



TASB Local Policy Update 118

CFD(LOCAL): ACCOUNTING: ACTIVITY FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Recommended revisions to this local policy are to align with the recently adopted amendments to the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (FASRG), Module 1, Appendix H, on activity funds. (See the FASRG Financial Accounting and Reporting Appendices at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/de-fault/files/fasrg17-module1-farappendices-final-accessible.pdf>.)

CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: CYBERSECURITY

Based on HB 1118 and SB 1267, the provision addressing board delegation to the superintendent regarding cybersecurity training has been revised to:

- Reflect the elimination of the annual training requirement (except for the cybersecurity coordinator); and
- Give the superintendent the authority to impose consequences for failure to complete required training.

Recommended revisions regarding reports of breaches involving student information are based on SB 1696, which permits the district, rather than the cybersecurity coordinator, to report breaches to TEA and others as required by law.

DFE(LOCAL): TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT: RESIGNATION

New recommended text states that if a contract employee provides a resignation to a supervisor who has not been designated by the board to accept such resignations, the supervisor shall instruct the employee to submit the resignation to the superintendent or other person designated by board action.

DP(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS

Revisions regarding school counselors are based on SB 179, which mandates that the board adopt a policy requiring a school counselor to spend at least 80 percent of total work time on duties that are components of a comprehensive school counseling program (CSCP). If the board determines that, because of staffing needs in the district or at a campus, a school counselor cannot spend 80 percent of work time on CSCP components, the policy must address further details regarding the counselor's duties.

EHAA(LOCAL): BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM: REQUIRED INSTRUCTION (ALL LEVELS)

New provisions are recommended based on HB 1525, which imposes several requirements regarding human sexuality curriculum materials, including a board policy on adopting curriculum materials. The policy follows the steps required by law, including board adoption of a resolution to convene the school health advisory council (SHAC) to hold meetings and make recommendations to the board at a public meeting, as well as board confirmation that the recommendations meet the requirements in law before taking action by a record vote.

EHBC(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS: COMPENSATORY/ACCELERATED SERVICES

Recommended revisions to this local policy include references to accelerated instruction and accelerated learning committees as revised by HB 4545 and direct parents to FNG, the district's existing grievance policy, for complaints about educational plans.

EIE(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: RETENTION AND PROMOTION

Outdated provisions on grade advancement testing have been removed as a result of HB 4545, including provisions on assignment of retained students, which were based on Administrative Code provisions addressing grade advancement requirements. The statement about eliminating the practice of retaining students is recommended for deletion, as it is only needed if a district operates an optional extended year program (OEYP) under Education Code 29.082.

FDE(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS: SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS

Recommended revisions are to reflect a change from HB 375, which amends the offense of continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children to include continuous sexual abuse of "a disabled individual."

FEA(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE: COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

We have added text to address SB 289, which creates an optional excused absence for a student who is at least 15 years old to be absent for one day to obtain a learner license and for one day to obtain a driver's license.

FEC(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE: ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

Numerous revisions are recommended to this local policy on attendance for credit.

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

Recommended revisions to this local policy incorporate HB 3379 changes to the standard of reporting child abuse and neglect from "cause to believe" to "reasonable cause to believe."

FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS

We offer for your consideration our recommended text at Types of Education Records, which includes education records the district might maintain, including documentation of discussion and action by the new accelerated learning committees created in accordance with HB 4545.