

Approval of TASB Update 105 Local Policies – 2nd Reading September 13, 2016

SUMMARY:

Update 105 Update 105 includes revisions throughout the policy manual based on the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), signed into law December 10, 2015, which replaces the previous version of the law—the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA)—and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Update 105 also addresses several recent amendments to the Texas Administrative Code. Major topics affected by the rule changes include disclosures of interested parties to district contracts, integrated pest management, teacher and administrator appraisals, special education, prekindergarten grants, and individual graduation committees. Update 105 also includes several local policy topics, such as parent and family engagement; flag displays; records management; teacher credentials; term contract nonrenewal; reduction in force; comparability of services under Title I, Part A; and admission of homeless students.

Local policies included in Update 105:

- BJCF(LOCAL): SUPERINTENDENT - NONRENEWAL
- BQ(LOCAL): PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
- CLB(LOCAL): BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT - MAINTENANCE
- CLE(LOCAL): BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT - FLAG DISPLAYS
- CPC(LOCAL): OFFICE MANAGEMENT - RECORDS MANAGEMENT
- DBA(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS - CREDENTIALS AND RECORDS
- DFBB(LOCAL): TERM CONTRACTS - NONRENEWAL
- DFFA(LOCAL): REDUCTION IN FORCE - FINANCIAL EXIGENCY
- DFFB(LOCAL): REDUCTION IN FORCE - PROGRAM CHANGE
- DFFC(LOCAL): REDUCTION IN FORCE - CONTINUING CONTRACTS
- EHBD(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - FEDERAL TITLE I
- FDC(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - HOMELESS STUDENTS

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 105 policy revisions at the August 9, 2016 board meeting and first reading at the August 23, 2016 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 105 includes 53 legal, 12 local policies.

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 TASB Update 105 local policies on second reading

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 105 Local Policies