

## Policy Update 124: A Brief Explanation of Changes

- 1. CAA (Local) – Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives: Financial Ethics – replaces policy.** Recommended revisions to this local policy at Federal Awards Disclosure are to align the text with updated rules regarding federal grants found in the Code of Federal Regulations. This guidance became effective October 1, 2024, and is reflected in CBB(LEGAL). The phrase "or designee" is recommended for deletion throughout the policy, except in places where the designation of another individual could be in place of the superintendent or board president and not just the superintendent as is the case in most other policies.
- 2. CDA (Local) – Other Revenues: Investments - replaces policy.** The section on Sellers of Investments is recommended for revision to specify that representatives with distributors of investment pools must be registered with the Texas State Securities Board, have membership in the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and be in good standing with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Distributors of investment pools must also be registered in good standing with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.
- 3. CY (Local) – Intellectual Property- replaces policy.** Revisions are recommended throughout this local policy to clarify the circumstances under which the district's intellectual property may be used and where ownership of intellectual property lies when material is created by a district employee. Other recommended revisions clarify how district employees may use other copyrighted material, including copyrighted material used for performances and displays in instruction.
- 4. DH (Local) – Employee Standards of Conduct – replaces policy.** The provisions addressing tobacco and e-cigarettes are recommended for revision to include nicotine products regardless of whether the product contains tobacco. This language aligns with the language included in the Model Employee Handbook.
- 5. EHB (Local) – Curriculum Design: Special Programs - replaces policy.** Recommended revisions to this local policy on Special Programs reflect updated Administrative Code rules addressing dyslexia and related disorders, specifically inclusion of references to the Dyslexia Handbook and admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee decisions.
- 6. EHBB (Local) – Special Programs: Gifted and Talented Students – replaces policy.** Changes to the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students, approved by the State Board of Education in September 2024, prompted updates in terminology throughout this local policy. Recommended revisions at Funding are to align the text with requirements in the Education Code and in Administrative Code rules.
- 7. FFG (Local) – Student Welfare: Child Abuse and Neglect- replaces policy.** Under Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, a new subsection on Oral Reports is recommended to comply with revisions to the Family Code and Administrative Code. Recommended

revisions at Making a Report are to clarify new requirements in the Education Code stating that reporting individuals must provide their name and contact information when making a report. The policy still states that the identity of a person making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect shall be kept confidential and disclosed only in accordance with the law.

8. **GKA (Local) – Community Relations: Conduct on School Premises – replaces policy.** Recommended language prohibiting electronic vaporizing devices has been added to the Tobacco and E-Cigarettes section of this local policy.