

Explanatory Notes

TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 127

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ATTN(NOTE)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS UPDATE

All changes to the legal framework provided in this update are currently effective unless otherwise indicated in the explanatory note for that code.

AIA(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: ACCREDITATION AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Revisions throughout the A-F Performance Ratings section of this legal framework are due to House Bill 8 from the Second Special Session of the 89th Legislature.

AIB(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Citations have been updated in accordance with redesignated Administrative Code rules.

AIC(LEGAL)

ACCOUNTABILITY: INTERVENTIONS AND SANCTIONS

Revisions to this legal framework are due to House Bill 8 from the Second Special Session of the 89th Legislature. This legislation repealed some provisions and amended others.

BAA(LEGAL)

BOARD LEGAL STATUS: POWERS AND DUTIES

An obsolete cross-reference has been deleted at Discretionary Powers and Duties.

BJA(LEGAL)

SUPERINTENDENT: QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES

A cross-reference has been updated due to recoding material in the DP series of policies.

BJCF(LOCAL)

SUPERINTENDENT: NONRENEWAL

Recommended revisions to this local policy on nonrenewal of a superintendent align with language at DFBB(LOCAL) relating to accommodations of disability and the addition of two nonrenewal reasons included in Update 126 that were related to Senate Bill 12 from the 89th Legislature.

CAA(LOCAL)

FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: FINANCIAL ETHICS

A cross-reference in the Note has been updated to reflect changes to the DH series of policies, which are described in more detail below.

CBB(LEGAL)

STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUE SOURCES: FEDERAL

The Federal Acquisition Regulation has increased the micro-purchase threshold limit to \$15,000 and increased the simplified acquisition threshold to \$350,000. The language under Procurement Methods has been adjusted accordingly.

CE(LEGAL)

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Revisions at Authorized Expenditures are due to House Bill 8 from the Second Special Session of the 89th Legislature. Section 3.006 of the bill amends Education Code 45.105(c-1).

CFB(LOCAL)

ACCOUNTING: INVENTORIES

As of July 1, 2025, [TEA](#) increased the capitalization threshold to \$10,000 to align with changes to the federal definition of equipment. The [Financial Accountability System Resource Guide](#) (FASRG) is in the process of being updated to reflect this change to rule 1.2.4.3 Capitalization of Assets.

Our records indicate that the district's capitalization threshold in CFB(LOCAL) is less than \$10,000. Districts may continue to use the lower threshold; however, if, after consultation with your auditor and other

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advisors, your district wishes to increase the threshold, please contact your policy consultant for assistance with updates.

CHE(LEGAL) PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION: VENDOR DISCLOSURES AND CONTRACTS

Citations in the Required Contract Provisions section relating to Energy Companies have been updated after redesignation of the material by House Bill 4595 and to correct a typographical error.

CKEA(LEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

Substantive revisions are due to rule changes. For readability, additional margin notes have been included. A note has been added under the Required Policies section to point the reader to TCOLE model policies and forms available on the TCOLE website.

CKEB(LEGAL) SECURITY PERSONNEL: SCHOOL MARSHALS

The citation has been corrected at Fit for Duty Review.

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

19 Administrative Code 67.1001(e) has been amended. On page 4, the list at Permitted Expenditures adds items to implement Senate Bill 13 from the 89th Texas Legislature by updating the allowable expenditures from a district's instructional materials and technology allotment.

CNC(LEGAL) TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Language has been added from the Texas Administrative Code. The amended provisions regarding safety standards changed requirements that were once placed on manufacturers of school buses to now be requirements for school districts. The citation to the Transportation Code has been removed, as it is not necessary.

COA(LEGAL) FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT: PROCUREMENT

A citation has been corrected at Procurement Training.

CPC(LEGAL) OFFICE MANAGEMENT: RECORDS MANAGEMENT

13 Administrative Code 7.125 has been repealed, and separate rules for each retention schedule have been adopted. Citations relating to the TSLAC Retention Schedules have been updated accordingly.

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

The Required Website Postings section has been revised to reflect new statutory and rule requirements for postings, and the format has been modified to provide a clear citation to each requirement. The Note preceding the list has been revised to provide information regarding why the requirements are posted in the order that has been chosen by TASB.

D(LEGAL) PERSONNEL

Restructuring of codes in the DH section and the DP section necessitates an update to the D section table of contents.

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DC(LEGAL) EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

A cross-reference in the Employment Policies section has been updated to reflect changes to the DP series of policies.

DC(LOCAL) EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

The cross-reference at Employment Assistance Prohibited has been updated to reflect changes to the DH series of policies. Standard policy language at BJA(LOCAL) notes that the superintendent may delegate responsibilities to other employees of the district but shall remain accountable to the board for the performance of all duties, delegated or otherwise. For this reason, TASB recommends removing "or designee" from the Posting Vacancies section.

DCE(LOCAL) EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

House Bill 2598 from the 89th Legislative Session changed the term "licensed specialist in school psychology" to "school psychologist." Revisions to this policy reflect that terminology change.

DEAA(LEGAL) COMPENSATION PLAN: INCENTIVES AND STIPENDS

House Bill 2, Article 2.20(b) from the 89th Legislature repealed Education Code 48.114 effective September 1, 2026. TASB has opted to include this repeal with Update 127, as it will be the Update closest in time to the effective date.

DF(LEGAL) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The cross-reference at Report to Superintendent has been updated to reflect changes to the DP series of policies. We have also updated the cross-reference at Prohibited Classroom Instruction to reflect policy EMB.

DFBA(LEGAL) TERM CONTRACTS: SUSPENSION/TERMINATION DURING CONTRACT

The cross-reference at Report by Principal has been updated to reflect changes to the DP series of policies.

DFE(LEGAL) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT: RESIGNATION

The cross-reference at Report by Principal has been updated to reflect changes to the DP series of policies.

DH(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Because DHA(LEGAL) has been created to focus on educator ethics, the section by that name has been deleted from this code. In addition, the Duty to Report section of this legal framework has been bolstered with additional text around the duty to report child abuse or neglect.

DH(LOCAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The two cross-references to DH(EXHIBIT) have been revised to reflect changes to the DH series of policies, which are described in more detail below.

DH(EXHIBIT) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

This exhibit is being deleted from the manual, and the Educators' Code of Ethics is being recoded to DHA(LEGAL).

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DHA(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: EDUCATOR CODE OF ETHICS

This new legal framework has been created to house information relating to the Educators' Code of Ethics. This material has been recoded to clarify that elements 3.8 and 3.9 of the Code of Ethics now form the basis of the reporting requirements for educator misconduct that changed during the 89th Legislature. Prior to Update 127, the Educators' Code of Ethics was housed as an exhibit to the manual at DH(EXHIBIT). Because the definitions relating to inappropriate communication and boundaries are from the Code of Ethics, they are now in this new legal framework.

DHB(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: REPORTS TO STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

The cross-reference at Deadline to Report After Termination or Resignation has been updated to reflect changes to the DP series of policies.

DHC(LEGAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: REPORTS TO TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

The cross-reference at Deadline to Report has been updated to reflect changes to the DP series of policies. A citation has been corrected in the Contents of Report section.

DP(LEGAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS

Material at DP(LEGAL) is being recoded to DPA, regarding principals, and DPB, regarding other personnel positions, as the requirements specific to principals have expanded sufficiently to warrant a separate legal framework.

DP(LOCAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS

To accommodate the restructuring of the DP series due to the requirements specific to principals, this local policy is recommended for deletion. Materials regarding principal qualifications have been moved to a new code at DPA(LOCAL), and the language relating to school counselors has been moved to DPB(LOCAL).

DPA(LEGAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS: PRINCIPALS

Information relating to principals previously found at DP has been relocated to this new code. In addition, a note relating to the requirement to report child abuse or neglect has been added so all reporting requirements for principals are housed in one location for clarity.

DPA(LOCAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS: PRINCIPALS

This new code specifically related to principals now houses principal qualification language that was previously at DP(LOCAL). Minor revisions have been made to the text at Qualifications to align with the model job description provided by TASB HR Services. Any posting for a principal position would, at minimum, include the items provided in this list. Other qualifications may be included as provided by the last item in the list.

DPB(LEGAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS: OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS

All information previously at DP(LEGAL) that is not related to principals (now at DPA) and substitutes (now at DPC) has been moved to this legal framework. The School Psychological Services section has been amended to reflect changes in 22 Administrative Code 465.38(b)-(c).

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DPB(LOCAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS: OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS

This new policy now houses text relating to school counselors that was previously at DP(LOCAL).

DPC(LEGAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS: SUBSTITUTE, TEMPORARY, AND PART-TIME POSITIONS

This new legal framework now houses information formerly in DPB(LEGAL) relating to substitute positions.

EFA(LEGAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Substantive revisions are due to amendments to 19 Administrative Code 67.1501 and 67.1502 regarding TEA standards for review of instructional materials. Additional revisions have been made for organization and to margin notes to improve clarity and readability.

EFB(LOCAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

In July 2025, TASB Policy Service emailed districts regarding changes resulting from the 89th Legislature. The email included a survey requesting information about the district's practices regarding library materials. Our records indicate that we have not received a response from the district indicating that the board has adopted the required policy. Please contact your policy consultant to assist with updating this policy.

EHAC(LEGAL)

BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (SECONDARY)

Changes to this policy regarding course offerings in grades 9-12 were needed after amendments to 19 Administrative Code 74.3. Citations have also been updated to conform with the new amendments.

EHBB(LEGAL)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

Revisions to this legal framework are due to amendments to 19 Administrative Code 89.1.

EHBB(LOCAL)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

Recommended changes at Identification Criteria are the result of amendments to 19 Administrative Code 89.1.

EHBCA(LEGAL)

COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS: ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

Revisions to this legal framework are due to House Bill 8 from the Second Special Session of the 89th Legislature. Please note that the English II end-of-course (EOC) assessment is still a requirement for the 2026 and 2027 graduating classes.

EHDD(LEGAL)

ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT: COLLEGE COURSE WORK/DUAL CREDIT

The FAST Program section has been revised due to amendments to 19 Administrative Code 13.503(a)-(b). Deletions throughout are due to repealed provisions from the Administrative Code.

EKB(LEGAL)

TESTING PROGRAMS: STATE ASSESSMENT

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FA(LEGAL)

PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A section prohibiting infringement on parental rights has been added after voters approved Senate Joint Resolution 34 from the 89th Legislature.

FED(LEGAL)

ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT

Changes regarding sanctions as they relate to truancy prevention measures are due to revisions at 19 Administrative Code 129.1047.

FFAC(LEGAL)

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

13 Administrative Code 7.125, which contained all the TSLAC retention schedules, was repealed and replaced with 13 Administrative Code 7.126-.137. Each rule now contains a single retention schedule. The Records of Public School Districts schedule is now located at 13 Administrative Code 7.131. The revision at Records in the section on the Maintenance and Administration of Epinephrine Delivery Systems reflects this change. Related revisions also appear in CPC(LEGAL).

FFEB(LEGAL)

COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH: MENTAL HEALTH

The cross-reference in the Exception: Court Order section has been updated to reflect changes to the DP series of policies.

FFF(LOCAL)

STUDENT WELFARE: STUDENT SAFETY

The definition of misconduct has been amended to include provisions from Senate Bill 571 from the 89th Legislative Session. The misconduct definition has also been reformatted to improve readability.

FM(LEGAL)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In the Limits on Participation and Practice section, "one activity" has been revised to "two activities" due to amendments to 19 Administrative Code 76.1001(d).

FNCE(LOCAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In July 2025, TASB Policy Service emailed districts regarding changes resulting from the 89th Legislature. The email included a survey requesting information about the district's practice regarding student cell phone use. Our records indicate that we have not received a response from the district indicating that the board has adopted the required policy. Please contact your policy consultant to assist with updating this policy.

FOA(LEGAL)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE: REMOVAL BY TEACHER OR BUS DRIVER

At Appeals, a citation error has been corrected, and margin notes have been added to assist with clarity and readability.

GKA(LEGAL)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

A citation in the Tobacco and E-Cigarettes section has been updated after 20 U.S.C. 7183 was redesignated to 20 U.S.C. 7973.

GKD(LEGAL)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: NONSCHOOL USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Substantial revisions have been made regarding Facilities Use by Religious Organizations based on Senate Bill 2986 from the 89th Legislature.

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GNC(LEGAL)

**RELATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES: COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES**

19 Administrative Code 9.141-9.144, 9.146, and 9.147 have been repealed, which led to substantive changes to this legal framework. Provisions that are duplicative of those in EHDD(LEGAL) have been deleted.