

Update 124 Local Policy Overview

Introduction

Hello, and welcome to an overview of the local policy recommendations included in Update 124, presented by TASB Policy Service.

Several new laws from the 88th Legislative Session required the Texas Education Agency and other state agencies to develop rules or guidelines to implement the new laws. Update 124 covers recommended local policy revisions to address those Administrative Code changes that impact local policy. Other recommended revisions cover changes in federal guidance regarding grants, changes to clarify provisions on the development and use of copyrighted works in the district, and changes to address the use of nontobacco nicotine products on district property.

While not covered in this overview, many of the legal policies included in this update were also affected by legislative changes and amendments to state rules that are now in effect. For information regarding those legal changes, review the explanatory notes included with your district's Update 124 materials, located in the [Local Manual Updates](#) section of Policy Online[®].¹

TASB Numbered Update Reminders

You should always review your district's customized update materials, available in the [Local Manual Updates](#) section of Policy Online, for specific policy recommendations. Please remember that legal policies provide the legal framework for key areas of district operations; they are not adopted by the board.

After the board acts on the local policies in Update 124, don't forget to log into Policy Online and go to [Local Manual Updates](#) to notify us of the board's action. Policy Online makes it easy to keep track of updates and notify us when the board takes action on policies in an update.

CAA: Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives, Financial Ethics

The revision to CAA(LOCAL) is recommended to align with changes in federal rules that address disclosure of any violation of federal law in connection with a federal award. Information regarding the federal rule changes can be found in CBB(LEGAL) in this update.

CDA: Other Revenues, Investments

Policy CDA(LOCAL) is the district's investment policy. The revisions at Sellers of Investments are recommended to address representatives with distributors of investment pools. The changes also address required registrations for these representatives with the Texas State Securities Board, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

CY: Intellectual Property

Substantial revisions are recommended to policy CY(LOCAL). The changes clarify when the district's intellectual property may be used and who owns intellectual property created by a district employee. Additional recommendations provide information on how district employees can use other copyrighted material, including the use of copyrighted performances and displays as part of instruction.

DH: Employees Standards of Conduct

With the expansion of nicotine products, policy DH(LOCAL) is recommended for revision. At Tobacco and Nicotine Products and E-Cigarettes, text is recommended to include nicotine products, regardless of whether the product contains tobacco, and electronic vaporizing devices. This proposed revision aligns more closely with provisions included in the Model Employee Handbook developed by TASB HR Services.

EHB: Curriculum Design, Special Programs

The recommendations in policy EHB(LOCAL) were prompted by revisions to the Administrative Code regarding compliance with rules on dyslexia and related disorders. The recommended changes specify that the district needs to also comply with the guidance in the *Dyslexia Handbook* and the student's admission, review, and dismissal committee decisions.

EHBB: Special Programs, Gifted and Talented Students

Changes to the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students prompted updates to the terminology throughout EHBB(LOCAL). Additionally, the Education Code requires districts to have a policy relating to the use of funds for gifted and talented programming. New text at Funding is recommended to comply with this requirement.

FFG: Student Welfare, Child Abuse and Neglect

The changes in policy FFG(LOCAL) are recommended to comply with revisions to the Family Code and Administrative Code. Under Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, a new subsection on Oral Reports is recommended to comply with changes in law. In the Making a Report section, a paragraph has been added explaining that reporting individuals must provide their name and contact information when making a report. The policy continues to state that the identity of a person making a report of suspected child abuse or neglect shall be kept confidential and disclosed only in accordance with the law.

GKA(LOCAL): Community Relations, Conduct on School Premises

In GKA(LOCAL), recommended language prohibiting electronic vaporizing devices has been added to the Tobacco and E-Cigarettes section to address the widespread use of those devices.

Thank You!

That covers the local policies in Update 124. We hope you find this overview helpful. Should you have any questions or want further clarification, please contact your [assigned policy consultant](#),² and don't forget to notify us of board action on this update using [Policy Online](#).

¹ Policy Online Local Manual Updates (TASB login required):

<https://pol.tasb.org/Member/LocalManualUpdates>

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