

TASB Policy Update 123

- Includes revisions to legal policies based on legislative and regulatory changes
- Revisions are recommended to 14 local policies.

Recommended Local Policy Revisions Address:

- Board Member Training & Orientation
- Board Member Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- Economic Development: Chapter 313 Agreements
- Emergency Plans
- Security Personnel
- Technology Equipment
- Other Types of Employment Contracts: Non-Chapter 21 Employee Contracts
- Homebound Instruction
- Instructional Resources & Library Materials

BBD (LOCAL)

BOARD MEMBERS: TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

- HB 3033 authorizes the attorney general to mandate training for trustees on the Public Information Act if a violation is found.
- Specifies that this mandatory training cannot be delegated to the district's Public Information Act coordinator.

Public Information Coordinator

After Election or Appointment

The Superintendent shall fulfill the responsibilities of the public information coordinator and shall receive, on behalf of Board members, the training specified by Government Code 552.012. [See GBAA]

After a Violation

A Board member who receives written notice from the attorney general that the member must complete Public Information Act (PIA) training described by GBAA(LEGAL) following the District's failure to comply with a PIA requirement shall complete the training within the timelines described in law. The completion of the training in response to such a notice cannot be delegated.

BBFA(LOCAL)

ETHICS: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

- Recommends clarifying that a trustee's ethical duty to disclose financial or personal interests in board transactions surpasses statutory requirements in state and federal law.
- The added language aims to demonstrate a commitment to avoiding undue influence, increasing transparency, and preventing the appearance of impropriety in public dealings.

In addition to disclosures required by law, a Board member shall disclose to the Board any personal financial interest, business interest, or obligation or relationship that in any way creates a potential conflict of interest with a vote on a pending matter.

A Board member shall not use coercive means or promise special treatment in order to influence Board or District decisions, nor use the member's position to seek personal advantage. [See also BBF(LOCAL)]

Annual Financial Management Report

Each Board member shall provide to the District in a timely manner information necessary for the District's annual financial management report. [See CFA]

CCGB(LOCAL)

AD VALOREM TAXES: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Texas Economic Development Act, Tax Code Chapter 313, Subchapters B and C, expired on December 31, 2022.
- A limitation on appraised value approved before the expiration continues in effect according to the law as it existed immediately before its expiration, and the law is continued in effect for purposes of the limitation on appraised value.
- Changes are mostly deletion of language related to procedures for placing a new application under this Act.

CKC(LOCAL)

SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT: EMERGENCY PLANS

- A Notice Regarding Violent Activity section is recommended to comply with legal requirements. Administrative procedures must be created to align with TEA's model standards.

Notice Regarding Violent Activity

4. The Superintendent shall develop procedures to notify parents regarding violent activity that has occurred or is being investigated at a campus or other District facility or at a District-sponsored activity.

CKEA(LOCAL)

SECURITY PERSONNEL: COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

- The CKE policy series has undergone significant revisions to ensure compliance with HB 3 and other legal requirements.
- Changes include:
 - Updated “Police Authority” subsection to reflect “Police Authority and Duties”
 - “Limitations on Non-school Employment” subsection revised to emphasize officer’s duty to enforce all laws while working off-duty or temporarily assigned to another agency
 - New section outlines the operation of this policy under interlocal agreements with other agencies
 - Edits made for policy style consistency and clarity

CQC(LOCAL)

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES: EQUIPMENT

- New Policy
- Fulfills the legal obligation of adopting a policy for integrating digital devices effectively in the district.
- The policy incorporates TEA and Health Services Commission health and safety guidelines and stipulates that the superintendent will devise implementation guidelines.

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TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES
EQUIPMENT

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With this policy, the Board adopts the model health and safety guidelines for the effective integration of digital devices in schools that have been developed by the Texas Education Agency and the Health and Human Services Commission.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations that implement these guidelines.

DCE(LOCAL)

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES: OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

- Pertains to Non-Chapter 21 Employment Contracts
- Proposed revisions to the Termination During Contract Term section aim to specify that employees can appeal termination during the contract period by requesting a hearing before the board
- Additionally, the revisions seek to differentiate between terminations occurring during the contract term and those at its conclusion.

**Appeal of
Employment Actions**

**An Termination
During Contract
Term**

In accordance with DCE(LEGAL), an employee may request a hearing before the Board to appeal discharge during the contract period ~~in accordance with DCE(LEGAL).~~

An employee whose contract is not reissued at the end of the contract period may appeal in accordance with DGBA(LOCAL).

DGBA(LOCAL)

PERSONNEL-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS: EMPLOYEE COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCES

- Extensive revisions in the CKE policy series prompted minor updates to cross-references to other complaint processes
- Minor changes to wording
- No other modifications made to this policy

EEH(LOCAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

- TEA's revisions to the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) prompted updates to this policy.
- The revisions allow students to receive homebound services for both medical and psychological conditions.
- Furthermore, it is clarified that the weeks of confinement due to these conditions do not need to be consecutive for qualification.

EF(LOCAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

- Deletion of Policy Recommended
- In alignment with EF(LEGAL), the local policy concerning instructional resources is being removed. Instead, new local policies addressing instructional materials and library materials separately are being introduced at EFA and EFB.

EFA(LOCAL)

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES: INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- New Policy
- The policy on instructional materials is now coordinated with the policy on library materials at EFB(LOCAL). Previously housed provisions from EF(LOCAL) have been moved here with revisions.
- Clarifications include selecting instructional materials in line with objectives and administrative regulations, which may include State Board of Education list items.
- Additionally, the list of individuals eligible to request reconsideration of instructional materials has been revised to allow employees or parents/guardians to submit requests.

EFB(LOCAL)

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: LIBRARY MATERIALS

- New Policy
- This recommended policy aligns with revisions to the Administrative Code and new library collection development standards for school libraries under HB 900.
- Key Component is the Process for Reconsideration of Library Materials
 - Specifying the location of the formal reconsideration form
 - The position title responsible for appointing the reconsideration committee
 - The number of days allocated for:
 - Appointing the Committee
 - Providing the material for review to the Committee
 - Completing the Committee's final report

FNG(LOCAL)

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLIANT/GRIEVANCES

- Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series prompted minor updates to other complaint processes
- Minor changes to wording
- No other modifications made to this policy

GF(LOCAL)

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

- Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series prompted minor updates to other complaint processes
- Apart from this adjustment, no other changes were made to this policy.

Questions?