

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

BOARD POLICY

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DEVELOPMENT

Within the context of current law, the School shall be guided by Board-adopted written policies that are given appropriate distribution and are accessible to staff members, parents, students, and community residents.

Policy and policy amendments may be initiated by the Superintendent, Board members, School personnel, or community citizens, but generally shall be recommended for the Board's consideration by the Superintendent.

ORGANIZATION

Policies are organized in accordance with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) framework:

- A. Basic District Foundations
- B. Local Governance
- C. Business and Support Services
- D. Personnel
- E. Instruction
- F. Students
- G. Community and Governmental Relations

AGREEMENT WITH LAW

Newly enacted law is applicable when effective. No policy, procedure or regulation, or any portion thereof, shall be operative if it is found to be in conflict with the law.

SEVERABILITY

If any portion of a policy or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of policy that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application; and to this end the provisions of this policy manual are declared to be severable.

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT

Policies may be adopted or amended by a majority of the Board at any regular or special meeting, provided that Board members have had advance written notice of the proposed change and that it has been placed on the agenda for such meeting.

Policies become effective up Board adoption or at a future date designated by the Board at the time of adoption.

WAIVERS

Except as indicated below, the School or a campus may apply to the Commissioner of Education for a waiver of a requirement or prohibition imposed by the Education Code or rule of the State Board or Commissioner. An application for a waiver must include:

1. a written plan approved by the Board that states the

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achievement objectives of the School and the inhibition imposed on those objectives by the requirement or prohibition; and

2. contain written comments from the District Advisory Committee.

Education Code 7.056 (a)(b)

SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL

The application shall be submitted to the Commissioner not later than the 31st day before the School intends to take action. If the Commissioner does not notify the School of an objection within 30 days after receiving the application, the waiver is granted.

Education Code 7.056(b)(c)

DURATION

A waiver is effective for the period stated in the application, which cannot exceed three years.

Education Code 7.056(d)

RESTRICTIONS

The School may not receive an exemption or waiver from a prohibition on conduct that constitutes a criminal offense; a requirement imposed by federal law or rule, including requirements for special education or bilingual education programs, or from a requirement, restriction, or prohibition imposed by state law or rule relating to:

1. A prohibition on conduct that constitutes a criminal offense.
2. Essential knowledge or skills or minimum graduation requirements.
3. Public school accountability.
4. Extracurricular activities.
5. Health and safety.
6. Purchasing.
7. Elementary school class size limits, except as provided by Education Code 25.112.
8. Removal of a disruptive student from the classroom.
9. At-risk programs.
10. Prekindergarten programs.
11. Educator rights and benefits.
12. Special education or bilingual education programs.
13. First day of instruction requirements.

Education Code 7.056(e)

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