

**RESOLUTION OF THE WYLIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES ON GRADING AND RELATED ISSUES**

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of COVID 19, the normal operations of the District closed on March 20, 2020, and Governor Abbott has ordered all schools remain closed through at least May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District has implemented procedures for continuity of instruction to the extent possible during the closure of its schools or suspension of normal District operations;

WHEREAS, because the District will be unable to resume normal instruction for an extended period of time and the ability to administer the current policies and guidelines for student grading will be impossible or impractical, a temporary suspension or modification of certain policies and guidelines related to student grading will ensure fairness in the process for all students; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy EIC (LOCAL) currently states that class rank, top ten percent, and academic honors for graduating seniors ("Graduation Honors") shall be determined based on student grade grades available as of the first semester (fall 2019); and

WHEREAS, due to the inability to provide normal instruction, the calculation of grade point averages for all purposes shall be conducted using grades available as of the first semester (fall 2019).

WHEREAS, Board Policy EIA (LOCAL) includes requirements for student grading and number of student assignments to ensure mastery of course objectives, as well as progress reporting to parents every six weeks; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy EIE (LOCAL) includes requirements and processes for student retention and promotion and considerations of the grade placement committee; and

WHEREAS, any requirement in Board Policy that students be issued numerical grades, that teachers provide a specific number of assignments or that the District issue regular progress reports shall be suspended until the District resumes normal instruction; and

WHEREAS, based on a student's performance and engagement during normal instruction as well as virtual instruction, teachers will determine whether a student has mastered the course objectives, which information may be considered in making decisions regarding student retention, promotion, and the awarding of credit, where required; and

WHEREAS, these one-time modifications of Board policies and grading procedures are intended to ensure fairness to all students in light of the current unprecedented circumstances; and

Now therefore it be resolved by the Board that:

1. The Board determines that a temporary modification of Board Policy EIC (LOCAL) shall be implemented to allow calculation of grade point averages, for all purposes, using those grades available as of the first semester; and
2. The Board determines that a temporary modification of Board Policy EIA (LOCAL) and EIE (LOCAL) shall be implemented to allow a determination of progress by teachers gaining feedback and "Failed to Progress" to serve in place of a numerical grade, and that this information shall be utilized by the grade placement committees; and
3. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to take any other actions as necessary to fulfill the purpose of this Resolution, including suspension of other grading policies, procedures, regulations, rules or practices; and
4. The temporary modifications to policies and procedures apply only for the 2019-2020 school year.

Adopted by the vote of the majority of members of the Board of Trustees of the Wylie Independent School District present and voting at an open meeting of the Board on the 13th day of April 2020, at which a quorum was present:

BY: _____
Steve Keenum, Board President

BY: _____
Chris McCurley, Board Secretary