



## ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

**Meeting Date:** December 12, 2011

**Agenda Item:** EIF (LOCAL) Graduation Credits

**Presenter:** Kathy Allen

**Aligns With Board Goal(s):**

- *Aligns to Board Goal #1 – Students will meet or exceed educational performance standards.*

**Background Information:**

- The state requirement for credits needed to graduate on the Minimum Graduation Plan is 22.
- Currently Aledo ISD requires all students that graduate under the Minimum Graduation Plan to acquire 26 credits to graduate.
- Prior to the 2010-2011 school year students had 32 opportunities to acquire 26 credits to graduate on the Minimum Graduation Plan.
- Currently, students only have 28 opportunities to acquire 26 credits in order to graduate on the Minimum Graduation Plan.
- The implementation of the STAAR/EOC testing program and the need to pass 12 EOC tests as a new graduation requirement places more burden on our at-risk students to secure the 26 credits needed to Graduate on the Minimum Graduation Plan.
- All students enter high school under the Recommendation Graduation Plan and must meet specific criteria in order to change to the Minimum Graduation Plan.
- EIF (LOCAL) needs to be updated to reflect the district requirement for all students to take 0.5 credit in health and 1 credit in technology.

**Administrative Considerations:**

- Administration is asking the board to change the EIF (LOCAL) policy by reducing the number of credits needed to graduate on the minimum graduation plan from 26 to 23 credits.
- Update the wording in EIF (LOCAL) to reflect the district requirement for 0.5 Health Credit and 1 technology credit.
- The changes in EIF (LOCAL) would go into effect immediately for all high school students graduating under the Minimum Graduation Plan.

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Administrative Recommendation:**

Administration recommends the reduction in credits for graduating under the Minimum Graduation Plan from 26 to 23 and the addition of language in EIF (LOCAL) to reflect the health and technology requirement for all students.

