

Resolution

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District Regarding Temporary Modification to Local Policies EIA, EIC, EIE, and EIF Due to COVID-19

Whereas, on March 19, 2020, the Texas Governor issued Executive Order No. GA-08 relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation, through this action, and in accordance with Guidelines from the President of the United States ordered the temporary closure of all Texas school districts;

Whereas, on March 15, 2020, the Superintendent of the Socorro Independent School District (the "District") declared an immediate and emergency shutdown of the District to protect the health and safety of staff and students;

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District (the "Board") has implemented procedures for continuity of instruction to the extent possible during the indefinite District closure; and

Whereas, the Board finds that a need exists to temporarily adjust local policy provisions and provide fairness and consistency in addressing guidelines for grading, class rank calculations, district grade reclassification, and Foundation Program graduation requirements under these unprecedented circumstances.

Now, therefore, Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District make the following temporary modification to policy EIA (LOCAL), Guidelines for Grading:

Remote learning student work in grades Pre-K – 12th for the 4th nine weeks marking period of the 2019-2020 school year shall be graded on a Progressing (PR) or Incomplete (IN) scale. Grades for this reporting period shall be determined by one daily grade per week for each subject area.

Grading guidelines shall be communicated in a timely manner to all District stakeholders.

Now, therefore, Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District make the following temporary modification to policy EIC (LOCAL), Class Rank Calculation:

GPA and class rank for senior students shall be calculated by averaging semester grades earned in grades 9-12, excluding second semester of the 2019-2020 school year. Grades earned for the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year will not be included in the calculation for class rank or GPA. Weighted courses shall not be granted points for the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

Top Ten, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, etc. for graduating seniors shall be based on the GPA and Class Rank as of the end of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

Now, therefore, Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District make the following temporary modification to policy EIE (LOCAL), District Grade Reclassification:

Grade levels will be adjusted for high school students that are projected to be seniors at each campus during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The Campus Grade Reclassification Committee will convene as needed to review documents for reclassification purposes.

Now, therefore, Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District make the following temporary modification to policy EIF (LOCAL), Foundation Program Graduation Requirements:

To graduate, a student shall complete either the courses required by the District or those mandated by the State. A student may graduate under the foundation program without earning the distinguished level of achievement in accordance with state law.

The authority granted by this resolution to temporarily adjust local policies EIA, EIC, EIE, and EIF as indicated in this Resolution and as clarified in District Resolution Guidelines, shall be limited to and apply only for the 2019–2020 school year, unless the Board takes further action.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2020, by the Board of Trustees.

Cynthia Ann Najera
Board President



Paul Guerra
Board Secretary