

(LOCAL) Policy Comparisons

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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)

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	Note:	The Texas Economic Development Act, Tax Code Chap- ter 313, Subchapters B and C, expired on December 31, 2022.
		A limitation on appraised value approved before the ex- piration continues in effect according to the law as it ex- isted immediately before its expiration, and the law is continued in effect for purposes of the limitation on ap- praised value.
Texas Economic Development Act Purpose	viewing, tions, an Economi	rovisions outline the District's procedures for accepting, re- and considering applications and amendments to applica- d, when necessary, enforcing agreements under the Texas ic Development Act (the Act), as set forth in Tax Code 313. [See CCGB(LEGAL)]
Definitions		on to the definitions set out in CCGB(LEGAL), the following as apply in this policy:
	Board wi view per on the 1	tion review period" means the period during which the Il consider and act on an application. The application re- iod begins on the application review start date and ends 51st day thereafter, unless the application review period is d by Board action prior to the expiration date.
	• •	al district" means each county appraisal district that ap- property that is the subject of an application.
Filing an Application	accounts dent the a search cal to the	rm and formats required by the Texas comptroller of public s ("comptroller"), an applicant shall file with the Superinten- original and copies of the completed application along with able electronic copy certified to contain information identi- e original hard copy. [See CCGB(LEGAL) at Required Con- d Format]
	cations s tion is pr	erintendent shall hold any incomplete applications or appli- submitted without the full application fee until the applica- operly completed and the application fee is paid. The Su- dent's determination of whether an application is complete final.
Confidentiality of Applicant Information	vided in dential e	ard decides to consider an application, information pro- connection with an application will not be considered confi- xcept as allowed by law. [See CCGB(LEGAL) at Confiden- ness Information]
Amending an Application	final Boa	cant may seek to amend an application at any time prior to rd action on the application. If an amended application is in 60 days of the end of the application review period, the

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	application review period shall be extended automatically to the 61st day after the date on which the last amended application is filed, unless the Board takes action to extend the application review period otherwise.
	The Superintendent shall review and forward to the comptroller any amended application or supplemental information upon receipt.
Application Fee Schedule	The Board finds that the complexity of the review process is greater for larger projects, and the following application fee sched- ule represents the anticipated necessary or reasonable cost to the District of reviewing, processing, and acting on an application:
	 \$75,000 for projects valued up to \$500 million total anticipated investment.
	 \$100,000 for projects valued over \$500 million to \$1 billion total anticipated investment.
	 \$150,000 for projects valued over \$1 billion total anticipated investment.
	The application fee shall not be refundable except in the event that the application is denied after an initial Board review. The Board of Trustees may, by Board action, reduce application fees for subse- quent applications submitted by the same Applicant related to the same project. However, the Board of Trustees shall not reduce an application fee to an amount less than the anticipated necessary or reasonable cost to the District of reviewing, processing, and acting on an application.
	The application fee does not include any amount charged by the comptroller 's office for its economic impact study, if such a fee is charged.
Application Amendment Fee	In the event than an applicant or agreement holder seeks to amend an application or agreement at any time after the comptroller has issued an economic impact analysis on the application pursuant to 34 Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d), an application amend- ment fee of \$25,000 shall be charged.
Agreement Assignment Fee	In the event that an applicant or agreement holder seeks to assign an agreement to another entity at any time, the following fee schedule represents the anticipated necessary or reasonable cost to the District of reviewing, processing, and acting on such an assignment:
	 \$10,000 for projects valued up to \$500 million total anticipated investment.
	• \$20,000 for projects valued over \$500 million to \$1 billion

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total anticipated investment.

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• \$30,000 for projects valued over \$1 billion total anticipated investment.

Upon receipt of an application and application fee, the Superinten-

Send the applicant written confirmation of receipt of the appli-

Processing an Application

- Before Initial Board 1. Review
 - cation and application fee.
 Review the application and, as necessary, require the applicant to submit additional and/or supplementary information, including all required schedules.
 - 3. Within seven days of receipt of a completed application, submit the application to the comptroller, together with any economic analysis of the proposed project submitted by the applicant.
 - 4. Obtain necessary conflict of interest disclosures. [See BBFA(LEGAL)]
- Initial Board Review As soon as practical after an application is filed, the Board shall conduct an initial review of the application during which the Board may consider the Superintendent's recommendation and written or oral presentations concerning the application.
 - If, after the initial review, the Board determines that the application is not in the best interests of the District, the Board shall reject the application and return to the applicant the application fee, less any necessary and reasonable costs of the initial review.
- After Initial BoardIf the Board elects to consider the completed application, the Superintendent shall:
 - 1. Deposit the application fee and provide required written notice to the applicant and comptroller, with a copy to the appraisal district, that the District has received and will consider the completed application;
 - Deliver to the comptroller a copy of the application and required material along with a request for an economic impact evaluation;
 - 3. Accept on behalf of the Board any amendments or supplements submitted by the applicant, and transmit copies to the comptroller within seven days of receipt;
 - 4. Direct appropriate District personnel to create a link from the District's website to the location on the comptroller's website where copies of applications are posted;

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	5.	Within the time allowed by law, provide all required supple- mental information necessary to assist the comptroller and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) with the required anal- yses;
	6.	On receipt, provide the applicant and District consultants with a copy of the economic impact evaluation and the school fa- cilities impact analysis;
	7.	Work with the applicant and District consultants to provide the District and the comptroller with copies of the proposed agreement in a timely manner [see CCGB(LEGAL) at Continued Eligibility];
	8.	Take all action necessary or required to process the applica- tion;
	9.	Not later than 151 days after the application review start date, present to the Board an agreement for final approval or a request for extension of the application review period;
	10.	If an extension of the application review period is requested, report each such request to the comptroller within seven days of the decision to grant the extension; and
	11.	After Board action on the application, if any, transmit all nec- essary and required information to the comptroller, the appli- cant, and the appraisal district.
District Consultants	ants infor appl and	rict consultants, including legal counsel and financial consult- s, shall review the application to ensure it includes all required rmation. District consultants shall also begin an analysis of the lication, consider any legal implications of the application, draft negotiate an appropriate revenue protection agreement, and uate the analyses from the comptroller and TEA.
	fee as a	rict consultants shall be paid for services from the application and shall complete their analyses in time to assist the Board, appropriate, in its initial review or final determination on the ap- ation.
Board Action on Application	Boa the	npleted applications may be considered for approval by the rd only after completion of the economic impact evaluation and school facilities impact analysis and receipt of the comptroller's ification, as required by the Act.
Public Hearing	ter a	Board's final determination on an application shall be made af- a public hearing at which the Superintendent, District consult- a, the applicant, and members of the public may provide input

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	and information concerning the proposed application. The troller's certification shall be disclosed at the public hearing	•
	The public hearing shall be held at a time that allows the approve or disapprove an application before the expiratio application review period, unless the deadline has been e	n of the
Findings of Fact	After the public hearing, the Board shall make specific wr ings as required by law. [See CCGB(LEGAL) at Approval	
Adoption of Agreement	After considering the comptroller's certification, the econo pact evaluation, the school facilities impact analysis, infor from District consultants, and any other relevant informati Board may approve the application and enter into an agre that complies with all legal requirements. [See CCGB(LEC Agreement] The Board shall also consider and adopt an a with the applicant to provide protection from or compensa any financial risks undertaken by the District in accepting cation.	mation ion, the eement GAL) at agreement ation for
Waiver of Jobs Requirement	The Board may waive the new jobs creation requirement ance with the law. [See CCGB(LEGAL) at Waiver of New Creation Requirement] If an applicant makes a waiver red sequent to the original application, the Board may charge cant a fee to cover the costs of any consultant required by Board in making the requisite finding.	Jobs quest sub- the appli-
Superintendent Responsibilities After Agreement	During the term of any agreement, the Superintendent sh that all reporting requirements are met in a timely manner District and the applicant. The Superintendent is authorize egate this function to District consultants.	r by the
Statements Regarding Conflicts of Interest	If applicable, each Board member and any District employ is a local government official under Local Government Co ter 176 shall submit a conflict of interest statement confirm existence of a conflict of interest or a substantial business in each project that is the subject of an application, agree amendment to an agreement with the District. Within 60 of each Board election or the appointment of a Board member new Board member shall complete a statement. The com- statements shall be retained by the District with each affer plication or agreement. If a conflict or substantial interest the appropriate disclosure forms shall be completed and the required by law. [See BBFA(LEGAL)]	ode Chap- ming the s interest ment, or days after ber, each apleted ected ap- exists,

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ACCOUNTING INVENTORIES	CFB (LOCAL)
Capitalization Threshold	The capitalization threshold for purposes of classifying individual capital assets shall be \$5,000\$5,000.
	The Superintendent shall determine the capitalization threshold for a group of assets, the individual cost of which does not exceed the capitalization threshold above but for which the cost in the aggre- gate is significant.

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SAFETY PROGRAM/RI SECURITY PERSONNE		CKE (LOCAL)
School Resource Officers	To implement the District's comprehensive safety pro District has entered into an agreement with a local law ment agency for school resource officers. School reso shall provide services consistent with the terms of the the comprehensive safety programs, and Board polic A school resource officer shall perform duties as deso agreement and as included in the District improveme the Student Code of Conduct. A school resource officer	w enforce- ource officers e agreement, ey. cribed in the nt plan and cer shall not be
Training	All school resource officers shall receive at least the ramount of education and training required by law. [See CKEC]	

SECURITY PERSONNEL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

To implement the District's comprehensive safety programs, the District has entered into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency for school resource officers. School resource officers shall provide services consistent with the terms of the agreement, the comprehensive safety programs, and Board policy.

A school resource officer shall perform duties as described in the agreement and as included in the District improvement plan and the Student Code of Conduct. A school resource officer shall not be assigned routine classroom discipline or administrative tasks.

All school resource officers shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.

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BUILDINGS, GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	S, AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT	CLB (LOCAL)
Integrated Pest Management Program	The District is committed to following integrated pest man (IPM) guidelines as required by Chapter 1951 of the Occu Code and Title 4, Chapter 7 of the Administrative Code in control activities that take place on District property.	pations
Definition	IPM is a pest management strategy that relies on accurate cation and scientific knowledge of target pests, reliable me methods to assess pest presence, preventative measures pest problems, and thresholds to determine when correcti trol measures are needed. Under IPM, whenever econom practical, multiple control tactics shall be used to achieve control of pests. These tactics shall possibly include, but a limited to, the judicious use of pesticides.	onitoring s to limit ive con- ical and the best
Standards	The District's IPM program shall govern the District's use cides, herbicides, and other chemical agents for the purper controlling pests, rodents, insects, and weeds in and arou trict facilities, including residential property primarily used dent housing.	ose of Ind Dis-
IPM Coordinator	The Superintendent shall designate the IPM coordinator(s shall be registered with the Texas Department of Agricultu IPM coordinator(s) shall receive training in accordance with and shall provide training to District employees, as necess	ire. The th law
Application Time Frame	The IPM coordinator(s), in addition to the responsibilities a CLB(LEGAL), shall coordinate with appropriate District ad tors or other designated and trained employees regarding or herbicide applications in accordance with law. The IPM nator(s) shall determine when an emergency situation exist an exception to the 48-hour notice requirement may be m	Iministra- pesticide coordi- sts and
No Unauthorized Application	If the IPM coordinator is a licensed applicator, the IPM coordinator apply pesticides in accordance with law. No other error other person or entity shall be permitted to apply a pesticid herbicide at a District facility, including residential property used as student housing, without the prior approval of the ordinator and other than in the manner prescribed by law District's IPM program.	nployee or de or / primarily IPM co-

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INSURANCE AND ANNUITIES MANAGEMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

CRF (LOCAL)

Reasonable	The District shall issue letters of reasonable assurance, as appro-
Assurance	priate, to employees in positions requiring less than 12 months of
	service whose services are anticipated to be needed at the begin- ning of the following school year. [See DCD and DCE]

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FACILITIES CONSTRUC	
Specifications	The Superintendent-or designee shall ensure that detailed specifi- cations are prepared for any construction project for which compet- itive bids are sought.
Bid Process	All bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the bid and the time of the bid opening. Bids shall be opened at the time specified. All interested parties shall be invited to attend the bid opening. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening. Bids received after the specified time shall not be considered.
Safety Record	If the District considers the safety record of bidders in determining to whom to award a contract, the safety record shall be defined as a bidder's OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) inspection logs for the last three years, a loss analysis from the bidder's insurance carrier, and a loss history covering all lines of in- surance coverage carried by the bidder.

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FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS (LC		CVB (LOCAL)
Specifications	The Superintendent-or designee shall prepare a request f posals for any construction project for which competitive s proposals are sought.	•
Process	All proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, plai marked with the name of the proposal and the time of the for submission. Proposals shall be opened at the time spe offerors shall be invited to attend the proposal opening. C the content of a proposal, and in prices, may be negotiate proposals are opened.	deadline ecified. All hanges in
Withdrawal and Late Proposals	Any proposal may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled tin opening. Proposals received after the specified time shall considered.	
Proposal Acceptance	The District may reject any and all proposals.	
Safety Record	If the safety record of offerors is considered in selecting a the record shall be defined as an offeror's OSHA (Occupa Safety and Health Administration) inspection logs for the I years, a loss analysis from the offeror's insurance carrier, loss history covering all lines of insurance coverage carrier offeror.	ational last three and a

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COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMPENSATION PLAN

	The Superintendent shall recommend an annual compensation plan for all District employees. The compensation plan may include wage and salary structures, stipends, benefits, and incentives. [See also DEAA]- The recommended plan shall support District goals for hiring and retaining highly qualified employees. The Board shall review and approve the compensation plan to be used by the District. The Board shall also determine the total compensa- tion package for the Superintendent. [See BJ series]
Pay Administration	The Superintendent shall implement the compensation plan and establish procedures for plan administration consistent with the budget. The <u>Superintendent or designee shall classify</u> classification of each job title within the compensation plan shall be based on the qualifications, duties, and market value of the position.
Annualized Salary	The District shall pay all salaried employees over 12 months in equal monthly or bimonthlysemi-monthly installments, regardless of the number of months employed during the school year. Salaried employees hired during the school year shall be paid in accord- ance with administrative regulations.
Pay Increases	The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board an amount for employee pay increases as part of the annual budget. The Super- intendent or designee shall determine Any pay adjustments for indi- vidual employees, shall be determined within the approved budget following established procedures.
Mid-YearMidyear Pay Increases Contract Employees	A contract employee's pay may be increased after performance on the contract has begun only if authorized by the compensation plan of the District or there is a change in the employee's job assign- ment or duties during the term of the contract that warrants addi- tional compensation. Any such changes in pay that do not conform with the compensation plan shall require Board approval. [See DEA(LEGAL) for provisions on pay increases and public hearing requirements].]
Noncontract Employees	The Superintendent may grant a pay increase to a noncontract em- ployee after duties have begun because of a change in the em- ployee's job assignment or to address pay equity. The Superinten- dent shall report any such pay increases to the Board at the next regular meeting.
Pay During Closing	During an emergency closure, all employees shall continue to be paid for their regular duty schedule unless otherwise provided by Board action. Following an emergency closure, the Board shall adopt a resolution or take other Board action establishing the pur- pose and parameters for such payments. [See EB for the authority to close schools].]

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ADMISSIONS	FD (LOCAL)
Persons Age 21 and Over	The District shall not admit into its public schools any person age 21 or over unless otherwise required by law.
Registration Forms	The student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control shall annually complete registration forms. A student who has reached age 18 shall be permitted to complete these forms.
Proof of Residency	At the time of initial registration and on an annual basis thereafterIn accordance with administrative regulations, the parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student under order of a court shall present proof of residency in accordance with administrative regulations developed by the Superintendent. The District may investigate stated residency as necessary.
Minor Living Apart Person Standing in Parental Relation	A minor student residing in the District but whose parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control under a court order does not reside in the District shall present a power of attorney or an author- ization agreement as provided in Chapter 34 of the Family Code assigning responsibility for the student in all school-related matters to an adult resident of the District.
Misconduct	A minor student living apart who has engaged in misconduct that results in any of the consequences found in Education Code 25.001(d) shall not be permitted to attend a District school.
Exceptions	Based on an individual student's circumstance, the Superintendent shall have authority to grant exceptions to the requirement for a power of attorney or authorization agreement and to the exclusion for misconduct.
Extracurricular Activities	The Superintendent shall determine whether a minor student living apart is present in the District for the primary purpose of participating in extracurricular activities.
Students Not Enrolled	A student enrolled in a private school, including a homeschool, shall not be eligible for concurrent enrollment in the District nor for participation in curricular or extracurricular activities, except as re- quired by law. [See EEL and FM]
Nonresident Student in Grandparent's After-School Care	The parent and grandparent of a nonresident student requesting admission under Education Code 25.001(b)(9) shall provide to the Superintendent the required information on the grandparent's resi- dency and complete a form provided by the District describing the extent of after-school care to be provided by the grandparent.
	The Superintendent shall have authority to approve or deny such admissions requests in accordance with criteria approved by the Board.

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ADMISSIONS		FD (LOCAL)	
"Accredited" Defined	For the purposes of this policy, "accredited" shall be defined as ac- creditation by TEA, an equivalent agency from another state, or an accrediting association recognized by the commissioner of educa- tion.		
Grade-Level Placement Accredited Schools	The parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of a student enrolling in a District school from an accredited public, private, or parochial school shall provide evidence of the prior schooling outside the District. The student shall be placed initially at the grade level reached elsewhere, pending observation by the classroom teacher, guidance personnel, and the principal. On the basis of these observations and results of tests that may be administered by appropriate District personnel, the principal shall determine the final grade placement.		
Nonaccredited Schools	A student enrolling in a District school from a nonac private, or parochial school, including a homeschoo placed initially at the discretion of the principal, pen ion by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, ar Criteria for placement may include:	l, shall be ding observa-	
	 Scores on achievement tests, which may be a appropriate District personnel. 	dministered by	
	2. Recommendation of the sending school.		
	3. Prior academic record.		
	 Chronological age and social and emotional d the student. 	evelopment of	
	5. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the princ	ipal.	
Transfer of Credit Accredited Texas Public Schools	Credit toward state graduation requirements earned ted public school district in Texas shall be transfera nized by the District.		
Other Accredited or Nonaccredited Schools	Before recognizing credit in a course earned in an accredited non- public school, an accredited school outside of Texas, or a nonac- credited school, appropriate personnel shall evaluate a student's records and transcript. The District may require the student to demonstrate mastery of the content or use alternative methods to verify course content for the award of credit.		
Transition Assistance	In accordance with law, when a student who is identified as home- less or in substitute care enrolls in the District, the District shall as- sess the student's available records and other relevant information to determine transfer of ensure credit, including proportionate credit, is awarded appropriately for all subjects and courses taken prior to enrollment.		

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ADMISSIONS

[See EI]

Withdrawal

A parent or guardian wishing to withdraw a minor student shall present a signed statement that includes the reason for the withdrawal. A student who is 18 or older may submit a withdrawal statement without a parent's or guardian's signature.

[For District withdrawal of students no longer in attendance, see FEA(LOCAL).]

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STUDENT WELFARE FREEDOM FROM BULLYING

	Note:	This policy addresses bullying of District students. For purposes of this policy, the term bullying includes cyber- bullying.
		For provisions regarding discrimination and harassment involving District students, see FFH. Note that FFI shall be used in conjunction with FFH for certain prohibited conduct. For reporting requirements related to child abuse and neglect, see FFG.
Bullying Prohibited	The District prohibits bullying, including cyberbullying, as defined by state law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of District policy and is prohibited.	
Examples	Bullying of a student could occur by physical contact or through electronic means and may include hazing, threats, taunting, teas- ing, confinement, assault, demands for money, destruction of prop- erty, theft of valued possessions, name calling, rumor spreading, or ostracism.	
Minimum Standards	In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall develop adminis- trative procedures to ensure that minimum standards for bullying prevention are implemented.	
Retaliation	The District prohibits retaliation by a student or District employee against any person who in good faith makes a report of bullying, serves as a witness, or participates in an investigation.	
Examples	tracism, a or unwar	s of retaliation may include threats, rumor spreading, os- assault, destruction of property, unjustified punishments, ranted grade reductions. Unlawful retaliation does not in- tty slights or annoyances.
False Claim	ments, o	t who intentionally makes a false claim, offers false state- r refuses to cooperate with a District investigation regard- ng shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
Timely Reporting	Reports of bullying shall be made as soon as possible after the al- leged act or knowledge of the alleged act. A failure to immediately report may impair the District's ability to investigate and address the prohibited conduct.	
Reporting Procedures Student Report	that he o student h leged act employed	n assistance and intervention, any student who believes r she has experienced bullying or believes that another has experienced bullying should immediately report the al- ts to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or other District e. The Superintendent shall develop procedures allowing a o anonymously report an alleged incident of bullying.

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STUDENT WELFARE FREEDOM FROM BULL	YING (LOCAL)
Employee Report	Any District employee who suspects or receives notice that a stu- dent or group of students has or may have experienced bullying shall immediately notify the principal or designee.
Report Format	A report may be made orally or in writing. The principal or designee shall reduce any oral reports to written form.
Periodic Monitoring	The Superintendent shall periodically monitor the reported counts of bullying incidents, and that declines in the count may represent not only improvements in the campus culture because bullying de- clines but also declines in the campus culture because of a decline in openness to report incidents.
Notice of Report	When an allegation of bullying is reported, the principal or de- signee shall notify a parent of the alleged victim on or before the third business day after the incident is reported. The principal or designee shall also notify a parent of the student alleged to have engaged in the conduct within a reasonable amount of time after the incident is reported.
Prohibited Conduct	The principal or designee shall determine whether the allegations in the report, if proven, would constitute prohibited conduct as de- fined by policy FFH, including dating violence and harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, na- tional origin, or disability. If so, the District shall proceed under pol- icy FFH. If the allegations could constitute both prohibited conduct and bullying, the investigation under FFH shall include a determi- nation on each type of conduct.
Investigation of Report	The principal or designee shall conduct an appropriate investiga- tion based on the allegations in the report. The principal or de- signee shall promptly take interim action calculated to prevent bul- lying during the course of an investigation, if appropriate.
Concluding the Investigation	Absent extenuating circumstances, the investigation should be completed within ten District business days from the date of the ini- tial report alleging bullying; however, the principal or designee shall take additional time if necessary to complete a thorough investiga- tion.
	The principal or designee shall prepare a final, written report of the investigation. The report shall include a determination of whether bullying occurred, and if so, whether the victim used reasonable self-defense. A copy of the report shall be sent to the Superintendent or designee.
Notice to Parents	If an incident of bullying is confirmed, the principal or designee shall promptly notify the parents of the victim and of the student who engaged in bullying.

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STUDENT WELFARE FFI FREEDOM FROM BULLYING (LOCAL)		
District Action Bullying	If the results of an investigation indicate that bullying occurred, the District shall promptly respond by taking appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the District's Student Code of Conduct and may take corrective action reasonably calculated to address the conduct. The District may notify law enforcement in certain cir- cumstances.	
Discipline	A student who is a victim of bullying and who used reasonable self- defense in response to the bullying shall not be subject to discipli- nary action.	
	The discipline of a student with a disability is subject to applicable state and federal law in addition to the Student Code of Conduct.	
Corrective Action	Examples of corrective action may include a training program for the individuals involved in the complaint, a comprehensive educa- tion program for the school community, follow-up inquiries to deter- mine whether any new incidents or any instances of retaliation have occurred, involving parents and students in efforts to identify problems and improve the school climate, increasing staff monitor- ing of areas where bullying has occurred, and reaffirming the Dis- trict's policy against bullying.	
Transfers	The principal or designee shall refer to FDB for transfer provisions.	
Counseling	The principal or designee shall notify the victim, the student who engaged in bullying, and any students who witnessed the bullying of available counseling options.	
Improper Conduct	If the investigation reveals improper conduct that did not rise to the level of prohibited conduct or bullying, the District may take action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct or any other ap- propriate corrective action.	
Confidentiality	To the greatest extent possible, the District shall respect the pri- vacy of the complainant, persons against whom a report is filed, and witnesses. Limited disclosures may be necessary in order to conduct a thorough investigation.	
Appeal	A student who is dissatisfied with the outcome of the investigation may appeal through FNG(LOCAL), beginning at the appropriate level.	
Records Retention	Retention of records shall be in accordance with CPC(LOCAL).	
Access to Policy and Procedures	This policy and any accompanying procedures shall be distributed annually in the employee and student handbooks. Copies of the policy and procedures shall be posted on the District's website, to the extent practicable, and shall be readily available at each cam- pus and the District's administrative offices.	

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