

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS
DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

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(LOCAL)

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.
Vacancy	A vacancy among officers of the Board shall be filled by majority action of the Board.
Term and Duties	<p>Board officers normally shall serve for a term of one year <u>one year</u> or until a successor is elected. Officers shall be limited to two consecutive terms in any one position. Election of officers shall be held at the first regular Board meeting occurring after Trustee elections.</p> <p>Each officer shall perform any legal duties of the office, and other duties as required by the Board.</p>
President	<p>In addition to the duties required by law, the President of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preside at all Board meetings unless unable to attend.2. Have the right to discuss, make motions and, <u>propose</u> resolutions, and vote on all matters coming before the Board.3. Call special meetings of the Board. [See BE]4. Sign all legal documents, warrants, vouchers, and reports, as required by statute, state or federal regulations, or Board policy.5. Decide all questions of order in accordance with <i>Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised</i>, as modified by Board policy.
Vice President	<p>The Vice President of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Act in the capacity and perform the duties of the President of the Board in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President.2. Become President only upon being elected to the position.
Secretary	<p>The Secretary of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure that an accurate record is kept of the proceedings of each Board meeting.2. Ensure that notices of Board meetings are posted and sent as required by law.3. In the absence of the President and Vice President, call the meeting to order and act as presiding officer.4. Sign or countersign documents as directed by action of the Board.

BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION
~~INTERNAL~~BOARD COMMITTEES

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Committee of the Whole

The Board shall perform its work, insofar as is practicable, as a Committee of the Whole in deliberation of matters pending before the Board. However, standing committees and/or special committees shall be authorized, as follows, to serve only in an advisory capacity to the Committee of the Whole. Board committees shall be established to meet specific needs. They will be few in number to avoid creating a burden to trustees and staff.

Committee Functions

Board committees shall be fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory, but not administrative. Special and standing committees shall report their findings to the Board for appropriate action.

The Board recognizes that to derive benefit from use of committees, every reasonable effort must be made by the entire Board to avoid duplication of the effort of committees.

Transacting Business

Unless specified by the Board, a Board committee shall not have final decision-making authority. Board committee recommendations must be reported to the Board at a regular or special meeting. The Board shall not accept a Board committee's recommendation without due consideration of the matter.

Official Board actions that affect policy and operation of the District may occur only in regularly constituted meetings of the Board. Committee recommendations do not become policy unless and until they are adopted by the Board.

Dissolution

A Board committee shall be dissolved upon Board action.

Composition

The composition of the standing and special committees of the Board are detailed in the team operating procedures.

Duties

The role of the standing and special committees shall be limited to the finding of fact and formulation of recommendations for action by the Board. In this capacity, the committees shall have authority, under the conditions described in BBE(LOCAL), to request and receive any records, reports, or other documentation deemed necessary by the committee in fulfillment of its charge.

Meetings

Meetings of the standing and special committees to formulate recommendations for the disposition of matters pending before the Board shall comply with the notice and meeting requirements of the Open Meetings Act and shall be posted as work sessions. The agenda for each meeting shall be prepared in advance of the meeting by the assigned staff member and the chairperson, submitted to the Superintendent and Board President for information, then distributed to all Board members. Meetings of the standing and special committees shall be held only when a quorum, consisting of two of the committee members, including ex officio members, are present, and will generally be held on a monthly basis.

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Committee members shall not vote on issues before the committee; recommendations shall be made based on a consensus of the members.

Minutes shall be kept and distributed to all Board members and the Superintendent within a reasonable time prior to the next Board meeting.

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Note: For committees composed only of current Board members, see BDB.

**Advisory
Committees**

For purposes of this policy, an advisory committee is a committee composed primarily of District staff, parents, other community members, and/or students. An advisory committee may also include Board members in numbers less than a quorum of the Board.

Formation of an advisory committee shall be by Board action. When establishing an advisory committee, the Board action shall, at a minimum, specify the:

- Number of members on the committee;
- Process to appoint members to the committee;
- Term of committee membership; and
- Responsibilities of the committee.

An advisory committee shall be fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory and shall not assume administrative duties or responsibilities. Advisory committees shall report their findings and recommendations to the Board.

Transacting
Business

An advisory committee may transact business only within the specific authority granted by the Board. To be binding, all such committee recommendations must be reported to the Board at a regular or special meeting for approval and entry into the minutes as a public record.

Dissolution

An advisory committee shall be dissolved upon completion of the assigned task or Board action.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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**Certificate of
Coursework
Completion**

The District shall not issue a certificate of coursework completion to a student who fails to meet all state and local requirements for graduation. [See EIF, FMH]

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.

Safe Schools Data

The Superintendent shall ensure that the District complies with Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidelines for the collection and maintenance of data regarding:

1. Mandatory expellable offenses committed at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity, on or off school property [see FOD]; and
2. Any student who becomes a victim of one of the following violent criminal offenses, ~~as defined by the Penal Code~~, while on the premises of the school the student attends or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity, on or off school property:
 - a. Attempted murder;
 - b. Indecency with a child;
 - c. Aggravated kidnapping;
 - d. Aggravated assault on someone other than a District employee or volunteer;
 - e. Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault against someone other than a District employee or volunteer;
 - f. Aggravated robbery; ~~or~~
 - g. Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual; or
 - ~~g-h.~~ Bullying.

School Safety Transfers

The parent of a student who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense as described in the state guidance for unsafe school choice options or who is assigned to a campus identified by TEA as persistently dangerous shall be offered a transfer to a safe public or charter school within the District.

For each transfer requested, the District shall explore transfer options, as appropriate. Options may include a transfer agreement with another school district.

From a Persistently Dangerous School

The parent of a student attending a school identified as persistently dangerous shall be provided notification of his or her right to request a transfer. Notification shall occur at least 14 days prior to the start of the school year or, for a student enrolling subsequently, upon the student's enrollment.

The parent must submit to the Superintendent an application for transfer. The Superintendent shall complete the transfer prior to the

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beginning of the school year, if applicable, or within 14 calendar days of the request for a subsequently enrolling student.

Any transfer arranged for a student from a campus identified by TEA as persistently dangerous shall be renewed so long as the campus from which the student transferred retains that designation.

The District shall maintain, in accordance with the District's record retention schedule, documentation of notification to parents of the transfer option, transfer applications submitted, and action taken.

For a Victim of a
Violent Criminal
Offense

Within 14 calendar days after a violent criminal offense described above occurs in or on the premises of the school the student attends or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity, on or off school property, the District shall notify the parent of a student who is a victim of the offense of the parent's right to request a transfer. The parent must submit to the Superintendent an application for transfer. The Superintendent shall approve or disapprove the request within 14 calendar days of its submission.

Any transfer arranged for a student who was a victim of a violent crime as described above shall be renewed so long as the threat to the student exists at the campus to which the student would typically be assigned.

For each offense, the District shall maintain for at least five years documentation of the nature and date of the offense, notification to the parent of the transfer option, transfer applications submitted, action taken, and other relevant information regarding the offense.

[See FDE(REGULATION) and FDE(EXHIBIT)]

**Additional Transfer
Options**

In circumstances described by Education Code 25.0341, a parent of a student who has been the victim of a sexual assault, regardless of whether the offense occurred on or off school property, may request a transfer of the parent's child or the student assailant from the same campus.

[For other transfer provisions, see also FDA and FDB.]