

## Hallsville Independent School District

### For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees

**Date of Board Meeting:** June 19, 2025

**Topic:** Policy Update 125

**Background and Rationale:**

Update 125 includes policy revisions in response to revised state and federal rules.

BDAA (Local): Officers and Officials - Duties & Requirements of Board Officers

BDB (Local): Board Internal Organization - Board Committees

BDF (Local): Board Internal Organization - Advisory Committees

EI (Local): Academic Achievement

FDE (Local): Admissions - School Safety Transfers

FEC (Local): Attendance - Attendance for Credit

**Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

**Personnel Affected:**

**Budget Implications:**

- ☐ Include in this year's budget
- ☐ Amendment of this year's budget required
- ☐ Increase in this year's budget required
- ☐ Expenditures required for next year's budget
- ☐ N/A

**Recommendation:**

30 Day Read



Signature  
(Person Bringing Information to the Board)



Superintendent's Signature



## (LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

These documents are generated by an automated process that compares the updated policy to the current policy as found in TASB records.

In this packet, you will find:

- Policies being recommended for revision (annotated)
- New policies (not annotated)
- Policies recommended for deletion (annotated in PDF; not shown in Word)

Annotations are shown as follows:

- Deletions are in a red strike-through font: ~~deleted text~~.
- Additions are in a blue font: new text.
- Blocks of text that were moved without changes are shown in green, with double underline and double strike-through formatting to distinguish the text's new placement from its original location: ~~moved text~~ becomes moved text.
- Revision bars appear in the right margin to show sections with changes.

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**Note:** While the annotation software competently identifies simple changes, large or complicated changes — as in an extensive rewrite — may be more difficult to follow. In addition, TASB's recent changes to the policy templates to facilitate accessibility sometimes make formatting changes appear tracked, even though the text remains the same.

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For further assistance in understanding policy changes, please refer to the explanatory notes in your Localized Policy Manual update packet or contact your policy consultant.

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OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS  
DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS

BDAA  
(LOCAL)

<b>Board Officers</b>	The Board shall elect a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary who shall be members of the Board. <del>The Board may assign a District employee to provide clerical assistance to the Board.</del> Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present and voting.
Vacancy	A vacancy among officers of the Board, other than the President, shall be filled by majority action of the Board.
<b>Term and Duties</b>	Board officers shall serve for a term of <del>one year</del> one year or until a successor is elected. Officers may succeed themselves in office. Each officer shall perform any legal duties of the office and other duties as required by action of the Board.
President	<p>In addition to the duties required by law, the President of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Preside at all Board meetings unless unable to attend.</li><li>2. Have the right to discuss, make motions <del>and</del>, propose resolutions, and vote on all matters coming before the Board.</li></ol>
Vice President	<p>The Vice President of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Act in the capacity and perform the duties of the President of the Board in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President.</li><li>2. Automatically become President of the Board if a vacancy in that office occurs and serve in this role until the Board reorganizes.</li></ol>
Secretary	<p>The Secretary of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure that an accurate record is kept of the proceedings of each Board meeting.</li><li>2. Ensure that notices of Board meetings are posted and sent as required by law.</li><li>3. In the absence of the President and Vice President, call the meeting to order and act as presiding officer.</li><li>4. Sign or countersign documents as directed by action of the Board.</li></ol>



BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION  
**INTERNAL**BOARD COMMITTEES

BDB  
(LOCAL)

**Special Committees**

~~The President shall appoint members to special~~**Note:** For advisory committees ~~created by the Board to fulfill specific assignments, unless otherwise provided that include staff, parents, community members, or students, see BDF.~~

**Board Committees**

For purposes of this policy, a Board committee is a committee composed only of current Board members.

Formation of a Board committee shall be by Board action. ~~These committees may include District personnel~~When establishing a Board committee, the Board action shall, at a minimum, specify the:

- Number of Board members on the committee;
- Process to appoint Board members to the committee;
- Term of committee membership; and ~~citizens. The function of committees~~
- Responsibilities of the committee.

A Board committee shall be fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory, ~~but not administrative. Special~~and shall make recommendations in the areas of their responsibility. Board committees shall report their findings and recommendations to the Board and shall ~~be dissolved upon completion of the assigned task or vote of the Board~~not assume administrative duties or responsibilities.

~~The President of the Board and the Superintendent shall be ex-officio members of all Board committees, unless otherwise provided by Board action.~~

Transacting  
Business

~~Committees may transact business only within the specific authority granted~~Unless specified by the Board. ~~To be binding, all such business,~~ a Board committee shall not have final decision-making authority. Board committee recommendations must be reported to the Board at ~~the next~~a regular or special meeting ~~for approval and entry into the minutes as a public record.~~ The Board shall not accept a Board committee's recommendation without due consideration of the matter.

Dissolution

A Board committee shall be dissolved upon Board action.

BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES

BDF  
(LOCAL)

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**Note:** For committees composed only of current Board members, see BDB.

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**Advisory  
Committees**

For purposes of this policy, an advisory committee is a committee composed primarily of District staff, parents, other community members, and/or students. An advisory committee may also include Board members in numbers less than a quorum of the Board.

Formation of an advisory committee shall be by Board action. When establishing an advisory committee, the Board action shall, at a minimum, specify the:

- Number of members on the committee;
- Process to appoint members to the committee;
- Term of committee membership; and
- Responsibilities of the committee.

An advisory committee shall be fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory and shall not assume administrative duties or responsibilities. Advisory committees shall report their findings and recommendations to the Board.

**Transacting  
Business**

An advisory committee may transact business only within the specific authority granted by the Board. To be binding, all such committee recommendations must be reported to the Board at a regular or special meeting for approval and entry into the minutes as a public record.

**Dissolution**

An advisory committee shall be dissolved upon completion of the assigned task or Board action.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

EI  
(LOCAL)

**Certificate of  
Coursework  
Completion**

The District shall issue a certificate of coursework completion to a student who has successfully completed state and local credit requirements for graduation but has failed to meet all applicable state testing requirements. [See EIF, FMH]

**Partial Credit**

When a student earns a passing grade in only half of a course and the ~~combined grade for~~ average of both halves is lower than 70, the District shall award the student credit for the half with the passing grade.



**Safe Schools Data**

The Superintendent shall ensure that the District complies with Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidelines for the collection and maintenance of data regarding:

1. Mandatory expellable offenses committed at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored activity, on or off school property [see FOD]; and
2. Any student who becomes a victim of one of the following violent criminal offenses, ~~as defined by the Penal Code~~, while on the premises of the school the student attends or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity, on or off school property:
  - a. Attempted murder;
  - b. Indecency with a child;
  - c. Aggravated kidnapping;
  - d. Aggravated assault on someone other than a District employee or volunteer;
  - e. Sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault against someone other than a District employee or volunteer;
  - f. Aggravated robbery; ~~or~~
  - g. Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or disabled individual; ~~or~~
  - g-h. Bullying.

**School Safety  
Transfers**

The parent of a student who becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense as described in the state guidance for unsafe school choice options or who is assigned to a campus identified by TEA as persistently dangerous shall be offered a transfer to a safe public or charter school within the District.

For each transfer requested, the District shall explore transfer options, as appropriate. Options may include a transfer agreement with another school district.

**From a Persistently  
Dangerous School**

The parent of a student attending a school identified as persistently dangerous shall be provided notification of his or her right to request a transfer. Notification shall occur at least 14 days prior to the start of the school year or, for a student enrolling subsequently, upon the student's enrollment.

The parent must submit to the Superintendent an application for transfer. The Superintendent shall complete the transfer prior to the

beginning of the school year, if applicable, or within 14 calendar days of the request for a subsequently enrolling student.

Any transfer arranged for a student from a campus identified by TEA as persistently dangerous shall be renewed so long as the campus from which the student transferred retains that designation.

The District shall maintain, in accordance with the District's record retention schedule, documentation of notification to parents of the transfer option, transfer applications submitted, and action taken.

**For a Victim of a  
Violent Criminal  
Offense**

Within 14 calendar days after a violent criminal offense described above occurs in or on the premises of the school the student attends or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity, on or off school property, the District shall notify the parent of a student who is a victim of the offense of the parent's right to request a transfer. The parent must submit to the Superintendent an application for transfer. The Superintendent shall approve or disapprove the request within 14 calendar days of its submission.

Any transfer arranged for a student who was a victim of a violent crime as described above shall be renewed so long as the threat to the student exists at the campus to which the student would typically be assigned.

For each offense, the District shall maintain for at least five years documentation of the nature and date of the offense, notification to the parent of the transfer option, transfer applications submitted, action taken, and other relevant information regarding the offense.

**Additional Transfer  
Options**

In circumstances described by Education Code 25.0341, a parent of a student who has been the victim of a sexual assault, regardless of whether the offense occurred on or off school property, may request a transfer of the parent's child or the student assailant from the same campus.

[For other transfer provisions, see also FDA and FDB.]



	<del>This policy shall apply to a student who has not been in attendance for 90 percent of the days the class is offered.</del>
<b>Absences Considered</b>	Except as otherwise provided by law, all absences incurred while enrolled in the District shall be considered in determining whether a student has <del>attended</del> <b>been in attendance for 90 percent of the</b> <del>required percentage of days under this policy</del> <b>the class is offered.</b>
<b>Attendance Committees</b>	<p>The Board <del>shall establish</del> <b>authorizes the establishment of</b> an attendance committee or as many <b>attendance</b> committees as necessary for efficient implementation of <del>Education Code 25.092</del> <b>state law.</b></p> <p>The Superintendent <del>shall</del> <b>is authorized to</b> make the specific appointments in accordance with legal requirements.</p>
<b>Parental Notice of Excessive Absences</b>	A student and the student's parent or guardian shall be given written notice prior to and at such time when a student's attendance in any class drops below 90 percent of the days the class is offered.
<b>Methods for Regaining Credit or Awarding a Final Grade</b>	<p>When a student's attendance drops below 90 percent but remains at least at 75 percent of the days the class is offered, the student may earn credit for the class or a final grade by completing a plan approved by the principal. This plan must provide for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class as determined by the principal.</p> <p>If the student fails to successfully complete the plan, or when a student's attendance drops below 75 percent of the days the class is offered, the student, parent, or representative may request award of credit or a final grade by submitting a written petition to the appropriate attendance committee.</p> <p><del>Petitions</del> <b>A petition</b> for credit or a final grade may be filed <del>at any time the student receives notice but, in any event, no later than 30 days after the last day of classes.</del></p> <p><b>in accordance with administrative regulations.</b> The attendance committee shall review the student's entire attendance record and the reasons for absences and shall determine whether to award credit or a final grade. <del>The</del> <b>[See Imposing Conditions for Awarding Credit or a Final Grade, below]</b></p> <p><b>Regardless of whether a petition is filed, the</b> attendance committee may also, <del>whether a petition is filed or not,</del> review the records of all students whose attendance drops below 90 percent of the days the class is offered.</p>

ATTENDANCE  
ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT

FEC  
(LOCAL)

A student who has lost credit or has not received a final grade because of excessive absences may regain credit or be awarded a final grade by fulfilling the requirements established by the attendance committee.

**Personal Illness**

The principal or attendance committee may require verification from a health-care provider in accordance with administrative regulations as a condition of classifying an absence for personal illness as one for which there are extenuating circumstances.

**Best Interest Standard**

In reaching consensus regarding a student's absences and how the student can be awarded credit or a final grade, the attendance committee shall attempt to ensure that its decision is in the best interest of the student. The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to document the attendance committee's decision.

**Guidelines on Extenuating Circumstances**

The attendance committee shall consider whether a student has mastered the essential knowledge and skills and maintained passing grades in the course or subject.

When makeup work is completed satisfactorily, the attendance committee shall consider extracurricular absences and other excused absences as days of attendance for award of credit or a final grade. [See FEA]

The attendance committee shall consider whether the reasons for the absences were out of the parent's or student's control and whether documentation for the absence is acceptable.

The student or parent shall be given an opportunity to present any information to the committee about the absences and to discuss ways to earn or regain credit or be awarded a final grade.

**Imposing Conditions for Awarding Credit or a Final Grade**

The attendance committee or principal, as applicable, is not required to assign a student to attend a specified program for an amount of time equivalent to the student's absences (i.e., "seat time").

The attendance committee or principal, as applicable, shall consider the student's unique circumstances and, if necessary, shall impose other conditions for awarding credit or a final grade that permit the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class ~~rather than assigning a student to attend a specified program for an amount of time equivalent to the student's absences.~~ Conditions may include:

1. Maintaining attendance standards for the rest of the semester.
2. Completing additional assignments, as specified by the committee or teacher.

3. Attending tutorial sessions as scheduled.
4. Completing other instructional programs, as specified by the committee.
5. Taking an examination to earn credit. [See EHDB]

In all cases, the student must earn a passing grade in order to receive credit.

**Appeal Process**

A parent or student may appeal the decision of the attendance committee in accordance with FNG(LOCAL).