

**Approval of DISD Local Policies
April 26, 2011**

SUMMARY:

The Board will consider a first reading approval on DISD Local Policy revisions and TASB Policy Update 89. The policies are as follows:

CKB(LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management - Accident Prevention and Reports
EHDB(LOCAL): Alternative Methods for Earning Credit – Credit by Examination With Prior Instruction
EHDC(LOCAL): Alternative Methods For Earning Credit - Credit By Examination Without Prior Instruction
EHDD(LOCAL): Alternative Methods For Earning Credit - College Course Work/Dual Credit
EHDE(LOCAL): Alternative Methods For Earning Credit – Distance Learning
FD(LOCAL): Admissions

Recommended Deletions:

EEJA(LOCAL): Individualized Learning - Credit By Examination With Prior Instruction
EEJB(LOCAL): Individualized Learning - Credit By Examination Without Prior Instruction
EEJC(LOCAL): Individualized Learning – Correspondence Courses
EFB(LOCAL): Instructional Resources – Library Media Programs

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed TASB Update 89 policies as a workshop topic at the March 8, 2011 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 89's key focus was on reorganizing section "E" addressing Instructional policies. The section of "E" policies was reorganized due to new options available to students to earn credit through distance learning and the Texas Virtual School Network. New policies have been developed to address alternative methods for earning credit.

Additional policy changes in Update 89 include student admissions, academic assessments administered to students in DAEP, permissible physical education substitutions, adult education programs, board member vacancies and the board's rights and responsibilities regarding appraisal districts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The district must have school policies that are consistent with current laws and appropriately communicate local policy issues. Policies are classified as either "Legal" or "Local" in design. A "Legal" policy is a statement of existing law or of binding legal decisions and as such do not require Board approval. Local policies are decisions made at the local level that reflect district decisions and practices and do require approval. Legal policies are always included in updates so local policy development occurs within the context of binding law.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

To allow the Board to evaluate and ensure that these policies reflect the practices of the District.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

The Board will review the proposed change in workshop setting and then formally conduct two readings with the second requesting final approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following options are available to the Board:

- continue to study the policy
- modify the existing language
- approve policies as written and submitted by TASB

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Board approve on first reading the adoption of TASB Policy Update 89.

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Ray Braswell, Superintendent

Randy Stout, DISD Legal Advisor

ATTACHMENT:

The proposed changes to Local policies are attached.

Signature of Superintendent: _____