



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2F. Action

Date: November 8, 2004

SUBJECT: POLICY FD (LOCAL) REVISION/UPDATE

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- Policy FD local provides guidelines for admission of foreign exchange students
- The district has more than doubled in size in the past ten years
- The district currently admits foreign exchange students either as potential graduates or as non-graduates
- The district has a waiver from TEA to limit the number of foreign exchange students to no more than five per campus (Central will be eligible to receive foreign exchange students in 2005-2006)
- Current policy limits an organizations to no more than one student per school until after school starts
- Current policy allows students to be classified as seniors
- Current policy allows for post-graduate students to be admitted as foreign exchange students.

Administrative Considerations:

- Keller ISD continues to receive numerous requests for placement of foreign exchange students
- It is proving to be increasingly difficult to properly evaluate placement of these students
- Several students in recent years have not had the language skills to participate equally with other students in their classes
- Students not attempting graduation are not included in the pool of students required to pass TAKS
- Reserving open positions for organizations until school begins presents a hardship for students in analyzing their academic records and preparing an appropriate schedule

- We do not allow post-graduate students in other instances to continue their education with KISD
- The proposed changes will allow students the opportunity for a quality experience and provide more flexibility to foreign exchange sponsors who wish to place students in Keller ISD
- Administrative Procedures will be developed and communicated to all necessary staff
- Changes in the foreign exchange policy will be communicated to each agency we have worked with by certified letter as soon as the policy changes are approved.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to FD Local as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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