

Hallsville Independent School District

For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting: August 18, 2025

Topic: Local Policy Updates

Background and Rationale:

FD (Local) - allow homeschooled students living in HISD to participate in UIL activities
FM (Local) - revises the policy regarding absences allowed for extracurricular activities

Relationship to Strategic Plan:

Personnel Affected:

Budget Implications:

- ☐ Include in this year's budget
- ☐ Amendment of this year's budget required
- ☐ Increase in this year's budget required
- ☐ Expenditures required for next year's budget
- ☒ N/A

Recommendation:

Approve the revisions of FD (local) and FM (local)



Signature
(Person Bringing Information to the Board)



Superintendent's Signature

PROPOSED REVISIONS

**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

In 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. The District may investigate stated residency as necessary.

If it is later determined that the proof of residency provided to the District is not legitimate documentation, then the student shall be withdrawn within three school days.

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 authorization 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 required 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 residency 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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Underage Students	The Superintendent or designee shall also develop procedures to allow a student younger than five years of age to be admitted and initially placed in kindergarten. [See FD(LEGAL)]
Foreign Exchange Students	The District shall admit a foreign exchange student who is placed by a nationally recognized foreign exchange program with a host family who resides in the District unless the District determines that the student would create a financial or staffing hardship for the District, would diminish the District's domestic students, or would require domestic students to compete with foreign exchange students for educational resources. In such cases, the District shall apply to the commissioner of education for a waiver from the requirement to admit the foreign exchange student.
"Accredited" Defined	For the purposes of this policy, "accredited" shall be defined as accreditation by TEA, an equivalent agency from another state, or an accrediting association recognized by the commissioner of education.
Grade-Level Placement	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.
Accredited Schools	
Nonaccredited Schools	A student enrolling in a District school from a nonaccredited public, private, or parochial school, including a homeschool, shall be placed initially at the discretion of the principal, pending observation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the principal. Criteria for placement may include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Scores on achievement tests, which may be administered by appropriate District personnel.2. Recommendation of the sending school.3. Prior academic record.4. Chronological age and social and emotional development of the student.5. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal.
Transfer of Credit	Credit toward state graduation requirements earned in an accredited public school district in Texas shall be transferable and recognized by the District.
Accredited Texas Public Schools	

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Other Accredited or
Nonaccredited
Schools

Before recognizing credit in a course earned in an accredited nonpublic school, an accredited school outside of Texas, or a nonaccredited 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 homeless or in substitute care enrolls in the District, the District shall assess the student's available records and other relevant information to ensure credit, including proportionate credit, is awarded appropriately for all subjects and courses taken prior to enrollment.

Withdrawal

[See EI]

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).]

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FM
(LOCAL)

PROPOSED REVISIONS

**Extracurricular
Activity Absences**

The District shall make no distinction between absences for UIL activities and absences for other extracurricular activities approved by the Board.

A student shall be allowed in a school year a maximum of ten extracurricular absences not related to post-district competition, a maximum of five absences for post-district competition and prior to state competition, and a maximum of two absences for state competition.

~~A student shall not be allowed. The District shall allow no more than five extracurricular-activity-related absences in any one-semester course.~~

**Use of District
Facilities**

~~{For eligibility of a private school student, including a homeschool student, to participate in extracurricular activities, see FD(LOCAL).}~~

School-sponsored student groups may use District facilities with prior approval of the appropriate administrator. Other student groups may use District facilities in accordance with policy FNAB.