

**Approval of TASB Update 104 Local Policies
And Additional Local Policies CH (Local), DH (Local), FFA (Local) and FDB (Local)
May 10, 2016**

SUMMARY:

Update 104 represents the second of two post-legislative updates, focusing primarily on amendments to the Administrative Code as a result of recent legislation. Update 104 is considerably smaller than Update 103, which included the bulk of the changes from the 84th Legislative Session. Major topics in Update 104 include taxes, financial reports and audits, reports to SBEC, video and audio recording in special education settings, partial credit requirements for students who are homeless or in foster care, credit-by-exam requirements for homeless students, substitutes for state assessments, and wellness policy requirements. Several of the local policy recommendations address new local policy requirements included in the 2015–16 TEA Student Attendance Accounting Handbook, including homebound instruction and residency and admissions. Other local policy recommendations address equal educational opportunities for students and student discrimination and harassment.

Local policies included in Update 104:

- EEH(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS - HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION
- FB(LOCAL): EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
- FD(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS
- FEB(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING
- FFH(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION

Deletions:

- FFC(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Additional Local policy changes not part of Update 104:

- CH (Local) Purchasing And Acquisition
- DH (Local) Employee Standards of Conduct
- FFA (Local) Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services
- FDB (Local) Admissions: Intradistrict Transfers And Classroom Assignments

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board discussed and reviewed TASB Update 104 policy revisions at the April 19, 2016 board meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Update 104 includes 16 legal, 5 local policies & 3 Exhibits.

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:

Because the law requires districts to adopt a local policy so quickly, districts are allowed to implement the process for emergency adoption with one reading.

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 Superintendent recommends the Board approve TASB Update 104 local policies and the additional Local Policies CH (Local), DH (Local), FFA (Local) and FDB (Local)

PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

James K. Wilson III, Superintendent
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ATTACHMENT:

TASB Update 104 Local Policies the additional Local Policies CH (Local), DH (Local), FFA (Local) and FDB (Local)