

Student-Parent Handbook

Elementary

Summary of Changes

2025-2026

Parent Review of Instructional Materials and Plan:

SB 12 requires the district to make instructional materials and study plans available for parent review and for students to use at home through a parent portal hosted by the District. Added a paragraph to the section “Parent Review of Instructional Materials and Plan” where teachers are required to provide a copy of their instructional plan or course syllabus for each class to parents of each student enrolled in that class.

Doctor’s Note after an Absence from Illness:

HB 367 requires the district to adopt a form for physician certification that a student's absence is due to a severe or life-threatening illness. The district cannot require further documentation beyond the information on the form.

Complaints and Concerns:

SB 12 added Education Code chapter 26A, which requires a board-adopted policy for addressing a grievance. It also requires the district to give access to parents to a grievance form and give information on how to submit it electronically.

Sexual Harassment and Sex Based Harassment:

Replaced the word “Gender” with “Sex”

- Eliminated two paragraphs that define what gender-based harassment includes and how it can occur. These changes are in accordance with Title IX rules currently in effect

Distance Learning (All Grade Levels):

SB 569 repealed the Texas School Virtual Network. Students can enroll in any virtual or hybrid course offered by the district or another district.

Possession and Use of Personal Communications Devices, Including Cell Phones, and Other Electronic Devices:

HB 1481 prohibits the use of personal communication devices by students while on school property during the school day. Added language that warns parents that consequences will follow the Student Code of Conduct.

Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations (All Grade Levels):

SB 12 requires written parental consent before a student may participate in a student club that is authorized by the district. SB12 also prohibits a district from authorizing or sponsoring a student club based on sexual orientation or gender identity

Health Related-Services:

SB 12 requires to provide written notice of each health-related service offered at our schools and the right to decline this service.

Parental Rights and Options:

Added paragraphs from SB 12 stating the right of parents to direct moral and religious training of their child and make educational decisions without interference from governmental entities including a school district.

Working Together:

Added provision from SB 12 of at least two opportunities for in-person conferences during the school year with the child's teachers.

Safe Storage of Firearms:

Added the section from HB 121 requiring districts to provide information to parents of all enrolled students at least three times each school year about safe storage of firearms including ways parents can prevent children from accessing them.

Library (ALL Grade Levels):

Per SB 13, added paragraph explaining where parents may submit to the district a list of library materials that their child may not be allowed to check out. Districts are also required to provide parents a record of each time their child checks out library material. A parent may also submit a written challenge to the inclusion of any library material.