

(LOCAL) Policies Packet

For your convenience, this file contains *only* the local policies from your school district's TASB update packet.

What is in this packet?

- Instruction sheet for recommended (LOCAL) policies
- Explanatory Notes for recommended (LOCAL) policies
- Clean copies of recommended (LOCAL) policies
- Annotated (redlined) copies of recommended (LOCAL) policy changes

This is not the full update packet.

To retrieve your district's full update packet, log in to Policy Online® and visit My Policy Manual > Local Manual Updates > Numbered Updates.

What is in the full update packet?

The full update packet contains:

- A summary of the overall policy update
- (LEGAL) policies and (EXHIBIT) documents that describe the statutory framework in which your local policies must operate
- Instructions and Explanatory Notes for every policy change, not just the (LOCAL) policies
- Guidance on how to:
 - Present recommended policy changes to the board
 - Keep minutes
 - Notify TASB of board action
 - Maintain your historical record
 - Update your administrative regulations

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Instruction Sheet
TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 125

Duncanville ISD

Code	Type	Action To Be Taken	Note
BDAA	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy
BDB	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy
BDF	(LOCAL)	ADD policy	See explanatory note
EI	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy
FDE	(LOCAL)	Replace policy	Revised policy
FEC	(LOCAL)	No policy enclosed	See explanatory note
FFAC	(LOCAL)	No policy enclosed	See explanatory note

Explanatory Notes

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BDAA(LOCAL) OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS: DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

Revisions are recommended to this local policy on board officer duties and requirements. 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, including providing support to the board. Under Terms and Duties — Vice President, the revised language clarifies that when the vice president automatically becomes president due to a vacancy, they then serve as president until the board reorganizes.

BDB(LOCAL) BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION: BOARD COMMITTEES

This policy has been revised in coordination with BDF(LOCAL) to clarify the difference between board committees and advisory committees. Accordingly, the subtopic of this code has been changed from Internal Committees to Board Committees, and new provisions are recommended to establish how board committees are formed and outline their purpose. Text addressing Dissolution of board committees is also recommended for inclusion. The language previously at Special Committees has been moved to BDF(LOCAL).

BDF(LOCAL) BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION: ADVISORY COMMITTEES

This new local policy is recommended for inclusion to coordinate with the changes at BDB. The subtopic of this code has been changed from Citizen Advisory Committees to Advisory Committees. 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 of a course.

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. The revision aligns with the Unsafe School Choice Option Guidance Handbook.

FEC(LOCAL) ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

This local policy has been impacted by the district's innovation plan. Please contact your policy consultant to discuss your renewed or revised innovation plan and any potential policy revisions.

FFAC(LOCAL) WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES: MEDICAL TREATMENT

The revisions to the legal framework at this code reflect the new Department of State Health Services rules on unassigned medication for respiratory distress. If your district currently maintains medication that can be used when a person is experiencing respiratory distress, please contact your policy consultant for appropriate text to include in your local policy.

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS
DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

BDAA
(LOCAL)

Board Officers	The Board shall elect a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary who shall be members of the Board. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present and voting.
Vacancy	A vacancy among officers of the Board, other than the President, shall be filled by majority action of the Board.
Term and Duties	Board officers shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected. Officers may succeed themselves in office. Each officer shall perform any legal duties of the office and other duties as required by action of the Board.
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, propose resolutions, and vote on all matters coming before the Board.
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. Automatically become President of the Board if a vacancy in that office occurs and serve in this role until the Board reorganizes.
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.

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BOARD COMMITTEES

BDB
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Note: For advisory committees that include staff, parents, community members, or students, see BDF.

Board Committees

For purposes of this policy, a Board committee is a committee composed only of current Board members.

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

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

A Board committee shall be fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory, and shall make recommendations in the areas of their responsibility. Board committees shall report their findings and recommendations to the Board and shall not assume administrative duties or responsibilities.

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.

Dissolution

A Board committee shall be dissolved upon Board action.

BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEES

BDF
(LOCAL)

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.

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Dissolution

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

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

EI
(LOCAL)

**Certificate of
Coursework
Completion**

The District shall issue a certificate of coursework completion to a student who has successfully completed state and local credit requirements for graduation but has failed to meet all applicable state testing requirements. [See EIF, FMH]

Partial Credit

When a student earns a passing grade in only half of a course and the 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 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;
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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 beginning of the school year, if applicable, or within 14 calendar days of the request for a subsequently enrolling student.

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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.

**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.]



(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue font: new text.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

Note: While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes — as in an extensive rewrite — may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

Contact us:

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~~INTERNAL~~BOARD COMMITTEES

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Special Committees

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