





Policy Office/Internal Audit

TO: Person Addressed
THROUGH: Joe Yañez 
FROM: Cristina Maskill 
SUBJECT: Policy Updates
DATE: February 29, 2012

The policy manual for our District is available online at www.episd.org (under the Board of Trustees' tab) or at my.episd.org under District Services and click on Policy Office. **Please call the Policy Office at 887-5813 to receive immediate verification for any online policy that is needed to ensure that the policy has not been recently revised.**

The online policies include search capability. By entering key word(s), you can search the entire policy manual at one time and the system pulls up every policy that contains the key word(s).

Our District subscribes to the Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) policy service *Policy Online (POL)*. There will always be a delay of up to 30 days from the time a policy is approved by the Board until it appears online, but the approved policy can be obtained immediately, if needed, by contacting the Policy Office at 887-5813. Policies online will not have an adopted date printed on them, but you can assume they are correct unless otherwise specified in the notification memos that are sent to you regularly.

Legal policies track the language of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, federal and state statutes including the Texas Education Code, Texas Attorney General opinions, State Board of Education rules, Texas Administrative Code and other regulations, as well as other sources of legal authority defining local school district governance.

Local policies are generated by our District to support legal requirements and to define the Board's vision for the District, the structure for accomplishing the vision, and the system of accountabilities for all who are involved in realizing the vision. Board policy directs the "footsteps" of students, parents, and staff. It also directs those of the Board itself in responding to emerging issues, clarifying its own roles and responsibilities, defining the decision-making process, and ensuring timely evaluation of programs, personnel, and activities. **Local policies are adopted by the Board of Trustees and until rescinded by Board action, have the force of law.**

If regulations are present with (LOCAL) policies, they are the action steps that complement the local policy. Exhibits consist of suggested form letters, notices, and reports.

The policies listed in this memo are new, revised, or now available online.

Policy

FFG (EXHIBIT)
Student Welfare:
Child Abuse and Neglect

Action

Taken
Approved
2/6/12

Explanation

Administration recommended minor editorial changes to Board Policy FFG (EXHIBIT).

Policy

GRA (EXHIBIT)
Relations with Governmental Entities:
State and Local Governmental Authorities

Action

Taken
DELETED
2/6/12

Explanation

Administration recommended deletion of Board Policy GRA (EXHIBIT); language has been moved unaltered to new Board Policy GRAA (EXHIBIT).

Policy

GRAA (EXHIBIT) *New*
State and Local Governmental Authorities:
Law Enforcement Agencies

Action

Taken
Approved
2/6/12

Explanation

Administration recommended new Board Policy GRAA (EXHIBIT); this exhibit addresses student offenses that principals must report to local law enforcement authorities, and has been moved unaltered from GRA (EXHIBIT).

Policy

EHBC (EXHIBIT)
Special Programs
Compensatory/Accelerated Services

Action

Taken
Approved
2/7/12

Explanation

Administration requested minor editorial changes to Board Policy EHBC (EXHIBIT).

Policy

GBAA (REGULATION)
Information Access:
Requests for Information

Action

Taken
Approved
2/13/12

Explanation

Administration requested contact information for requesting records or information be updated to reflect Public Relations as new contact department.

Policy

DIA (REGULATION)
Employee Welfare:
Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

Action

Taken

Approved
2/27/12

Explanation

Administration requested contact information under Human Resources Compliance Officer to reflect new contact person.

Policy

FFH (REGULATION)
Student Welfare:
Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

Action

Taken

Approved
2/27/12

Explanation

Administration requested contact information under Human Resources Compliance Officer to reflect new contact person.

These have been submitted to TASB and will be online within 30 days, unless noted above. If copies are needed, please contact the Policy Office at 887-5813.

THE OFFICIAL HARD COPY OF THE DISTRICT'S POLICY MANUAL
IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION IN THE POLICY OFFICE LOCATED
WITHIN THE INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT, AT EDUCATION
CENTER BOEING, 6531 BOEING DRIVE, EL PASO, TX, 79925.