

Approval of DISD Local Policy EIC (Local)
Academic Achievement: Advanced Courses 1st Reading
February 13, 2018

SUMMARY:

The Board will consider a first reading approval on DISD Local Policy revisions

- EIC (Local) Academic Achievement: Advanced Courses

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board reviewed this policy on January 23, 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Denton ISD has been using the terminology, Pre-Ap, to show a distinction between regular courses and advanced courses. Pre-Ap was a fictitious name used to identify a course that would prepare students for AP, dual-credit, and IB course work. College Board has now officially trademarked Pre-Ap and therefore districts are no longer able to carry the name unless our district purchases and meets all the guidelines associated with the term Pre-Ap. It is our recommendation to remove the term Pre-Ap and replace the term with Honors to show the distinction between our regular and advanced courses. This is a name change only and will not affect the level of rigor in the current courses.

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:

The Board will review the proposed change and then formally conduct two readings with the second requesting final approval.

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 Board approve EIC (Local) on first reading

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

James K Wilson, III, Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

The proposed changes to Local policy are attached.

Signature of Superintendent: _____