

To: Board of Trustees
From: Dana Scott, Assistant Superintendent
Regard: Review Policy Update 124 (LEGAL) Policies and Act on (LOCAL) Policies
(see attached list)
Date: February 10, 2025

Update 124 includes revisions to legal policies based on legislative and regulatory changes. Changes to local policies offered for consideration address the following topics:

- Financial ethics
- Investments
- Intellectual property
- Employee standards of conduct
- Special programs
- Gifted and talented students
- Child abuse and neglect
- Conduct on school premises

Your Localized Update 124 packet also contains:

- **Explanatory Notes** describing the changes to each policy. Please note that, where appropriate, the Explanatory Notes ask you to verify that a particular policy reflects current district practice and to advise us of any changes needed so that our records and the district's policy manual accurately track the district's practice. Explanatory notes may also provide important information about policies not included in the update packet.
- **Local Policy Overview** provides local officials a general, high-level overview of the changes to the (LOCAL) policies included in TASB updates.
- **Instructions** for incorporating this update into each of the district's Localized Policy Manuals after board adoption.
- **Legal Services Update Memo** describes common legal concerns specific to the local policies recommended in this update for your consideration prior to board adoption of any local policies.

(LEGAL) vs. (LOCAL) Policies: Remember the Difference

(LEGAL) policies:

- Reflect the ever-changing legal context for governance and management of the district
- Inform local decision-making
- Are NOT adopted, but only reviewed

(LOCAL) policies:

- Require close attention by both the administration and the board
- Must reflect the practices of the district and the intentions of the board
- May only be changed by board action (adopt, revise, or repeal)

These supporting documents are included in the "Additional Resources" section in BoardBook:

- Explanatory Notes
- Local Policy Overview
- Legal Issues
- (LOCAL) Policy Comparison
- Instruction Sheet
- Complete Update Packet

Motion Language:

"I move that the Board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 124."