

Approval of TASB Update 120, 121, and CDA(Local) – 1st Reading August 8, 2023

SUMMARY:

TASB Policy Update 120 and 121 include revisions to policies based on updates to the Texas Administrative Code.

Update 120 contains revisions to 23 legal policies and 4 local policies including the changes to the following local policies:

- CB (LOCAL): State and Federal Revenue Sources
- CKC (LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management, Emergency Plans
- FNG (LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances
- FO (LOCAL): Student Discipline

Update 121 contains revisions to 48 legal policies and 11 local policies including the changes to the following local policies:

- CFB (LOCAL): Accounting, Inventories
- CKE (LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management, Security Personnel
- CLB (LOCAL): Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management, Maintenance
- CO (LOCAL): Food and Nutrition Management
- COA (LOCAL): Food and Nutrition Management, Procurement
- CRF (LOCAL): Insurance and Annuities Management, Unemployment Insurance
- CVA (LOCAL): Facilities Construction, Competitive Bidding
- CVB (LOCAL): Facilities Construction, Competitive Sealed Proposals
- FD (LOCAL): Admissions
- FFI (LOCAL): Student Welfare, Freedom from Bullying

*Denton ISD has elected not to adopt the revision to the DEA (LOCAL) policy

Additional local policy to be revised:

- CDA (LOCAL): Other Revenues, Investments

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board approved TASB Update 119 on August 23, 2022. Update 120 is being reviewed in conjunction with Policy 121. A workshop was held during the July 25, 2023 Board meeting where the updates listed above were discussed.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The District must have school policies that are consistent with current laws and appropriately communicate local policy issues. Policies are classified as either “Legal” or “Local” in design. A “Legal” policy is a statement of existing law or of binding legal decisions and as such do not require Board approval. Local policies are decisions made at the local level that reflect district decisions and practices and do require approval. Legal policies are always included in updates so local policy development occurs within the context of binding law.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

To allow the Board to evaluate and ensure that these policies reflect the practices of the District.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Because the law requires Districts to adopt a local policy so quickly, districts are allowed to implement the process for emergency adoption with one reading.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following options are available to the Board:

- continue to study the policy
- modify the existing language
- approve policies as written and submitted by TASB

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the TASB Update 120, 121 and CDA(LOCAL).

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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Deron Robinson, General Counsel

ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 120 Local Policy Comparison Packet
TASB Update 121 Local Policy Comparison Packet
CDA (LOCAL) – Redline