



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 8, 2011

Subject: Policies EIA (Local), EIC (Local), and a Resolution pertaining to EIE (Local)

Agenda Item: H-1

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priorities A, B and C: Goals 1, 2, and 3

BACKGROUND

Policies EIA, EIC, and a resolution pertaining to policy EIE primarily address STAAR and End-of-Course (EOC) exams beginning the 2011-12 school year. I have summarized the key provisions of each policy below.

The key points of policy EIA state:

- When required by state law, a student's score on the initial end-of-course (EOC) assessment shall count for 15 percent of the student's final grade for the course as reported on the student's transcript. If a student retakes an EOC assessment, the District will not include the retake score in the final grade calculation for the course,
- A student's ARD committee shall determine the type of assessment to be administered and how the score on an EOC assessment shall be used for final course grades, credit decisions, and graduation requirements, and
- Calculation of grades with EOC assessment scores shall be in accordance with the District's grading guidelines.

The key provisions of policy EIC allow the district to calculate class rank at the end of the 5th six weeks for graduation ceremonies, then again for college admission:

- For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be used as the semester grade for this purpose.
- For the purpose of applications to institutions of higher education, the District shall also calculate class ranking as required by state law. The District's eligibility criteria for local graduation honors shall apply only for local recognitions and shall not restrict class ranking for the purpose of automatic admission under state law.

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The EIE Resolution

- The Texas Education Code requires students in grades 5 and 8 to meet the passing standards on the applicable state-mandated assessment instruments (such as TAKS) for those grade levels to be promoted to the next grade. However, during this transition year to the STAAR test, the state passing standards for the STAAR grade 5 and 8 examinations will not be established for the 2011–12 school year; only raw score data will be available.

- The resolution allows the district to suspend the local policy provision (for the 2011-12 school year only) requiring students to pass the 5th and 8th grade assessments for promotion to the next grade level.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the CSISD Board of Trustees approve policies EIA (Local), EIC (Local), and the resolution pertaining to EIE (Local) as presented.