

## Discussion Item

**Date:** April 7, 2025

**Division:** Legal Services

**Subject:** Board Policy Update 124 (Local)

**Background Information:**

- The attached Board Policy Update 124 contains revisions to multiple local policies. These policy changes have been reviewed by members of the Superintendent's Leadership Team and Board Policy Committee. Below are summaries of these recommended updates by the respective department.

**CAA(LOCAL) FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: FINANCIAL ETHICS**

Recommended revisions to this local policy at Federal Awards Disclosure are to align text with updated rules regarding federal grants found in the Code of Federal Regulations. This guidance became effective October 1, 2024, and is reflected in CBB(LEGAL). The phrase "or designee" is recommended for deletion throughout the policy, except in places where the designation of another individual could be in place of the superintendent or board president and not just the superintendent as is the case in most other policies.

**CDA(LOCAL) OTHER REVENUES: INVESTMENTS**

The section on Sellers of Investments is recommended for revision to specify that representatives with distributors of investment pools must be registered with the Texas State Securities Board, have membership in the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and be in good standing with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Distributors of investment pools must also be registered in good standing with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

**CFC(LOCAL) ACCOUNTING: AUDITS**

Our records indicate that the district has an internal audit program. The Institute of Internal Auditors published new Global Internal Audit Standards that are effective in January 2025. It is recommended that the district review the [standards](#). Please contact your district's policy consultant for assistance with updates to the district's CFC(LOCAL) if needed.

**CY(LOCAL) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Revisions are recommended throughout this local policy to clarify the circumstances under which the district's intellectual property may be used and where ownership of intellectual property lies when material is created by a district employee. Other recommended revisions clarify how district employees may use other copyrighted material, including copyrighted material used for performances and displays in instruction.

**DH(LOCAL) EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

The provisions addressing tobacco and e-cigarettes are recommended for revision to include nicotine products regardless of whether the product contains tobacco. This language aligns with the language included in the Model Employee Handbook.

#### **EHB(LEGAL) CURRICULUM DESIGN: SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

This policy includes substantial revisions, most of which are the result of amended Administrative Code rules effective June 30, 2024. At Parental Notice of Assistance for Learning Difficulties, a phrase has been added to item 3e to clarify the content in the cited Education Code provision. A new section with Definitions now found in the Administrative Code has been added. The provisions at Board Action Required and Screening, Testing, and Identification have been updated. Extensive edits at Parent Education are due to revisions from the Administrative Code. Changes include a new paragraph on Instruction and deletion of text related to a dyslexia reading program.

#### **EHBB(LOCAL) SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS**

Changes to the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students, approved by the State Board of Education in September 2024, prompted updates in terminology throughout this local policy.

Recommended revisions at Funding are to align the text with requirements in the Education Code and in Administrative Code rules.

#### **FFG(LOCAL) STUDENT WELFARE: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

Under Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, a new subsection on Oral Reports is recommended to comply with revisions to the Family Code and Administrative Code. Recommended revisions at Making a Report are to clarify new requirements in the Education Code stating that reporting individuals must provide their name and contact information when making a report. The policy still states that the identity of a person making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect shall be kept confidential and disclosed only in accordance with the law.

#### **GKA(LOCAL) COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

Recommended language prohibiting electronic vaporizing devices has been added to the Tobacco and ECigarettes section of this local policy.

#### **Administrative Consideration:**

- First read of the Board Policy Update 124 (Local) policies.
- Board Policy Update 124 (Local) will be presented for Board approval on the April 14, 2025 consent agenda.