



Update 124 Local Policy Overview

- Several new laws from the 88th Legislative Session (2023) prompted TEA and other state offices to develop guidelines to implement the new laws.
- Other policy revisions were prompted by changes in federal guidance regarding grants.
- Revisions are recommended to 8 local policies.

CAA (LOCAL)

FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: FINANCIAL ETHICS

- Revisions align with changes in the Code of Federal Regulations that address disclosure of violations of law in connection with a federal grant award
- Information regarding the federal rule changes can be found in CBB (LEGAL)

CDA(LOCAL)

OTHER REVENUES: INVESTMENTS

- District Investments Policy
- Language added that addresses representatives with distributors of investment pools and their required registrations with state and national boards and authorities:
 - Texas State Securities Board registration
 - Securities Investors Protection Corporation (SIPC) membership
 - Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) good standing
 - Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) good standing

CY(LOCAL)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Revisions are recommended throughout this local policy to:

- Specify when the district's intellectual property (copyrighted) may be used.
- Address ownership of intellectual property created by district employees.
- Specify how district employees may use other copyrighted material for performances and displays in instruction.

DH(LOCAL)

EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Recommended revisions to the policy regarding prohibition of tobacco and e-cigarettes:

- Expand provisions to include all nicotine products, regardless of whether they contain tobacco.
- Ensure consistency with language in the TASB Model Employee Handbook.

EHB(LOCAL)

CURRICULUM DESIGN: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Recommended revisions to the local policy on Special Programs:

- Reflect updated Administrative Code rules regarding dyslexia and related disorders.
- Include references to the official Dyslexia Handbook.
- Incorporate Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee decisions.

EHBB(LOCAL)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

Recommended revisions to the local policy were prompted by changes to the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students (approved September 2024):

- Align terminology throughout the policy with the updated state plan.
- Update the Funding section to align with requirements in the Education Code and Administrative Code rules for the superintendent/district

FFG(LOCAL)

STUDENT WELFARE: CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Recommended revisions to the policy on Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect:

- Added a new subsection to comply with revisions to the Family Code and Administrative Code.
- Clarifies new Education Code requirements that reporting individuals must provide their name and contact information.
- Ensures the reporter's identity remains confidential and is disclosed only as required by law.

GKA(LOCAL)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Recommended revisions to the Tobacco and E-Cigarettes section:

- Add language explicitly prohibiting the use of electronic vaporizing devices on District property, District vehicles, or at school-related activities

Questions/Comments?