

**Beeville ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Subject: EIC (Local) Policy Related Page(s) 4

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As delineated in our 2018-19 student handbook, BISD instituted a nine-week grading period system to allow teachers more time to assess a student's grasp of concepts, giving them time to reteach concepts and/or reassess as necessary. Also our nine-week grading period more evenly distributes days of instruction in each semester.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

I move the board approve the updated EIC(Local) Policy.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
CLASS RANKING

EIC
(LOCAL)

CURRENT POLICY

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Regular Courses

All other eligible courses shall be designated as Regular courses.

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Advanced	plus 15
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Local Graduation Honors

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2. Have completed the Recommended Program or the Advanced/Distinguished Achievement Program for graduation; and
3. Be graduating after exactly eight semesters of enrollment in high school.

Breaking Ties

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