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SUPERINTENDENT
NONRENEWAL

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REASONS

The Board's decision not to renew the Superintendent's contract shall not be based on the Superintendent's exercise of rights guaranteed by the Constitution, or based unlawfully on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or age. Reasons for the non-renewal of the Superintendent's contract shall be:

1. Deficiencies pointed out in evaluations, supplemental memoranda, or other communications.
2. Failure to fulfill duties or responsibilities.
3. Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duties.
4. Insubordination or failure to comply with Board directives.
5. Failure to comply with Board policies or administrative regulations.
6. Failure of the District to make measurable progress towards the goals stated in the District improvement plan. [See BQ]
7. Conducting personal business during school hours when it results in neglect of duties.
8. Drunkenness or excessive use of alcoholic beverages; or possession, use, or being under the influence of alcohol or alcoholic beverages while on school property, while working in the scope of the employee's duties, or while attending any school- or District-sponsored activity.
9. The illegal possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, hallucinogens, or other substances regulated by state statutes.

~~10. Conviction of a felony or of any crime involving moral turpitude; conviction of a lesser included offense pursuant to a plea when the original charged offense is a felony; or deferred adjudication for a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude. [See DH]~~

~~11. Failure to report to the Board any arrest, conviction, or deferred adjudication for any felony or any crime involving moral turpitude as required by policy. [See DH]~~

~~12.10.~~ Failure to meet the District's standards of professional conduct.

11. Failure to report to the Board any arrest, indictment, conviction, no contest or guilty plea, or other adjudication for any felony, any crime involving moral turpitude, or other offense listed at DH(LOCAL). [See DH]

12. Conviction of or deferred adjudication for any felony, any crime involving moral turpitude, or other offense listed at DH(LOCAL); and conviction of a lesser included offense pursuant to a plea when the original charged offense is a felony. [See DH]
13. Failure to comply with reasonable District ~~professional~~ requirements regarding advanced coursework or professional improvement and growth.
14. Disability, not otherwise protected by law, that prevents the Superintendent from performing the essential functions of the job.
15. Any activity, school-connected or otherwise, that, because of publicity given it or knowledge of it among students, faculty, or community, impairs or diminishes the Superintendent's effectiveness in the District.
16. Any breach by the Superintendent of an employment contract or any reason specified in the Superintendent's employment contract.
17. Failure to maintain an effective working relationship, or maintain good rapport, with parents, the community, staff, or the Board.
18. Assault on a person on school property or at a school-related function, or on an employee, student, or student's parent regardless of time or place.
19. Use of profanity, in the course of performing any duties of employment, whether on or off school premises, in the presence of students, staff, or members of the public, if reasonably characterized as unprofessional.
20. Falsification of records or other documents related to the District's activities.
21. Falsification or omission of required information on an employment application.
22. Misrepresentation of facts to the Board or other District officials in the conduct of District business.
23. Failure to fulfill requirements for Superintendent certification.
24. Failure to fulfill the requirements of a deficiency plan under an Emergency Permit or a Special Assignment Permit.
25. Any attempt to encourage or coerce a child to withhold information from the child's parent or from other District personnel.

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26. Any reasons constituting good cause for terminating the contract during its term.

NOTICE

If the Board determines that the Superintendent's contract should be considered for nonrenewal, the Board shall deliver to the Superintendent by hand or certified mail, return receipt requested, written notice of the proposed nonrenewal. This notice shall contain the hearing procedures and shall be delivered not later than the 30th day before the last day of the contract term.

HEARING

If the Superintendent desires a hearing after receiving notice of the proposed nonrenewal, the Superintendent shall notify the Board in writing not later than the 15th day after receiving the notice. When the Board receives a timely request for a hearing on proposed nonrenewal, the hearing shall be held not later than the 15th day after receipt of the request, unless the parties mutually agree to a delay. The Superintendent shall be given notice of the hearing date as soon as it is set.

HEARING
PROCEDURE

The hearing shall be conducted in closed meeting unless the Superintendent requests that it be open, with only the members of the Board, the Superintendent, their chosen representatives, and such witnesses as may be called in attendance. Witnesses may be excluded from the hearing until it is their turn to present evidence. The Superintendent and the Board may each be represented by a person designated in writing to act for them. Notice, at least five days in advance of the hearing, shall be given by each party intending to be represented, including the name of the representative. Failure to give such notice may result in postponement of the hearing.

HEARING
PROCEDURE

The conduct of the hearing shall be under the Board President's control and in general shall follow the steps listed below:

1. After consultation with the parties, the Board President shall impose reasonable time limits for presentation of evidence and closing arguments.
2. The hearing shall begin with the Board's presentation, supported by such proof as it desires to offer.
3. The Superintendent may cross-examine any witnesses for the Board.
4. The Superintendent may then present such testimonial or documentary proofs, as desired, to offer in rebuttal or in general support of the contention that the contract be renewed.

5. The Board may cross-examine any witnesses for the Superintendent and offer rebuttal to the testimony of the Superintendent's witnesses.
6. Closing arguments may be made by each party.

A record of the hearing shall be made so that a certified transcript can be prepared, if required.

BOARD DECISION

The Board may consider only such evidence as is presented at the hearing. After all the evidence has been presented, if the Board determines that the reasons given in support of the recommendation to not renew the Superintendent's contract are lawful, supported by the evidence, and not arbitrary or capricious, it shall so notify the Superintendent by a written notice not later than the 15th day after the date on which the hearing is concluded. This notice shall also include the Board's decision on renewal, which decision shall be final.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DBD
(LOCAL)

DISCLOSURE —
GENERAL STANDARD

An employee shall disclose to his or her immediate supervisor a personal financial interest, a business interest, or any other obligation or relationship that in any way creates a potential conflict of interest with the proper discharge of assigned duties and responsibilities or ~~that creates a potential conflict of interest~~ with the best interest of the District.

SPECIFIC
DISCLOSURES
SUBSTANTIAL
INTEREST

The Superintendent shall file an affidavit with the Board President disclosing a substantial interest, as defined by Local Government Code 171.002, in any business or real property that the Superintendent or any of his or her relatives in the first degree may have.

Any other employee who is in a position to affect a financial decision involving any business entity or real property in which the employee has a substantial interest, as defined by Local Government Code 171.002, shall file an affidavit with the Superintendent; however, the employee shall not be required to file an affidavit for the substantial interest of a relative.

INTEREST IN
PROPERTY

The Superintendent shall be required to file an affidavit disclosing interest in property in accordance with Government Code 553.002.

CONFLICTS
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT

No employee other than the Superintendent shall be required to file the conflicts disclosure statement, as promulgated by the Texas Ethics Commission and as specified by Local Government Code 176.003-.004.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT
REPORT

The Superintendent, as the executive officer of the District, shall provide to the District in a timely manner ~~to the District~~ information necessary for the District's annual financial management report.
~~[See BR]~~

[See BBFA]

GIFTS

An employee shall not accept or solicit any gift, favor, service, or other benefit that could reasonably be construed to influence the employee's discharge of assigned duties and responsibilities. [See CAA]

ENDORSEMENTS

An employee shall not recommend, endorse, or require students to purchase any product, material, or service in which the employee has a financial interest or that is sold by a company that employs or retains the District employee during nonschool hours. No employee shall require students to purchase a specific brand of school supplies if other brands are equal and suitable for the intended instructional purpose.

SALES

An employee shall not use his or her position with the District to attempt to sell products or services.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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(LOCAL)

NONSCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT

An employee shall disclose in writing to his or her immediate supervisor any outside employment that in any way creates a potential conflict of interest with the proper discharge of assigned duties and responsibilities or with the best interest of the District.

PRIVATE TUTORING

An employee shall disclose in writing to his or her immediate supervisor any private tutoring of District students for pay.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

FN
(LOCAL)

Each student is expected to respect the rights and privileges of other students, teachers, and District staff. All teachers, administrators, and other District personnel are expected to respect the rights and privileges of students. [See DH series]

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Superintendent or designee shall develop student handbooks with information on curriculum, grading, extracurricular activities, and other such topics that students and parents are likely to need during the school year. ~~Student handbooks shall be distributed at the beginning of the school year to students and parents, teachers, and administrators and shall be provided also to newly hired professional employees, newly enrolled students, and to any other person on request. Amendments to the handbook shall be communicated promptly to students and parents in printed form~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that no student handbook information is in conflict with policy or the Student Code of Conduct. In case of conflict between a Board policy or the Student Code of Conduct and provisions of student handbooks, policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct shall prevail.

NO BOARD ACTION

Student handbooks are subject to Board review but shall not be adopted by the Board.

~~REVISIONS~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that no student handbook information is in conflict with policy or the Student Code of Conduct. In case of conflict between a Board policy or the Student Code of Conduct and provisions of student handbooks, policy and/or the Student Code of Conduct shall prevail.~~

DISTRIBUTION

Student handbooks shall be made available on the District's Web site at the beginning of the school year; hard copy shall be provided upon request. Amendments to the handbook shall be communicated promptly to students and parents.

[For provisions on the Student Code of Conduct, see FO~~(LEGAL)~~ and ~~(LOCAL)~~]

STUDENT EXPRESSION
DISTRIBUTION OF NONSCHOOL LITERATURE

FNA
(LOCAL)

Written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials not sponsored by the District or by a District-affiliated school-support organization shall not be sold, circulated, distributed, or posted on any District premises by any District student, except in accordance with this policy.

The District shall not be responsible for, nor shall the District endorse, the contents of any nonschool literature distributed by students.

For purposes of this policy, "distribution" means the circulation of more than ten copies of material from a source other than the District.

Materials distributed under the supervision of instructional personnel as a part of instruction or other authorized classroom activities shall not be considered nonschool literature and shall not be governed by this policy.

[For distribution of nonschool literature by nonstudents, see GKDA]

LIMITATIONS ON
CONTENT

Nonschool literature shall not be distributed by students on District property if:

1. The materials are obscene, vulgar, or otherwise inappropriate for the age and maturity of the audience.
2. The materials endorse actions endangering the health or safety of students.
3. The materials promote illegal use of drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances.
- ~~3.4.~~ 3.4. The distribution of such materials would violate the intellectual property rights, privacy rights, or other rights of another person.
- ~~4.5.~~ 4.5. The materials contain defamatory statements about public figures or others.
- ~~5.6.~~ 5.6. The materials advocate imminent lawless or disruptive action and are likely to incite or produce such action.
- ~~6.7.~~ 6.7. The materials are hate literature or similar publications that scurrilously attack ethnic, religious, or racial groups or contain content aimed at creating hostility and violence, and the materials would materially and substantially interfere with school activities or the rights of others.
- ~~7.8.~~ 7.8. There is reasonable cause to believe that distribution of the nonschool literature would result in material and substantial interference with school activities or the rights of others.

STUDENT EXPRESSION
DISTRIBUTION OF NONSCHOOL LITERATURE

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(LOCAL)

PRIOR REVIEW

All nonschool literature intended for distribution by students on school campuses or other District premises under this policy shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee for prior review in accordance with the following:

1. Materials shall include the name of the person or organization sponsoring the distribution.
2. Using the standards found in this policy at LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT, the Superintendent or designee shall approve or reject submitted materials within two school days of the time the materials were received.

EXCEPTIONS TO
PRIOR REVIEW

Prior review shall not be required for distribution of nonschool literature by District students only in the following circumstances:

1. Distribution of materials by a student to other attendees during a meeting of a noncurriculum-related student group authorized to meet at school during noninstructional time in accordance with FNAB(LOCAL); or
2. Distribution of nonschool materials in circumstances for which exceptions to prior review are authorized at GKDA(LOCAL).

Even when prior review is not required, all other provisions of this policy shall apply.

TIME, PLACE, AND
MANNER
RESTRICTIONS

Each campus principal shall designate times, locations, and means by which nonschool literature that is appropriate for distribution, as provided in this policy, may be made available or distributed by students to students or others at the principal's campus.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate times, locations, and means for distribution of nonschool literature by students at District facilities other than school campuses, in accordance with this policy.

VIOLATIONS OF
POLICY

Failure to comply with this policy regarding distribution of non-school literature shall result in appropriate administrative action, including but not limited to confiscation of nonconforming materials, suspension of a noncurriculum-related student group's use of District facilities, and/or other disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

APPEALS

Decisions made by the administration in accordance with this policy may be appealed in accordance with FNG(LOCAL).

NONSCHOOL USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
DISTRIBUTION OF NONSCHOOL LITERATURE

GKDA
(LOCAL)

DISTRIBUTION OF
NONSCHOOL
LITERATURE
PERMITTED

Written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials not sponsored by the District or by a District-affiliated school-support organization shall not be sold, circulated, distributed, or posted on any District premises by any District employee or by persons or groups not associated with the District, except in accordance with this policy.

The District shall not be responsible for, nor shall the District endorse, the contents of any nonschool literature distributed on any District premises.

[See CPAB regarding use of the District's internal mail system and FNAA regarding distribution of nonschool literature by students]

LIMITATIONS ON
CONTENT

Nonschool literature shall not be distributed on District property if:

1. The materials are obscene, vulgar, or otherwise inappropriate for the age and maturity of the audience.
2. The materials endorse actions endangering the health or safety of students.
3. The materials promote illegal use of drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances.
- ~~3.4.~~ The distribution of such materials would violate the intellectual property rights, privacy rights, or other rights of another person.
- ~~4.5.~~ The materials contain defamatory statements about public figures or others.
- ~~5.6.~~ The materials advocate imminent lawless or disruptive action and are likely to incite or produce such action.
- ~~6.7.~~ The materials are hate literature or similar publications that scurrilously attack ethnic, religious, or racial groups or contain content aimed at creating hostility and violence, and the materials would materially and substantially interfere with school activities or the rights of others.
- ~~7.8.~~ There is reasonable cause to believe that distribution of the nonschool literature would result in material and substantial interference with school activities or the rights of others.

PRIOR REVIEW

All nonschool literature intended for distribution on school campuses or other District premises under this policy shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee for prior review in accordance with the following:

1. Materials shall include the name of the person or organization sponsoring the distribution.

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DISTRIBUTION OF NONSCHOOL LITERATURE

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(LOCAL)

2. Using the standards found in this policy at LIMITATIONS ON CONTENT, the Superintendent or designee shall approve or reject submitted materials within two school days of the time the materials were received.

EXCEPTIONS TO
PRIOR REVIEW

Prior review shall not be required for distribution of nonschool literature in the following circumstances:

1. Distribution of materials by an attendee to other attendees at a school-sponsored meeting intended for adults and held after school hours;
2. Distribution of materials by an attendee to other attendees at a community group meeting held in accordance with GKD(LOCAL) or a noncurriculum-related student group meeting held in accordance with FNAB(LOCAL); or
3. Distribution for electioneering purposes during the time a school facility is being used as a polling place in accordance with state law [see BBB].

All nonschool literature distributed under these exceptions shall be removed from District property immediately following the event at which the materials were distributed.

Even when prior review is not required, all other provisions of this policy shall apply.

TIME, PLACE,
AND MANNER
RESTRICTIONS

Each campus principal shall designate times, locations, and means by which nonschool literature that is appropriate for distribution, as provided in this policy, may be made available or distributed to students or others at the principal's campus.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate times, locations, and means for distribution of nonschool literature at District facilities other than school campuses, in accordance with this policy.

VIOLATIONS OF
POLICY

Failure to comply with this policy regarding distribution of non-school literature shall result in appropriate administrative action, including but not limited to confiscation of nonconforming materials and/or suspension of use of District facilities. Appropriate law enforcement officials may be called if a person refuses to comply with this policy or fails to leave the premises when asked. [See GKA]

APPEALS

Decisions made by the administration in accordance with this policy may be appealed in accordance with the appropriate District complaint policy. [See DGBA or GF]