PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The cross-reference at Parental Rights relating to teaching materials has been updated to reflect the division of policy EF into EFA and EFB.

FFAC(LLEGAL) WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

A section on Telehealth in Medicaid Covered Services has been added to provide guidance from Administrative Code rules specific to telehealth services authorized as Texas Medicaid covered services.

The section on opioid antagonists has been updated to reflect new rules effective November 1, 2023.

Changes have also been made to the section on epinephrine auto-injectors to reflect amended Administrative Code rules.

Citations throughout have been updated based on rule amendments.

FNG(LLOCAL) STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes.

Also, to accommodate planned restructuring of policy FFH, we have revised the references to that code in this policy to reflect the FFH series. No other changes have been made to this policy.

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GBA(LLEGAL) PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM: ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

A cross-reference regarding economic development negotiations under Government Code Chapter 403 has been added.

GF(LLEGAL) PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The division of policy EF into EFA and EFB necessitated an update to the cross-reference in this policy.

GF(LOCAL) PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes. No other changes have been made to this policy.

The Legal Issues in Update 123 memo, available with your Update 123 materials under [Local Manual Updates](#) on Policy Online (TASB login required), describes common legal concerns and best practices specific to this policy's topic.

GKA(LLEGAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations necessitated changes to the section regarding operation of a small unmanned aircraft system.

GRA(LLEGAL) RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES

The Definitions section has been revised to reflect amended Administrative Code rules that include school resource officers and contracted police officers in the definition of "school personnel and volunteers."

Language has been added at Notice to School Personnel to provide direction if the superintendent is the individual alleged to have committed child abuse or neglect.

The Students Taken into Custody section has been updated to incorporate appropriate legal citations and improve clarity.

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