

Summary of Local Policy Recommendations

Update 126 includes the following local policy recommendations:

Local Policy	What Changed	Why it Changed
BE: Board Meetings	Several recommended revisions have been made to this policy on board meetings. SB 12 prompted new language at Meeting Place and Time indicating that board meetings will be held outside of typical work hours. Language at Notice to Members has been adjusted to reflect HB 1522, which requires board agendas to be posted for three business days, rather than 72 hours, before the meeting. At Deadline, the recommended revisions are also in response to HB 1522. We offer for your consideration language requiring that agenda items be submitted 10 calendar days before a meeting. This deadline would provide the district sufficient time to compile items and post an agenda by the statutory deadline. SB 413 requires roll call voting, so the language at Record Vote has been revised accordingly. A paragraph in the Minutes section has been removed, as the statement is true for all district records and it is not necessary to separately address retention in this policy. Please refer to CPC(LOCAL) and your district's record retention procedures.	SB 12 HB 1522 SB 413
BED: Board Meetings, Public Participation	Recommended revisions comply with the SB 12 requirement that public comment occur at the beginning of board meetings.	SB 12
CJ: Contracted Services	Recommended new provisions reflect that contractors may not engage in or assign instructional activities prohibited by law or diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) duties under SB 12. Violations will result in termination of the contract.	SB 12
CJA: Contracted Services, Background Checks and Required Reporting	The subtopic name has been adjusted to Background Checks and Required Reporting to more accurately describe the contents of the legal framework at this code. No changes have been made to the local text, and the district has not been charged for this revision.	Subtopic name change

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CLE: Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management, Required Displays	The subtopic name has been adjusted to Required Displays to more accurately describe the contents of the legal framework at this code. No changes have been made to the local text, and the district has not been charged for this revision.	Subtopic name change
CQB: Technology Resources, Cybersecurity	Recommended revisions comply with HB 150, which moves cybersecurity training requirements from the Department of Information Resources to the Texas Cyber Command and includes details about notifications for cybersecurity incidents in addition to security breaches.	HB 150
CQD: Technology Resources, Artificial Intelligence	This new recommended policy addresses artificial intelligence training requirements based on HB 150 and HB 1500, as well as the use of artificial intelligence by district employees and students.	HB 150 HB 1500
CSA: Facility Standards, Safety and Security	SB 8 from the Second Special Session prompted the inclusion of a section on Designation and Use of Private Spaces. The superintendent is directed to designate private spaces in accordance with law and to develop regulations to ensure compliance.	SB 8
CV: Facilities Construction	The competitive purchasing threshold established in law has changed from \$50,000 to \$100,000 as reflected in CH(LEGAL). The language at Construction Contracts is recommended for revision here to refer to the legal threshold rather than a specific dollar amount. Policy BJA(LOCAL) establishes the superintendent's delegation authority; therefore "or designee" is recommended for deletion at Project Administration.	SB 1173
DBD: Employment Requirements and Restrictions, Conflict of Interest	A new recommended section on Personal Services Performed by an Administrator includes language relating to administrator work from HB 3372.	HB 3372
DEC: Compensation and Benefits, Leaves and Absences	HB 2 prompted recommended revisions to include Daily Rate of Pay under the Definitions section, as well as a section regarding Concurrent Use of Paid Leave during Family and Medical Leave for classroom teachers.	HB 2

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DFBB: Term Contracts, Nonrenewal	Based on SB 12, engaging or assigning diversity, equity, and inclusion duties, as well as instructional activities prohibited by law, are recommended for inclusion in the list of reasons a term contract employee may be nonrenewed. The item related to disability and the ability to perform the essential functions of the job has been amended for clarity.	SB 12
DGBA: Personnel-Management Relations, Employee Complaints/ Grievances	We recommend for your consideration this revised policy, which includes revisions prompted by the applicable portions of SB 12.	SB 12
DH: Employee Standards of Conduct	The recommended revision to the text at Weapons Prohibited – Exceptions reflects changes under SB 706 regarding reciprocity with a handgun license from another state. Sections on Prohibited Classroom Instruction or Activities; Prohibited Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Duties; and Social Transitioning are recommended for inclusion pursuant to SB 12. At Relationships with Students, the recommended revision addresses the requirement under SB 571 regarding notice of suspected misconduct by an educator or district service provider.	SB 706 SB 12 SB 571
EEP: Instructional Arrangements, Lesson Plans	This new local policy includes recommended language from SB 12 on instructional plans and course syllabi.	SB 12
EFA: Instructional Resources, Instructional Materials	In accordance with SB 12, a section on Parent Request for Instructional Material Review is recommended for inclusion. The policy requires the superintendent to develop administrative regulations to ensure that parents or guardians can request review of instructional materials individually or through a petition process with other parents.	SB 12
EHBAF: Special Education, Video/ Audio Monitoring	The enclosed revisions are recommended to update language regarding special education classrooms in accordance with HB 2 and to update the timeframe for reporting suspected misconduct or child abuse as required by SB 571.	HB 2 SB 571

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EIA: Academic Achievement, Grading/Progress Reports to Parents	Recommended revisions reflect the SB 12 requirement that each parent of a student be afforded the opportunity for at least two in-person conferences with the student's teacher per year. At Academic Dishonesty, language is recommended that indicates the use of artificial intelligence without permission constitutes academic dishonesty.	SB 12
FA: Parent Rights and Responsibilities	This new local policy is recommended for inclusion in the district's manual to address the SB 12 requirement to establish a parent portal on the district's website, through which parents may submit comments to administrators or the board.	SB 12
FEF: Attendance, Released Time	This local policy is recommended for inclusion in the district's manual to reflect SB 1049 requirements regarding released time courses.	SB 1049
FFAC: Wellness and Health Services, Medical Treatment	A recommended revision at Medication Provided by Parent has been made due to SB 920, which now allows school employees, including nurses, to administer nonprescription medication in accordance with legal requirements. At Epinephrine, references to "epinephrine auto-injector" have been updated to "epinephrine delivery system" in accordance with SB 1619.	SB 920 SB 1619
FFB: Student Welfare, Crisis Intervention	As required by HB 2, a provision is recommended for inclusion addressing the required notification that must be provided to teaching staff when a threat is made against the campus.	HB 2
FFF: Student Welfare, Student Safety	HB 2 prompted recommended revisions to this local policy regarding notifying a parent of a student with whom an employee or service provider is alleged to have engaged in misconduct.	HB 2
FFG: Student Welfare, Child Abuse and Neglect	A recommended change at Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect reflects that SB 571 requires reporting within 24 hours of learning of the facts giving rise to suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child. The revision to item 1 at Making a Report also comes from SB 571.	SB 571

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FNG: Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student and Parent Complaints/ Grievances	Substantial revisions to this student and parent complaint policy are recommended to reflect requirements in SB 12 and other legal requirements reflected in the legal framework at this code.	SB 12
FO: Student Discipline	Minor edits are recommended to the language regarding Video and Audio Monitoring that make such monitoring permissive and clarify what should happen when video and audio recording equipment is in use. HB 6 removed a district's authority to exempt itself from student discipline requirements through a District of Innovation plan. If your district had District of Innovation text at this code, it is recommended for deletion.	HB 6
GF: Public Complaints	We recommend for your consideration this revised public complaint policy, which includes revisions prompted by the applicable portions of SB 12.	SB 12
GKA: Community Relations, Conduct on School Premises	Language regarding handguns is recommended for revision due to SB 706.	SB 706

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