

Agenda of Board Workshop Meeting

The Board of Trustees Ector County Independent School District

A Board Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ector County Independent School District will be held August 11, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM.

The subjects to be discussed or considered are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice.

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Verification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law - this is to certify that the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, have been met in connection with public notice of this meeting.
3. Opening Remarks by Superintendent
4. Public Comment
5. Board Policy
 - A. Discussion of TASB Board Policy Update 127 2
6. Report/Discussion Items
 - A. Presentation of the 2026 ECISD Medical Plan Committee Update 38
 - B. Strategic Plan Update: MTSS Pilot and Implementation 39
 - C. Discussion of 2025-2026 STAAR Results 40
7. Possible Request for Approval to Move to Closed Meeting - Personnel Matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code [Board will deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public employees of the District, or hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.]
Consultations with Attorney - Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act [The Board will meet in Closed Session in Consultation with the Board's Attorney Regarding all Matters as Authorized by Law.]
8. Closing Remarks by Superintendent
9. Adjournment



DISCUSSION OF TASB BOARD POLICY UPDATE 127

BJCF(LOCAL): SUPERINTENDENT: NONRENEWAL

CAA(LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: FINANCIAL ETHICS

DC(LOCAL): EMPLOYEMENT PRACTICES

DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

DHA(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: EDUCATOR CODE OF ETHICS

DP(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS

DPA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS: PRINCIPALS

DPB(LOCAL): PERSONNEL POSITIONS: OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS

EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

FFF(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE: STUDENT SAFETY



Update 127 Local Policy Overview

BJCF (LOCAL)

SUPERINTENDENT: NONRENEWAL

- Revisions align policy language with DFBB(LOCAL) relating to accommodations of disability
 14. Disability, not otherwise protected by law, that prevents the Superintendent from performing the essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable accommodation.
- Other revisions include two nonrenewal reasons included in Update 126 that were related to Senate Bill 12 from the 89th Legislature.
 27. Engaging in or assigning to another individual, whether intentionally or knowingly, an instruction, guidance, activities, or programming prohibited by law. [See EMB]
 28. Engaging in or assigning to another individual, whether intentionally or knowingly, diversity, equity, and inclusion duties prohibited by law.

CAA (LOCAL)

FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: FINANCIAL ETHICS

- A cross-reference in the Note has been updated to reflect changes to the DH series of policies

Note: See the following policies and/or administrative regulations regarding conflicts of interest, ethics, and financial oversight:

- Code of ethics:
 - for Board members — BBF
 - for employees — ~~DH~~DHA

DC (LOCAL)

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

- The cross-reference at Employment Assistance Prohibited has been updated to reflect changes to the DH series of policies.

Employment Assistance Prohibited

No District employee shall assist another employee of the District or of any school district in obtaining a new job if the employee knows, or has probable cause to believe, that the other employee engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law. Routine transmission of an administrative or personnel file does not violate this prohibition. [See CJ for prohibitions relating to contractors and agents and ~~DH~~(EXHIBIT)DHA(LEGAL) for the Educators' Code of Ethics.]

- Standard policy language at BJA(LOCAL) notes that the superintendent may delegate responsibilities to other employees of the district but shall remain accountable to the board for the performance of all duties, delegated or otherwise. For this reason, TASB recommends removing "or designee" from the Posting Vacancies section.

Filling Vacancies

The Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall establish guidelines for advertising employment opportunities and posting notices of vacancies. These guidelines shall advance the Board's commitment to

DH (LOCAL)

EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- The two cross-references to DH(EXHIBIT) have been revised to reflect changes to the DH series of policies.

Each District employee shall perform his or her duties in accordance with state and federal law, District policy, and ethical standards. The District holds all employees accountable to the Educators' Code of Ethics. [See ~~DH(EXHIBIT)~~DHA(LEGAL)]

In accordance with ethical standards applicable to all District employees [see ~~DH(EXHIBIT)~~DHA(LEGAL)], an employee shall be prohibited from using electronic communications in a manner that constitutes prohibited harassment or abuse of a District student; adversely affects the student's learning, mental health, or safety; includes threats of violence against the student; reveals confidential information about the student; or constitutes an inappropriate communication with a student, as described in the Educators' Code of Ethics.

DHA (LOCAL)

EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: EDUCATOR CODE OF ETHICS

- This policy on gifts and solicitations is recommended for deletion. Policy DBD(LOCAL) already includes provisions regarding these activities.

DP (LOCAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS

- To accommodate the restructuring of the DP series due to the requirements specific to principals, this local policy is recommended for deletion.
- Materials regarding principal qualifications have been moved to a new code at DPA(LOCAL), and the language relating to school counselors has been moved to DPB(LOCAL).

DPA (LOCAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS: PRINCIPALS

- This new policy specifically related to principals now houses principal qualification language that was previously at DP(LOCAL).
- Minor revisions have been made to the text at Qualifications to align with the model job description provided by TASB HR Services.
- Any posting for a principal position would, at minimum, include the items provided in this list. Other qualifications may be included as provided by the last item in the list.

DPB (LOCAL)

PERSONNEL POSITIONS: OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS

- This new policy now houses text relating to school counselors that was previously at DP(LOCAL).

EHBB (LOCAL)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

- Recommended changes at Identification Criteria are the result of amendments to 19 Administrative Code 89.1.

~~Selection~~Matrix
or Threshold
System

If the selection process relies on a matrix or threshold system, the use of a scoring value based on race, ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic status, or disability shall be prohibited.

FFF (LOCAL)

STUDENT WELFARE: STUDENT SAFETY

- The definition of misconduct has been amended to include provisions from Senate Bill 571 from the 89th Legislative Session.
- The misconduct definition has also been reformatted to improve readability.

For purposes of this policy, misconduct is defined as an individual's ~~alleged~~:

1. ~~Alleged~~ abuse or commission of an otherwise unlawful act with a student ~~or involvement in~~;
2. ~~Involvement in or soliciting~~ a romantic relationship, or soliciting or engaging in sexual contact, ~~with a student~~;
3. ~~Engaging in inappropriate communications with a student; or~~
- ~~4.~~4. ~~Failing to maintain appropriate boundaries with a student.~~

QUESTIONS?

**SUPERINTENDENT
NONRENEWAL**

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Reasons

The Board's decision not to renew the Superintendent's contract shall not be based on the Superintendent's exercise of Constitutional rights or based unlawfully on race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law. Reasons for the nonrenewal of the Superintendent's contract shall be:

1. Deficiencies pointed out in evaluations, supplemental memoranda, or other communications.
2. Failure to fulfill duties or responsibilities.
3. Incompetency or inefficiency in the performance of duties.
4. Insubordination or failure to comply with Board directives.
5. Failure to comply with Board policies or administrative regulations.
6. Failure of the District to make measurable progress toward the goals stated in the District improvement plan. [See BQ]
7. Conducting personal business during school hours when it results in neglect of duties.
8. Drunkenness or excessive use of alcoholic beverages; or possession, use, or being under the influence of alcohol or alcoholic beverages while on District property, while working in the scope of the employee's duties, or while attending any school- or District-sponsored activity.
9. The illegal possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, hallucinogens, or other substances regulated by state statutes.
10. Failure to meet the District's standards of professional conduct.
11. Failure to report to the Board any arrest, indictment, conviction, no contest or guilty plea, or other adjudication for any felony, any crime involving moral turpitude, or other offense listed at DH(LOCAL). [See DH]
12. Conviction of or deferred adjudication for any felony, any crime involving moral turpitude, or other offense listed at DH(LOCAL); or conviction of a lesser included offense pursuant to a plea when the original charged offense is a felony. [See DH]
13. Failure to comply with reasonable District requirements regarding advanced coursework or professional improvement and growth.

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14. Disability, not otherwise protected by law, that prevents the Superintendent from performing the essential functions of the job, [with or without reasonable accommodation](#).
15. Any activity, school-connected or otherwise, that, because of publicity given it or knowledge of it among students, faculty, or the community, impairs or diminishes the Superintendent's effectiveness in the District.
16. Any breach by the Superintendent of an employment contract or any reason specified in the Superintendent's employment contract.
17. Failure to maintain an effective working relationship, or maintain good rapport, with parents, the community, staff, or the Board.
18. Behavior that presents a danger of physical harm to a student or other individuals.
19. Assault on a person on District property or at a school-related function, or on an employee, student, or student's parent regardless of time or place.
20. Use of profanity in the course of performing any duties of employment, whether on or off District premises, in the presence of students, staff, or members of the public, if reasonably characterized as unprofessional.
21. Falsification of records or other documents related to the District's activities.
22. Falsification or omission of required information on an employment application.
23. Misrepresentation of facts to the Board or other District officials in the conduct of District business.
24. Failure to fulfill or maintain requirements for Superintendent certification, unless granted a waiver by the commissioner of education.
25. Any attempt to encourage or coerce a child to withhold information from the child's parent or from other District personnel.
26. Any reason that makes the employment relationship void or voidable, such as a violation of federal, state, or local law.
27. [Engaging in or assigning to another individual, whether intentionally or knowingly, an instruction, guidance, activities, or programming prohibited by law. \[See EMB\]](#)

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28. Engaging in or assigning to another individual, whether intentionally or knowingly, diversity, equity, and inclusion duties prohibited by law.

~~27-29.~~ Any reason constituting good cause for terminating the contract during its term.

**Notice of Proposed
Nonrenewal**

If the Board determines that the Superintendent's contract should be considered for nonrenewal, the Board shall deliver to the Superintendent written notice of the proposed nonrenewal in accordance with law.

Request for Hearing

If the Superintendent desires a hearing after receiving notice of the proposed nonrenewal, the Superintendent shall notify the Board in writing not later than the 15th day after receiving the notice. When the Board receives a timely request for a hearing on proposed nonrenewal, the hearing shall be held not later than the 15th day after receipt of the request, unless the parties mutually agree to a delay. The Superintendent shall be given notice of the hearing date as soon as it is set.

Hearing Procedure

Unless the Superintendent requests that the hearing be open, the hearing shall be conducted in closed meeting with only the members of the Board, the Superintendent, their chosen representatives, and such witnesses as may be called in attendance. Witnesses may be excluded from the hearing until called to present evidence. The Superintendent and the Board may each be represented by a person designated in writing to act for them. Notice, at least five days in advance of the hearing, shall be given by each party intending to be represented, including the name of the representative. Failure to give such notice may result in postponement of the hearing.

The conduct of the hearing shall be under the presiding officer's control and shall generally follow the steps listed below:

1. After consultation with the parties, the presiding officer shall impose reasonable time limits for presentation of evidence and closing arguments.
2. The hearing shall begin with the Board's presentation, supported by such proof as it desires to offer.
3. The Superintendent may cross-examine any witnesses for the Board.
4. The Superintendent may then present such testimonial or documentary proofs, as desired, to offer in rebuttal or in general support of the contention that the contract be renewed.

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5. The Board may cross-examine any witnesses for the Superintendent and offer rebuttal to the testimony of the Superintendent's witnesses.

6. Closing arguments may be made by each party.

A record of the hearing shall be made so that a certified transcript can be prepared, if required.

Board Decision

The Board may consider only such evidence as is presented at the hearing. After all the evidence has been presented, if the Board determines that the reasons given in support of the recommendation to not renew the Superintendent's contract are lawful, supported by the evidence, and not arbitrary or capricious, it shall so notify the Superintendent by a written notice not later than the 15th day after the date on which the hearing is concluded. This notice shall also include the Board's decision on renewal, which decision shall be final.

No Hearing

If the Superintendent fails to request a hearing, the Board shall take the appropriate action and notify the Superintendent in writing of that action not later than the 30th day after the date the notice of proposed nonrenewal was sent.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FINANCIAL ETHICS

CAA
(LOCAL)

All Trustees, employees, vendors, contractors, agents, consultants, volunteers, and any other parties who are involved in the District's financial transactions shall act with integrity and diligence in duties involving the District's fiscal resources.

Note: See the following policies and/or administrative regulations regarding conflicts of interest, ethics, and financial oversight:

- Code of ethics:
 - for Board members — BBF
 - for employees — ~~DH~~DHA
- Financial conflicts of interest:
 - for public officials — BBFA
 - for all employees — DBD
 - for vendors — CHE
- Compliance with state and federal grant and award requirements: CB, CBB
- Financial conflicts and gifts and gratuities regarding federal funds: CB, CBB
- Systems for monitoring the District's investment program: CDA
- Budget planning and evaluation: CE
- Compliance with accounting regulations: CFC
- Activity fund management: CFD
- Criminal history record information for employees: DBAA, DC
- Disciplinary action for fraud by employees: DCD, DCE, and DF series

**Fraud and Financial
Impropriety**

Definition

The District prohibits fraud and financial impropriety, as defined below, in the actions of its Trustees, employees, vendors, contractors, agents, consultants, volunteers, and others seeking or maintaining a business relationship with the District.

Fraud and financial impropriety shall include but not be limited to:

1. Forgery or unauthorized alteration of any document or account belonging to the District.
2. Forgery or unauthorized alteration of a check, bank draft, or any other financial document.

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3. Misappropriation of funds, securities, supplies, or other District assets, including employee time.
4. Impropriety in the handling of money or reporting of District financial transactions.
5. Profiteering as a result of insider knowledge of District information or activities.
6. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential or proprietary information to outside parties.
7. Unauthorized disclosure of investment activities engaged in or contemplated by the District.
8. Accepting or seeking anything of material value from contractors, vendors, or other persons providing services or materials to the District, except as otherwise permitted by law or District policy. [See CB, DBD]
9. Inappropriately destroying, removing, or using records, furniture, fixtures, or equipment.
10. Failure to provide financial records required by federal, state, or local entities.
11. Failure to disclose conflicts of interest as required by law or District policy.
12. Any other dishonest act regarding the finances of the District.
13. Failure to comply with requirements imposed by law, the awarding agency, or a pass-through entity for state and federal awards.

**Financial Controls
and Oversight**

Each employee who supervises or prepares District financial reports or transactions shall set an example of honest and ethical behavior and shall actively monitor his or her area of responsibility for fraud and financial impropriety.

Fraud Prevention

The Superintendent shall maintain a system of internal controls to deter and monitor for fraud or financial impropriety in the District.

Reports

Any person who suspects fraud or financial impropriety in the District shall report the suspicions immediately to a person with authority to investigate the suspicions, including any supervisor, the Superintendent, the Board President, or local law enforcement.

Reports of suspected fraud or financial impropriety shall be treated as confidential to the extent permitted by law. Limited disclosure may be necessary to complete a full investigation or to comply with

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	law. All employees involved in an investigation shall be advised to keep information about the investigation confidential.
<i>Protection from Retaliation</i>	Neither the Board nor any District employee shall unlawfully retaliate against a person who in good faith reports perceived fraud or financial impropriety. [See DG]
Fraud Investigations	In coordination with legal counsel and other internal or external departments or agencies, as appropriate, the Superintendent, Board President, or a designee shall promptly investigate reports of potential fraud or financial impropriety.
Response	If an investigation substantiates a report of fraud or financial impropriety, the Superintendent shall promptly inform the Board of the report, the investigation, and any responsive action taken or recommended by the administration. If an employee is found to have committed fraud or financial impropriety, the Superintendent shall take or recommend appropriate disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment. If a contractor or vendor is found to have committed fraud or financial impropriety, the District shall take appropriate action, which may include cancellation of the District's relationship with the contractor or vendor. When circumstances warrant, the Board, Superintendent, or a designee may refer matters to appropriate law enforcement or regulatory authorities. In cases involving monetary loss to the District, the District may seek to recover lost or misappropriated funds. The final disposition of the matter and any decision to file a criminal complaint or to refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency for independent investigation shall be made in consultation with legal counsel.
Federal Awards Disclosure	In connection with federal awards, the District shall promptly disclose in writing whenever the District has credible evidence of the commission of a violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in federal law, including the Civil False Claims Act. This provision applies to any activities or subawards of a federal award. [See CBB]
Analysis of Fraud	After any investigation substantiates a report of fraud or financial impropriety, the Superintendent shall analyze conditions or factors that may have contributed to the fraudulent or improper activity. The Superintendent shall ensure that appropriate administrative procedures are developed and implemented to prevent future misconduct. These measures shall be presented to the Board for review.

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Personnel Duties

The Superintendent shall define the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of all positions and shall ensure that job descriptions are current and accessible to employees and supervisors.

Filling Vacancies

The Superintendent ~~or designee~~ shall establish guidelines for advertising employment opportunities and posting notices of vacancies. These guidelines shall advance the Board's commitment to equal opportunity employment and to recruiting well-qualified candidates. Current District employees are eligible to apply for any vacancy.

The recruitment and processing of all applicants shall include on-line applications, personal interviews, investigative follow-up, and a thorough and comprehensive review of the applicant's character, training, and experience.

Applicants

All applicants shall complete the online application that is made available by the District. Information contained in applications for professional certified positions shall be verified before a contract is offered, and information contained in applications for service positions shall be verified before hiring or as soon as possible thereafter.

[For information related to the evaluation of criminal history records, see DBAA.]

**Selection and
Employment**

The Superintendent has sole authority to make recommendations to the Board regarding the selection of contractual personnel.

Employment of
Contractual
Personnel

The Board retains final authority for employment of campus principals and all other contractual personnel in leadership positions at the executive director level and above.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent final authority for employment of all other contractual employees. The Superintendent shall report to the Board all hiring conducted under this authority.

The executive director of human resources shall have authority to offer employment contracts to prospective teachers during the recruiting season(s) up to a number to be authorized annually by the Superintendent or designee.

[See DCA, DCB, DCC, and DCE as appropriate]

Employment of
Noncontractual
Personnel

Note: For employment of a bus driver related to a Board member or the Superintendent, see DBE(LEGAL).

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Authorization for
Temporary
Employees

The Board delegates to the Superintendent final authority to employ and dismiss noncontractual employees on an at-will basis. [See DCD]

Temporary employees may be employed by the District to accomplish special tasks or to manage seasonal peaks in workload. A temporary employee will be assigned to a nonpermanent position for a period of time needed to complete the tasks. Temporary employees shall not be entitled to District fringe benefits such as health insurance, paid leave, or payroll deduction.

The Superintendent shall establish guidelines for the employment of temporary personnel.

**Employment
Assistance
Prohibited**

No District employee shall assist another employee of the District or of any school district in obtaining a new job if the employee knows, or has probable cause to believe, that the other employee engaged in sexual misconduct regarding a minor or student in violation of the law. Routine transmission of an administrative or personnel file does not violate this prohibition. [See CJ for prohibitions relating to contractors and agents and ~~DH~~(EXHIBIT DHA)(LEGAL) for the Educators' Code of Ethics.]

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	An employee shall be courteous to another employee and the public, working together in a cooperative spirit to serve the best interests of the District. An employee wishing to express criticism or professional concerns shall do so through appropriate administrative procedures or the collaborative process. Such expressions shall be considered in light of their relation to the implementation of campus goals and objectives and/or the District's mission. [See BQB and AE] Each District employee shall perform his or her duties in accordance with state and federal law, District policy, and ethical standards. The District holds all employees accountable to the Educators' Code of Ethics. [See DH(EXHIBIT DHA(LEGAL))]
Participation in Community Activities	An employee of the District shall be encouraged to maintain as many community contacts as possible in order to keep the public informed about the educational program. Every school employee shall have the privilege and is strongly urged to accept the responsibility of taking an active part in community life. He or she is expected to participate in community activities in such a way to bring credit to the schools.
Violations of Standards of Conduct	Each employee shall comply with the standards of conduct set out in this policy and with any other policies, regulations, and guidelines that impose duties, requirements, or standards attendant to his or her status as a District employee. Violation of any policies, regulations, or guidelines, including intentionally making a false claim, offering a false statement, or refusing to cooperate with a District investigation, may result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment. [See DCD, DCE, and DF series]
Weapons Prohibited	The District prohibits the use, unlawful possession, or display of any firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapon, as defined at FNCG, on District property at all times.
Exceptions	No violation of this policy occurs when: 1. Use or possession of a firearm by a specific employee is authorized by Board action [see the CKE series]; 2. A District employee who holds a handgun license in accordance with state law stores a handgun or other firearm in a locked vehicle in a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area provided by the District, provided the handgun or other firearm is not in plain view; or 3. The use, possession, or display of an otherwise prohibited weapon takes place as part of a District-approved activity supervised by proper authorities. [See FOD]

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**Electronic
Communication**

Use with Students

A certified employee, licensed employee, or any other employee designated in writing by the Superintendent or a campus principal may use electronic communication, as this term is defined by law, with currently enrolled students only about matters within the scope of the employee's professional responsibilities.

Unless an exception has been made in accordance with the employee handbook or other administrative regulations, an employee shall not use a personal electronic communication platform, application, or account to communicate with currently enrolled students.

Unless authorized above, all other employees are prohibited from using electronic communication directly with students who are currently enrolled in the District. The employee handbook or other administrative regulations shall further detail:

1. Exceptions for family and social relationships;
2. The circumstances under which an employee may use text messaging to communicate with individual students or student groups;
3. Hours of the day during which electronic communication is discouraged or prohibited; and
4. Other matters deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

In accordance with ethical standards applicable to all District employees [see ~~DH(EXHIBIT~~DHA(LEGAL))], an employee shall be prohibited from using electronic communications in a manner that constitutes prohibited harassment or abuse of a District student; adversely affects the student's learning, mental health, or safety; includes threats of violence against the student; reveals confidential information about the student; or constitutes an inappropriate communication with a student, as described in the Educators' Code of Ethics.

An employee shall have no expectation of privacy in electronic communications with students. Each employee shall comply with the District's requirements for records retention and destruction to the extent those requirements apply to electronic communication. [See CPC]

Personal Use

All employees shall be held to the same professional standards in their public use of electronic communication as for any other public conduct. If an employee's use of electronic communication violates state or federal law or District policy, or interferes with the employee's ability to effectively perform his or her job duties, the employee is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

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Reporting Improper Communication	In accordance with administrative regulations, an employee shall notify his or her supervisor when a student engages in improper electronic communication with the employee.
Disclosing Personal Information	An employee shall not be required to disclose his or her personal email address or personal phone number to a student.
Prohibited Classroom Instruction or Activities	An employee is prohibited from intentionally or knowingly engaging in or assigning to another individual instruction, guidance, activities, or programming prohibited by law [see EMB].
Prohibited Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Duties	An employee shall be subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment, if the employee, intentionally or knowingly: • Engages in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) duties. • Assigns to another individual DEI duties. [See BT(LEGAL)]
Social Transitioning	An employee shall be prohibited from assisting a District student with social transitioning, as the term is defined in law. This prohibition includes providing any information to a District student about social transitioning or guidelines intended to assist a District student with social transitioning.
Safety Requirements	Each employee shall adhere to District safety rules and regulations and shall report unsafe conditions or practices to the appropriate supervisor.
Harassment or Abuse	An employee shall not engage in prohibited harassment, including sexual harassment, of: 1. Other employees. [See DIA] 2. Students. [See FFH; see FFG regarding child abuse and neglect.] While acting in the course of employment, an employee shall not engage in prohibited harassment, including sexual harassment, of other persons, including Board members, vendors, contractors, volunteers, or parents. An employee shall report child abuse or neglect as required by law. [See FFG]
Relationships with Students	An employee shall not form romantic or other inappropriate social relationships with students. Any sexual relationship between a student and a District employee is always prohibited, even if consensual.

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As required by law, the District shall notify the parent of a student with whom a District employee or person acting as a service provider for the District is alleged to have engaged in certain misconduct.

[See FFF for parent notification requirements and DHB and DHC for reporting requirements.]

**Tobacco and
Nicotine Products
and E-Cigarettes**

An employee is prohibited from possessing or using any type of tobacco product, e-cigarette, or any other electronic vaporizing device while on school property, in a District vehicle, or while attending an off-campus school-related activity. An employee is also prohibited from possessing or using any type of nicotine product, including nicotine pouches, regardless of whether the product contains tobacco, while on District property, in a District vehicle, or while attending an off-campus school-related activity.

An employee's supervisor is authorized to approve an exception to this policy for a smoking cessation product.

Each District employee shall enforce policies regarding the use or possession of tobacco and nicotine products and e-cigarettes on school property.

**Alcohol and Drugs /
Notice of Drug-Free
Workplace**

As a condition of employment, an employee shall abide by the terms of the following drug-free workplace provisions. An employee shall notify the Superintendent in writing if the employee is convicted for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace in accordance with Arrests, Indictments, Convictions, and Other Adjudications, below.

An employee shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, or be under the influence of any of the following substances during working hours while on District property or at school-related activities during or outside of usual working hours:

1. Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by law, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine, or barbiturate.
2. Alcohol or any alcoholic beverage.
3. Any abusable glue, aerosol paint, or any other chemical substance for inhalation.
4. Any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering, or behavior-altering drug.

An employee need not be legally intoxicated to be considered "under the influence" of a controlled substance.

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Exceptions	It shall not be considered a violation of this policy if the employee: 1. Manufactures, possesses, or dispenses a substance listed above as part of the employee's job responsibilities; 2. Uses or possesses a controlled substance or drug authorized by a licensed physician prescribed for the employee's personal use; or 3. Possesses a controlled substance or drug that a licensed physician has prescribed for the employee's child or other individual for whom the employee is a legal guardian.
Sanctions	An employee who violates these drug-free workplace provisions shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Sanctions may include: 1. Referral to drug and alcohol counseling or rehabilitation programs; 2. Referral to employee assistance programs; 3. Termination from employment with the District; and 4. Referral to appropriate law enforcement officials for prosecution.
Notice	Employees shall receive a copy of this policy.
Arrests, Indictments, Convictions, and Other Adjudications	An employee shall notify his or her principal or immediate supervisor within three calendar days of any arrest, indictment, conviction, no contest or guilty plea, or other adjudication of the employee for any felony, any offense involving moral turpitude, and any of the other offenses as indicated below: 1. Crimes involving school property or funds; 2. Crimes involving attempt by fraudulent or unauthorized means to obtain or alter any certificate or permit that would entitle any person to hold or obtain a position as an educator; 3. Crimes that occur wholly or in part on school property or at a school-sponsored activity; or 4. Crimes involving moral turpitude, which include: • Dishonesty; fraud; deceit; theft; misrepresentation; • Deliberate violence; • Base, vile, or depraved acts that are intended to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor;

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- Felony possession or conspiracy to possess, or any misdemeanor or felony transfer, sale, distribution, or conspiracy to transfer, sell, or distribute any controlled substance defined in Chapter 481 of the Health and Safety Code;
- Felony driving while intoxicated (DWI); or
- Acts constituting abuse or neglect under the Texas Family Code.

Dress and Grooming An employee's dress and grooming shall be clean, neat, in a manner appropriate for his or her assignment, and in accordance with any additional standards established by his or her supervisor and approved by the Superintendent.

Statement of Policy Bigotry and racism are in conflict with the mission, goals, and objectives of the District to provide the best education and work environment possible for all of its students and employees. Accordingly, it is the policy of the District to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from such conduct.

Prohibited Actions An employee shall be in violation of this policy if, on school grounds, at school-sanctioned activities, or in vehicles dispatched by the District, he or she:

1. Directs personal insults (whether written or oral), including epithets, slurs, and insults based on a person's race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disabling condition, which are addressed to an individual.
2. Threatens with physical harm or actually harms a person on the basis of that person's race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disabling condition.
3. Defaces school property or materials in such a manner as to demean the race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disabling condition of an individual or group.
4. Damages, defaces, or destroys private property of any person on the basis of that person's race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disabling condition.

[For sex discrimination/sex abuse, see DAA and DIA.]

~~EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT~~
~~GIFTS AND SOLICITATIONS~~

DHA
(LOCAL)

~~No solicitations of any kind shall be made on behalf of a school or the District unless prior approval of the Superintendent or designee and the campus principal has been obtained.~~

PERSONNEL POSITIONS

DP
(LOCAL)

**Principal
Qualifications**

In addition to the minimal certification requirement, a principal shall have at least:

1. ~~Working knowledge of curriculum and instruction;~~
2. ~~The ability to evaluate instructional program and teaching effectiveness;~~
3. ~~The ability to manage budgets and personnel and to coordinate campus functions;~~
4. ~~The ability to explain policy, procedures, and data;~~
5. ~~Strong communications, public relations, and interpersonal skills;~~
6. ~~Prior experience in instructional leadership roles; and~~
7. ~~Other qualifications deemed necessary by the Board and included in the job description.~~

School Counselors

~~In accordance with law, a school counselor shall spend 80 percent of the counselor's work time on duties that are components of a comprehensive school counseling program (CSCP). [See FFEA]~~

~~If the Board approves a determination by the administration that due to District or campus staffing needs or other reasons a school counselor is prevented from spending 80 percent of the counselor's work time on duties that are components of a CSCP, the Board shall direct the Superintendent to develop a revised job description for the school counselor that addresses the percentage of the school counselor's time that shall be spent on duties related to the components of a CSCP and the duties the school counselor is expected to perform in the remaining work time. The Superintendent shall report to the Board regarding adjustments to a school counselor's duties under this provision.~~

PERSONNEL POSITIONS
PRINCIPALS

DPA
(LOCAL)

Qualifications

In addition to the minimal education and certification requirements established in the job description, a principal shall have at least:

1. Working knowledge of curriculum and instruction;
2. The ability to evaluate instructional program and teaching effectiveness;
3. The ability to manage budgets and personnel and to coordinate campus functions;
4. The ability to implement policy and procedures;
5. The ability to interpret data;
6. Strong communications, public relations, and interpersonal skills;
7. Prior experience in instructional leadership roles; and
8. Other qualifications deemed necessary by the Board and included in the job description.

PERSONNEL POSITIONS
OTHER PERSONNEL POSITIONS

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(LOCAL)

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS
GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

EHBB
(LOCAL)

Referral

Students may be referred for the gifted and talented program at any time by teachers, school counselors, parents, or other interested persons.

Screening and
Identification
Process

The District shall provide assessment opportunities to complete the screening and identification process for referred students at least once per school year.

The District shall schedule a gifted and talented program awareness session for parents that provides an overview of the identification procedures and services for the program prior to beginning the screening and identification process.

Parental Consent

The District shall obtain written parental consent before any special testing or individual assessment is conducted as part of the screening and identification process. All student information collected during the screening and identification process shall be an educational record, subject to the protections set out in policies at FL.

Selection

Identification
Criteria

The Board-approved program for the gifted and talented shall establish criteria to identify gifted and talented students. The criteria shall be specific to the state definition of gifted and talented and shall ensure the fair assessment of students with special needs, such as the culturally different, the economically disadvantaged, and students with disabilities.

Assessments

Data collected through both objective and subjective assessments shall be measured against the criteria approved by the Board to determine individual eligibility for the program. Assessment tools may include, but are not limited to, the following: achievement tests, intelligence tests, creativity tests, behavioral checklists completed by teachers and parents, student/parent conferences, and available student work products.

*Selection Matrix
or Threshold
System*

If the selection process relies on a matrix or threshold system, the use of a scoring value based on race, ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic status, or disability shall be prohibited.

Placement
Committee

A placement committee shall evaluate each referred student according to the established criteria and shall identify those students for whom placement in the gifted and talented program is the most appropriate educational setting. The committee shall be composed of at least three professional educators who have received training in the nature and needs and identification of gifted students, as required by law.

Notification

The District shall provide written notification to parents of students who qualify for services through the District's gifted and talented program. Participation in any program or services provided for

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gifted students shall be voluntary, and the District shall obtain written permission from the parents before placing a student in a gifted and talented program.

Reassessment

If the District reassesses students in the gifted and talented program, the reassessment shall be based on a student's performance in response to services and shall occur no more than once in elementary grades, once in middle school grades, and once in high school grades.

Transfer Students

Interdistrict

When a student identified as gifted by a previous school district enrolls in the District, the placement committee shall review the student's records and conduct assessment procedures when necessary to determine if placement in the District's program for gifted and talented students is appropriate.

[See FDD(LEGAL) for information regarding transfer students and the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children]

Intradistrict

A student who transfers from one campus in the District to the same grade level at another District campus shall continue to receive services in the District's gifted and talented program.

Furloughs

The District may place on a furlough any student who is unable to maintain satisfactory performance or whose educational needs are not being met within the structure of the gifted and talented program. A furlough may be initiated by the District, the parent, or the student.

In accordance with the Board-approved program, a furlough shall be granted for specified reasons and for a specified period of time. At the end of a furlough, the student may reenter the gifted and talented program, be placed on another furlough, or be exited from the program.

Exit Provisions

The District shall monitor student performance in response to gifted and talented program services. If at any time the placement committee or a parent determines the program is not meeting the student's educational needs, the committee shall meet with the parent and student before finalizing an exit decision.

Appeals

A parent, student, or educator may appeal any final decision of the placement committee regarding services in the gifted and talented program. Appeals shall be made first to the placement committee. Any subsequent appeals shall be made in accordance with FNG(LOCAL) beginning at Level Two.

Program Evaluation

The District shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of the District's gifted and talented program, and the results of the evaluation

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shall be used to modify and update the District and campus improvement plans. The District shall include parents in the evaluation process and shall share the information with Board members, administrators, teachers, school counselors, students in the gifted and talented program, and the community.

Funding

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures to ensure that 100 percent of the state funds allocated for the gifted and talented program are spent providing for and enhancing the District's program and that a method accounting for expenditures related to the gifted and talented program is established and aligns with the Texas Education Agency's financial compliance guidance.

**Community
Awareness**

The District shall ensure that information about the District's gifted and talented program is available to parents and community members and that they have an opportunity to develop an understanding of and support for the program.

STUDENT WELFARE
STUDENT SAFETY

FFF
(LOCAL)

Note: See policies DHB and DHC for information on other required reports regarding alleged misconduct against a student.

The District shall notify a parent of a student with whom a District employee or a person acting as a service provider for the District is alleged to have engaged in misconduct, informing the parent:

1. As soon as feasible that the alleged misconduct may have occurred;
2. Whether the individual was terminated following an investigation of the alleged misconduct or resigned before completion of the investigation; and
3. Whether a report was submitted to the Texas Education Agency or State Board for Educator Certification concerning the alleged misconduct.

For purposes of this policy, misconduct is defined as an individual's **alleged:**

1. **Alleged** abuse or commission of an otherwise unlawful act with a student ~~or involvement in~~;
2. **Involvement in or soliciting** a romantic relationship, or soliciting or engaging in sexual contact, **with a student**;
3. **Engaging in inappropriate communications with a student**; or
- ~~1.4.~~ **Failing to maintain appropriate boundaries** with a student.

**Notice of Suspected
Criminal Offense**

Except as provided by state law regarding child abuse investigations, the District shall notify a parent not later than one business day after the date an employee first suspects that a criminal offense has been committed against the parent's child.

[See also FFG for reporting requirements related to child abuse and FFH for parental notification requirements regarding prohibited conduct as defined by that policy.]



PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 ECISD MEDICAL PLAN COMMITTEE UPDATE

Administration will present the 2026 ECISD Medical Plan Committee update in preparation for the upcoming 2027 Medical Plan.



STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: MTSS PILOT AND IMPLEMENTATION

MTSS Pilot and Implementation for the Tier 1 Behavior System will be presented to the Board of Trustees. This presentation will include an overview of the pilot implementation, campus participation, staff training and support, and early outcomes related to student behavior across participating campuses. The Board will also receive information regarding next steps for program evaluation and expansion of the program for the 2026–2027 school year.



DISCUSSION OF 2025-2026 STAAR RESULTS

An update on State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Results for the 2025-2026 school year will be presented to the Board of Trustees.