



Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Date	April 21, 2025
Agenda Item	Consider Resolution to Suspend Portions FMH(LOCAL)
Policy Reference	FMH(LOCAL)
Strategic Goal	Student Success
Department	Administrative Services

Recommendation: Administration seeks approval of a resolution to suspend a portion of FMH (Local) in order to provide the Superintendent with the authority to make exceptions for certain students, who would otherwise be eligible to participate in the 2025 commencement ceremonies.

Summary: Texas Education Agency state testing accountability timelines indicate that school districts may not receive results from Spring 2025 End-of-course test (EOC) administration prior to the dates our BISD graduation ceremonies are held. This has been the trend for the past couple of years and is likely to continue. We have seniors who need to achieve passing scores on one or two Spring 2025 EOC(s) to meet their graduation requirements. For current seniors, we plan to use the Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) process where permitted to address senior students in this situation. Absent EOC scores, students have met all other graduation requirements.

Similarly, we have students in their 3rd year of high school, who are on track to meet all other graduation requirements with the exception of their U.S. History EOC. These students are currently enrolled in U.S. History for the first time. The Spring 2025 EOC administration is their first opportunity to take their U.S. History EOC. These students are on track to graduate early. The IGC process is not available to students until they begin their fourth year of high school.

FMH(LOCAL) states that “To be eligible to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies, a student shall meet all state and local graduation requirements, including all applicable state testing.”

For the above mentioned scenarios, the Board would need to allow suspension of this portion of FMH(LOCAL) in order to allow students who meet all other graduation requirements to participate in the BISD 2025 commencement ceremonies and activities.

Rationale: Based on feedback from the secondary campuses, early graduate students are likely to pass their U.S. History EOC. In prior years, these students would have been eligible to participate in the Spring commencement as we would have received their scores back from the state prior to the date of BISD graduation ceremonies.

Recommended by: Dr. John O’Hare, Chief Administrative Officer

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Suggested Motion: I move that we approve the resolution to suspend portions of FMH(LOCAL) as presented.