



Update 125 Local Policy Overview

- Revisions are recommended to 5 local policies.
- 1 new local policy is recommended for adoption.

BDAA (LOCAL)

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS – DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

- At Board Officers, the sentence indicating that the board may assign a district employee to provide clerical assistance is recommended for deletion since the superintendent, rather than the board, manages staff assignments.

Board Officers

The Board shall elect a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary who shall be members of the Board. ~~The Board may assign a District employee to provide clerical assistance to the Board.~~ Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present and voting.

BDB (LOCAL)

BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION – BOARD COMMITTEES

- Revised in coordination with BDF (LOCAL) to clarify differences between board committees and advisory committees.
- Subtopic of this code has been changed from Internal Committees to Board Committees
- New language is recommended to establish how board committees are formed and outline their purpose.
- Text addressing dissolution of board committees is also recommended for inclusion.
- Language previously at Special Committees has been moved to BDF (LOCAL).

BDF (LOCAL)

BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION – ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- New policy is recommended for inclusion to coordinate with changes at BDB.
- Language has been moved here from BDB (LOCAL) and updated to clarify how advisory committees are formed and the parameters of their responsibilities.
- A section on Dissolution of the committees is also recommended for inclusion.

EI (LOCAL)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- At Partial Credit, recommended revisions replace the phrase “combined grade for” with “average of” to more accurately reflect the determination of awarding credit when a student earns a passing grade in only half a course.

Partial Credit

When a student earns a passing grade in only half of a course and the ~~combined grade for~~ average of both halves is lower than 70, the District shall award the student credit for the half with the passing grade.

FDE (LOCAL)

ADMISSIONS – SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS

- At Safe Schools Data, “bullying” is recommended for inclusion as an offense for which the district must collect and maintain data for purposes of the Unsafe School Choice Option.
- According to the Unsafe School Choice Option Handbook, published by TEA, a student who is the victim of bullying is eligible for a school safety transfer.

FEC (LOCAL)

ATTENDANCE – ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

- Revisions throughout this policy are recommended for clarity.
- The information in the first sentence of the policy has been incorporated at Absences Considered for improved readability. Rather than directing the board to establish attendance committees, the policy now authorizes the establishment of those committees by the administration.
- At Parental Notice of Excessive Absences, petitions for credit are recommended for deletion in favor of a reference to administrative regulations.
- Revisions at Imposing Conditions for Awarding Credit for a Final Grade are recommended to clarify that the district is not required to assign seat time equivalent to the time the student has been absent.

POLICY REVISIONS PROMPTED BY THE 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

EFB (LOCAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

- SB 13 changes how library materials are selected and challenged.
- The school district's board of trustees must adopt a formal policy for the acquisition of library materials by September 1, 2025.
- Administration will continue to utilize the library material advisory committee that has been in place the last couple of years. Library materials may be challenged by parents/guardians similar to the way that they have been in the past.
- Biggest change is the role of the board of trustees in approving the adoption and acquisition of new library materials. Board will have a role during the appeal process for library material challenges.

FD (LOCAL)

ADMISSIONS

- Under SB 401, a district that decides to prohibit homeschool students from participating in extracurricular activities through the district must adopt a policy indicating such by September 1, 2025.
- Our current policy addresses this topic, but we will add clarifying language as a precaution:

**Students Not
Enrolled**

A student enrolled in a private school, including a homeschool, shall not be eligible for concurrent enrollment in the District nor for participation in curricular or extracurricular activities **including UIL activities**, except as required by law. [See EEL and FM]

FNCE (LOCAL)

STUDENT CONDUCT: PERSONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- HB 1481 requires school districts to prohibit student use of personal communication devices at school during the school day.
- ECISD will prohibit students from using these devices, and students will be responsible for appropriately storing them.
- The ECISD Code of Conduct will address student consequences for not following this new rule.

QUESTIONS