



Ector County Independent School District

Action Page

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Stephanie Howard, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO FNF (LOCAL) STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: INVESTIGATIONS AND SEARCHES

DATE: July 21, 2020

The Board of Trustees are asked to approve the modification of Board Policy FNF (LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities: Investigations and Searches. The section "Drug Testing of Students Suspected to be Under the Influence" is being recommended for deletion. The following are concerns about drug testing students:

1. Any student who is suspected of engaging in any drug or alcohol offense, found to be under the influence, or suspected of being under the influence must take a drug or alcohol test as soon as possible, at a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration certified laboratory at the parent's expense.
2. The current cost of a drug test is \$35.00.
3. The District interprets a refusal to cooperate for a drug test by the student or parent as a presumption of guilt.
4. When the student or parent refuses to take a drug test, we consider it a mandatory DAEP placement to the Alternative Education Center.
5. Loss of learning and attendance for the student due to drug testing not being completed as soon as possible and/or the transition from home campus to AEC.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approval of the Revisions to Board Policy FNF(LOCAL).