



# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From: Greg McIntyre, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Date: November 14, 2013

Subject: Board Policy FEF (Local) and Board Policy GKD (Local) pertaining to CSISD allowing private lessons during the school day for choir, orchestra, and band

Agenda Item: I-1

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## BACKGROUND

For many Texas schools districts, it has been standard practice to allow private music instructors to visit secondary campuses before and after school to teach private music lessons (music includes orchestra, band and choir).

Recently, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) issued a statement in support of this practice since the lessons help the program as well as the individual students. In its question and answer document regarding fine arts, TEA states that "local school districts may offer private study programs and have the authority to administer these programs as per the following guidelines:

- the use of school facilities for private study is according to local school district policy;
- the school district and students must both benefit from the private study program;
- there must be adequate safeguards in place to ensure that the school district and students receive the full range of the intended benefits of the private study program; and
- although school districts as an entity may not charge students a fee for participation in a private study program, a private teacher may charge a fee in a manner as approved by the local school board of trustees . . ."

Subsequently, TASB drafted policy to support this recommendation (attached).

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the CSISD Board of Trustees approve policies FEF (Local) and GKD (Local) as presented.

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