

Board Information Item

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Subject:	Act on Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parents Rights
Contact Person:	Dr. Brad Schnautz, Superintendent Paula Barbaroux, Chief Operations Officer
Policy/Code:	BF(LOCAL)
Priority and Performance Objective:	Priority 3: Parents, Families and Community Satisfaction and Engagement Objective 3.1: Parents and Families Satisfaction and Engagement Priority 4: Strong Financial Stewardship and Internal System Efficiency Objective 4.2: Effective and Efficient District Operations
Summary:	<p>Senate Bill 12 from the most recent legislative session, contains extensive parental rights all which are effective on September 1, 2025. TASB Policy Service is preparing the needed policies, however, they will not be ready before September 1. GCISD also has Board Policy BF(LOCAL) regarding harmony with law. The policy states, “Newly enacted law is applicable when effective. No policy or regulation, or any portion thereof, shall be operative if it is found to be in conflict with applicable law.”</p> <p>However, to assist districts with compliance and understanding, TASB Policy Service created a resolution relating to Parent Rights and Senate Bill 12 for member districts to use. While TASB does not believe the resolution is required, compliance with Senate Bill 12 and all other new legal requirements are not optional. This resolution may be used by school districts to ensure that the Board of Trustees, District employees, and</p>

contractors are informed on these matters before the proposed policies are ready in the early fall.

Where written parental consent is required, the District has already prepared forms and a process for obtaining the required consents.

Attachments:

Resolution
Board Policy BF(LOCAL)

Recommendation:

The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the resolution regarding Senate Bill 12 and parents' rights.

Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 12 and Parent Rights

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 12 from the 89th legislative session relates to parental rights in public education, including requirements and prohibitions regarding instruction; diversity, equity and inclusion duties; assistance with District student social transitioning; and student clubs;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 12 becomes effective on September 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, local policies relating to matters in Senate Bill 12 will be adopted as soon as practicable, but after the effective date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District directs all staff and contractors to comply with the following requirements and directives:

1. All policies shall be implemented and followed;
2. Parental rights, including the right to direct the moral and religious training of the parent's child, make decisions concerning the child's education, and consent to medical, psychiatric, and psychological treatment of the parent's child will not be infringed unless required by law or to provide life-saving care to the child;
3. Except as required by state or federal law, employees and contractors may not assign diversity, equity, and inclusion duties to any person, and the District hereby prohibits a District employee, contractor, or volunteer from engaging in diversity, equity, and inclusion duties at, for, or on behalf of the District;
4. An employee or contractor who intentionally or knowingly engages in or assigns to another person diversity, equity, and inclusion duties or engages in prohibited instruction will be appropriately disciplined, up to and including termination;
5. Employees of the District are prohibited from assisting a student enrolled in the District with social transitioning, including providing any information about social transitioning or providing guidelines intended to assist a person with social transitioning;
6. No information about a parent's child may be withheld from the parent unless required by law, and parents are entitled to access all written records of the District concerning the parent's child, including library records and health records. Information may be withheld if disclosure is likely to result in the student suffering abuse or neglect;
7. Information regarding a parent's right to access records relating to the parent's child shall be posted on the District's home page of the internet website;
8. Instructional plans or course syllabi for each class offered in the District for a semester must be posted on the District's internet website at the beginning of each semester;
9. The Superintendent is directed to provide for an internet portal through which parents of students enrolled in the District may submit comments to campus or District administrators and the Board;
10. The Board shall prioritize public comments by hearing comments at the beginning of each Board meeting;
11. The Board will only hold Board meetings outside of typical work hours;

12. Parents are entitled to notice no later than one school business day after the date an employee first suspects that a criminal offense has been committed against the parent's child;
13. Employees are not prohibited from providing parents with information regarding a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being or a change in services provided to or monitoring of the student related to the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being;
14. No employee will encourage or have the effect of encouraging a student to withhold from the student's parent information about the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being;
15. Employees may not discourage or prohibit parental knowledge of or involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being;
16. Unless authorized by law, no employee may disclose a child's health or medical information to any person other than the child's parent;
17. Unless authorized by law, no employee may collect, use, store, or disclose to any person other than the child's parent a child's biometric identifiers;
18. Unless authorized by law, no employee will provide health care services or medication or conduct a medical procedure to a student;
19. All grievances received by the District on or after September 1, 2025, will comply with the legal requirements in Texas Education Code Chapter 26A;
20. Before a student may be provided with human sexuality instruction, the District must obtain the written consent of the student's parent in the manner prescribed by law;
21. No employee may provide or allow a third party to provide instruction, guidance, activities, or programming regarding sexual orientation or gender identity to students enrolled in prekindergarten through grade 12;
22. Each parent will be provided at least two opportunities for in-person conferences with the child's teacher during each school year;
23. No student club authorized or sponsored by the District may be based on sexual orientation or gender identity;
24. Written parental consent is required before a student may participate in a student club authorized or sponsored by the District or campus;
25. The Superintendent is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to all District employees and contractors electronically or physically.

Adopted this ____ (date) day of _____ (month), ____ (year), by the Board.

Board President's signature: _____

Board Secretary's signature: _____

BOARD POLICIES

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(LOCAL)

Within the context of current law, the District shall be guided by Board-adopted written policies that are given appropriate distribution and are accessible to staff members, parents, students, and community residents.

Organization

Legally referenced policies contain provisions from federal and state statutes and regulations, case law, and other legal authority that together form the framework for local decision making and implementation. These policies are binding on the District until the cited provisions are repealed, revised, or superseded by legislative, regulatory, or judicial action.

Legally referenced policies are not adopted by the Board.

At each policy code the legally referenced policy and the Board-adopted local policy must be read together to further a full understanding of a topic.

Terms

The terms "Trustee" and "Board member" are used interchangeably in the local policy manual. Both terms are intended to reflect all the duties and obligations of the office.

[See AB for District name terminology.]

Harmony with Law

Newly enacted law is applicable when effective. No policy or regulation, or any portion thereof, shall be operative if it is found to be in conflict with applicable law.

Severability

If any portion of a policy or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of policy that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and to this end the provisions of this policy manual are declared to be severable.

Policy Development

Policies and policy amendments may be initiated by the Superintendent, Board members, school personnel, or community citizens, but generally shall be recommended for the Board's consideration by the Superintendent.

Official Policy Manual

The Board shall designate one copy of the local policy manual as the official policy manual of the District. The official copy shall be kept in the central administration office, and the Superintendent shall be responsible for its accuracy and integrity and shall maintain a historical record of the District's policy manual.

Adoption and Amendment

Local policies may be adopted or amended by a majority of the Board at any regular or special meeting, provided that Board members have had advance written notice of the proposed change and that it has been placed on the agenda for such meeting.

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Local policies become effective upon Board adoption or at a future date designated by the Board at the time of adoption.

TASB Localized
Updates

After Board review of legally referenced policies and adoption of local policies, the new material shall be incorporated into the official policy manual and into other localized policy manuals maintained by the District. If discrepancies occur between different copies of the manual, the version contained in the official policy manual shall be regarded as authoritative.