

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO APPROVE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION
SENATE BILL 149**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Mineola Independent School District recognizes that the Texas Legislature has, by act of the 84th Legislature, enacted Senate Bill 149, which amends Sections 12.104 and 28.0258 of the Texas Education Code, providing alternative methods for satisfying certain public high school graduation requirements, including authorizing the use of individual graduation committees; and

WHEREAS, Section 28.0258 requires the Superintendent of Schools to establish procedures for the convening of an individual graduation committee comprised of educators and administrators who are charged with determining whether a student has demonstrated proficiency in the subject area of a course required for graduation; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 28.0258 are effective immediately and impact the graduating class of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees finds that the District is both authorized and required to establish procedures for the convening of an individual graduation committee as set forth more fully in Section 28.0258:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Mineola Independent School District that the Superintendent of Schools shall immediately establish and implement procedures for the convening of an individual graduation committee for each member of the twelfth grade class who has successfully completed the curriculum requirements identified by the State Board of Education under Texas Education Code Section 28.05(a) but who failed to perform satisfactorily on one or more end-of-course assessment instruments.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the authority of the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee to develop and implement procedures to effectuate the mandates of Section 28.0258, including, but not limited to:

- Any procedures related to the convening of individual graduation committees;

- The appointment of an alternate committee member in the event a person required by law to participate is unable to serve;
- The provision of timely notice to the student, the student's parent or a person authorized by state law to participate in the graduation committee meeting; and
- The provision of interpreter/translation services as necessary to allow the parties to meaningfully participate in the individual graduation committee meeting.

The Board of Trustees hereby further orders that individual graduation committees be convened as set forth more fully at Section 28.0258 of the Texas Education Code, and that an appropriate review be performed by such committees to establish whether an eligible student may qualify to graduate after evaluating the information set forth by Section 28.0258 and recommending additional requirements the student must complete in order to qualify to graduate.

All decisions of the individual graduation committees for current twelfth grade students shall be completed on or before June 4, 2015. All decisions of the individual graduation committees for current eleventh grade students shall be completed on or before June 1, 2016.

Students who have been certified as eligible to graduate pursuant to the determination of an individual graduation committee WILL be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies with their class. All decisions of the individual graduation committees shall be final.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Adopted on this 18th day of May, 2015.

MINEOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees