



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC Recommendation to DELETE Policies FDD: Admissions – Military Dependents and FFAD: Wellness and Health Services – Communicable Diseases as per TASB Update 86

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: November 18, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve to DELETE Policies FDD: Admissions – Military Dependents and FFAD: Wellness and Health Services – Communicable Diseases as per TASB.

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

Explanatory Notes

TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 86

FDD (LEGAL) ADMISSIONS MILITARY DEPENDENTS

With SB 90, effective May 5, 2009, Texas joins the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Students. The purpose of the Compact is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents. As a result we have changed the subtitle of this policy to focus on law specific to military dependents and moved to FDE(LEGAL) the provisions on school safety that were previously at this code. Because the Compact includes provisions affecting several other policies, we have added at the end of this code a reference list to those relevant policies. New to this policy are:

- A DEFINITIONS section with relevant terms;
- An APPLICABILITY section explaining to which military dependents the Compact applies;
- A provision at ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT specifying that a special power of attorney is sufficient for enrollment and all other actions requiring parental consent;
- A provision addressing CONTINUED ATTENDANCE, which permits a student who lives with a noncustodial parent or other person serving in the role of a parent to attend the school in which the child was enrolled while residing with the custodial parent;
- A section on EDUCATION RECORDS, which requires the sending state to give the parent an unofficial set of records if the official records cannot be released and requires a receiving district to enroll and place the student based on the unofficial records;
- A prohibition against charging such students TUITION;
- At GRADE-LEVEL PLACEMENT, a requirement that the enrolling district put the student in the same grade level, including kindergarten, that the student was in at the sending district;
- Provisions at COURSE PLACEMENT and EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PLACEMENT requiring the enrolling district to initially place the student in courses and academic programs, such as gifted and talented or English as a second language programs, based on enrollment in courses and programs at the sending district; and
- A provision giving the receiving district the authority to issue WAIVERS for course and program prerequisites or preconditions.

See also the explanatory notes for EHBAB, EIF, EKB, FB, FEA, FFAB, and FM(LEGAL).

FDD (LOCAL) ADMISSIONS MILITARY DEPENDENTS

As described at FDD(LEGAL), above, provisions on school safety transfers have been moved to FDE.

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**FFAD (LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

This local policy is recommended for deletion. Information on exclusion of students because of a communicable condition and readmittance of students who were excluded is included in FFAD(LLEGAL). In addition, the Texas Guide to School Health Programs, published by the Texas Department of State Health Services, has school attendance guidelines and a table of diseases for which students should be excluded from schools. The Guide is available at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/shpguide/chap8.pdf>. Removal of special education students from school attendance or activities is adequately addressed in the EHBA policy series, regarding special education students.