

Model Student Handbook Supplement: In March, superintendents, superintendents' secretaries, and policy contacts were granted access to the 2009–2010 *Model Student Handbook* files via myTASB. Now these files have been revised to include legislative changes from the 81st Texas Legislature.

Please note, as reflected in the Handbook's editorial notes at GRADING GUIDELINES, Senate Bill 2033 requires the district to adopt a grading policy before each school year. Grades for assignments must be based on relative mastery. The grading policy may not require a teacher to give a minimum grade on an assignment that does not reflect the quality of the student's work. Districts already have a policy addressing grading guidelines at EIA(LOCAL). Any provisions in the district's current grading guidelines that conflict with this new law, such as assigning a grade of 50 when a student earned a lower grade, are unenforceable. TASB Policy Service expects to issue revisions to policy EIA at Update 86 in early fall of 2009.