

EL PASO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

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TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS §348

JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

§348.100 PURPOSE

This chapter establishes minimum operational, programmatic, and educational standards for juvenile justice alternative education programs in Texas.

In accordance with [Texas Education Code, Section 37.011\(h\)](#), the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), with the agreement of the Commissioner of Education, shall annually develop and implement an accountability system, consistent with Chapters 39 and 39A of the Texas Education Code, to ensure that students make progress toward grade level while attending the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs (JJAEP).

The El Paso County JJAEP shall operate in compliance with all applicable requirements established by the Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

§348.102 DEFINITIONS

When used in this chapter, the following words and terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Absent Days**--The actual number of instructional days a student enrolled in the JJAEP is not in attendance for a minimum of four (4) hours.
- (2) Attendance Days**--The actual number of instructional days a student enrolled in the JJAEP is in attendance for a minimum of four (4) hours.
- (3) Community Activities Officer**--The definition assigned by [Texas Administrative Code §344.100](#).
- (4) Inactive Status**--Attendance status assigned to a student in which the student remains enrolled but is not counted as absent or present.
- (5) Intensive Physical Activity**--Rigorous physical activity that involves rhythmic, repetitive physical movement that uses large muscle groups and results in an increase in heart rate and respiration. This term does not include activities required as part of a physical education class.
- (6) JJAEP Administrator**-- A juvenile probation department employee designated by the chief administrative officer or governing board of a juvenile probation department as the person responsible for the overall management of the JJAEP.
- (7) JJAEP Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Extract**--An automated process to extract and submit modified case records from the juvenile probation department's case management system to TJJD.
- (8) JJAEP Staff Member**--Any full-time, part-time, temporary, or seasonal employee or volunteer performing JJAEP-related duties.
- (9) Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)**--An educational program operated by the juvenile board designated to serve students pursuant to [Chapter 37, Education Code](#).
- (10) Juvenile Probation Department (Department)**--The definition assigned by [Texas Administrative Code §344.100](#).
- (11) Juvenile Probation Officer**--The definition assigned by [Texas Administrative Code §344.100](#).
- (12) Juvenile Supervision Officer**--The definition assigned by [Texas Administrative Code §344.100](#).
- (13) Sending School District**--The school district that sends the notice of expulsion and/or documentation needed for a student to enroll in a JJAEP.
- (14) TJJD**--The Texas Juvenile Justice Department.
- (15) Exit Reason**--The reason a student exits the JJAEP program. A student shall be accounted for in only one of the following categories:
 - (A) Completed program/returned to home school**--The student's term of expulsion has expired or has been terminated early by the home school district.

- (B) Completed program/term of probation expired--The student has returned to the home school district due to the expiration of the probation order or the term of probation placement in JJAEP ended.
- (C) Completed program/term of placement ended--The student has returned to the home school district due to the termination of both expulsion status and probation status.
- (D) GED Completion--The student has successfully tested and passed the high school equivalency examination.
- (E) Graduated--The student has completed all necessary requirements to receive a high school diploma.
- (F) Left Program Incomplete--The student has been terminated from the program due to:
 - (1) a probation modification or revocation;
 - (2) an out-of-home placement;
 - (3) being held in juvenile detention;
 - (4) being held in jail;
 - (5) absconding (violation of conditions of release from detention or court order);
 - (6) being committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;
 - (7) being committed to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; or
 - (8) being truant or a runaway.
- (G) Other--The student left the program due to an out-of-county move, death, medical reason, other non-delinquency reason, or withdrew to enroll in another educational program that is not provided by the student's home district (i.e., expelling school).

§348.104 INTERPRETATION AND APPLICABILITY

(a) Use of the words "including" and "includes." When used in this chapter, the words "including" and "includes" are to be understood as introducing a non-exhaustive list, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. (b) **Applicability.** This chapter applies to JJAEPs operated under [Section 37.011, Education Code](#). (c) **Records Retention.** For purposes of this chapter, any standard that requires documentation to be maintained but does not specify the length of the retention period means at least two years past the end of the school year in which the student exited the JJAEP unless the local records retention schedule specifies a longer retention period. (d) **Policies and Procedures.** Any policy or procedure required by this chapter must be established by the juvenile board that is responsible for the operation of the JJAEP. (e) **Parent Notifications.** (1) Any requirement in this chapter for the JJAEP to provide a notice to a student's parent, guardian, or custodian applies only if: (A) the student is under 18 years of age; or (B) the student is 18 years of age or older and: (i) has provided written consent; (ii) the student has a disability and has authorized the parent, guardian, custodian, or other designated individual to receive the notification under a supported decision-making agreement, as referenced in [Chapter 1357, Estates Code](#); (iii) the student is a dependent student as defined in [Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code](#) and the notice relates to education services; or (iv) the notification is one that the parent would have received under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act before the student reached 18 years of age. (2) Any notifications provided under paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection to a parent, guardian, or custodian without the written consent of a student who is at least 18 years of age must also be provided to the student.

§348.106 WAIVERS AND VARIANCES

Unless expressly prohibited by another TJJD standard, an application for a waiver or variance of any standard in this chapter may be submitted in accordance with [Texas Administrative Code §349.200](#).

The El Paso County Juvenile Board (Juvenile Board) may request a waiver from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) for one or more standards contained in this Chapter, excluding those mandated by statute or the Constitution. A request for a waiver shall include a written plan describing the actions necessary to achieve compliance by a specified date and justification explaining why immediate compliance cannot be attained. A waiver granted by TJJD shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed two (2) years unless otherwise specified by TJJD. TJJD may also grant waivers pursuant to a grant contract with counties that are not required to operate a JJAEP. In circumstances where TJJD defers waiver authority to the local Juvenile Board, including but not limited to pandemics, natural disasters, or other declared emergencies, the Juvenile Board may approve temporary variances from specific standards that cannot reasonably be met within the designated timeframes.

§348.200 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

(a) Mission of the JJAEP. (1) Academically, the mission of the JJAEP shall be to enable students to perform at grade level. (2) The mission statement must be located in the JJAEP's policies and procedures manual and in the student code of conduct. **(b) Policies and Procedures.** (1) The JJAEP must: (A) have written policies and procedures that govern all aspects of the operation of the program, including personnel, administration, programming, training, and any other program requirement included in this chapter; (B) be operated according to the written policies and procedures; and (C) submit the written policies and procedures to TJJD for review and comment at the following times: (i) no later than October 1 of each year; and (ii) upon request from TJJD. (2) The written policies and procedures must be readily accessible to every JJAEP staff member. **(c) Memorandum of Understanding.** (1) The juvenile board must annually enter into a memorandum of understanding with each participating school district. The memorandum of understanding must address the items listed in [Section 37.011\(k\), Education Code](#). (2) The memorandum of understanding must be submitted to TJJD annually no later than October 1.

POLICY

The El Paso County Juvenile Board is responsible for approving and implementing the policies and procedures governing the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). The El Paso County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program shall operate in accordance with these policies and procedures, which address all aspects of program operations. The JJAEP Administrator shall ensure that all written policies and procedures are made available to all JJAEP employees and that documentation acknowledging receipt is maintained in each employee's personnel or training file.

The Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) shall provide the facilities, personnel, and services necessary to operate on behalf of the Juvenile Board, a JJAEP approved by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), as outlined under Chapter 348 of the Texas Administrative Code and as permitted under § 37.011(e) of the Texas Education Code ("JJAEP Services"). The educational components of the JJAEP, including traditional, hybrid, online, and distance learning instruction, shall be governed by policies adopted by the YISD Board of Trustees. The JJAEP shall adhere to the programmatic and operational components outlined in the El Paso County JJAEP Policies and Procedures, as well as the applicable standards set forth in the Texas Administrative Code.

The standard instructional day for the JJAEP shall be as follows:

- High School: 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- Middle School: 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

These schedules are designed to meet applicable instructional minute requirements and may be modified as necessary to address operational needs, emergency situations, or changes approved by the Juvenile Board and/or YISD. Any deviation from the established instructional schedules, including temporary adjustments, shall be reported to the JJAEP Administrator.

The JJAEP shall maintain the personnel, resources, and services necessary to ensure continued operation of the program and shall implement a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to maintain educational services in accordance with guidance from the Texas Education Code, Texas Education Agency, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Department of Public Health, and the Local Health Authority. The COOP shall address operational changes resulting from pandemics, natural disasters, public health emergencies, or other events impacting normal operations. YISD shall provide the JJAEP Administrator with all relevant documentation related to online instruction, curriculum, attendance, and student progress. In the event of a pandemic, natural disaster, or other emergency, YISD shall also develop and provide a JJAEP specific Plan of Action detailing instructional models (synchronous, asynchronous, traditional, hybrid, or online), student and staff safety protocols, transportation, meal services, search procedures, attendance accounting, and any other operational considerations necessary to ensure continuity of services. The Plan of Action shall be submitted to the JJAEP Administrator prior to the beginning of each school year and updated as necessary throughout the year.

PROCEDURE

Written policies and procedures governing all facets of the JJAEP operations, including personnel, administration, programming, training, and compliance with Chapter 348 of the Texas Administrative Code, shall be maintained and followed. The El Paso County JJAEP Policies, Procedures, and Standards are incorporated as **EXHIBIT A** of the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement between the Juvenile Board and participating school districts. This inclusion facilitates compliance with TJJD requirements and clarifies both TJJD and YISD expectations. The JJAEP Policies and Procedures and Student Code of Conduct shall be submitted to TJJD for review no later than October 1 of each year, and upon request.

1. JJAEP Policies and Procedures, JJAEP Student Code of Conduct, and applicable program forms shall be copied onto electronic storage devices and provided to the JJAEP Campus for provision to all newly hired regular status employees, temporary employees, and both short and long-term substitutes prior to having direct contact with JJAEP students.
2. The JJAEP Summary of Policies and Procedures (**APPENDIX A**) and JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (**APPENDIX B**) shall be reviewed with each employee by a Campus Administrator or designee prior to any contact with JJAEP students.
3. Policy review shall occur upon the employee's first arrival at the JJAEP Campus, with instructions to complete the review before attending the scheduled JJAEP New Employee Orientation (NEO).
4. All new employees, including regular staff, temporary employees, and substitutes, shall sign and date the JJAEP Summary of Policies and Acknowledgment Form (**APPENDIX C**) to document compliance with §348.202 and §348.224 of the Texas Administrative Code. The acknowledgment form shall also instruct employees to review the entire policies before attending the JJAEP New Employee Orientation (NEO).
5. Short-term substitutes assigned to the JJAEP for less than six (6) weeks shall only be required to review and acknowledge receipt of the JJAEP Summary Form of Policies and Procedures and the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct. Attendance at the JJAEP New Employee Orientation (NEO) shall not be required.
6. All other employees, including newly assigned ISD employees and long-term substitutes assigned or expected to work at the JJAEP for more than six (6) weeks, whether continuously or intermittently, shall attend the JJAEP New Employee Orientation (NEO) within two (2) weeks of their assignment.
7. The JJAEP Administrator or designee shall conduct the JJAEP New Employee Orientation (NEO), prioritizing a review of the most critical policy and procedural components
8. As part of the JJAEP annual refresher and staff development training held at the beginning of the school year, the JJAEP Administrator shall provide each JJAEP staff with either an electronic storage device or a shared digital link containing the TJJD standards, JJAEP Policies and Procedures, JJAEP Student Code of Conduct, the current JJAEP Interlocal Agreement, applicable training presentations, and all necessary forms and contact information necessary for the effective operation of the program.
9. Upon receipt of these materials, employees shall sign and date the required acknowledgment form (**APPENDIX C**).
 - a. If the summary of policies and storage device or digital link is provided as part of new hire process, the Campus Administrator or designee shall sign the acknowledgement form as witness and obtain the employee's signature. Copies of the signed form shall be provided to the employee and Campus Administration, with a copy forwarded to the JJAEP Administrator by the end of the workday. The original acknowledgment form shall be retained by the JJAEP Campus Administrator.
 - b. If the electronic storage device or digital link is distributed during the annual refresher, the JJAEP Administrator shall sign the acknowledgment form as the witness and obtain the employee's signature. Copies of the acknowledgment form shall be provided to the employee and Campus Administration, and the original shall be retained and scanned by the JJAEP Administrator.
10. YISD administrative personnel shall advise in writing when ISD personnel policies conflict and will result in non-compliance with the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement, policies, or TJJD standards. Such notification is required by October 1 of each year and will require the state and/or JPD chain of command to be notified for further discussion to determine an appropriate course of action.
11. YISD shall ensure that security and control procedures are in place at every JJAEP location. This will be done in accordance with Section 348.216 of the Texas Administrative Code: Security and Control.

12. Campus Administrators are responsible for ensuring all new and long-term staff become thoroughly familiar with the JJAEP Program and the contents of the JJAEP Policies and Procedures Manual to promote student and staff safety.
13. Campus Administrators shall monitor compliance with JJAEP policies, procedures, and applicable TJJD standards and shall take appropriate corrective action when instances of non-compliance are identified.

(d) Research Studies and Experimentation. The JJAEP must adhere to requirements established by [Texas Administrative Code §341.200](#) regarding research studies and experimentation involving students in JJAEPs.

POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP does not currently engage in research studies involving students. Should a research proposal be considered in the future, it shall be reviewed and approved by the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and/or the Juvenile Board to ensure alignment with TJJD standards and departmental policies.

PROCEDURE

1. Students may voluntarily participate in approved research studies only with the prior written consent of their parent, guardian, or custodian. A copy of the signed consent form shall be maintained in the student's electronic file. Participation is strictly voluntary, and a student's refusal to participate shall not result in disciplinary action, loss of privileges, or any other adverse consequence.
2. Under no circumstances shall stimulants, tranquilizers, or psychotropic medications, or other substances be administered to students for experimental or research purposes.
3. Participation in any form of medical, pharmaceutical, or cosmetic research programs is strictly prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and/or the Juvenile Board.

(e) JJAEP Performance Review. The juvenile board and the JJAEP Administrator must conduct an annual performance review of the JJAEP between the conclusion of the school year and the beginning of the next school year to determine the effectiveness of the program. (1) The information reviewed must include: (A) the number of student entries and exits during the previous school year; (B) the reason for student entries and exits during the previous school year; (C) the number of students who entered the program during the previous school year who were eligible for special education services; (D) student academic performance as measured by passing rates and, if applicable, half-credits earned for students who exited the program during the previous school year; (E) attendance rates for the entire length of enrollment for students who exited the program during the previous school year; (F) assessment scores for mathematics and reading as measured by the TJJD-required pre-test and post-test scores, if applicable, for students who exited the program during the previous school year; (G) the number of new arrests or referrals that occurred during the entire length of enrollment for students who exited the JJAEP during the previous school year; and (H) the number of restraints by type (i.e., mechanical or personal) during the previous school year. (2) A written report must be completed that includes the data listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection, an analysis of the JJAEP's effectiveness, and any changes to be implemented as a result of the review. (3) The report must be submitted to TJJD no later than October 1.

POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP Administrator and the Juvenile Board shall complete an Annual Performance Review at the conclusion of each academic year prior to the beginning of the subsequent school year. The purpose of the Annual Performance Review is to assess the effectiveness of the program and its overall success in fulfilling the mission and objectives of the JJAEP.

The JJAEP Annual Performance Review shall consist of statistical, academic, behavioral, and operational performance measures that reflect both short-term and intermediate outcomes for students served by the program. The finalized review shall be presented to the Juvenile Board for review and approval prior to submission to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), the YISD School Board, and the YISD Superintendent. The report shall be submitted to TJJD no later than October 1 of each year. Upon submission, a copy of the report shall be disseminated to key stakeholders.

PROCEDURE

In addition to performance measures required by Chapter 348 of the Texas Administrative Code, the El Paso County JJAEP shall collect and analyze the following information throughout the school year:

1. Number of students entering and exiting the program;
2. Reasons for student entries and exits;
3. Number of students identified as eligible for special education services;
4. Academic performance of students, including passing rates and earned half credits (if applicable) for those who exited;
5. Attendance rates for the duration of each student's enrollment;
6. Assessment scores for mathematics and reading as measured by the IOWA;
7. Number of new arrests or referrals incurred during the entire length of enrollment for students who exited the program;
8. Number and type of restraints used (e.g., mechanical, or personal) throughout the school year;
9. Number of JJAEP Family Program Orientations conducted;
10. Number of JJAEP Exit Transition Meetings held with participation from the student, parent/guardian, assigned Juvenile Probation Officer, and a JJAEP Campus representative;
11. Number of students who successfully complete their Court-Ordered Probation or Deferred Prosecution terms during or following their JJAEP enrollment;
12. Number of JJAEP New Employee Orientations conducted.

The JJAEP Administrator or designee shall be responsible for maintaining the **JJAEP STUDENT INFORMATION FORM** (which contains personal, admission, and exit data) (**SEE APPENDIX D**), updating the JJAEP Monthly Spreadsheet, and overseeing the accuracy and timelines of entries in the JJAEP JMIS tab. Additionally, data collection and reporting are monitored by the TJJD through the monthly JJAEP Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

348.200 (f) JJAEP Management Review. The JJAEP Administrator must conduct an annual review of the overall operations of the JJAEP before the beginning of each school year. (1) The review must include an assessment of the following topics and identify any needed changes: (A) safety and security; (B) inter-local cooperation; and (C) the student code of conduct. (2) Existing policies and procedures must be reviewed and assessed to determine their continued relevance to the mission of the JJAEP. (3) Documentation of the review must be maintained.

POLICY

The overall operation of the El Paso County JJAEP, including its respective policies and procedures, shall be reviewed annually through a Management Review conducted by the JJAEP Administrator and approved by the Director of Intake Services. The purpose of the JJAEP Management Review is to evaluate key operational areas, including safety and security, inter-local cooperation, the student code of conduct, and overall program efficiency, and to identify necessary revisions prior to the beginning of each academic year. The JJAEP Management Review shall also determine the continued relevance and alignment of JJAEP policies and procedures with the mission and objectives of the program. All proposed revisions, modifications, or updates identified shall be presented to the Juvenile Board for final approval.

PROCEDURE

1. Any changes to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) standards, the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), or the Texas Education Code (TEC) shall be incorporated into the subsequent year's JJAEP Policies and Procedures and/or JJAEP Student Code of Conduct Handbook.
2. The JJAEP Administrator shall obtain input from Campus Administrators and ISD personnel annually to promote collaborative efforts toward the efficient and effective operation of the JJAEP.
3. The JJAEP Management Review shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the following key areas:
 - (A) Safety and Security;
 - (B) Inter-local Cooperation;

- (C) Student Code of Conduct;
 - (D) Policies and Procedures;
 - (E) Operational Efficiency;
4. The JJAEP Administrator shall utilize the **COMPLIANCE MONITORING ASSESSMENT (STANDARDS AND PROGRAM-APPENDIX E)** and **COMPLIANCE MONITORING ASSESSMENT (PHYSICAL PLANT-APPENDIX E-1)**, along with the County of El Paso Contract Monitoring System, to identify and track areas of concern requiring corrective action.
 5. A JJAEP Compliance Monitoring Summary Report shall be prepared utilizing the **COMPLIANCE MONITORING ASSESSMENT TOOLS (See APPENDIX E AND E-1)**. The report shall summarize findings of compliance and non-compliance, corrective actions implemented at the campus and administrative levels, and any recurring or unresolved issues.
 - a. The final versions of the Compliance Monitoring Assessments and Summary Report shall be submitted to the YISD Superintendent following presentation to the Juvenile Board as part of the Annual Management Review process. These compliance documents will be used as part of the JJAEP performance measures and quality assurance.
 6. Any discrepancies identified during the physical plant inspection shall be forwarded to the JJAEP Campus Administrator, who shall be provided thirty (30) school days to resolve identified deficiencies. The JJAEP Administrator shall conduct follow-up reviews to verify that corrective actions have been completed and compliance achieved.
 7. If the JJAEP Campus Administrator is unable to resolve identified issues within the established timeline, the matter shall be elevated to the district administrator responsible for alternative education programs, who shall ensure compliance and provide written confirmation that the facility meets the requirements of the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement and applicable TJJD standards.
 8. Compliance monitoring in all operational areas shall occur continuously and shall be reviewed at least monthly by the JJAEP Administrator and/or Director of Intake Services. Findings shall be recorded on the **COMPLIANCE MONITORING ASSESSMENT-STANDARDS AND PROGRAM-APPENDIX E)**.
 - a. Instances of non-compliance shall be notified to the JJAEP Campus Administrators in writing for corrective action. If unresolved within thirty (30) school dates, the issue along with corrective action taken will be documented in the Annual Management Review to the Juvenile Board, and included in the Compliance Letter submitted to the YISD Superintendent and School Board.
 - b. Any non-compliance with the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement will also be reported to the County of El Paso Auditor as part of the County's contract management system and performance review.
 - c. Both Compliance Monitoring Assessments and related Compliance Letters must be completed and submitted no later than the tenth(10th) calendar day following the conclusion of the school year to allow sufficient time for review and response.
 9. The compliance monitoring process shall facilitate a comprehensive review of all aspects of the JJAEP operations and inform necessary policy or procedural revisions.
 10. An annual policy review meeting shall be conducted prior to the beginning of each school year to allow YISD and JPD representatives to collaborate on any proposed revisions for the upcoming academic year.
 11. TJJD Compliance Audits are conducted at least once every two (2) years, either on-site or virtually, and may also occur randomly through desktop audits based on data reviews and JJAEP case sample analysis.
 12. To ensure the integrity of the compliance monitoring process, the JJAEP Administrator may conduct unannounced classroom observation and site visits without prior notification to the JJAEP Campus Administrators. Additionally, input from JJAEP students and their parents/guardians shall be obtained as part of the compliance review process to help evaluate program quality, effectiveness, and satisfaction. Such feedback may be gathered through informal discussions with students, parents/guardians interviews, or during the JJAEP Exit Transition Meeting conducted with the students and their parents/guardians.

348.200 (g) Required Staff Members (1) JJAEP Administrator. The juvenile board or chief juvenile probation officer must designate a JJAEP administrator. The JJAEP administrator must: (A) hold a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by an organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; (B) possess juvenile justice experience and/or education experience; (C) ensure compliance with all applicable laws and rules related to JJAEPs; and (D) ensure compliance with provisions of all contracts with TJJD related to JJAEPs.

POLICY

The El Paso County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer shall designate a JJAEP Administrator to oversee the daily operation of the JJAEP and ensure compliance with all applicable laws, standards, policies, procedures, interlocal agreement, and contractual provisions governing the program. The JJAEP Administrator's oversight responsibilities extend to operations within the JJAEP campus and coordination with participating ISD and their respective departments. The JJAEP Administrator shall perform duties in accordance with all agreements between the El Paso County Juvenile Board and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) pertaining to the JJAEP.

PROCEDURE – DUTIES OF THE JJAEP ADMINISTRATOR

1. The JJAEP Administrator shall ensure that all program components are continuously monitored, evaluated, reported, and addressed. Program updates, concerns, and instances of non-compliance shall be communicated to the JJAEP Campus Administrator and/or district administrator responsible for overseeing the JJAEP Campus. These duties shall be performed in accordance with the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement, JJAEP Policies and Procedures, JJAEP Student Code of Conduct, and applicable JJAEP Standards.
2. Additional responsibilities of the JJAEP Administrator include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Ensuring secure access to, maintenance of, and timely retention of electronic files related to JJAEP employees and students. This includes safeguarding sensitive information such as social security numbers, background checks, and other required TJJD employee documents. Although JJAEP employees are not considered El Paso County employees, their information must still be stored securely and responsibly.
 - b. Maintaining and submitting statistical data required by TJJD, including monthly and annual reports, and ensuring compliance with reporting obligations contained in TJJD and El Paso County contractual agreements.
 - c. Fostering and maintaining strong working relationships with district officials, school administrators, school personnel, TJJD representatives, Juvenile Probation Officers, and community stakeholders to support the effective and efficient operation of the JJAEP.
 - d. Promoting compliance with program standards while engaging students, families, school district personnel, and Juvenile Probation Department staff to support student's educational progress, successful reintegration, and overall achievement.

348.200 (g) (2) Instructional Staff Members. The JJAEP must maintain a ratio of at least one instructional staff member for every 24 enrolled students. Instructional staff members include only: (i) teachers who are certified, are highly qualified, and/or meet the teaching requirements of the organization providing education services at the JJAEP; (ii) certified educational aides; and (iii) substitute teachers. (B) The instructional staff members for the JJAEP must include at least one teacher certified by the State Board for Education Certification (SBEC). (C) The JJAEP must provide at least the minimum number of special education teachers required by federal law. (D) A special education teacher must be certified as a special education teacher by SBEC or be eligible to work as a special education teacher prior to obtaining certification, as allowed by SBEC. (E) Upon entry into the JJAEP, substitute teachers who are not JJAEP staff members must be provided the JJAEP student code of conduct and JJAEP policies and procedures that directly affect their duties and sign an acknowledgment of receipt.

POLICY

An Interlocal Agreement between the El Paso County Juvenile Board and the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD), along with other participating districts, shall outline the required administrative, programmatic, instructional, and supervisory staffing requirements necessary to operate the JJAEP in accordance with Texas

Administrative Code, Section 348.200(g) (2-5). YISD shall employ and maintain adequate instructional and supervision staff to provide appropriate educational services and ensure compliance with applicable staffing ratios, certification requirements, and TJJD standards.

PROCEDURE

1. The El Paso County Juvenile Board shall contract with the YISD to provide instructional staff in accordance with TJJD standards.
 - a. The El Paso County JJAEP shall serve students from the following school districts, all of which are subject to the terms and conditions of the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement:
 - (1) Anthony Independent School District (AISD)
 - (2) Canutillo Independent School District (CISD)
 - (3) Clint Independent School District (CISD)
 - (4) El Paso Independent School District (EPISD)
 - (5) Fabens Independent School District (FISD)
 - (6) San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD)
 - (7) Socorro Independent School District (SISD)
 - (8) Tornillo Independent School District (TISD)
 - (9) Ysleta Independent School District (YISD)
2. Participating school districts shall ensure that all instructional staff possess proper certification and complete all required training, as required by the Texas State Board of Education and JJAEP standards.
3. Participating school districts shall employ a minimum of one (1) certified teacher and an adequate number of certified Special Education teachers, in compliance with federal law and the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) requirements. Instructional staff shall include only:
 - a. Teachers who are certified, are highly qualified, and/or meet the teaching requirements of the organization providing education services at the JJAEP;
 - b. Certified educational aides; and
 - c. Substitute teachers.
4. The JJAEP campus shall maintain a minimum staffing ratio of one (1) instructional staff member for every twenty-four (24) students in attendance at the JJAEP.
5. A digital daily staff sign-in roster shall be maintained for all instructional and supervision staff working in the program. These records must be made available to the JJAEP Administrator upon request and must be clearly identified by each staff member by name and position.
6. The daily sign-in rosters will be cross-referenced with personnel and certification logs, discipline referrals, discipline reports, and signed **JJAEP SUMMARY OF POLICIES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORMS (APPENDIX C)** for all new employees and short/long-term substitutes to ensure compliance with staffing standards.
7. The Campus Administrator or designee will review and obtain signatures on the **JJAEP SUMMARY OF POLICIES (APPENDIX A)** and Acknowledgment Form containing key program policies and the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct, prior to any substitute or new employee having direct contact with JJAEP students. This form also indicates the individual has cleared an ISD criminal background check and has received the necessary information to begin initial work with the JJAEP population.
8. This document will support the tracking of instructional and supervision staff to ensure compliance with this standard. The signed form must be submitted electronically to the JJAEP Administrator on the same day it is signed by the JJAEP Campus Administrator.
9. The JJAEP Campus Administrator or designee will submit the **JJAEP STAFFING AND CERTIFICATION LOG (APPENDIX F)** on a yearly basis. This log must include all regular ISD employees (excluding substitutes) and verify compliance with the required instructional staff-to-student ratio.
10. To ensure timely compliance and accurate oversight, the JJAEP Campus Administrator or designee must notify the JJAEP Administrator immediately upon the hiring or assignment of any new instructional or supervision staff. Prompt communication will support the efficient inclusion of staff in all required responsibilities including searches and monitoring processes.

11. Instructional and supervision staff may request additional training at any time to enhance their understanding of JJAEP operations, policies, best practices, or other areas. The JJAEP Administrator or designee will coordinate and provide or arrange for such training opportunities as appropriate, to support continued professional development and program fidelity.

348.200 (g)(3) Caseworkers (A) A caseworker must be a social worker, juvenile probation officer assigned to the JJAEP, counselor, or other mental health provider, as defined in [Texas Administrative, Chapter 355](#) . (B) Caseworkers must meet the minimum professional requirements and be licensed or certified by the appropriate licensing board in their field. (C) The JJAEP must maintain a ratio of at least one caseworker for every 50 enrolled students. (i) At a JJAEP with 50 or fewer enrolled students, the caseworker must be present during all operational hours of the JJAEP, except as noted in clauses (vi) and (vii) of this subparagraph. (ii) At a JJAEP with 51–100 enrolled students, one caseworker must be present during all operational hours of the JJAEP, except as noted in clauses (vi) and (vii) of this subparagraph. The second caseworker must be present for at least four of the JJAEP's daily operational hours, except as noted in clauses (vi) and (vii) of this subparagraph. (iii) At a JJAEP with 101–150 enrolled students, two caseworkers must be present during all operational hours of the JJAEP, except as noted in clauses (vi) and (vii) of this subparagraph. The third caseworker must be present for at least four of the JJAEP's daily operational hours, except as noted in clauses (vi) and (vii) of this subparagraph. (iv) At a JJAEP with 151–200 enrolled students, three caseworkers must be present during all operational hours of the JJAEP, except as noted in clauses (vi) and (vii) of this subparagraph. The fourth caseworker must be present for at least four of the JJAEP's daily operational hours, except as noted in clauses (vi) and (vii) of this subparagraph. (v) At a JJAEP with more than 200 enrolled students, the number of caseworkers required to be present during all operational hours of the JJAEP follows the same pattern set forth in clauses (i)–(iv) of this subparagraph. (vi) A substitute caseworker is not required when a caseworker is absent for three or fewer consecutive school days. A substitute caseworker is required if an absence is more than three consecutive school days. (vii) A caseworker who must leave the JJAEP site to complete a JJAEP-related duty is considered present for purposes of calculating the ratio.

POLICY

The JJAEP Campus responsible for providing educational services shall employ or contract at least one (1) caseworker to support student needs. Caseworkers may include licensed social workers, juvenile probation officers assigned to the JJAEP, the JJAEP Administrator, certified counselors, or other qualified mental health professionals as defined in Chapter 355 of the Texas Administrative Code.

PROCEDURE

1. El Paso County JJAEP campus shall maintain a minimum ratio of one (1) caseworker for every fifty (50) students enrolled in the program. At a JJAEP with fifty (50) or fewer enrolled students, the assigned caseworker shall be present during all operational hours of the JJAEP.
2. School-based caseworkers or counselors who must leave the campus to complete JJAEP-related duties such as expulsion hearings, ARD meetings, home visits, or court hearings shall be considered present for the purpose of meeting the staffing ratio.
 - a. A substitute caseworker or counselor must be assigned if the regularly assigned individual is absent for more than three (3) consecutive school days.
3. All caseworkers employed or contracted by the JJAEP must meet the minimum professional requirements and hold any required licensure or certification applicable to their field.
 - a. The JJAEP campus may contract or collaborate with agencies such as Communities in Schools (CIS) and Emergence Health Network (EHN) to supplement services provided to students and their families.
4. The JJAEP campus shall maintain a digital daily sign-in roster or timecard for all caseworkers working in the program each day. These records must be available to the JJAEP Administrator upon request.
5. Daily rosters will be cross-referenced with observations by the JJAEP Administrator or assigned JPO, certification logs, discipline reports, disciplinary referrals, and signed JJAEP acknowledgment forms (**APPENDIX C**) for new employees and long-term substitutes to ensure compliance with staffing standards.
6. Any subcontractor providing caseworker services shall undergo an NCIC/TCIC criminal history check and complete the JJAEP New Employee Orientation, including all required Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (ANE) training, prior to having direct contact with JJAEP students.

348.200 (g)(4) Supervision Staff Members. (A) The JJAEP must ensure an adequate number of supervision staff members are present during all operational hours. (B) Supervision staff members include drill instructors, educational aides, security personnel, juvenile supervision officers, juvenile probation officers, community activities officers, and behavior management staff. (C) Any staff member, excluding a certified physical education teacher, who participates in the administration of intensive physical activity must be a: (i) juvenile supervision officer; (ii) juvenile probation officer; or (iii) community activities officer who has received training in adolescent development and behavior, as required by [Texas Administrative Code §341.402](#). (D) Except for professionals as defined in [Texas Administrative Code §344.100](#) who are providing services in their professional capacity, any staff member whose position may require supervising or transporting JJAEP students must be: (i) certified by TJJD as a juvenile probation officer, juvenile supervision officer, or community activities officer; or (ii) otherwise authorized to perform the duties of a certified juvenile probation officer, community activities officer, or juvenile supervision officer under Texas Administrative Code §§341.400, 341.402, 343.428, 343.622, or 355.428, as applicable. **(5) Operational Staff Members.** (A) Operational staff members include instructional staff members, supervision staff members, caseworkers, and JJAEP Administrators. (B) The JJAEP must maintain a ratio of at least one operational staff member for every 12 enrolled students. **(h) Verification Documentation.** (1) The JJAEP must maintain a daily staff member roster, staff sign-in sheet, or other verification document that identifies each of the operational staff members who are present in the JJAEP each day. (2) The staff member roster, sign-in sheet, or other verification document must include the date, the time of entry and exit, the staff member's full name, and the staff member's position or title. Electronic records are acceptable for documenting whether staff members are present or absent.

POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP provides physical education and recreational activities but does not operate an intensive physical education program. Therefore, certified physical education teachers and coaches are not required to be certified as Juvenile Supervision Officers. The JJAEP campus shall maintain compliance with TJJD standards regarding operational and supervision staff-to-student ratios, as well as position qualifications for all JJAEP personnel.

PROCEDURE

1. The JJAEP campus shall be staffed with operational staff members, including instructional staff, supervision staff, and caseworkers. The operational staff-to-student ratio shall not be less than one (1) operational staff member for every twelve (12) enrolled JJAEP students. This lower ratio supports effective behavior management and safety given the unique challenges of the JJAEP population.
2. All JJAEP staff are required to sign-in and sign-out daily using the designated district electronic timekeeping system. The timecards must include the date, time of entry and exit, full name, and position/title of each staff member. The ISD shall make these timecards available to the JJAEP Administrator upon request.
3. Staff rosters, timecards, sign-in sheets, and attendance records may be requested as needed or on a random basis as part of ongoing compliance monitoring.
4. The JJAEP Administrator will also conduct unannounced classroom observations and staffing ratio checks as part of the compliance monitoring. No prior notice will be given to the Campus Administrator or campus staff to maintain the integrity of the observation process,

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OFFICER (CAO) POLICY

In accordance with [Texas Administrative Code §344.100](#) and [Texas Administrative Code §341.402](#), any individual who does not meet the definition of "professional" must be trained and certified as a Community Activities Officer (CAO) prior to working with JJAEP students. While certain ISD employees are exempt from CAO certification as they are not employed by a juvenile probation department or juvenile facility, the JJAEP campus will ensure that all identified staff members are current in First Aid, CPR, and Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training. Under special circumstances, staff may be allowed to complete CAO training at the earliest available opportunity to remain compliant with Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 348. Any staff member identified as requiring CAO certification may not be authorized to work directly with JJAEP students until all training and certifications requirements have been met. certified.

The JJAEP campus maintains a contract with the El Paso Police Department (EPPD) to provide law enforcement services on campus. In the event that a security officer, other than EPPD, is needed, the following qualifications must be met:

- The security officer must be employed by the juvenile probation department or juvenile facility (not YISD), and
- The security officer must be certified as a Community Activities Officer (CAO), and
- The security officer must be trained in the department-approved personal restraint technique in accordance with [Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 341, Subchapter G](#).

As confirmed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, YISD employees are not eligible to receive CAO certification, since they are not employed by a juvenile probation department or facility. Therefore, a YISD employed security officer may not use personal or mechanical restraints on JJAEP under any circumstances.

CAO CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for CAO certification, an individual shall:

1. Receive and maintain current certification in:
 - (A) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR);
 - (B) First aid; and
 - (C) The personal restraints technique approved by the department, if authorized to use restraints.
2. Receive training in the following topics:
 - (A) Department policies on preventing, identifying, and reporting abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
 - (B) TJJD Code of Ethics and TJJD Disciplinary Procedures;
 - (C) Trauma-Informed Care;
 - (D) Verbal de-escalation policies, procedures, and practices;
 - (E) Standards for use of personal and mechanical restraints, including prohibited techniques and criteria for authorized use.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) REQUIREMENTS

To receive credit toward initial certification or renewal, CAO on-the-job training documentation must include:

1. Name and signature of trainee;
2. Name and signature of trainer(s);
3. Signature of the supervisor or administrator;
4. Training topics covered;
5. Number of training hours per topic;
6. Dates the topics were explained to the trainee, practiced by the trainee, and demonstrated by the trainee.

Only qualified staff, based on education, knowledge, or experience may conduct OJT.

1. Juvenile Probation Officers and Juvenile Supervision Officers may utilize up to forty (40) hours of on-the-job training toward certification.
2. Community Activities Officers may utilize up to twenty (20) hours of on-the-job training during each certification period.
3. Communities In Schools (CIS) Coordinators assigned to the JJAEP campus are not required to obtain Communities Activities Officer certification because they provide services in a “professional” capacity pursuant to Texas Administrative Code § 344.100.

TJJD-sponsored trainings are typically conducted at the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department or YISD facilities, unless a virtual format is determined to be more appropriate due to health or safety considerations. CPR,

First Aid, and Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) shall be provided by YISD unless otherwise agreed upon thorough written agreement.

§348.202 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

(a) Personnel Records. The JJAEP Administrator must have access to a personnel file for each employee or person working at the JJAEP who is included in any program ratio. The file must include verification that any required certifications are current.

POLICY

The YISD Human Resources Department shall maintain the official personnel file for each employee assigned to the JJAEP. The JJAEP Administrator shall maintain a compliance file containing copies of personnel documents necessary to verify compliance with TJJD standard and applicable JJAEP staffing requirements. Required personnel documentation for all new and returning staff shall be provided to the JJAEP Administrator annually, no later than October 1, utilizing the **JJAEP HR RECORDS AND CERTIFICATION FORM (APPENDIX G)**.

PROCEDURE

1. The JJAEP Administrator of the El Paso County JJAEP shall ensure that all personnel records for YISD staff assigned to the program are appropriately maintained.
2. Records for YISD JJAEP employees shall include NCIC/TCIC criminal history results and a completed HR Certification Form as required under governing regulations.
3. Each YISD personnel electronic file shall also contain a mosaic of essential documents, including academic transcripts, current certifications, professional training records, personnel actions forms, and job descriptions depicting duties, responsibilities, and JJAEP-related tasks (if applicable).
4. In lieu of full personnel records, YISD Human Resources or another authorized representative may provide the **JJAEP HR RECORDS AND CERTIFICATION FORM (APPENDIX G)**. This form certifies that each employee included in the daily ratio meets all hiring, educational, and training requirements including, academic transcripts and certifications, licensure (if applicable), criminal background check results, training in CPR, First Aid, and CPI (if applicable), and relevant personnel actions. The JJAEP Administrator shall be granted access to these files upon request or as required, ensuring transparency and compliance.
5. YISD further agrees that, if applicable, it shall comply at its sole expense, with the requirements of Section 22.0834 of the Texas Education Code, "Criminal History Record Information Review of Certain Contract Employees," any applicable rule(s) adopted by the Texas Commissioner of Education, High School/College Board Policies and other policies and requirements of such statute and rule(s), and shall certify that any "Covered Employees" and/or JJAEP staff members do not have a "Disqualifying Criminal History".
6. Certification logs shall include all regular employees and long-term contracted staff (e.g., CIS Coordinators or on-site counselors) counted in the daily ratio. These logs shall serve as a way of tracking employee's certifications and trainings.
7. Short-term operational substitutes assigned to the JJAEP for less than six (6) weeks must review and acknowledge receipt of the JJAEP Summary of Policies and Procedures, JJAEP Student Code of Conduct, and all related documents pursuant to [§348.202](#) and [§348.224](#) of the Texas Administrative Code. This review shall take place prior to any unsupervised contact with JJAEP students.
8. Long-term operational substitutes assigned to the JJAEP for more than six (6) weeks shall undergo the same background checks and JJAEP training required of all operational staff. Please refer to the New Orientation Training and Background Checks section of the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement for all applicable timelines.

(b) Training Records. For each employee or person working at the JJAEP who is included in any program ratio, the JJAEP program administrator must have access to documentation verifying that the individual has completed all training required by this chapter.

(c) New Employee Orientation. All staff members expected to work at the JJAEP for six weeks or longer must receive an orientation training prior to having direct, unsupervised access to students. (1) Orientation training must occur within the first two weeks of the staff member's employment. (2) Documentation of completion of orientation training and agendas must be maintained, including staff signatures on training sign-in sheets. (3) Orientation must include training on: (A) safety and security procedures, including emergency exit drills and the JJAEP's disaster safety plan; (B) identification and reporting of serious incidents and child abuse, neglect and exploitation as required by Chapter 358 of this title; (C) writing incident reports; (D) student code of conduct; (E) behavior management program; (F) transporting students (G) crisis intervention, including how to report suicide ideation or behavior; (H) distribution of medication; (I) restraint policy; (J) student grievance procedures; and (K) job descriptions, including duties and responsibilities of the assigned position.

POLICY

All staff, including temporary, seasonal, or substitute employees shall receive JJAEP Orientation Training within two (2) weeks of their JJAEP assignment and prior to having direct, unsupervised access to JJAEP students. The ISD shall provide documentation for any relevant training conducted as part of employment or duty assignment within the JJAEP. The Juvenile Probation Department will provide orientation training for new hires and supplement any ISD training across the eleven (11) areas listed below.

PROCEDURE

1. JJAEP Orientation Training shall be provided by the JJAEP Administrator or designee(s) initially upon hire and annually at the beginning of each school year for all JJAEP employees. Training may be held in-person or virtually when necessary.
2. The Campus Administrator assigned as the point of contact for JJAEP, or their designee, shall review the JJAEP Summary of Policies and the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct with each new staff member, including short-term substitutes. As part of this campus-level orientation, the designated JJAEP Campus Administrator shall also provide the employee with an electronic storage device or a shared link containing the JJAEP Policies, Procedures and Standards, the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement, the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct, and other relevant documents.
3. The Campus Administrator or designee shall be responsible for obtaining a signed "Acknowledgment Statement" from the new employee confirming their commitment to review all JJAEP materials. This acknowledgment must be forwarded to the JJAEP Administrator on the same workday.
4. Timely submission of acknowledgment and training assignments ensure appropriate training space reservation and preparation of training materials.
5. The Campus Administrator is responsible for notifying assigned employees of their scheduled orientation and ensuring their punctual attendance. JJAEP Orientation Training will typically take place at YISD facilities unless virtual is deemed necessary.
6. The JJAEP Administrator or designee shall provide the JJAEP Orientation Training. Orientation sessions will last a minimum of 2 to 4 hours and will be scheduled as needed.
7. A signed copy of the **JJAEP TRAINING ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT (APPENDIX H)** shall be maintained and secured in the employee's electronic personnel file. All documentation of new employee orientation training and any ISD supplemental training shall be placed in the employee's personnel file or training file.
8. All staff shall receive training specific to their daily responsibilities in the JJAEP. Any legislative changes and updates to policy, procedure, or the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct will be addressed during the staff development training at the beginning of the school year.
9. The following eleven (11) training topics shall be included in the JJAEP New Employee Orientation:
 - a. Safety and security procedures, including emergency exit drills and the JJAEP Disaster Safety Plan;
 - b. Identification and reporting of serious incidents, and child abuse, neglect, and exploitation, as required by Chapter 358 of the Texas Administrative Code.
 - c. Writing incident reports;
 - d. JJAEP Student Code of Conduct;

- e. Behavior management program;
 - f. Transporting students;
 - g. Crisis intervention, including how to report suicidal ideation or behavior;
 - h. Distribution of medication;
 - i. Restraint policy;
 - j. Student grievance procedures; and
 - k. Job descriptions including duties and responsibilities of the assigned position to include JJAEP tasks, such as in the supervision during mealtimes, transition, bus loading/unloading, and escort duties.
10. For newly hired employees, YISD must submit all applicable training records using the **JJAEP HR RECORDS AND CERTIFICATION FORM** within sixty (60) calendar days of hire (**SEE APPENDIX G - JJAEP HR RECORDS AND CERTIFICATION FORM**).
11. The JJAEP Certification Form must also be submitted annually for all returning ISD staff assigned to the JJAEP. YISD Human Resources representative must ensure that personnel records are updated and submitted to the JJAEP Administrator by October 1 of each year.

(d) Criminal History and Background Checks. The criminal history and background check requirements and criminal history standards established by [Chapter 344, Subchapters C and D](#) of this title apply to a JJAEP.

POLICY

As the contracted educational provider for the El Paso County JJAEP, YISD is solely responsible for conducting all required background checks for its employees assigned to the JJAEP. YISD shall conduct a criminal history check, sex offender registry check, and fingerprint search prior to employment or assignment of any staff who will have direct, unsupervised contact with JJAEP students. This requirement extends to all substitute, temporary, and regular-status employees, as well as any subcontracted personnel (e.g., contracted counseling providers, tutors, or service providers) working directly with JJAEP students. YISD must ensure that all such individuals have successfully passed a background check prior to beginning their JJAEP assignment.

PROCEDURE

1. Upon identification of a YISD employee being assigned to the JJAEP, the YISD designee (Campus Administrator or designee) shall provide written notification of incoming employee by submitting the **JJAEP AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM (APPENDIX I)** to the JJAEP Administrator for the El Paso County JPD internal background check through the NCIC/TCIC database.
 - a. The form must include the employee's status (contracted or ISD employee), date of JJAEP assignment, and employee work email address.
2. Upon receiving the signed Authorization for Release Confidential Information Form, the JJAEP Administrator shall then submit a written request for a National Crime Information Center (NCIC)/Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) criminal history check to the designated JPD TLETS Operator. This comprehensive search includes local, state, and federal criminal records, sex offender registration records, and active/outstanding warrants for arrest. This process shall be initiated before the employee's first day of JJAEP assignment and prior to any direct, unsupervised contact with JJAEP youth. Continued employment with the JJAEP is contingent upon the verification of no disqualifying criminal history as per TJJD standards.
3. Within five (5) school days, written notification of the employee's eligibility (no disqualifying history) or ineligibility (disqualifying history) will be submitted to the Campus Administrators via the **JJAEP EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY FORM (APPENDIX J)** or **THE JJAEP EMPLOYEE INELIGIBILITY FORM (APPENDIX J – 1)**.
4. If disqualifying criminal history is found, the JJAEP Administrator will notify the JJAEP Campus Administrator with instructions to immediately reassign or remove the employee to ensure no contact occurs with JJAEP students.
 - a. All personnel records, including criminal history and sex offender registration checks, may be subject to review by TJJD. The JJAEP Administrator is responsible for ensuring all documents are properly stored, preserved, and maintained in accordance with legal and administrative standards.

5. YISD must notify the JJAEP Administrator in writing within two (2) school days if an employee receives a FACT Clearinghouse alert indicating an arrest, conviction, or registry that would restrict the employee's contact with JJAEP students. The JJAEP Administrator shall consult with YISD or JPD Legal Counsel before determining whether the employee may continue duties pending the resolution of the offense.
6. If an individual has a military history, the respective ISD must provide a copy of the DD-214 or SF-180 as part of the HR records request.

DISQUALIFYING CRIMINAL HISTORY

1. Any YISD employee assigned to the JJAEP who has a felony conviction or a deferred adjudication for a felony within the past ten (10) years, or who is currently under felony probation, parole, or deferred adjudication, is not eligible for employment at the JJAEP.
2. Any YISD employee assigned to the JJAEP with a jailable misdemeanor conviction or a deferred adjudication for a jailable misdemeanor within the past five (5) years, or who is currently under misdemeanor probation, parole, or deferred adjudication, is also not eligible for JJAEP assignment.
3. Court documentation will be required in cases where an individual has received a pardon based upon proof of innocence or where there has been a reversal of a finding of guilt by a trial or appellate court.
4. Criminal history records must be retained for as long as the employee remains employed in the JJAEP.
5. Criminal history and personnel records of JJAEP employees who are no longer employed with the JJAEP will be retained for a minimum of two (2) years.
6. If the disqualifying criminal history involves out-of-state arrests or convictions, those records may be subject to further legal review by the JPD Legal Counsel to determine eligibility.
7. The YISD Human Resources Department must allow the JJAEP Administrator access to all JJAEP Employee records as needed and required.

§348.204 DATA COLLECTION AND CASE FILE INFORMATION

(a) Data Collection and Reporting. (1) JJAEP EDI Extract. (A) Unless an alternate data entry system has been approved by TJJD, the JJAEP Administrator or designee must ensure that: (i) statistical and programmatic data for each student, as required by the JJAEP Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Specifications, are accurately documented and entered into the juvenile probation department's automated case management system; and (ii) the JJAEP EDI Extract is submitted to TJJD no later than the 10th calendar day of each month following the reporting period. (B) TJJD staff must discuss any proposed changes to the JJAEP EDI Specifications with juvenile probation departments' designated representatives before making substantive changes to the specifications. **(2) JJAEP Monthly Activity Report.** The JJAEP Administrator or designee must ensure the JJAEP Monthly Activity Report is submitted in the required format to TJJD no later than the 10th calendar day of each month following the reporting period via TJJD's Internet database. **(b) Student Educational Records.** The following information must be documented and maintained in the case file for each student in the program: (1) grade level upon entry to the JJAEP; (2) notice of expulsion; (3) court order(s) placing the student into the JJAEP; (4) police offense report, if applicable; (5) entry and exit transition plans; (6) education records, to include: (A) special education determination; (B) appropriate special education records; (C) scores on assessments required by the Texas Education Agency; and (D) home-language survey; (7) admission and exit testing data, if applicable; (8) pre-participation physical evaluation, if required under [Texas Administrative Code §348.208](#); (9) documentation of regular reviews of academic progress as required by Section 37.011(d), Education Code; (10) date of admission; (11) number of attendance days; (12) number of absent days; (13) date of release; (14) emergency notification contacts; (15) special medical needs, if any; (16) immunization records; and (17) medical release form.

POLICY

The JJAEP Administrator shall ensure that statistical and programmatic data pertaining to each student placed in the JJAEP is accurately gathered, documented, maintained, and is reported to TJJD, Juvenile Board, and departmental administration. The JJAEP will comply with reporting requirements outlined in [Texas Administrative Code §341](#), including use of the JMIS system. Quality assurance measures such as internal file audits and the TJJD Monthly Activity Reports (MAR) are used to identify discrepancies and ensure accurate recordkeeping and timely district reimbursement.

PROCEDURE

1. Documentation and data required by TJJD under [Texas Administrative Code §348.204\(a\)](#) Data Collection and case file collection is maintained by the JJAEP Administrator and extracted from the following sources or databases:
 - a. Monthly Activity Reports (MAR): Includes attendance and absence records provided by YISD. The MAR captures the number of students entering and exiting the program, days present, days absent, and inactive days.
 - b. JJAEP Attendance Vouchers: Used to record the actual number of mandated student attendance days and total monthly reimbursement figures.
 - c. TJJD Student Information Form: Contains required fields outlined in [Texas Administrative Code §348.204](#) and is maintained by the JJAEP Administrator.
 - d. JMIS Student Profile: Updated data from the TJJD Student Information Form.
 - e. JJAEP Spreadsheet: Tracks aggregate data including:
 - Special Education services.
 - IOWA pre and post test results.
 - Personal identifiers (e.g., PID, Social Security Number, TSDN, Case Number).
 - Offense type, district, and home school.
 - Entrance and exit dates.
 - Reason for exit.
 - Attendance, absences, and inactive dates.
 - f. Other Reports: Additional documentation as required by TJJD or JPD as part of performance measurement (e.g., JJAEP Costing Report).
2. To ensure accuracy in the Monthly Activity Reports (MAR), the assigned JJAEP Campus Administrator responsible for oversight and accountability on behalf of the JJAEP campus, must review the MAR prior to submission to JPD. The administrator will verify accuracy of all data before forwarding the MAR to the JJAEP Administrator. If any discrepancies are identified by JPD, they will be corrected and reconciled prior to submission to TJJD and the County Auditor's office for district reimbursement. Significant errors and discrepancies will be noted as non-compliance.
3. The JJAEP Campus Administrator and ISD expelling entity must submit all required student school records, as listed in [Texas Administrative Code §348.204](#), within two (2) weeks (10 school days) of student's enrollment in the JJAEP. These records include but are not limited to: The Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), pre/post assessment scores, expulsion letters, and student acknowledgment forms confirming receipt of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct. To support this process, the JJAEP Administrator will issue the **JJAEP REQUEST FOR SCHOOL RECORDS FORM** upon the student's formal acceptance into the program.
4. The Texas Student Data System (TSDS) number, a 10-digit unique ID, has replaced the PEIMS number used to transmit student data to the Texas Education Agency for TJJD legislative reporting. This TSDS number can be located in the JJAEP juvenile case management tab, as well as most withdrawal forms and expulsion letters.
 - a. The TSDS number must be documented on the expulsion notice at the time of the student's acceptance into the JJAEP. This number is required in order for the student to be pre-tested and must be submitted as part of the initial expulsion process.
5. All student educational data and records are maintained in the JJAEP electronic folder by the JJAEP Administrator or designee. Required data in the JJAEP folder includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. The TJJD Student Data Form;
 - b. Grade level at JJAEP entry;
 - c. Notice of expulsion to include mandatory review hearing;
 - d. Court orders;
 - e. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) case/referral reports;
 - f. Entry/exit and transition plans;

- g. Education records to include; requests for records/withdrawal packets, special education documentation to include Manifest Determination and IEP documentation, pre-test/post-test assessment scores, home language survey, admission and exit testing data, if applicable, pre-participation physical evaluation, if required, documentation of regular academic reviews under [37.011 \(d\) Texas Education Code](#), date of admissions, number of attendance days, number of absent days, date of release, emergency notification contacts, special medical needs, immunization records, medical release forms, medical consent forms signed by parents, attendance monthly roster, TAKS or STAAR scores, disciplinary referrals, acknowledgement of receipt of Student Code of Conduct, JJAEP Social Service Assessment, other pertinent documents such as copies of social security cards and birth certificates, and cover sheets (check list), and notification of type of counseling referrals or current attendance of counseling and psychological evaluations (if applicable), are maintained in the JJAEP student case.
- 6. As part of the program's ongoing quality assurance efforts, in-house desktop and case management audits will be conducted regularly to ensure the accuracy and completeness of documentation, as outlined in the JJAEP Policies and Procedures.

§348.206 CURRICULUM

(a) Required Courses and Additional Areas of Study. (1) At a minimum, the JJAEP must provide the following courses at the JJAEP: (A) English language arts; (B) mathematics; (C) social studies; and (D) science. (2) The JJAEP must provide the following additional areas of study: (A) high school equivalency program; and (B) self-discipline, which may be integrated into the program and may include topics such as drug awareness, anger management, impulse control, and cognitive skills. **(b) Curriculum Development.** (1) A teacher certified by the State Board for Educator Certification must oversee the development and implementation of the educational curriculum. (2) The JJAEP administrator must ensure that course instruction is consistent with the essential knowledge and skills of each subject of the foundation curriculum as defined by the rules of the State Board of Education. (3) The high school equivalency program curriculum must address the elements required to pass the topics tested: English, mathematics, science, and social studies. High school equivalency program components may be integrated into the regular educational curriculum. (4) The JJAEP must offer an accelerated component for each required area of instruction to support credit recovery at the high school level and to regain academic and social skills at the elementary and middle school levels.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP to ensure that all students enrolled in the program receive a comprehensive and well-rounded education. The academic program shall include a strong accelerated instructional component to support high school credit recovery and the development of academic and social skills at the elementary and middle school levels. At least one (1) certified teacher, licensed by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), shall oversee the development and implementation of the JJAEP curriculum. The JJAEP Campus Administrator shall ensure that all course instruction aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as defined by the State Board of Education under the [Texas Education Code §28.002](#).

Per [Texas Education Code §37.011 \(d\)](#), YISD guidance counselor or qualified designee must regularly review each student's academic progress. For high school students, the school board or its designee, in collaboration with the student's parent or guardian, shall review progress towards graduation requirements and establish an individualized graduation plan.

In the event the JJAEP campus implements online instruction due to extenuating circumstances as part of their Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), the JJAEP must adhere to all Texas Education Agency, Texas Education Code, and Texas Juvenile Justice Department policy revisions to ensure continuity of educational services.

In accordance with Texas House Bill 6, the JJAEP may utilize DAEP placement only when:

1. No physical JJAEP placement is available due to capacity or extenuating circumstances.

2. The virtual education placement provides instruction equivalent to in-person services.
3. Documentation is maintained that clearly demonstrates the necessity of the virtual placement and educational equivalency.

PROCEDURE

1. The Interlocal Agreement specifies the provision of educational services, including the following required courses and additional areas of study:
 - a) **ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS**
 - b) **MATHEMATICS**
 - c) **SOCIAL STUDIES**
 - d) **SCIENCE**
 - e) **HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM (GED)**
 - f) **SELF-DISCIPLINE**
2. Participating school districts shall recognize and accept course credit earned by student while enrolled in the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) as district-level credit.
3. The program will administer state-mandated assessment instruments under [Texas Education Code, Chapter 39.023](#), and shall offer access to the High School Equivalency Program as needed.
4. The JJAEP school guidance counselor shall review academic progress with the student's parent or guardian at minimum during both the JJAEP Intake and JJAEP Exit Transition Meeting.
5. During the JJAEP Intake meeting, the student's home district must involve the assigned counselor or assistant principal to contribute input on promotion status, particularly for students placed at JJAEP near the end of the academic year.
6. As required by [Texas Education Code §37.011 \(d\)](#), academic reviews must occur at the intake and exit. For high school students, a graduation plan must be developed with parent/guardian input.
7. A student expelled and placed in a JJAEP for a term of seventy-five (75) school days or more must go through a mandatory review in order to consider early removal based on student's progress and other factors that may compel an early release.
8. Based on the current capacity under building code regulations, YISD is required to have no more than thirty (30) students at the JJAEP campus at any given time. at one time.
9. The assigned Juvenile Probation Officer shall assist with academic and family engagement during the JJAEP Family Program Orientation.
10. High school students will receive academic support through school counselors, Communities in Schools (CIS) Coordinators, and academic tutors (if available). The assigned Juvenile Probation Officer or designee will also monitor academic progress and collaborate with families to ensure follow-through with academic support services.
11. Compliance with academic service standards shall be verified through:
 - a) Daily class schedules and program schedules.
 - b) Instructional materials and curriculum.
 - c) Attendance records and sign-in sheets.
 - d) Documentation of support services provided.
12. YISD must identify and communicate the self-discipline services provided to JJAEP students at the start of the academic year. If the course is not listed on a student's schedule, documentation verifying participation must be maintained. Utilization of a specific school board approved curriculum is encouraged, but not required, as long as services address the program's behavioral goal.
13. In accordance with [Texas Administrative Code §348.206](#), JJAEP campuses will offer a High School Equivalency Program. Students attending HSEP courses must sign in and out daily. The curriculum must meet the standards necessary to prepare students for the GED examination.
14. The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) identifies knowledge and skills of what Texas students should know and be able to do at every grade and in every course in the foundation areas such as

English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. (STAAR replaced TAKS Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills).

§348.208 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

(a) Special Education. (1) The JJAEP, in collaboration with the sending school district, must ensure that a student with a disability who receives special education services is provided educational services that will support the student in meeting the goals identified in the individualized education program established by a duly constituted admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee, in accordance with [Section 37.004, Education Code](#), and federal requirements. (2) The following ARD committee documentation must be maintained for each special education eligible student: (A) the most recent full and complete ARD meeting paperwork; (B) the manifestation determination ARD meeting paperwork; and (C) the most recent evaluation of eligibility for special education services.

POLICY

A school district may expel a student identified as a qualified disabled student under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (§504) only after a duly constituted Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) or § 504 Committee determines that the alleged misconduct is not a manifestation of the student's disability. In collaboration with the referring district, the JJAEP Campus must ensure that a student with a disability who receives special education services is provided educational programming aligned with their Individualized Education Program (IEP), as determined by a duly constituted ARD Committee, in accordance with [Section 37.004, Education Code](#), and applicable federal law.

PROCEDURE

1. After the ARD or Section 504 Committee determines that the student's behavior is not related to their disability and documents that the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) has been fully implemented, the committee shall determine the length of placement at the JJAEP according to the District's Student Code of Conduct.
2. The referring school district may invite the JJAEP Administrator or designee to any Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committee meeting convened to discuss the expulsion of a student with a disability.
3. The local school district must provide written notice of the meeting at least five (5) school days before the meeting. A copy of the student's current individualized education program (IEP) must be provided to the JJAEP representative with the written notice.
4. If the JJAEP representative is unable to attend the ARD committee meeting, the representative must be given the opportunity to participate in the meeting through alternative means including conference telephone calls and virtual meetings.
5. The JJAEP representative may participate in the meeting to the extent that the meeting relates to the student's placement in the JJAEP and the implementation of the student's current IEP in the JJAEP.
6. If the manifestation ARD determines the student's behavior is due to the student's disability, the student may only be placed in the JJAEP for a maximum of forty-five (45) school days.
7. The following documents must be included in the expulsion packet for any special education student placed at the JJAEP:
 - a. Most recent full and complete ARD paperwork.
 - b. Manifestation Determination ARD meeting paperwork.
 - c. Most recent evaluation of eligibility for special education services.
 - d. Current IEP and Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), if applicable.
8. The referring school district shall remain responsible for making available the services, if any, necessary to provide Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Such services to provide a free and appropriate public education are the only services that the referring district is obligated to provide.
9. Should the proposed expulsion be under [Texas Education Code 37.007 \(a\), \(d\) \(mandatory expulsion\) or \(e\)](#), a representative of the JJAEP campus must be invited to the student's ARD committee meeting.

10. The JJAEP campus must receive reasonable notice of the meeting of the student's ARD committee to attend the ARD and may participate in the ARD meeting to the extent that the meeting relates to the student's placement in the JJAEP. The JJAEP campus will forward notice to the JJAEP Administrator if not included on notice from participating district.
11. Should the JJAEP campus suspects that a student may who qualify for services under IDEA but is not currently identified, the student will be referred to the home campus for possible evaluation.
12. Any student who does not meet the eligibility requirements of the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement is not entitled to educational services by the JJAEP.
13. Special Education services must continue to provide any-and-all related services as outlined in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
14. Texas Education Code 37.0021, requires a written parental notice each time a restraint is used on a student receiving special education. The existing rules mandate a good-faith effort to provide verbal notice on the day the restraint occurs and written notice within one (1) school day.

(b) English as a Second Language (ESL). (1) The JJAEP, in collaboration with the sending school district, must ensure that a student who is non-English speaking or who speaks English as a second language is provided ESL services and instruction appropriate to address his or her needs, as determined by a language proficiency assessment committee (LPAC). (2) Documentation of LPAC determinations must be maintained.

POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP shall provide English as a Second Language (ESL) services and instruction to meet the needs of students who speak English as a second language or are non-English speaking. In collaboration with the sending school district, the JJAEP must ensure that students identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) receives ESL services appropriate to their need, as determined by a Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC), in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

PROCEDURE

1. ESL certified teachers shall provide ESL services and instruction. The primary goal is to support students in developing English language proficiency through second language acquisition methodologies, with explicit instruction in speaking, reading, listening, and writing.
2. Participating Districts shall identify JJAEP students who are LEP or primarily Spanish-speaking during the JJAEP intake. This identification shall be based on documentation provided by the student's LPAC or as part of the student's academic records.
3. Participating Districts must ensure that instructional planning for LEP or primarily Spanish-speaking students placed at the JJAEP includes consideration of language acquisition needs, as required by the Texas Education Code and LPAC recommendations. Instruction shall align with state requirements for English language learners to ensure equitable access to academic content.

(c) Section 504-Eligible Students. (1) The JJAEP must ensure, in collaboration with the sending school district, that a student who is eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is provided services and instruction appropriate to address his or her needs, as determined by a Section 504 committee. (2) Documentation of Section 504 eligibility determinations must be maintained. **(d) Standardized Testing Protocols.** (1) JJAEP policies and procedures must describe the safeguards the JJAEP will use to maintain the integrity of the standardized testing process and confidentiality of test results. (2) JJAEP policies and procedures must include the following requirements: (A) tests must be maintained in a secure setting (e.g., a locked file cabinet) so that staff and students do not have access to the test except while the test is being administered; (B) staff are prohibited from making copies of the test; (C) staff are prohibited from teaching the specific questions on the test; and (D) unauthorized persons are prohibited from receiving test results, whether hard copy or electronic. (3) For statewide standardized tests, the JJAEP must adhere to all testing protocols required by the Texas Education Agency. (4) The JJAEP must administer the standardized test selected by TJJD to measure progress in reading and mathematics for students who will be enrolled in the JJAEP for at least 75 school days. (A) The pre-test must be administered within 15 days after the student's enrollment. (B) The post-test must be administered no sooner than 60 days after the student's enrollment.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP to comply with [Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 348.208 \(a\) and \(d\)](#), to offer a High School Equivalency Program course. This program is designated to prepare eligible students to take and pass the high school equivalency exam, supporting their transition to further education, employment, or vocational training.

PROCEDURE

1. All high school equivalency candidates will be enrolled in a high school equivalency preparation program. Attendance requirements will be the same as for student pursuing a traditional high school diploma.
 - a. The assigned Juvenile Probation Officer may submit a recommendation for high school equivalency testing for any JJAEP students under the jurisdiction of El Paso County 65th District Court.
2. Priority will be given to JJAEP students aged 16 or older who have earned four (4) or fewer high school credits and express interest in pursuing the high school equivalency path.
3. Students 18 years or older may proceed to testing once they meet the required scores on pre-tests.
4. Parents or guardians will be responsible for covering the cost of the five required tests and transportation to the testing site unless other arrangements are made and agreed upon by the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer and/or JJAEP Administrator.
5. YISD currently offers GED support and testing through its Ysleta Community Adult Learning Center (YCLC) located at 121 Padres Drive, El Paso, Texas 79907. YISD does not administer the official GED exam on campus, but prepares students for it.
6. The high school equivalency curriculum shall address the elements required to pass the high school equivalency test, but program components may be integrated into the regular program curriculum.
7. Candidates who do not master the practice tests will be required to continue to attend instruction integrated into the regular program in order to improve their skill level. Candidates who participate in the high school equivalency preparation program may retest when the teacher/instructor determines the student is prepared. Written permission from the teacher/instructor is required for re-testing.
8. When the student has mastered all five core-tests or a designated core-test, the student will be sent to the El Paso Community College (EPCC) or the respective certified high school equivalency ISD testing site within El Paso County to take final high school equivalency exams.
9. Scores or certificates will be mailed two or three weeks after the last test is taken. Once the certificate is received, arrangements will be made for the student to exit the JJAEP. Notification by the ISD will be provided to the JJAEP.
10. Prior to taking the final high school equivalency test, the student will have to get a TX ID and pay a cost for the high school equivalency the testing. The JJAEP will have to keep up with any cost changes to advise the family when the time comes for high school equivalency testing.
11. Verification documents at the time of a TJJD monitoring visit will include:
 - a. High school equivalency file;
 - b. High school equivalency class work;

- c. High school equivalency curriculum.
- 12. Other areas of verification for high school equivalency completion:
 - a. High school equivalency examinations results;
 - b. Testing documentation, if applicable.

(e) Counseling. Counseling services (individual or group) must be available to all students in attendance at the JJAEP.

POLICY

El Paso County JJAEP is committed to ensuring that any demonstrated social service or counseling needs of students are promptly addressed through appropriate referrals to qualified service providers. Counseling services shall be available to all students in attendance at the JJAEP. These services may be provided through contracts with community-based service providers. All subcontracted providers must successfully undergo and pass an NCIC/TCIC background check and attend JJAEP New Orientation Training (ANE portion only) prior to service provision.

PROCEDURE

1. The assigned Juvenile Probation Officer, along with any assigned school-based caseworker or social worker (whether contracted or employed by YISD), will utilize interviews, screenings, and/or assessments to identify the student's and family's needs.
2. The JJAEP campus and assigned Juvenile Probation Officer will collaborate to ensure both academic and emotional needs of the student are identified and addressed appropriately.
3. If student is referred to the Juvenile Justice System, the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer will provide a Pre-Pact assessment and/or Full-Pact assessment (as appropriate based on case status within Juvenile Justice System) and provide referrals based on youth's identified criminogenic risk factors and other identified needs.
4. For adult JJAEP students not under formal supervision, a social service assessment may be conducted by the assigned JPO, JJAEP Administrator, or Court Representative. Collaboration with school-based staff or Adult Supervision Officers will be coordinated for service linkage.
5. Students requiring social services will be referred to the appropriate social service agencies by the supervising Probation Officer (adult or juvenile), JJAEP Administrator, school counselor, social worker, or Community in Schools (CIS) caseworker. Social services may include:
 - a. Academic tutoring.
 - b. Mentoring services.
 - c. After-school activities.
 - d. Drug, gang, and violence prevention activities/counseling.
 - e. Career assistance and exploration.
 - f. Work experience opportunities.
 - g. Enrichment activities and field trips (includes restorative discipline circles, as appropriate).
 - h. Peer pressure, self-esteem, anger management programs, and cognitive skills.
 - i. Referrals to health clinics.
 - j. Referrals to family counseling (mental health professionals).
 - k. Referrals to Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
6. The Juvenile or Adult Probation Officer will refer the family to their department's service providers or other appropriate community-based social service providers to address the youth's needs. Families with private insurance may attain services through their own providers.
7. Some JJAEP facilities may have nurses, counselors, and caseworkers available such as Communities in Schools (CIS) caseworkers, or school counselors that may assist in determining other needs; they are available to make referrals for other services that are not provided by the school with outside agencies such as medical, teen pregnancy services, or vocational agencies.
8. If counseling services are deemed necessary due to the student's risk factors and the student is under the jurisdiction of the El Paso County 65th District Court, these services must be reflected in the disposition documentation.

9. Any therapeutic or counseling services will be provided through a qualified and/or credentialed service provider or the family's health provider.

(f) Meals. (1) Written policies and procedures must require that each student in attendance at the JJAEP is provided a lunch meal on each school day. (2) A student may not be denied a lunch meal as a disciplinary measure.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP to ensure that all students are provided with at least one (1) nutritious lunch meal during the course of the school day. Mealtimes shall be conducted in an orderly, quiet, and respectful environment. Meals shall never be used as a disciplinary tool or withheld for behavioral reasons.

PROCEDURE

1. The YISD shall provide lunch for each student assigned to the JJAEP in accordance with the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement.
2. Students must be properly monitored during meal hours by JJAEP operational staff.
3. Meals shall not be withheld, delayed, or disrupted as a form of discipline or sanction against a JJAEP student for their behavior.
4. Every student will be provided with a food tray regardless of their preference or willingness to consume the meal.

(g) Medical. (1) Authorization to Consent to Treatment. The JJAEP must have on file for each student: (A) an authorization to consent to medical treatment in accordance with Section 32.001, Family Code, signed by the student's parent, guardian, or custodian; or (B) documentation indicating the parent, guardian, or custodian has refused to sign. (2) Medication Administration. The JJAEP must have written policies and procedures governing the administration of medication to students. The policies and procedures must: (A) specify which personnel are authorized to dispense medication to students; (B) identify requirements for the storage, use, and distribution of all medication provided to students; (C) require the student's parent, guardian, or custodian to provide a written request for the administration of the medication; (D) specify that the JJAEP will not accept medication unless it is in the original, properly labeled container; and (E) require that distribution of all medication be documented, including the date/time administered, name of the person who administered, student's name, type of medication, and dosage.

POLICY

El Paso County JJAEP shall comply with TJJD standards, applicable school district policies, and provisions of the Texas Human Resources Code regarding medical procedures. While the JJAEP does not offer an intensive physical education program, it will adhere to all guidelines concerning student health, medication administration, and medical emergencies.

PROCEDURE

1. The JJAEP campus shall obtain a Medical Release Form signed by the student's parent, guardian, or custodian as part of the initial intake process.
2. During intake, the school nurse will conduct a medical intake to determine if the student has any special health needs or medical conditions that may require staff awareness or accommodations.
3. A Medical Consent Form must be completed and signed. If the parent/guardian refuses to sign, the refusal must be documented and maintained in the student's file.
4. Students with existing medical conditions must notify the school nurse or JJAEP Administration.
5. Students taking medication must have a written order or prescription from a licensed Texas Physician.
6. Only the nurse or parent/guardian are permitted to administer medication.
7. All medication must;
 - a. Be stored in a locked cabinet in the nurse's office.
 - b. Be in the original, properly labeled container.
 - c. Be logged in a medication administration log that is maintained by the school nurse.

8. If a student presents with a condition that may require further evaluation, the school nurse shall refer the family to an appropriate medical provider. Failure to follow the nurse's recommendations may result in a DFPS report.
9. For students with chronic or life-long conditions (e.g., diabetes, seizures), the nurse will ensure that appropriate measures and accommodations are in place to safeguard the student's health while attending the JJAEP.
10. If a student is diagnosed with a cardiac or respiratory condition, the nurse may require written medical clearance before allowing participation in any physical activity or community service projects that involve exertion.
11. In instances of medication error, including but not limited to, ingestion of incorrect medication or overdose of medication, or if a student alleges to have ingested incorrect or overdose of medication; the following procedures must be adhered to immediately:
 - a. Contact poison control at 1-800-222-1222.
 - b. Contact nurse.
 - c. If nurse is not on duty, contact EMS.
 - d. Student should be transported immediately to the hospital.
 - e. Parents/guardians, district officials, and JJAEP Administrator/JPD officials should be contacted immediately.
 - f. A TJJD incident report must be completed within 24 hours of incident (Serious Injury and/or Supervisory Neglect).
 - g. If the nurse has any medical records that could be beneficial to emergency personnel or doctors, copies should be provided to emergency personnel.

(h) Programs that Include Intensive Physical Activity. (1) Weather-Related Policies. A JJAEP that has an intensive physical activity component must develop written policies and procedures regarding extreme weather conditions. These policies and procedures must address the following: (A) gradual acclimatization to hot weather; (B) student clothing for various weather conditions; (C) specific criteria for temperature and humidity level and other weather conditions that indicate when outside activity is not allowed; and (D) the provision of a water break to students at least once every 30 minutes during the intensive physical activity period. (2) Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation. (A) A student may not participate in intensive physical activity unless the student has received a pre-participation physical evaluation performed by a Texas-licensed: (i) physician; (ii) physician assistant; (iii) advanced practice registered nurse; or (iv) doctor of chiropractic. (B) The pre-participation physical evaluation must have been completed within one calendar year prior to the student's participation in intensive physical activity. (C) The pre-participation physical evaluation must indicate whether or not the student has any temporary or permanent physical limitations or conditions that would limit or prohibit participation in intensive physical activity. (D) The JJAEP must adhere to the limitations or prohibitions noted in the pre-participation physical evaluation report.

POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP provides physical education and activities to all enrolled students as part of the instructional program. However, it does not include an intensive physical activity component at any of its facilities. Therefore, students will not be required to undergo physical activity screenings as part of their participation in physical education activities.

§348.210 STUDENT ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING

(a) Administrator's Responsibility. The JJAEP administrator must ensure that attendance records for all students enrolled in the JJAEP are accurately documented, maintained, and reported to TJJD. **(b) Aggregate Attendance Accounting.** (1) The expulsion category of each student enrolled must be recorded on the student attendance records. (2) A specific character on the student attendance record must be used to identify a student's status as present, absent, or inactive. **(c) Student Entry and Exit Accounting.** (1) The student's recorded entry date is the first day the student is physically present at the JJAEP. (2) A student's recorded withdrawal date is the first school day on which the student is no longer enrolled in the program. The withdrawal date cannot be a date on which the student was present. (3) The JJAEP must maintain daily student sign-in sheets that contain each student's printed name and signature. (4) The time of entry or exit must be noted on the student sign-in or sign-out sheet for a student who arrives late or leaves early on any school day. (5) During the regular school year, a student must be present for at least four hours of the school day for it to qualify as an attendance day. **(d) Inactive Status.** (1) A student must be placed on inactive status if he or she: (A) is in juvenile detention and is not permitted to attend the JJAEP; (B) is in jail; (C) is a documented runaway; (D) is absent for a minimum of four consecutive school days due to an illness or other medical reason documented by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse; or (E) is absent for a minimum of 10 consecutive school days, which may roll over to the start of the next semester attended by the student. (2) Inactive status begins on the date the event resulting in placement on inactive status begins, as noted on the verification documentation. The documentation must be maintained in the student's file. If verification documentation is not provided, inactive status may not begin until the 11th consecutive school day of absence. (3) A student who is maintained on inactive status for 30 consecutive school days must be withdrawn on the 31st day of inactive status. A student may not be maintained on inactive status for more than 30 consecutive school days, which may roll over to the start of the next semester attended by the student. **(e) Reporting Absences.** The JJAEP must have written policies and procedures that specify which staff member is responsible for reporting absences to the sending school district, which must occur at least once per week.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP to ensure the accurate verification and reporting of student expulsion categories, attendance records, including total days present and absent, and inactive status in accordance with applicable TJJD requirements and the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement executed with participating school districts.

PROCEDURE

1. Each JJAEP student shall sign in at the exact time of arrival and sign out at the exact time of departure to ensure accuracy and minimize errors on the monthly activity report. Sign-in sheets shall be completed daily and must include the student's printed name and legible signature.
2. Students must remain in attendance within the JJAEP for a minimum of four (4) hours of the school day during the regular school year to be considered present for JJAEP standards and reimbursement. However, for purposes of improved academic outcomes, JJAEP students should remain in attendance for the entire instructional day.
3. For purposes of attendance accounting, a student officially begins JJAEP on the first day the student is physically present in JJAEP course instruction for a minimum of four (4) hours. This does not include the JJAEP intake process unless the intake is followed by course instruction totaling four (4) hours or more.
4. The school attendance clerk or registrar for the JJAEP campus shall provide all student attendance records by the third (3rd) calendar day of each month in accordance with the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement related to the MAR process.
 - a. The school attendance record (covering the entire month) and the monthly sign-in sheet for each student must be submitted together as part of the Monthly Activity Report (MAR).
 - b. The JJAEP campus attendance clerk or registrar is required to notify the assigned Probation Officer or JJAEP Administrator of any student prolonged absences. In accordance with the Texas Compulsory Attendance Law, the JJAEP will comply with all related truancy reporting requirements, including timely referrals to the appropriate entity.
5. Absences extending beyond ten (10) consecutive school days will be recorded as "Inactive days" and must be supported by documentation attached to the monthly attendance records. Acceptable documentation includes confirmation that the student was detained, incarcerated, had runaway/absconded status, or experienced a documented extended illness or medical condition certified by a licensed physician or physician's assistant.
6. If it is determined that the student will not return, or has not returned, within thirty (30) consecutive school days, the JJAEP shall officially withdraw the student from the program on the 31st day. A student shall not be maintained on "Inactive Status" for more than thirty (30) consecutive school days. In the event the JJAEP

campus implements online instruction as part of their COOP plan due to extenuating circumstances, a youth who is unable to locate or become inactive may not be withdrawn or removed from JJAEP.

7. The official withdrawal date shall reflect the first full school day student is no longer enrolled in the program. This date is not the last the student attended JJAEP courses but the next full day of non-attendance.
8. YISD shall complete, review, approve, and sign the JJAEP Monthly Activity Report (MAR) (**APPENDIX K- JJAEP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**) each month and submit it, along with all required supporting documentation, to the JJAEP Administrator by the third (3rd) calendar day of the month. If the third calendar day falls on a weekend or holiday, the submission shall be due the following business day. Late or repeated inaccurate submissions may be considered non-compliant.
9. The identified Campus Administrator shall review and approve the MAR prior to its submission to JPD as part of JJAEP accountability quality assurance efforts. This will also assist to minimize errors on the MAR report.
10. The JJAEP Administrator retains the authority to reconcile any discrepancies. Any discrepancies, errors, or lack of supporting documentation originating from YISD that cannot be reconciled will be considered non-compliance and noted as part of the Compliance Monitoring Report, Annual Management Review and/or Annual Performance Review.
11. Upon final internal approval, the JJAEP Administrator will forward the Monthly Activity Report, attendance voucher and all supporting documentation to TJJD by the 10th calendar day of each operating month.
12. Late submissions are non-compliance and will require the JJAEP Administrator to send an email to the TJJD Performance Accountability Specialists and copy the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer specifying the reasons for lateness and action plan to submit MAR documentation as soon as possible.
13. Reimbursement to districts is done on a quarterly basis, however, voucher is submitted to TJJD on a monthly basis.

§348.212 INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION

Inter-Local Cooperation. (a) Parent, Guardian, or Custodian. (1) Progress reports must be given to the student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian a minimum of once every 120 school days. (2) Except in cases where a parent, guardian, or custodian withdraws a student, the JJAEP must notify the student's parent, guardian, or custodian in writing of the student's withdrawal from the JJAEP prior to the withdrawal date unless the date is not known prior to the withdrawal. The JJAEP must maintain this documentation. (b) School District. (1) Student Entry and Exit Transition Plans. (A) For each student, the JJAEP must coordinate with the sending school district to develop a written transition plan for entrance into the JJAEP. (B) For each student, the JJAEP must develop a written exit transition plan, provide the plan to the receiving school district, and maintain written verification that the plan was sent. The exit transition plan must include all information regarding courses in progress or completed, current grades for courses in progress, and number of attendance days and absent days. (C) The JJAEP must provide the student and the parent, guardian, or custodian with a copy of the exit transition plan. (2) Student Assessment. All students enrolled in the JJAEP must take the statewide assessment as required under [Section 39.023, Education Code](#). The JJAEP must have policies and procedures addressing: (A) the delivery of testing materials to and from the JJAEP if the assessment is administered on-site; and (B) the administration of the statewide assessment to the students.

POLICY

Each school district's expelling entity shall notify the student's parent, guardian, or custodian, the JJAEP campus, and the JJAEP Administrator of the student's enrollment into and exit from the JJAEP. Strong emphasis shall be placed on parental engagement through the JJAEP intake and exit transition meetings, during which a regular educational review will inform parents/guardians of the student's academic standing. While the student is enrolled in the JJAEP, each participating district shall also provide academic progress reports to parents/guardians at least once per semester or earlier, if requested by the El Paso County 65th District Court.

PROCEDURES

A. JJAEP PROGRAM REFERRAL AND ENTRY:

1. Pursuant to [Texas Education Code §37.0081](#), the authority to expel and place a student in an alternative school setting rests with the school district's Board of Trustees or its designee.
2. The designated Behavior Coordinator on each campus/district shall carry out the responsibilities outlined in Texas Education Code, Chapter 37 before placing a student in a JJAEP, including cases where a student already enrolled in JJAEP becomes subject to in-school (ISS) suspension or out-of-school suspension (OSS).
3. The expelling school district must conduct an expulsion hearing and forward the final expulsion containing all required data including the TSDS number, to the JJAEP Administrator no later than three (3) business days after the final appeal hearing is concluded and decision to expel is upheld. Failure to provide this documentation will result in the student remaining in the district's disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP).
4. Days served in DAEP while a student awaits JJAEP placement will count toward the student's JJAEP expulsion term. The JJAEP Administrator has the authority to change/update the JJAEP estimated exit date.
5. Placement documentation submitted to the JJAEP Administrator will be reviewed to verify that eligibility criteria are met under [Texas Education Code, Chapter 37.007](#) and the Interlocal Agreement. Documentation must demonstrate:
 - a. The student's alleged offenses must be one that qualifies as a mandatory expulsion offense under in [§37.007 \(a\), \(d\), and \(e\) of the Texas Education Code](#). **(SEE APPENDIX L-JJAEP OFFENSE CODES)**. The conduct does not have to occur occurred on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity to warrant placement in JJAEP.
 - b. If the offense is drug or alcohol related and is punishable as a felony, it **does not** have to occur on school property or within 300 feet of school property, as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity, whether on or off school property.
 - c. Participating Districts shall adhere to the guidelines established under Texas Education Code 37.302-.303, 37.304, 37.305, 37.306, 37.309-.310, 37.311 with regard to students placed in a JJAEP due to an offense which requires them to register as a sex offender. Participating Districts must adhere to expulsion term established guidelines as delineated in this policy and reflected on the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement.
 - d. The expelling school district **MUST** file a formal offense report with the appropriate law enforcement agency describing the conduct that led to expulsion.
 - e. The law enforcement agency **MUST** make a formal referral of the offense to the juvenile court or, for adult students, to the appropriate adult criminal justice system
 - f. Students referred to JJAEP must be expelled for a minimum of seventy-five (75) school days. The maximum term may not exceed one hundred eighty (180) school days, except in firearm-related cases, where the term may be extended to a maximum of one (1) calendar year.
 - g. In cases where student enrollment at the JJAEP nears capacity:
 - (i) YISD is not required to serve more than thirty (30) students placed at JJAEP concurrently. However, should special circumstances arise in the event that JJAEP enrollment reaches 90% of capacity, or if a single Participating District accounts for more than 67% of enrolled students. YISD may limit individual student placements to a maximum of 100 school days, and the standard 75-day placement review may be scheduled earlier, subject to district agreement.
 - (ii) A waiting list shall be initiated once JJAEP enrollment reaches 90% capacity. During this time, Participating districts are responsible for placing expelled students in their own DAEP.
 - (iii) Students shall be accepted into JJAEP from the waiting list in the order received, provided the student has at least forty-five (45) school days remaining in their expulsion term.
 - (iv) Student expelled for violent conduct or firearm-related offenses will receive priority placement up to full capacity.
 - (v) In the event a student enrolled in the JJAEP commits a disciplinary infraction that violates the YISD or the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct, disciplinary action may be taken, including the

extension of the expulsion term and JJAEP placement, as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

- (vi) The JJAEP will not accept referrals within the last three (3) weeks of YISD's instructional school year. Referrals received during this period, will be denied, and the referring district will be responsible for placing the student in its own DAEP through the end of the school year.
- h. Pursuant to [Section 37.011\(k\)\(3\) of the Texas Education Code](#), a student may be placed in the JJAEP if the student engages in serious misbehavior as defined in [37.007\(c\), TEC](#). However, El Paso County and YISD shall only accept students expelled for mandatory offenses as outlined in **EXHIBIT A** of the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement between the Juvenile Probation Department and the ISD's operating and participating in JJAEP services.
- i. In order to be accepted for placement in JJAEP, a student must be aged ten (10) and over and in grade 6 or higher and be expelled. The Participating District will fully consider all mitigating factors, exhaust all appeals and alternative DAEP placement before determination is made to place the student in JJAEP.
- (i) The Participating District is aware and agrees that such student shall be placed and will receive educational services with middle school students at Cesar Chavez Academy Middle School.
- (ii) Placement in JJAEP will not exceed twenty (20) school days, and enrollment of the elementary school student will not require YISD to add or reassign staff to meet teacher to student ratios on secondary levels.
- (iii) Participating districts acknowledge and accept that El Paso JJAEP may, but is not required to separate middle school students from high school students in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement.
6. Within three (3) business days of an expulsion hearing held under [§37.009 of the Texas Education Code](#), each Participating District must provide the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department with a copy of the expulsion order, along with all required information under [§52.041 of the Texas Family Code](#). Failure to do so will result in the student remaining in the district's DAEP until proper notice is submitted.
7. The expulsion notice must also be provided to the parent/guardian, JJAEP Campus, and JJAEP Administrator, and must include:
- a. Student's full name and Date of birth.
- b. Mandatory offense and corresponding offense code.
- c. Expulsion term details:
- (i) Expulsion date
- (ii) Expulsion term expiration date
- (iii) Identified review date
- d. Texas Student Data System (TSDS) number.
- e. PIEMS number.
- f. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) incident report number.
- g. If student is classified as special education and/or 504. Special education and 504 documents must be provided to the JJAEP Administrator alongside the expulsion notice package.
8. If the student receives special education services, the Participating District must provide a copy of the most recent and complete Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) documentation, including the manifestation determination, current IEP, and eligibility assessment.
9. Each Participating District must provide a copy of the law enforcement report or "Notice of Delinquency" corresponding to the expellable offense at the time of expulsion letter submission.
10. For adult students with pending charges in the adult criminal justice system, the JJAEP Administrator may accept offense records obtained from On-Call Records (WebRMS) or Odyssey if verified to meet mandatory expulsion criteria and supported by probable cause.
11. Upon receipt of all required documentation, the JJAEP Administrator will issue a "REFERRAL ACCEPTANCE FOR JJAEP PLACEMENT" within three (3) business days to the referring school and campus administrator. (SEE

- APPENDIX M – JJAEP ACCEPTANCE FORM).** While the student may be accepted for placement, official enrollment in the JJAEP does not occur until the student’s first day of attendance.
12. If the offense or documentation fails to meet eligibility standards, the JJAEP Administrator will issue a “REFERRAL DENIAL” form to the referring school. **(SEE APPENDIX M-1 – JJAEP DENIAL FORM)**
 13. If a student fails to enroll in the JJAEP within ten (10) school days of the JJAEP acceptance (in which no appeal is pending), the placement will be rescinded.
 14. To ensure a smooth transition and compliance with [Texas Administrative Code 348.212](#), the sending campus must immediately provide a written transition plan, including transcripts, all required school and discipline records, and LEP or SPED documentation, to the JJAEP Campus.
 15. Upon issuing the JJAEP Acceptance Form, the JJAEP Administrator will also submit a JJAEP Request for School Records. The expelling district shall provide all necessary records within three (3) business days of the acceptance determination.
 16. School records must include:
 - a. The withdrawal form from the home school.
 - b. Complete transcripts and grades.
 - c. CUM file.
 - d. Special Education Records, if applicable to include ARD documentation such as the Manifest documentation and IEP upon exit.
 - e. Notification of Expulsion.
 - f. Immunization records.
 - g. Final credits earned.
 - h. State assessment results (SEE EXIT DATA REPORTING)
 17. The JJAEP Campus will schedule a JJAEP Intake appointment with the student and parent/guardian within seven (7) to ten (10) school days of JJAEP acceptance. If this timeline cannot be met, the JJAEP campus must communicate reasoning to JJAEP Administrator.
 18. Although a student may be accepted into JJAEP, enrollment in the JJAEP may be delayed due to capacity limits or other special circumstances.
 19. During the JJAEP intake, the student and their parent/guardian will receive a copy of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) and sign the **JJAEP STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT (APPENDIX N)** along with other JJAEP intake documents to include the **Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Form (SEE APPENDIX S)**. An emphasis will be placed on the JJAEP’s policy regarding a zero-tolerance for sexual abuse, prevention of Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation and compliance with the Prison Rape and Elimination Act (PREA) for all juvenile justice programs, to include JJAEP.
 20. At the start of each school year, or as deemed appropriate, Participating Districts will conduct placement reviews for those expulsions carried over from the prior school year and who have reached or exceeded their 75th day placement day in JJAEP.
 21. If a student is accepted into the JJAEP but not enrolled due to voluntarily withdrawal by the parent/guardian, the student will remain eligible for JJAEP placement if re-enrolled in a participating district. However, the referring district must hold a new expulsion hearing and issue an updated expulsion term along with the required expulsion package.

B. PROGRESS REPORTS

1. Progress reports for students enrolled in the JJAEP shall be provided to the parent, guardian, or custodian and the JJAEP Administrator or assigned supervision officer at a minimum of once every 120 days or more frequently upon request by the JJAEP Administrator or the 65th District Court.

2. The JJAEP Campus shall regularly review the student's progress towards meeting adequate academic standards. The JJAEP Exit Transition Meeting shall be held prior to the student's return to the home campus to:
 - a. Review the student's academic and behavioral progress.
 - b. Discuss achievements and obstacles during JJAEP placement.
 - c. Develop a graduation or educational transition plan.
 - d. Identify necessary supports to help the student remain successful post-placement.

C. JJAEP EXIT CRITERIA

1. A student shall exit the JJAEP under the following conditions:
 - a. Upon completion of the expulsion term as stated in the student's official expulsion letter.
 - b. Upon completion of court-ordered or deferred supervision, or
 - c. At the discretion of the expelling school district, provided the district notifies the JJAEP Administrator in writing of its decision to end the placement. It is strongly recommended that districts expel students for a minimum of seventy-five (75) school days, which allows sufficient time for the student to demonstrate academic and behavioral progress and to complete the IOWA standardized post-test.
2. All Participating Districts provide an appeal process for expulsion decision. A school district retains the authority to make an administrative decision to remove a student from the JJAEP and either return the student to their home school or place them in the district's Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP). Written notification must be submitted to the JJAEP Administrator by the school district or its designee. This notification shall be documented in the student's JJAEP electronic file.
3. If an expulsion decision is overturned, the Participating District must notify the JJAEP Administrator on the same business day the decision is made.
4. Students who have been enrolled in the JJAEP for at least sixty (60) school days shall be administered the IOWA Post-Test prior to their projected exit date.
5. Assigned Juvenile Probation Officers must inform the JJAEP Administrator at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance if early termination of court supervision or deferred prosecution is being recommended. This advance notice is necessary to ensure that the student can be post-tested prior to exit from the program and reimbursement purposes. Failure to notify may result in missed testing if the student exits the program due to supervision ending.
6. When a student completes a legal supervision status (e.g., Deferred Prosecution (DP), Court Ordered Probation, Adult Community Supervision), or receives a Motion to Terminate, Review Hearing Order, or Letter of Closure/Completion, the JJAEP Administrator or designee shall promptly inform the JJAEP Campus and the student's home district of the change in legal status.
 - a. Following receipt of a legal status change, the school district shall determine whether to transfer the student to their Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or re-enroll the student at the home campus. turn the student to their home school.
7. If the student court disposition results in dismissal, not guilty, or prosecutorial decline the district must receive supporting documentation. Upon receipt, the districts shall determine disciplinary action.
8. The JJAEP Campus shall submit a Withdrawal Form or Universal Lever Form to the JJAEP Administrator within five (5) school days of exit from the program.
9. The JJAEP withdrawal packet will assure that that the home school receives all the necessary information needed for the student's continued success. **(APPENDIX O – EXIT DATA REPORTING FORM)**
10. Students exiting the JJAEP during the summer due to completion of supervision will be counted toward the prior school year's enrollment data. The cut-off date for summer exit reporting is the day before the start of the new school year.

D. EXIT TRANSITION MEETINGS

1. Upon receiving notice from the JJAEP Administrator that a student is exiting due to completion of the JJAEP term of termination of supervision, the JJAEP Campus Administrator will coordinate an Exit Transition Meeting with the student's home school.
2. The purpose of this meeting is to fulfill requirements under [Texas Administrative Code §348.212](#) and develop a plan that promotes academic success, social reintegration, and continued progress upon the student's return to their home campus.
3. Participants invited to the Exit Transition Meeting include:
 - a. JJAEP Campus Administrator.
 - b. JJAEP Campus Counselor.
 - c. Communities in Schools Coordinator (CIS)
 - d. JJAEP Campus Teachers or SPED Teacher (if applicable).
 - e. Home Campus Administrator
 - f. Home Campus Counselor
 - g. Assigned Juvenile Probation Officer or JPD Representative
 - h. Student and Parent/Guardian.
4. The meeting will include a review of the student's JJAEP placement, progress, and accomplishments, and will establish a graduation or educational transition plan. The following information shall be reviewed during the JJAEP Exit Transition Meeting:
 - a. Courses attended during JJAEP placement.
 - b. Credits earned and credits pending.
 - c. Disciplinary and behavioral progress.
 - d. Attendance record.
 - e. IOWA assessment pre and post test scores, if available.
 - f. STAAR or TAKS assessment scores.
 - g. Transcript and grades in progress.
 - h. Academic accomplishments and personal improvements.
5. At the time of official exit, the parent or guardian will receive a withdrawal packet from the JJAEP campus. This package includes, grades, credit earned, attendance records, and withdrawal forms.
6. The JJAEP will forward the student's official transcript to their home school campus for placement and reintegration purposes.
7. The JJAEP Registrar shall ensure that all grades and course credit earned are transferred to the sending school district at the time of reentry.
8. For graduating students, a transcript must be provided indicating that the student is being recommended for graduation.
9. If the student's court disposition or legal status changes such as charges (e.g., case downgraded, dismissed, reduced to a misdemeanor, or no disposition), it is the responsibility of the student's school district to determine whether the student will return to their home campus or be placed into the district's DAEP.
10. An Exit Transition Meeting should be conducted prior to a student's release from the JJAEP whenever practicable. However, an Exit Transition Meeting may not be required when a student's charges are declined, dismissed, or otherwise resolved, or when the student's supervision is terminated without timely notification being provided to the JJAEP Administrator.

E. STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT

1. It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that all enrolled students shall participate in the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and the End-of-Course (EOC) exams in accordance with TEA guidelines and grade level.
2. Students enrolled in JJAEP will take the STARR assessment at their assigned grade level.
3. All testing personnel shall be trained in accordance with TEA guidelines through a pre-scheduled staff development session prior to test administration.

4. Each JJAEP campus shall appoint a designated testing coordinator (typically the school counselor) responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining test security,
 - b. Ensuring proper administration of assessments, and
 - c. Safeguarding the confidentiality of the testing materials.
5. Designated teachers may assist the principal or testing coordinator with verifying student grades, securing test materials, and administering the tests in full compliance with TEA requirements.
6. All state assessments scores shall be reported to the student's home school district as part of the JJAEP exit process.
7. Assessment scores will be retrieved by personnel with authorized access to TEA testing portal. These scores are required for inclusion in the TJJD Annual Performance Evaluation. **(SEE APPENDIX O – EXIT DATA REPORTING FORM)**
8. Students in JJAEP student who do not meet passing standards on STAAR (grades 3-8 or EOC) must receive accelerated instruction, which may include:
 - a. Instruction from a recognized, exemplary, or master-certified teacher, or
 - b. Supplement tutoring delivered before or after school, or embedded into the student's regular instructional schedule

(c) Juvenile Probation Departments. (1) The JJAEP and the local juvenile probation department must jointly coordinate the provision of needed social services for the students enrolled in the JJAEP. (2) Local juvenile probation departments must provide to the JJAEP information regarding the probation status of each student and the name of the student's juvenile probation officer. (3) The JJAEP must provide the local juvenile probation department with monthly attendance records of juvenile probationers enrolled in the JJAEP.

POLICY

The El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department shall collaborate with the JJAEP to ensure students have access to appropriate social services and support. JPD and the JJAEP Campus will coordinate and exchange necessary information regarding a student's probation status. In turn, the JJAEP Campus shall provide the JJAEP Administrator with monthly reports documenting each student's attendance, academic progress, and discipline records.

PROCEDURE

4. Within five (5) business days of a student's acceptance into the JJAEP, the JJAEP Administrator shall issue a JJAEP Collaboration and Status Notice to the JJAEP Campus and the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer. This notice shall include:
 - a. Student's JJAEP start and projected end date.
 - b. Eligible offense resulting in JJAEP placement.
 - c. Student's current court or supervision status.
 - d. Upcoming court dates, if disposition is still pending.
 - e. School record request and JJAEP Exit Transition Meeting information.
 - f. Name and contact information for the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer (if applicable).
 - g. Notification to the Juvenile Probation Manager and Director to ensure continuity of supervision and support.
 - h. Updates regarding any changes in court disposition or assigned probation officer.
 - i. Clarification on placement status if the academic year is concluding.
5. The JJAEP campus liaison shall provide the following documentation to the JJAEP Administrator or designee on a monthly basis. These records are critical for monitoring student progress and fulfilling court or supervision requirements:
 - a. Monthly Activity Report (MAR).
 - b. Student Roster/Spreadsheet - Identifies current enrollments and exit dates, submitted with MAR

- c. Attendance Records - Especially for students on court-ordered probation, as probation officers may need to request these for reporting or court hearings
- d. Grades in Progress and Discipline Referrals - Required for all significant behavioral incidents in violation of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct. All disciplinary referrals, including minor infractions, should be included for comprehensive court documentation

§348.214 PHYSICAL PLANT

Physical Plant. (a) The JJAEP must conform to all applicable federal, state, and local ordinances and codes. Each JJAEP must have on file the most recent inspections (i.e., health and fire) conducted by the local governmental authority having jurisdiction. (b) The number of occupants in the JJAEP may not exceed the rated capacity as determined by the appropriate fire authority. The JJAEP must maintain documentation from the appropriate fire authority for the rated capacity of each classroom and for the entire building. (c) The classroom space and common areas must be adequate to meet the programmatic requirements for each student enrolled and in attendance in the JJAEP, including sufficient seating and desks or tables. (d) All fixtures, including any emergency lighting, must be in working order. (e) Repairs must be made promptly to all furniture, equipment, and fixtures currently in use that are not in safe working order.

POLICY

El Paso County JJAEP shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local building codes, ordinances, and regulations, as well as TJJD standards regarding physical plant operations and safety. To ensure compliance, the PHYSICAL PLANT COMPLIANCE MONITORING ASSESSMENT shall be utilized annually. This review will evaluate the status of health and fire inspections, occupancy signage in classrooms and common areas, and the adequacy of classroom spaces, fixtures, and common areas to meet the programmatic needs. **(SEE APPENDIX E AND E1 – PHYSICAL PLANT COMPLIANCE MONITORING ASSESSMENT).**

PROCEDURE

1. All emergency exits within each of the JJAEP buildings must be:
 - a. Properly located and accessible.
 - b. Clear from obstruction
 - c. Permanently marked and visible for evacuation during fire or other emergencies.
2. Places of assembly must have a minimum of two (2) operational exit options.
3. Occupancy limits for all facilities must be posted and established in accordance with guidance from the local Fire Marshal. These include:
 - a. Rated capacity for each classroom.
 - b. Rated capacity of the cafeteria (with or without tables).
 - c. Rated capacity of the gymnasium area (if applicable).
 - d. Overall facility capacity as determined by the local Fire Marshal.
4. The JJAEP Campus shall ensure that the JJAEP facility maintains:
 - a. Comprehensive property insurance.
 - b. General liability insurance.
 - c. Workers' compensation insurance, in accordance with applicable laws. A copy of the insurance policy may be obtained through the school district's central office.
5. Interior finish materials and furnishings in classrooms, exit areas, and public assembly areas must meet the National Fire Safety Codes (NFPA) standards and applicable codes.
6. The JJAEP Campus must maintain separate and secure space for all mechanical equipment, including HVAC, electrical systems, and other infrastructure.
7. The JJAEP Campus shall implement effective safety and security measures to:
 - a. Ensure the protection of students and staff.
 - b. Restrict access to unauthorized individuals or the general public. All visitors must check in with the campus front desk upon arrival and obtain appropriate authorization prior to entering the campus.

8. The JJAEP Campus must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local building codes. A valid "Certificate of Occupancy" issued by the City of El Paso must be maintained on site and available for all inspections.
9. To determine compliance with this standard, the following will be reviewed:
 - a. Fire Inspection Report – Must be posted in a visible area within the facility.
 - b. Health Inspection Report – If applicable, must be posted in the kitchen or food service area.
 - c. Food Handler Certifications – If applicable, must be posted in the kitchen or food service area.
10. The **JJAEP COMPLIANCE MONITORING ASSESSMENT-PHYSICAL PLANT** shall be conducted annually by JPD/JJAEP Administrator. Additional assessment may be conducted if repeated non-compliance is identified.
 - a. JJAEP Campus Administrators will be notified of discrepancies and provide two (2) weeks to correct the deficiencies per [Texas Administrative Code §348.214](#).
 - b. The Physical Plant Compliance Monitoring Assessment will be reviewed by the Director of Intake Services for approval and guidance on actions to be taken on any incidents of non-compliance found within any of the JJAEP facilities.
 - c. Compliance monitoring reports will also be forwarded to the Juvenile Chief Probation Officer for review. CJPO has the authority to communicate compliance, and non-compliance matters directly to district superintendents, school administrators, and other district officials overseeing alternative schools including JJAEP.

§348.216 SAFETY, SECURITY, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

(a) Security Plan. The JJAEP must have a written plan that addresses security: (1) within the JJAEP building(s); (2) on the JJAEP campus; (3) at JJAEP-sponsored events that take place off campus property; and (4) during transportation of JJAEP students; if applicable. **(b) Transportation** The JJAEP must have written policies and procedures that govern the use of motor vehicles to transport students enrolled in the JJAEP. The policies and procedures must address the following: (1) authorized methods of transportation; (2) security and supervision requirements; (3) authorized transport personnel; (4) procedures for responding to emergencies while transporting students; (5) a requirement to possess appropriate auto liability insurance when transporting students in personal vehicles, if allowed; and (6) circumstances under which a student is allowed to drive a personal vehicle to the JJAEP campus. **(c) Emergency Situations.** The JJAEP must have written policies and procedures regarding emergency situations. The policies and procedures must address the following: (1) emergency evacuation plans; (2) assignment of staff responsibilities; (3) notification of emergency services; and (4) procedures for specific emergency situations, including: (A) fire; (B) bomb threat; (C) hazardous weather conditions; (D) active shooter event; and (E) riot. **(d) Medical Emergencies.** The JJAEP must have written policies and procedures addressing medical emergencies. The policies and procedures must address the following: (1) obtaining medical assistance; (2) when emergency medical services must be called; (3) notification to appropriate staff and to the parent, guardian, or custodian of the student involved; and (4) documentation of the incident.

POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP shall maintain a comprehensive security plan that ensures students and staff remain safely contained within the facility, prevents unauthorized access by the general public, and facilitates efficient communication and coordination among staff. The JJAEP Campus shall designate the front desk as the control area, which must be staffed during regular operational hours. Additionally, a written security plan shall be maintained for school-sponsored events held off campus and for transportation of JJAEP students.

CRISIS RESPONSE PROCEDURES

In the event of a crisis:

1. The first responder or designated person shall notify the front desk/control area.
2. Alarm systems may be activated to initiate lockdown or evacuation protocols.
3. Support staff using radios and security personnel will announce the designated emergency code (e.g., Code Red).
4. The JJAEP Campus Administrators and designated response team will report directly to the crisis location.
5. Fire drills shall be conducted at least twice (2) per academic year to evaluate response readiness. A fire drill code report and log must be completed by the JJAEP Campus Administrator or designee and submitted for review.

FRONT DESK/CONTROL AREA OPERATIONS:

1. Must be staffed by at least **one (1) staff member** during regular business hours.
2. JJAEP Campus Administrators will rotate monitoring duties if support staff are unavailable.
3. Phones at the control area are for official use only. Personal calls must be minimized to preserve campus security.

VISITOR CONTROL/GENERAL PUBLIC:

1. Visitors must report to the front desk, sign in, and declare the purpose of their visit.
2. No visitor shall pass the control area without prior authorization or clearance.
3. The public is prohibited from entering the main corridor, interior spaces, and classrooms without clearance.
4. Suspicious activity or unauthorized persons on campus grounds must be reported immediately to campus security including EPPD and the JJAEP Campus Administrators.

SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS (OFF CAMPUS):

1. While off-campus school-sponsored events involving JJAEP students are rare, appropriate procedures and safeguards are in place to ensure student safety and compliance with all applicable standards in the event such activities occur.
2. JJAEP students must be supervised by an adequate number of authorized staff at all times.
3. Headcounts shall be conducted periodically throughout the event to ensure all students are accounted for.
4. Any staff member transporting students in a personal vehicle must have current liability insurance on file and maintain appropriate documentation.
5. A signed parental authorization form must be obtained prior to a student's participation in any off-campus activity.
6. In the event of a serious incident occurring during an outing, staff shall follow the same emergency procedures that apply on campus. Emergency services, JJAEP Campus Administrator, JJAEP Administrator, and TJJD shall be notified. A TJJD Incident Report must be submitted within 24 hours for any serious incidents or ANE allegations.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The transportation of students attending the JJAEP is the sole responsibility of the student's sending school district. Neither the JJAEP, nor the Educational Fiscal Agent is responsible for arranging or providing transportation, including for students with disabilities who require transportation as a related service under federal or state law. Prior to placing an expelled student at the JJAEP, the Participating District shall access the student's access to transportation and must establish a documented transportation plan. If transportation challenges arise after placement, an emergency meeting with all involved parties, including the student's parents or guardians, shall be held. Should transportation become an ongoing barrier to regular attendance, the student may be exited from the JJAEP and return to the sending school district.

The Sending District's transportation plan must align with the YISD board-approved calendar, including all designated professional development days, early release days, holiday closures, inclement weather, intersession, Spring Break, and the beginning and end of the instructional year. Any conflicts between calendars must be addressed and resolved by the sending district through appropriate modifications to their transportation plans.

When transportation is provided by the Participating District, parents or another designated responsible adult is encouraged, whenever possible, to supervise their child at the bus stop, particularly during pick-up and drop-off times. However, it is recognized that many parents may have work or other obligations that prevent them from being physically present. In situations where, Participating District does not provide transportation, it becomes the responsibility of the parent or guardian to arrange reliable transportation to and from the JJAEP. Regardless of the method of transportation, students are expected to arrive at school on time each day. JJAEP personnel who are

authorized to transport JJAEP students in personal or district vehicles must possess a valid driver's license and maintain current proof of adequate auto liability insurance.

PROCEDURE

1. Before placing an expelled student at the JJAEP, the Participating District shall assess the student's access to transportation and develop a transportation plan to ensure consistent attendance.
2. If transportation challenges arise after placement, an emergency meeting with all involved parties, including the student's parent or guardian shall be held to identify a resolution.
3. Should transportation continue to be a barrier to consistent attendance despite efforts to address the issue, the student may be exited from the JJAEP and returned to the sending school district.
4. Participating Districts must align their transportation plans with the YISD board-approved calendar, including professional development days, early release days, holiday closures, inclement weather, intersession, Spring Break, and the beginning and end of the instructional year
5. Any serious incidents or negative behaviors involving a JJAEP student during transportation must be reported to the JJAEP Campus Administrator and the JJAEP Administrator.
6. Bus drivers shall follow their own district's policies and procedures for student transportation, vehicle safety, and maintenance.
7. Student misconduct on a school bus that poses a risk to others must be documented in an incident report. The report shall be submitted to the JJAEP Campus Administrator and forwarded to the JJAEP Administrator. Appropriate administrative or legal action may be taken based on the severity of the behavior.
8. A copy of all incident report will be forwarded to the JJAEP Administrator and maintained in the student's JJAEP/JPD case.
9. Emergencies occurring while transporting students must be handled appropriately and in accordance with established protocols, including notification of emergency responders (police, EMS) school administrators, parents/guardians, TJJD (if applicable), and the JJAEP Administrator.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

The El Paso County JJAEP shall maintain written policies and procedures regarding emergency situations, including protocols for evacuation, staff responsibilities, and emergency service notifications. Emergency procedures shall include, but are not limited to:

- A. Fire
- B. Bomb Threats
- C. Hazardous Weather Conditions;
- D. Active Shooter Event
- E. Riots
- F. Medical Emergencies

PROCEDURE

A. FIRE

1. The JJAEP shall implement fire prevention practices that prioritize the safety of staff, students, and visitors.
2. The El Paso Fire Department will respond to all fire-related emergencies.
3. The El Paso Fire Department shall inspect the JJAEP Campus fire safety plan annually, ensuring the proper placement of fire extinguishers, first-aid kits, and emergency exits.
 - a. Fire extinguishers will be inspected, tagged, and certified annually by an independent and authorized agent.
 - b. Any extinguishers used must be recharged and returned to full readiness as soon as possible.
4. The JJAEP Campus Administrator shall ensure that all staff receive training in the use of fire safety equipment and emergency procedures

Combustible Refuse:

All combustible refuse (e.g., rags used with flammable liquids) shall be disposed of immediately in exterior metal dumpsters. At no times will combustible materials such as this be kept or stored within the JJAEP campus facilities.

Fire Drill Procedures:

Fire drills must be conducted at least twice (2) per year, though individual school districts may require more frequent drills.

1. The JJAEP School Administrator or designee shall schedule and supervise the drills. Prior notification to students is discouraged to maintain realistic response times.
2. The alarm system will be activated by designated security personnel.
3. Students and staff will evacuate to the designated safe zone (staff parking lot).
4. A headcount will confirm all students are accounted for.
5. Once all staff and students are accounted for, and the "all clear" on the drill is issued, all persons shall return to the regularly assigned areas.
6. Fire drills will be timed, documented, and reviewed for effectiveness.
7. The JJAEP Campus Administrator or designee shall make entries of all fire drills conducted into a reporting form/log.
8. Records of all drills will be maintained and provided to the JJAEP Administrator.

Evacuation Plan:

JJAEP shall maintain and post emergency evacuation maps throughout the facility. The JJAEP Campus Administrator shall:

1. Ensure staff are trained on primary and secondary evacuation routes.
2. Maintain documentation logs of drills.
3. Review and update emergency plans accordingly.

Fire Prevention Practices:

Staff must regularly check for fire hazards, including:

1. Proper storage of combustible material.
2. Improper electrical wiring or overloaded outlets.
3. Expired extinguishers.
4. Cluttered storage or improper waste handling.
5. Use of fire-retardant furnishings where feasible.

Fire Response Procedures

Any staff member who first detects smoke or signs of a fire shall:

1. Attempt to extinguish the fire only if is small and controllable. However, the primary function of fire extinguishers is to assist evacuation, not to engage large or spreading fires.
2. Immediately notify the JJAEP Campus Administrator of the incident and request servicing and replacement of the used extinguisher.
3. Use the fire extinguisher following the "PASS" method:
 - P - Pull the pin.
 - A - Aim at the base of the fire.
 - S - Squeeze the handle.
 - S - Sweep from side to side.

Fire Plan Review

The JJAEP Campus Administrator shall review the fire and emergency plan with JJAEP staff annually and update the plan as necessary to remain in compliance with safety codes and best practices.

Fire Investigations

All reported fires, regardless of severity, must be investigated by the JJAEP Campus Administrator or by a qualified person designated to determine cause and appropriate follow-up actions.

Emergency Services and Firefighting Support

In the event of a fire emergency, 911 must be called immediately. The staff member making the call shall provide clear, complete information regarding the nature and location of the emergency.

Emergency Lighting

The JJAEP Campus shall maintain functional emergency lighting to ensure adequate illumination to exit areas during a power outage or emergency situation.

Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants located on or near the JJAEP campus shall be:

1. Properly maintained in accordance with city codes.
2. Clearly identified for emergency use.
3. Included in staff and student orientation on safety equipment.

Fire/Smoke Detection System:

The JJAEP Campus shall be equipped with a comprehensive fire/smoke detection system, including:

1. Emergency pull stations.
2. Smoke detectors.
3. Fire extinguishers.
4. Audio/visual alarm indicators.

Emergency Pull Stations

Emergency pull stations may be utilized by staff when smoke or fire is detected prior to automatic system activation, or when immediate evacuation is warranted.

1. To activate: pull down on the handle to initiate the alarm.
2. Pull stations shall be tested annually for proper function.
3. Immediately report situation to the JJAEP Campus Administrator.

Trash Receptacles

To minimize fire hazards, all trash receptacles on campus must be:

1. Fireproof.
2. Readily accessible.
3. Emptied and cleaned daily.
4. In proper working conditions

Emergency Plans and Evacuation Maps

A copy of the facility's emergency floor plan and evacuation routes shall be posted in clearly visible locations throughout the JJAEP campus. Staff are expected to be familiar with evacuation procedures as part of regular training and orientation.

First Aid Equipment

JJAEP staff shall have access to emergency First Aid kits located throughout the facility. All JJAEP employees shall also receive periodic First Aid training as part of their ongoing professional development and compliance with JJAEP standards.

B. BOMB THREAT

Written Threats:

1. Preserve all written materials, including any envelopes, notes, or container.
2. Minimize handling to avoid disturbing possible fingerprints or evidence.
3. Immediately contact local law enforcement to assess the threat and intervene as needed.
4. After police are notified, contact the JJAEP School Administrator or designee and provide a full status update. All materials must be turned over to police upon their arrival at the scene.
5. Follow the district's policies and procedures in handling such threats.

Telephone Bomb Threat:

1. The staff member receiving a bomb threat call should refer to the Bomb Threat Checklist and attempt to gather the following details:
 - a. Exact wording of the caller.
 - b. Time the call began and ended.
 - c. Description of the caller's voice.
 - d. Key questions to ask, such as:
 - Where is the bomb located?
 - When will it go off?
 - What does it look like?
 - What kind of bomb it is?
 - What will make it explode?
 - Did you place the bomb?
 - Why?
 - What is your name?
2. Remain calm and courteous. DO NOT hang up, keep the caller on the line for as long as possible.
3. If possible, write a note to a colleague to call the authorities or, as soon as the caller hangs up, immediately notify law enforcement.
4. If the phone has a display, copy the number on the display.
5. Report the call to the JJAEP Campus Administrator immediately when call is terminated.
6. Initiate evacuation by moving students and staff to a designated safe distance from the building.
7. Law Enforcement or proper emergency response authorities upon deciding that a search is warranted will conduct search of the premises.
8. If the facility is evacuated, only emergency personnel shall remain on-site. Reentry may occur only with approval from law enforcement or the Fire Marshal. The School Administrator and designated staff will coordinate the evacuation and reentry process.
9. Student's parents/guardians shall be contacted and advised on the status and condition of their child within four (4) hours of the "all clear" given by law enforcement via telephone.

C. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

In the event of a **SEVERE STORM ALERT**: Students, staff, and visitors shall be relocated to a designated interior safety zone, such as hallway or shelter areas. In case of a power outage, emergency lighting and backup systems will automatically through the facility's emergency power generator, ensuring continued operation of critical systems and safe evacuation if needed.

D. ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS

The JJAEP Campus shall maintain a clearly defined, accessible policy for responding to active shooter incidents. These procedures must be readily available to staff and regularly reviewed.

1. Drill shall be conducted in accordance with district policy, state law, and TEA requirements to ensure that students and staff are prepared to respond effectively.
2. At El Paso County JJAEP, active shooter response drills are referred to as lockdown drills and follow established campus procedures for securing students and staff in place.
3. Typically, a minimum of one (1) armed law enforcement officer is on duty at the JJAEP Campus during regular hours to support safety and emergency response.

E. RIOTS

1. In the event of a riot, fight, or hostage situation, on-campus police officers shall be notified immediately. The El Paso Police Department will assume command of the situation and will instruct JJAEP Campus Administrators of necessary actions.
2. Students not involved in the incident will be moved to a safe place where they can be supervised and accounted for.
3. Once the disturbance is under control a headcount of students will be made to assure that the facility is secure, that no one has escaped, or may be hiding.
4. Police will detain students participating in the event for further investigation.
5. Appropriate action, including detention or release, will be determined by law enforcement based on the outcome of the investigation
6. JJAEP Campus Administrators shall immediately report the incident to the JJAEP Administrator and submit a written incident report.
7. A copy of the incident report will be placed in the student's case.

F. MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

To ensure the safety and well-being of all JJAEP students, any medical emergencies involving illness or injury must be addressed immediately. The JJAEP Nurse or designated staff member shall contact 911 without delay in the event of a serious medical incident.

DEFINITION:

Emergency Care: An emergency refers to any serious illness, injury, or situation, which may require surgery and may or may not be life threatening. The following guidelines will be followed in an emergency health related situation that may present itself as a life-threatening situation:

1. The first staff member on the scene shall begin administering first aid. A second staff member shall contact 911, notify the JJAEP Campus Administrators, alert campus police, and call the student's parents/guardians.
2. If the incident is life-threatening, the student shall be transported by EMS to the nearest hospital, accompanied by the student's signed Consent for Medical Treatment
3. Once the student has been stabilized or transported, a designated JJAEP staff member shall:
 - a. Notify relevant personnel on the and await further instructions from the JJAEP Campus Administrators.
 - b. Ensure either the parent/guardian or a staff member is present at the hospital to support the student. If a parent/guardian is unavailable, the student may be returned to school or home after receiving medical clearance.
 - c. Seek immediate medical assistance if administrators are not immediately available, do not delay necessary care.
 - d. In non-life-threatening situations, a staff member or nurse will contact the parent to pick up the student.
4. All medical emergencies shall be documented. A TJJD Incident Report will be submitted when any medical treatment has been provided. If it is a serious incident, it shall be reported via a telephonic call within one (1) hour to police and within four (4) hours to TJJD. The ANE Incident Report must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.

(e) Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation(CPR) and First Aid. Each JJAEP must have at least two staff members certified in CPR and first aid on duty and in close proximity to the students at all times when students are present at the JJAEP campus. Proof of current certification must be maintained in personnel or training files. Documentation must reflect the day certification expires.

POLICY

In accordance with TJJD standards and the JJAEP Interlocal Agreement, a minimum of two (2) staff members who are certified in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid must be on-site and in close proximity to students at all times during operational hours. While the use of substitute teachers is common, they are not considered regular status employees and therefore are not required to hold CPR/First Aid certification. The JJAEP Campus Administrators shall coordinate with the JJAEP Administrator to ensure that at least two (2) regular staff members who are working on-site and included in the daily student-to-staff ratio are properly certified.

PROCEDURE

1. The JJAEP Campus must have a minimum of two (2) CPR and First Aid-certified regular staff on duty during all instructional hours. As designated by JJAEP Campus Administrators, newly hired regular status employees must acquire their certifications (CPR/ First Aid and CPI) within 60 days of employment.
2. Certification documentation for all regular status employees will be submitted at least yearly as part of the **STAFFING AND CERTIFICATION LOG (APPENDIX F)**.
3. Certification logs will not contain names of short- or long-term substitutes. Valid certification cards, including expiration dates, must be submitted and kept on file with the JJAEP Administrator.
4. **Nurses** must maintain valid CPR/First Aid, and CPI certifications and must be identified in staffing plans as individuals who do not lapse in their required credential.
5. Communities Activities Officers (CAO) must be certified in Crisis Prevention Intervention and CPR/First Aid in order to be certified as a CAO and meet recertification requirements every two years thereafter as per TJJD standards. However, JJAEP staff are not required to obtain the CAO certification.

(f) Emergency Exit Drills. The JJAEP must conduct at least two emergency exit drills during the school year unless local fire codes or ordinances require these drills more frequently. At least one drill must be conducted during the first half of the school year (August–December) and at least one drill must be conducted during the second half of the school year (January–June). (1) Written documentation (e.g., fire drill log) of the emergency exit drills must be maintained. Documentation must include the date, time, and staff involved in the emergency drill. (2) The JJAEP must post emergency exit routes in all classrooms and common areas. **(g) JJAEP Closure.** The JJAEP must have written policies and procedures addressing the cancellation of classes due to an emergency situation. The policies and procedures must: (1) address the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather and/or emergency situations; (2) identify the individual responsible for making the decision to cancel classes; and (3) specify the method(s) by which the closure is to be communicated to the students and their parents, guardians, or custodians.

POLICY

Fire drills are required for safety exercises designed to ensure that students and staff are prepared to evacuate the building in case of fire or other emergencies. The JJAEP Campus shall conduct a minimum of two(2) fire drills per academic year. One (1) during the first semester (August-December) and one (1) during the second semester (January-May). The JJAEP shall also maintain written procedures for emergency closures, including inclement weather and other emergency-related disruptions.

PROCEDURES:

1. See also the Evacuation Plan for detailed fire drill steps.
2. The JJAEP fire prevention regulations and practices shall ensure the safety of staff, students, and visitors at all times.

3. The JJAEP Campus Administrators shall ensure that all staff is trained and knowledgeable in the use of all fire safety equipment and are familiar with written emergency plans and procedures.
4. A log shall be maintained documenting all fire, active shooter, and lockdown drills, including the date, time, outcome, and staff participation.

JJAEP CLOSURE POLICY AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In the event of school closure due to emergency situations (e.g., inclement weather, health or safety threats), the following protocols apply:

1. Parents/Guardians, staff, and students shall be advised to monitor local media for closure announcements. The JJAEP Campus may also issue recorded phone messages to give further instructions or information on the closures, delays, or cancellations of classes.
2. In the event of hazardous weather during the school day, staff and students will be moved to a designated safe area. If power is lost, an automated emergency generator will provide critical lighting and system backup.
3. In an emergency situation occurs while school is in session, the campus will be secured and placed on lockdown. No entry or exit will be permitted until cleared by law enforcement or emergency responders.
4. The JJAEP may also be closed due to non-weather-related safety or health issues, as directed by the school district or public health authorities.
5. The JJAEP will make every effort to notify parents, guardians, or custodians about emergency closures and provide instructions as needed.
6. During the JJAEP Intake, parents/guardians must be advised to keep their contact information updated to ensure timely communication during emergency situations.

(h) Supervision Upon Removal From a Classroom. (1) The JJAEP must have written policies and procedures that ensure students removed from the classroom for disciplinary reasons and placed in isolation, administrative segregation, time-out, in-school suspension, or any other location are under continuous visual supervision by a JJAEP staff member. (2) Policies and procedures must prohibit: (A) use of a locked room for disciplinary removals; and (B) the use of electronic monitoring equipment as a substitute for continuous visual supervision. **(i) Searches.** (1) All students entering the JJAEP must be subjected to a pat-down search or a metal detector screening on a daily basis. (2) Searches must be conducted in accordance with written policies and procedures. The policies must: (A) address: (i) when a search is appropriate and/or required; (ii) who is authorized to conduct the search; (iii) what types of searches are permissible; (iv) how pat-down searches will be conducted, if applicable; and (v) what to do when contraband is found; (B) if pat-down searches are used, require that the staff member conducting a pat-down search is the same gender as the student unless an exception is approved and documented by the JJAEP administrator; and (C) prohibit strip searches and anal and genital body cavity searches.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that students receive continuous, adequate supervision at all times while on campus, on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or during disciplinary removals (e.g., administrative segregation, time-out, or in-school suspension). Supervision shall be provided by designated staff including teachers, aides, security personnel, and caseworker. The use of locked rooms for disciplinary removals and electronic monitoring devices as a substitute for direct staff supervision is strictly prohibited. Any student removed from the classroom for disciplinary reasons must remain under uninterrupted visual supervision. JJAEP students shall never be left unsupervised inside or outside the facility.

GENERAL SUPERVISION AND MOVEMENT

JJAEP staff should always know the whereabouts of students, including off-site activities, meals, and daily routines. Staff may not leave their area of responsibility without notifying another staff member. and public safety, students will never be left unattended in any area inside or outside the facility. When a student leaves the JJAEP facility for any reason this action should be communicated to all appropriate staff. JJAEP staff should make periodic head counts to ensure the earliest possible detection of an absent student. While moving students from one area of the facility to another, staff should walk behind the group to avoid a student leaving the group. A headcount should be conducted when the group arrives at its destination.

GROUP MOVEMENT OFF CAMPUS:

1. JJAEP staff will explain behavioral expectations to students before going outside the facility on activities, field trips, or school sponsored events. General expectations of students outside the facility shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Participation in all activities.
 - b. Sit in assigned areas.
 - c. Remain with the group at all times.
 - d. Act and behave accordingly.
2. No less than two (2) JJAEP staff must monitor any outdoor activities with JJAEP students unless otherwise approved by the School Administrator or designee under special circumstances.
3. In the event that a student must be returned to the facility due to behavioral problems or other circumstance, one or more staff members leaving the group shall not compromise staff-to-student ratio. Either the whole group shall be returned, or the School Administrator or designee shall be contacted. Staff should use another staff member, or an administrative staff member to return the student to the facility.

STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROTOCOL:

Students arriving on campus by parent drop-off or district transportation will be supervised from the moment they arrive. Upon arrival, all students will be escorted to a designated search area. Students are searched both to ensure compliance with the JJAEP uniform policy and to prevent the introduction of contraband into the facility.

After searches, students may be directed to a designated waiting area. In some locations, students may wait near the cafeteria or in a classroom prior to breakfast. Depending on the site, students may either eat in a designated classroom or in the cafeteria at a time when DAEP students are not present.

At dismissal, students will be escorted to their morning arrival area to await parent pickup or transportation. Staff or law enforcement personnel will be present to supervise loading and departure. At no time are students to be left unsupervised.

STUDENT SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES

At no time shall one or more students be placed in charge of supervising other students.

USE OF HANDHELD RADIOS BY STAFF:

1. It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that staff responsible for supervising students in the JJAEP shall use handheld radios to ensure student safety, prompt staff response, and general order within the facility.
2. The El Paso County JJAEP utilize handheld security radios made available to all most staff responsible for supervision of JJAEP students.
3. Each supervisory staff shall be strictly responsible for maintaining control over their radio throughout the shift and at no time shall set down or leave the radio unaccompanied anywhere within or outside the facility.
4. Staff shall utilize the radios only for the express purpose of communicating pertinent information from one staff to another necessary to maintain general order, accountability, and control of the students within and outside the facility.
5. Staff shall be responsible for returning the radios to their designated area.
6. Any violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action against the staff member responsible as deemed appropriate by the Campus Administrator.

SEARCHES

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that all students shall be subjected to daily pat down/clothed searches by trained, authorized personnel for safety and security purposes. Searches shall only be conducted using approved

methods and must never be used as punishment. Strip searches and anal or genital body cavity searches are strictly prohibited.

SEARCH MODIFICATIONS

Search procedures may be adjusted in response to emergencies such as pandemics or natural disasters but must be reported to and approved by the JJAEP Administrator.

DEFINITIONS

Contraband: Property, merchandise, or personal belongings prohibited by facility policy or law in order to maintain proper care, control, and safety of all personnel and students within the facility and general program operations of the JJAEP Campus.

Metal Detector Wand: A metal detector wand may be utilized to detect any metal type weapon/object carried within or taped to the body. The wand will scan the entire body to include limbs and torso.

PURPOSES OF SEARCHES:

To prevent the introduction of weapons or other dangerous contraband, ensure compliance with the JJAEP dress code, and maintain student accountability and facility security.

SEARCH GUIDELINES

1. Be professional. Never use a search as a form of punishment or as a means of harassment. Always exhibit a professional demeanor while conducting a clothed search. This reduces hostility and opposition to the search and diminishes the threat of physical confrontation.
2. Stay focused. Complete the entire procedure and continue searching when you find something. Do not become distracted or discontinue your search. This may be a decoy to deter you from other contraband the student may be holding.
3. Be orderly and systematic in your approach. Security personnel/staff must conduct clothed searches in the same manner each time; always following policy and procedure. This requires discipline, concentration, and consistency each and every time.
4. Ensure all staff and following the same steps (There should be no difference between the procedure you use and another officer's procedure). Students recognize inconsistency and incompleteness immediately and your inability to follow procedure puts the security of the school at risk.
5. Use the squeeze method of search. Do not just pat the area being searched, but gently and firmly squeeze the clothing between your fingers and palms.
6. Start your search from top to bottom and back to front. If you remember this, you will remember the rest of the steps in the clothed search procedure.

PROCEDURE-CLOTHED/PATDOWN SEARCHES

All JJAEP staff participating in the mandatory pat down/clothed searches will be trained by the JJAEP Administrator or designated trainer. Pat downs/clothed searches will always be conducted in an area the line of sight of another staff member. **Searches will be conducted for safety and security reasons only.** At all times, efforts will be made to keep the student's dignity intact. Professional actions, language, and behaviors by staff towards the students during searches will be adhered to at all times. When clothed searches are being conducted there must always be a witnessing staff member present.

A. When searches are appropriate:

1. When a student arrives to school in the mornings;
2. Upon a student's return from an appointment outside the facility;
3. In the event that property or equipment cannot be located; and
4. In the event that there is reasonable suspicion or information has been received that a student may be in possession of a weapon or have contraband in their possession or on their person.

B. Components of a pat down search:

1. Searches must be systematic and orderly.
2. Searches must be conducted with care and attention.
3. The search must be conducted in an area providing distance away from other students to prevent distractions or the transference of contraband from one student to another.
4. Searches are conducted for security, never as discipline.
5. Staff members of the same gender will search students, no exceptions. Cross-gender pat searches are not permitted as per PREA 115.315 (f).
6. The searching staff must use verbal commands to instruct the student in his or her body movement. Searching staff should never use force or unnecessary physical contact to facilitate movement during a pat down search.
7. Oral cavity searches shall be conducted to prevent concealment of contraband (only ears, nostrils, and mouth).

C. Procedures for conducting an individual pat down search:

1. Metal detector will be used to scan the body. Outline the body with the wand and front and back of body. The metal detector technique will be performed by the same sex gender.
2. Always wear gloves when conducting pat down searches.
3. Advise the student on what is about to occur. Ask the student if he/she has any contraband. If the student admits being in possession of contraband, they should be instructed to remove it from their possession and turn it over to the searching staff.
4. Instruct student to pull out shirt and empty all pockets. NEVER reach inside a student's pockets. Instruct the student to turn their pockets inside out and place all contents in a pile on the floor in front of them. The items should include belt (if applicable), shoes, socks, and money if applicable.
5. Seasonal months may require students to wear layered clothing. Student will remove the layered clothing and instruct them to pile the clothing in front of them for inspection. Items may include jackets, sweaters, and gloves.
6. Clothing must be inspected by searching staff after the conclusion of the search. Inspect all outer garments carefully. Place them out of reach of the student, but within your sight. (Insoles, soles, and tongue of tennis shoes should be checked carefully). Shoes will be stomped together and inspect them for concealed contraband; check between insoles, rubber of soles, and between insoles.
7. Visually inspect the student's hair without touching it. Check head area for any concealed items. When applicable, have student run fingers through hair. Female students must remove any pins or bands in the hair. Never pull or tug the hair of a student.
8. Check the student's nostrils.
9. Visually inspect the ears by instructing the student to pull their ears forward so you can clearly see behind each ear and visually inspect the inside of each ear.
10. Visually inspect the mouth. Instruct the student to open his mouth, stick out their tongue and rotate their tongue and move it side to side, up and down. Instruct the student to pull his/her lower and upper lip away and down from his mouth.
11. Instruct the student to face the wall with palms on the wall to secure the body in a steady and balanced position.
12. During all pat down/clothed searches, the searching staff must give verbal commands for the students to follow and not physically touch the student beyond what is necessary to facilitate the actual search. Specifically, searching staff are not to give physical prompts for movement, examples are, but not limited to, slapping the thighs to instruct the student to raise a leg, tapping head to instruct student to move head forward or backward. All searches should be open handed, not closed fist or tight squeezed.
13. The searching staff shall be positioned behind the student with his right foot between the student's feet while searching the right side of the body.
14. Starting on the right side, inspect the clothing carefully with fingers spread. Pat down the shoulder the arm and check the arm pit carefully. Inspect the seams of the clothing carefully. Pat down the hollow of the shoulders and the small of the back. Then move down the sides of the upper torso to the belt line. Check the waist band from outside.
15. Move up the sides and back down across the front of the chest. Make sure you check the center of the chest.
16. Starting at the back of the waistline, move to the front and back again coming across the abdomen moving down the buttocks and around the front covering the lower abdominal area and zipper.

17. Examine the waistband closely feeling all along the outside of the waistband as this is an area where things can be hidden easily.
18. From the back of the waistline, proceed down the back and sides of the legs to the feet. Check the trouser cuffs, bottom of the feet.
19. Proceed back up the inside of the leg, and up to the mid-thigh.
20. Examine the other leg in the same manner.
21. When searching a female student instruct her to pull the center of her bra away from the skin in order to loosen any concealed items. Run your fingers in a crisscross motion to inspect the seams of the bra at the front and rear of the student. Pull the straps of the bra away from the body and run your finger under the bra straps. This step should be done in a private area.

Be thorough! Carefully inspect all seams, lapels, linings, hems, cuffs, collars, and zippers and use the squeeze method.

CONTRABAND

If contraband in the form of (weapons/drugs) are found, radio in for a police officer to take possession of the contraband. If no police officer is available, contraband must be bagged and labeled with student's name, date, time, and a thorough description of the item confiscated. The item should be locked in a secure place where no one can handle the item but you (chain of evidence) until it can be turned over to law enforcement. JJAEP students are not allowed to bring anything with them when they come to school. Students may bring in needed documents that should be turned over to the appropriate staff. The following items are considered contraband and not allowed in the facility:

1. Drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances.
2. Jewelry of any kind (males/females).
3. Any weapons or items that can be used as a weapon, including ammunition.
4. All tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes (vapes).
5. Lighters, matches or other incendiary devices.
6. Knives, box cutters or razors, to include pocketknives, keychain knives, letter openers and scissors not classified as "safety scissors".
7. Sprays of any kind or other chemical agents.
8. Glass containers or glass objects.
9. Food and drinks unless authorized by the JJAEP Campus Administrator or designee. Student may be under a specified diet.
10. Cell phones and electronics (except for volunteers, support, contract staff and employees).
11. Students requiring prescription medication while at school, must turn in those medications to the JJAEP nurse. Nurse may know or not know about the medication and its specific doses and will take the necessary action to contact parent regarding other information on the medication.

STRIP SEARCHES TECHNIQUES ARE PROHIBITED

Under no circumstances shall staff conduct strip searches. If there is reasonable suspicion that a student is concealing contraband beneath clothing, law enforcement shall be contacted immediately. If unavailable, the JJAEP Campus Administrator or designee shall be notified.

(j) Disciplinary Reports. (1) Written policies and procedures must require JJAEP staff to prepare a written disciplinary report for each incident occurring in the JJAEP that constitutes a major violation of the student code of conduct or of JJAEP rules. The policies must require that the written disciplinary report include: (A) details of the incident; (B) violation(s) that occurred; (C) action(s) taken by the staff member(s); (D) date and time of the incident; and (E) discipline imposed, if any. (2) The disciplinary report must be sent to the JJAEP Administrator no later than the next school day. Documentation that shows the date and time the disciplinary report was sent to the JJAEP Administrator must be maintained.

POLICY

Disciplinary reports must be submitted by the El Paso County JJAEP for any major violations of the Student Code of Conduct (SCC) or facility rules. Minor infractions may also warrant a disciplinary referral at the discretion of campus staff. All disciplinary referrals, whether for major or minor infractions must be submitted to the JJAEP Administrator and assigned Juvenile Probation Officer no later than the next school day. Disciplinary referrals resulting in out-of-school (OSS) or in-school suspensions (ISS) may also be considered violations of a Judgment of Probation Order. Because youth under JPD jurisdiction are entitled to due process, it is imperative that JJAEP staff provide thorough and accurate documentation.

PROCEDURE

1. Any violation resulting in a disciplinary referral must be documented, and the student's parent/guardian notified as soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the incident. All referrals must be forwarded to the JJAEP Administrator.
2. If violation is also a serious incident as defined under TJJD guidelines (Youth sexual conduct, youth-on-youth physical assault, attempted suicide or reportable injury-restrain related or not restraint related) emergency units will be notified immediately but no later than one (1) hour. TJJD should be called within four (4) hours followed by an Incident Report within twenty-four (24) hours via e-mail or phone call.
3. The JJAEP Administrator and the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer should receive an incident disciplinary report no later than the next school day. JJAEP numbers are located on Incident Report forms. (Form can be found in the electronic storage device provided to the employee at the beginning of the school year and during JJAEP New Orientation training.)
4. Reports must include:
 - a. Full details of incident
 - b. Full name of student and date of birth.
 - c. Type of violation
 - d. Full name and title of referring staff
 - e. Actions taken by staff and administration
 - f. Time, date, and location of incident
 - g. Names of witnesses (staff/students)
 - h. Outcome of the incident
5. The JJAEP Administrator will provide a copy of the incident to the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer, if not already submitted, for consideration of court-related action if necessary.
6. Incident will be discussed with the JJAEP School Administrators to assure that all information was gathered and to see if any improvement or intervention can be made to facilitate handling the matter.
7. Parent will be contacted to discuss the student's behavior no later than twenty-four (24) hours after incident.
8. All disciplinary reports are subject to review by TJJD during monitoring visits.

MAJOR DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES

1. Possession of contraband (Weapons).
2. Possession of or being under the influence of drugs.
3. A threat that is perceived as imminent toward any student, teacher, or staff member.
4. Destruction of property (may require incident report to TJJD).
5. Sexual Misconduct (requires incident report to TJJD).
6. Assault (requires incident report to TJJD if against another student).
7. Sexual assault (requires incident report to TJJD).
8. Any incident involving a restraint (requires incident report to TJJD).
9. Any incident involving abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation (requires incident report to TJJD).

10. Any incident that causes substantial disruption during school day, whether on or off school campus, this includes any cyber bullying that may have occurred off campus but is manifesting on campus (may require incident report to TJJD).
11. Any incident that may warrant an arrest or meets elements of a Class B misdemeanor or above may require incident report to TJJD).

NOTE: ANY SERIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVING RESTRAINT AND REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION IS CONSIDERED A REPORTABLE CASE OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION UNDER TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 350 AND 358. IT MUST BE REPORTED TO TJJD WITHIN FOUR (4) HOURS.

MINOR DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES

1. Refusal to follow administrators/staff directives.
2. Verbal disrespect.
3. Derogatory or offensive language.
4. Antagonizing others.
5. Walking off campus.
6. Dress code violations.
7. Tardies or unexcused absences.

WEAPONS POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP staff and Juvenile Probation Officers are prohibited from possessing weapons or chemical agents while on JJAEP property. Visitors are also prohibited from carrying firearms or other prohibited items. Active-duty law enforcement officers operating within their legal authority may carry weapons or chemical agents on campus. Pursuant to [Texas Penal Code, Chapter 46.03\(a\)\(1\)](#), a person may not enter El Paso County JJAEP Campus with a firearm, location-restricted knife, club, or prohibited weapons listed in section [46.05\(a\) of the Texas Penal Code](#).

NOTICE: A SIGN NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF THE WEAPON POLICY SHALL BE POSTED IN CLEAR VIEW AT THE FACILITY ENTRANCES.

§348.218 RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS

RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS. (a) The JJAEP must adhere to the restraint requirements set forth in Chapter 341, Subchapter G, of this title, except as noted in subsection (b) of this section. (b) Personal restraints may be used by any JJAEP staff member trained in the approved personal restraint technique in accordance with training requirements set forth in Chapter 341, Subchapter G, of this title.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that all JJAEP staff members adhere to the restraint requirements set forth in [Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 341, Subchapter G](#). Further, personal restraints may only be conducted by staff who are trained and certified in the approved personal restraint technique, in accordance with Texas Administrative Code and applicable YISD policies.

DEFINITIONS

The listed definitions and other relevant definitions to this policy shall be used to provide consistency for all staff members or involved others that may participate in a restraint.

(1) Approved Personal Restraint Technique--A professionally trained curriculum-based and competency-based restraint technique that uses a person's physical exertion to completely or partially constrain another person's body movement without the use of mechanical restraints. The approved personal restraint technique shall be approved for use by TJJD and adopted by the Juvenile Board.

- (2) **Approved Mechanical Restraint Devices**--A professionally manufactured, and commercially available mechanical device designed to aid in the restriction of a person's bodily movement. The approved mechanical restraint devices shall be approved by TJJD. The following are TJJD approved mechanical restraint devices:
- (A) **Ankle Cuffs**--Metal, cloth or leather band designed to be fastened around the ankle to restrain free movement of the legs;
 - (B) **Anklets**--Cloth or leather band designed to be fastened around the ankle or leg;
 - (C) **Handcuffs**--Metal devices designed to be fastened around the wrist to restrain free movement of the hands and arms;
 - (D) **Plastic Cuffs**--Plastic devices designed to be fastened around the wrist or legs to restrain free movement of hands, arms, or legs;
 - (E) **Waist Belt**--A cloth, leather, or metal band designed to be fastened around the waist used to secure the arms to the sides or front of the body;
 - (F) **Wristlets**--A cloth or leather band designed to be fastened around the wrist or arm which may be secured to a waist belt.
- (3) **Mechanical Restraint**--The application of an approved mechanical restraint device which restricts or aids in the restriction of the movement of the whole or a portion of an individual's body to control physical activity.
- (4) **Personal Restraint**--The application of physical force alone, restricting the free movement of the whole or a portion of an individual's body to control physical activity.
- (5) **Physical Escort**--Touching or holding a student with a minimum use of force for the purpose of directing the student's movement from one place to another. A physical escort is not considered a personal restraint.
- (6) **Protective Devices**--Professionally manufactured devices used for the protection of students or staff that do not restrict the movement of a student. Protective devices are not considered mechanical restraint devices.
- (7) **Restraint**--Application of an approved personal restraint technique, an approved mechanical restraint device, or chemical restraint to an individual to restrict the individual's freedom of movement or to modify the individual's behavior.

Other Relevant Definitions to This Policy

- (8) **Physical Force**--Is defined as the use of any body part of staff to physically move or restrict movement of a child, including but not limited to grabbing a student with hands to restrict movement or carry a student, pushing/shoving to physically move a student, wrapping arms around a student to restrict movement or carry them, etc.
- (9) **Excessive Physical Force**--Is defined as physical force used by staff wherein less appropriate restrictive attempts to deal with a situation were ignored or not attempted; and/or force used outside of proper training techniques resulting in an injury to the student.
- (10) **Crisis Situation**--Is defined as a situation where an individual is at imminent risk of serious bodily injury to themselves or others.

MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS

El Paso County JJAEP staff do not utilize mechanical restraints. If mechanical restraints are necessary, it must be carried out by certified law enforcement officers or authorized personnel (e.g., Community Activities Officers or Juvenile Probation Officers).

PROCEDURE

1. Only certified law enforcement officers or authorized personnel may use mechanical restraints.
2. Restraints shall never be used as punishment, discipline, compliance, or intimidation by any law enforcement officers.
3. The use of any force by any law enforcement officer shall be fully documented and recorded by the JJAEP Campus Administrator or staff who witnesses restraint.

4. Any restraint conducted by a law enforcement officer requires a TJJD incident report form as case may also meet elements of a resisting arrest or other appropriate charge.
5. Restraint shall be terminated as soon as the student's behavior indicates that the threat of imminent self-injury or injury to others is absent.
6. Any restraint incident resulting in bodily injury or serious bodily injury to a student, as defined in the Texas Penal Code, shall be reported to the County Juvenile Board or its designee in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident. The TJJD Incident Report will be utilized to report a restraint.

APPROVED PERSONAL RESTRAINT TECHNIQUE

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that only JJAEP staff trained and deemed competent in the approved personal restraint technique (Crisis Prevention Intervention) shall participate in any physical restraint of JJAEP students. Resource Officers-El Paso Police Department Officers and/or district campus police are also available during school hours to assist in any situation requiring law enforcement presence. YISD utilizes the Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) approved curriculum and has designated staff who are primarily responsible for searches and restraints. The JJAEP Campus also has staff certified in CPI such as Special Education personnel, nurses, or campus patrol. To ensure for the safety of both the staff and students, under no circumstances shall staff not trained nor deemed competent in the district's approved physical restraint technique participate in a restraint of a JJAEP student.

PROCEDURE

When physical intervention is used, the philosophy of the CPI model is to provide for the care, welfare, safety, and security of the students in our charge. As such, policies and procedures are developed in relation to the Crisis Prevention Institutes' curriculum of Non-violent Crisis Intervention as the goal is to eliminate the use of physical and mechanical restraints through effective verbal de-escalation techniques, whenever possible. In the case where certified JJAEP staff at the JJAEP campus, must engage in the use of force and a restraint, the following criteria shall be followed:

1. Certified ISD staff in the approved physical restraint technique shall only use the approved physical restraint technique (CPI). As taught and outlined in the YISD and JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) ISD staff who lapse in CPI certification throughout the year must not engage in a physical restraint of JJAEP youth. It will be the responsibility of the Campus Administrator to ensure that staff does not lapse in their certification and if a lapse occurs, staff are aware as to their limitations regarding restraints.
2. El Paso County Juvenile Probation staff working directly with JJAEP students at the JJAEP Campus shall be certified and maintain their certification in Handle with Care (HWC) technique accordingly.
3. At no time shall an employee of the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department or JJAEP ISD be involved in or assist in a physical restraint of a student or use any physical force against a student unless the employee has been deemed competent through the certified physical restraint technique.
4. Restraints shall ONLY be used in instances of:
 - a. Threat of imminent self-injury.
 - b. Injury to others.
 - c. Serious property damage.
 - d. Restraints shall only be used as a last resort; and
 - e. Only the amount of force and type of restraint necessary to control the situation shall be used; and
 - f. Restraints shall be implemented in such a way as to protect the health and safety of the student and others; and
 - g. Restraints shall be terminated as soon as the student's behavior indicates that the threat of imminent self-injury, injury to others, or serious property damage has subsided.
5. Under no circumstances will physical force of any type be utilized or imposed on a student for the purposes of punishment, intimidation, or discipline; and
6. Students are strictly prohibited from assisting staff in the discipline or physical restraint of other students. Students may assist staff by seeking assistance when or if directed to do so by staff.

7. Texas Education Code 37.0021 requires a written parental notice each time a restraint is used on a student receiving special education. The existing rules mandate a good-faith effort to provide verbal notice on the day the restraint occurs and written notice within one (1) school day.

STAFF RESPONSE AGAINST SUDDEN ASSAULT:

Student-on-Staff Assault: If a staff member is attacked (e.g., choking, punching, tackled), they may use only the force necessary to escape and seek help. Staff must not use force to gain control or subdue the student alone.

Student-on-Student Assault: If a staff member cannot get immediate assistance and a student is in danger, they may intervene only to stop the harm or remove the endangered student. Use of force must cease once the immediate risk has ended. If alone and in imminent danger, staff may use force only to avoid, evade, or escape to get help.

REQUIRED ACTIONS FOLLOWING A RESTRAINT

1. The JJAEP Campus Administrators must be notified of the physical force/restraint used and an incident report shall be completed and submitted to TJJD within 24 hours of documented incident.
2. A copy of the report will be placed in the student's JJAEP case.
3. JJAEP Campus Administrators and JJAEP Administrator shall be informed of all incidents where staff has had to use force against a student.

Note: Allegations made by students against staff shall follow the procedures outlined in the Grievance Process and Student Code of Conduct.

MEDICAL TREATMENT FOLLOWING RESTRAINT:

1. Any staff or student injured during a physical restraint incident shall receive immediate medical attention and treatment using Standard First Aid Procedures.
2. If an emergency or life-threatening situation is apparent, contact EMS for assistance.
3. If serious injuries are suspected or detected, contact the JJAEP Campus Administrator and the JJAEP Administrator. The student or staff person will be transported to the nearest hospital facility by EMS.
4. All medical emergencies will be documented. After the incident has been controlled, all parties will complete and submit all appropriate documentation of the serious incident within 24 hours or by the end of the next working day documenting the nature of the injury.
5. All situations that meet criteria for serious incidents shall be reported to TJJD and law enforcement within required timeframes.

RESTRAINT PROHIBITIONS POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP strictly prohibits the use of restraint techniques that violate student safety, dignity, or rights. The following restraint methods are expressly prohibited under this policy:

1. Restraints used for punishment, discipline, retaliation, harassment, compliance, or intimidation;
2. Restraints that deprive the student of basic human necessities including restroom privileges, water, food, and clothing;
3. Restraints that are intended to inflict pain;
4. Restraints that place a student in a prone or supine position with sustained or excessive pressure on the back, chest, or torso;
5. Restraints that place a student in a prone or supine position with pressure on the neck or head;
6. Restraints that obstruct the airway or impair the breathing of the student including a procedure that places anything in, on, or over the student's mouth or nose;
7. Restraints that interfere with the student's ability to communicate;
8. Restraints that obstruct the view of the student's face;

9. Any technique that does not require the monitoring of the student's respiration and other signs of physical distress during the restraint; and
10. Percussive or electrical shocking devices.

RESTRAINT DOCUMENTATION

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that restraints should only be used as a last resort, only when all other behavior management techniques have been exhausted or when a student presents an immediate danger to themselves or others. All restraint incidents must be fully documented, reported to the JJAEP Administrator and TJJD, and maintained in the student's case file. JJAEP staff members must follow both district policies and the JJAEP's more stringent standards where applicable. Restraints conducted by staff trained in approved personal restraints techniques must comply with [Texas Administrative Code §348.218\(b\)](#) and TJJD reporting requirements

All involved staff must complete and submit the **TJJD INCIDENT REPORT (SEE APPENDIX P)** within 24 hours and will follow all policies, procedures, and timelines to start the process of reporting a restraint. (**SEE APPENDIX Q - INTERNAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**) Only certified and properly trained Community Activities Officers (CAO) or Juvenile Probation Officers may use physical or mechanical restraints in a juvenile justice program. The exception in [Texas Administrative Code §348.218\(b\)](#) is that any JJAEP staff member who is trained in the approved personal restraint technique may use a personal restraint but not a mechanical restraint.

PROCEDURE

Each restraint incident must be documented through an Incident Report that includes the following information.

1. Full name and date of birth of the student involved.
2. Name and title of the staff member(s) who applied the restraint.
3. Date of the restraint.
4. Duration of the restraint including notation of the time the restraint began and ended.
5. Location where the restraint occurred.
6. Description of preceding activities.
7. Behavior prompting the restraint.
8. Type of restraint applied.
9. Efforts made to deescalate the situation and alternatives to restraint that were attempted.
10. Any injury that occurred during the restraint.
11. Other entities/persons that must be notified should include: the JJAEP Administrator; School District Administrators, and parents/guardians.

§348.220 SERIOUS INCIDENTS

Serious Incidents. The JJAEP must adhere to the requirements related to serious incidents set forth in chapters 358 of this title.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County JJAEP that the JJAEP Campus Administrator or designee shall report any of the following incidents that occur at the JJAEP campus:

1. Death of a student
2. Suicide or attempted suicide
3. Serious injury requiring medical treatment by a physician or physician assistant
4. Youth-on-youth assaults resulting in injuries requiring medical treatment.
5. Any incident involving sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or neglect.

In all cases involving death, sexual abuse, or serious physical abuse (defined as an injury requiring medical attention), the following response and reporting protocol must be followed:

1. Emergency medical services and law enforcement must be contacted immediately, and no later than one (1) hour from the time of discovery.
2. The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) must be notified by phone within four (4) hours; and
3. A written report, using the TJJD Incident Report Form (see Appendix P), must be completed and submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident.

All reporting procedures, timelines, and documentation requirements must conform to the standards set forth in Texas Administrative Code Chapter 358, which governs the reporting of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of juveniles. Staff shall refer to the procedures outlined under §358 for additional guidance on mandatory reporting responsibilities.

§348.222 ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION

Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation(a) The JJAEP must adhere to the requirements related to abuse, neglect, and exploitation set forth in the [Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 358](#) (b)The JJAEP must have zero-tolerance policies and practices regarding sexual abuse, as defined in [Chapter 358 of the Texas Administrative Code](#), that provide for administrative and/or criminal disciplinary sanctions.

358 ANE DEFINITIONS

NOTE: All abuse, neglect and exploitation definitions and standards found within Texas Administrative Code Chapters [350](#) and [358](#) were consolidated under this section to help ensure consistency and consolidate information under the JJAEP Policy, Procedures and Standards.

TAC 358.100 DEFINITIONS

- (1) **Abuse**--an intentional, knowing, or reckless act or omission by an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility or program that causes or may cause emotional harm or physical injury to, or the death of, a juvenile served by the juvenile justice facility or program. Abuse also includes the definition in Section 261.001, Family Code.
- (2) **Administrator**--the chief administrative officer of a juvenile probation department, juvenile justice program, juvenile justice facility, or non-juvenile justice contract facility.
- (3) **Administrative Designee**--the role assigned to the administrator when a preponderance of evidence determines that the proximate cause of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation was based on policies and procedures under the direct control of the administrator.
- (4) **Department**--a juvenile probation department.
- (5) **Emotional harm**--an impairment in the juvenile's growth, development, or psychological functioning that normally requires evaluation or treatment by a trained mental health or health care professional, regardless of whether evaluation or treatment is actually received. Sexual conduct between employees, volunteers, or contractors and juveniles is presumed to cause substantial emotional harm.
- (6) **Exploitation**--the illegal or improper use of a juvenile or the resources of a juvenile for monetary or personal benefit, profit, or gain by an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility or program.
- (7) **Incident Report Form**--the form used to report to TJJD allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the death of a juvenile, and serious incidents.
- (8) **Internal Investigation**--a formalized and systematic inquiry conducted in response to an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation or the death of a juvenile.
- (9) **Internal Investigative Report**--the written report submitted to TJJD that summarizes the steps taken and the evidence collected during an internal investigation of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation or the death of a juvenile.
- (10) **Investigative Report**--the written report prepared by TJJD detailing its investigation and findings.

(11) Juvenile--a person who is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, confined in a juvenile justice facility, housed in a non-juvenile justice contract facility pursuant to an order of the juvenile court, or participating in a juvenile justice program, including a prevention and intervention program, regardless of age.

(12) Juvenile Justice Facility ("facility")--a facility that is registered by TJJD pursuant to Sections 51.12, 51.125, or 51.126, Family Code.

(13) Juvenile Justice Program ("program")--a program or department that:

(A) serves juveniles under juvenile court or juvenile board jurisdiction; or

(B) is operated wholly or partly by the juvenile board or by a private vendor under a contract with the juvenile board. The term includes:

(i) A juvenile justice alternative education program;

(ii) A non-residential program that serves juvenile offenders under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court or juvenile board; and

(iii) A juvenile probation department.

(14) Medical Treatment--medical care, processes, and procedures that are performed by a physician, physician assistant, licensed nurse practitioner, emergency medical technician (EMT), paramedic, or dentist. Diagnostic procedures are excluded from this definition unless intervention beyond basic first aid is required.

(15) Neglect--a negligent act or omission by an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility or program, including failure to comply with an individual treatment plan, plan of care, or individualized service plan, that causes or may cause substantial emotional harm or physical injury to, or the death of, a juvenile served by the facility or program. Neglect also includes the definition in Section 261.001, Family Code.

(16) Non-Juvenile Justice Contract Facility--a facility in which a juvenile is placed pursuant to a contract with a department, program, facility, or juvenile board, other than a facility registered with TJJD.

(17) Physical Injury--an injury that normally requires examination or treatment by a trained health care professional, regardless of whether examination or treatment is actually received.

(18) Preponderance of the Evidence--a standard of proof meaning the credible and reliable evidence establishes that it is more likely than not that conduct meeting the definition of abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred.

(19) Reasonable Cause to Believe--a reasonable ground to suspect that a juvenile has been or may be abused, neglected, or exploited or that a juvenile's physical or mental health or welfare has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect.

(20) Report--formal notification to TJJD of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the death of a juvenile, or a serious incident.

(21) Serious Incident--an incident that meets one of the following definitions:

(A) escape--the unauthorized departure of a juvenile who is in custody or the failure of a juvenile to return to custody following an authorized temporary leave for a specific purpose or specific, limited time period;

(B) attempted escape--committing an act that amounts to more than mere planning but that fails to effect an escape;

(C) abscond from a nonsecure facility--the unauthorized departure of a juvenile who has been placed in a nonsecure facility by the juvenile court or the failure of a juvenile to return to a nonsecure facility following an authorized temporary leave for a specific purpose or specific, limited time period;

(D) attempted suicide--any voluntary and intentional action that could likely result in taking one's own life;

(E) reportable injury--any physical injury sustained by a juvenile accidentally, intentionally, recklessly, or otherwise that:

(i) does not result from a personal, mechanical, or chemical restraint and requires medical treatment; or

(ii) results from a personal, mechanical, or chemical restraint and is a substantial injury.

(F) juvenile sexual conduct--conduct between two or more juveniles, regardless of age, that is conduct described in paragraphs (25) and (28) of this section, regardless of whether the juveniles consented to the conduct; or

(G) juvenile-on-juvenile physical assault--a physical altercation involving two or more juveniles that results in any of the involved parties sustaining an injury that requires medical treatment.

(22) Serious Physical Abuse--bodily harm or a condition that:

(A) resulted directly or indirectly from the conduct that formed the basis of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

(B) requires medical treatment.

(23) Sexual Abuse--includes sexual abuse (by contact or by non-contact) of a juvenile by an employee, contractor, or volunteer or by another juvenile.

(24) Sexual Abuse by Contact (employee, volunteer, or contractor)--any physical contact between an employee, contractor, or volunteer and a juvenile, with or without the consent of the juvenile that includes:

(A) contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;

(B) contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;

(C) contact between the mouth and any body part where the employee, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;

(D) penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the employee, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;

(E) any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the actor has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire; and

(F) any attempt by an employee, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in subparagraphs (a) - (e) of this paragraph.

(25) Sexual Abuse by Contact (by another juvenile)--any of the following acts between juveniles, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into the act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse, either actually or legally:

(A) contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;

(B) contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;

(C) penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and

(D) any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

(26) Sexual Abuse by Non-Contact (by employee, volunteer, or contractor)--any sexual behavior, conduct, harassment, or actions by an employee, contractor, or volunteer, which are exhibited, performed, or simulated in the presence of a juvenile or with reckless disregard for the presence of a juvenile but do not meet the definition of sexual abuse by contact, including but not limited to:

(A) any threat or request for a juvenile to engage in the activities described in paragraph (24) of this section;

(B) any display of uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breasts in the presence of a juvenile;

(C) voyeurism, which means an invasion of privacy of a juvenile for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at a juvenile who is using a toilet to perform bodily functions; requiring a juvenile to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of a juvenile's naked body or of a juvenile performing bodily functions; and

(D) sexual harassment.

(27) Sexual Harassment (by employee, contractor, or volunteer)--repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a juvenile, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

(28) Sexual Harassment (by another juvenile)--any of the following directed by one juvenile to another juvenile: repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one juvenile directed toward another.

(29) Substantial Injury--an injury that is significant in size, degree, or severity.

(30) Subject--a person alleged or found to be responsible for the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a juvenile through the person's actions or failure to act.

(31) TJJD OIG--TJJD Office of Inspector General.

(32) Victim--a juvenile who is alleged or found to be a victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP serves youth under the jurisdiction of the El Paso County Juvenile Board and is designated a Juvenile Justice Programs. As such, it must adhere to all applicable laws and procedures, including those outlined in:

1. Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 358 – Identifying, Reporting, and Investigating Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, Death, and Serious Incidents;
2. Texas Education Code (TEC) and district-level policies regarding abuse and neglect; and
3. Texas Family Code §261.406 – Investigations in school settings under TEA jurisdiction.

The El Paso County JJAEP enforces a zero-tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and exploitation as defined in [Chapter 358 of the Texas Administrative Code](#). Allegations or incidents of abuse may result in administrative or criminal sanctions, in addition to any school-based disciplinary actions. The JJAEP Administrator shall oversee implementation of this policy and ensure periodic training is provided to staff, volunteers, and interns. All campus personnel are responsible for ensuring that students are protected from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

§358.120 APPLICABILITY

Unless otherwise stated, this policy also applies to:

1. Allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation involving a juvenile and an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility, program, or non-juvenile justice contract facility, regardless of the physical location of the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
2. Serious incidents involving a juvenile that:
 - a. Occur on the premises of a program, facility, or non-juvenile justice contract facility: or
 - b. Regardless of the physical location, occur while in the presence of an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility, program (JJAEP), or non-juvenile justice contract facility.
3. A death of a juvenile that:
 - a. Occurs on the premises of a program, facility, or non-juvenile justice contract facility;
 - b. Results from an illness, incident, or injury that occurred, was discovered, or was reported on the premises of a program, facility, or non-juvenile justice contract facility
 - c. Regardless of the physical location, occurs while in the presence of an employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a facility, program, or non-juvenile justice contract facility.

For purposes of this standard, "working under the auspices of a facility, program, or non-juvenile justice contract facility" includes providing a service to juveniles when that service is authorized by the juvenile board or pursuant to a contract for placement.

In all cases, the JJAEP Campus will also fully adhere to [Texas Family Code §261.406](#) regarding Investigations in Schools under TEA jurisdiction.

§358.210 INFORMATION ON REPORTING

As soon as practicable after a child is taken into custody or placed in a facility or program, the facility or program shall provide the child's parents with:

1. Information regarding the reporting of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a juvenile in a facility or program to TJJD; and
2. The TJJD toll-free number for this reporting.

The JJAEP shall take a proactive approach and prominently display signage provided by TJJD regarding a zero-tolerance policy concerning abuse of JJAEP students. The signage must be displayed in:

1. Lobby or visitation areas of the department, program, or facility to which the public has access.
2. Student common areas to include common educational areas, common medical treatment areas (nurse's office) and other common areas.
3. Signs must be posted in both English and Spanish.

§358.230 REPORTING ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

1. **Duty to Report:** Any employee, volunteer, or other individual working under the auspices of a JJAEP program must report an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to TJJD and local law enforcement if the person has reasonable cause to believe a juvenile has been or may be abused, neglected, or exploited or that a juvenile's physical or mental health or welfare has been adversely affected by abuse or neglect.

Non-Delegation of Duty to Report: The duty to report cannot be delegated to another person.

2. Reporting Time Frames:

Except sexual abuse or serious physical abuse: Upon receipt of an allegation/complaint of abuse, neglect, or other exploitation, the first person of knowledge must make a report to TJJD within twenty-four (24) hours from the time knowledge is gained or has a reasonable belief that allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation has occurred.

Sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or death: Upon receipt of an allegation of sexual abuse, serious physical abuse or actual death, a report must be made to law enforcement immediately, but no later than one (1) hour after the time a person gains knowledge or has a reasonable belief that allegation has occurred.

A report to TJJD must be made immediately, but no later than four (4) hours after the time a person gains knowledge of or has reasonable belief that alleged sexual abuse or serious physical abuse, or death has occurred.

3. **Methods for Reporting:** The JJAEP Campus Administrator, JJAEP Administrator or designee shall ensure that law enforcement is notified by telephone. The initial report to TJJD must also be made by telephone using the toll-free number designated by TJJD. Within 24 hours after the initial telephone report to TJJD, a completed Incident Report Form shall be submitted to TJJD via email.

§358.260 PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

JJAEP School Administrators shall notify, or diligent efforts to notify, must be made to the parent(s), guardian(s), and custodian(s) of a juvenile who has died or who is the alleged victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation or was involved in a serious incident. The notice or efforts to notify required by subsection (a) of this section must be made as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours, from the time a person gains knowledge of or has a reasonable belief that the allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation or the death of a juvenile occurred or that a serious incident has occurred.

1. Methods to contact parents are by phone, in writing, or in person.
2. All efforts to provide notification shall be documented on the TJJD Incident Report form and in the internal investigation report.

§358.270 REPORTING OF ALLEGATIONS BY JUVENILES

The El Paso County JJAEP is committed to maintaining a safe, abuse-free environment for all students. In alignment with the Texas Administrative Code §358 and PREA standards, the following measures shall be implemented to protect student rights, encourage reporting, and prevent abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

1. All JJAEP students shall be informed of their right to report allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and the death of a juvenile directly to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).
2. During the JJAEP intake conducted at the campus, students and parents/guardians shall be provided with **APPENDIX R ANE and R1- ANE (SPANISH)** which include TJJD contact information and instructions for reporting allegations.
3. Both the student and parent/guardian shall sign acknowledgment forms upon receipt of the ANE information, and a copy will be provided to the family for reference.
4. The JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) will also advise the students of this right and information on reasonable, free, and confidential access to TJJD to report allegations.
5. If the family attends the JJAEP Family Program Orientation held at JPD, this information and contact number to TJJD will be provided to them as an additional layer of oversight.
6. JJAEP staff shall make every effort to maintain an environment free of coercion, abuse, neglect, exploitation, or any inappropriate conduct and shall remain vigilant for behaviors or indicators that may indicate abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

7. All students will be supervised by JJAEP staff to ensure that they are protected from sexual abuse. Security cameras can be utilized as additional security, but never as a substitute for face-to-face supervision.
8. If a student is identified as vulnerable to sexual abuse, reasonable steps shall be taken to ensure the student's safety, including but not limited to increased supervision, periodic check-ins, and follow-up by JJAEP staff.
9. JJAEP staff shall not be the sole supervisor of students of the opposite gender in situations where students may be vulnerable or exposed. This includes, but is not limited to, searches, restroom breaks, changing areas, or similar activities, except in emergency situations when no alternative supervision is immediately available.
10. Students with disabilities, including those who are deaf, hard of hearing, have speech impairments, limited English proficiency, or other communication barriers, shall be provided reasonable accommodations and unimpeded access to report allegations of sexual abuse through any effective means necessary to facilitate communication.
11. The YISD and Juvenile Probation Department shall not hire, transfer, promote, or permit any individual to have contact with JJAEP students if the individual has engaged in sexual abuse, been convicted of sexual abuse or inappropriate sexual conduct, or is currently under investigation for sexual abuse or inappropriate sexual conduct, consistent with applicable laws and district hiring practices..

§358.280 INTERNAL INVESTIGATION

In every case in which a report of the death of a juvenile or of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation has occurred, an internal investigation must be conducted. The investigation must be conducted by a person qualified by experience or training to conduct a comprehensive investigation.

INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION

The internal investigation must be initiated immediately upon the chief administrative officer or the private facility administrator or their respective designees gaining knowledge of the death of a juvenile or the allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. However, the initiation of the internal investigation will be postponed if:

1. directed by local law enforcement;
2. requested by TJJD OIG, or
3. after consultation with local law enforcement or TJJD OIG, it is determined that the integrity of potential evidence could be compromised.

If the employee is a JPD employee, volunteer, or contracted provider, JPD Administration will assign an investigator(s) and the Department's Internal Investigation Protocol will be followed. There will be instances when the investigator is assigned from other sections of the department rather than the section from which the alleged perpetrator is assigned, to ensure the integrity of the internal investigation.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES

An internal investigation must be conducted and documents prepared and submitted in accordance with TJJD required timelines. **(SEE APPENDIX Q - INTERNAL INVESTIGATION FORM)**

1. The initiation or completion of an investigation may be postponed if directed by law enforcement, requested by TJJD or the integrity of potential evidence could be compromised.
2. School district officials, school administrators, and staff, to include interns and volunteers are required to cooperate with the TJJD investigators and law enforcement investigating the reported case of an alleged abuse neglect and exploitation matter.
3. All JJAEP staff members, school districts, and JPD officials are required to cooperate fully and truthfully with any investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect.
4. School Administrators will make every effort to identify and make available for questioning all people with knowledge of abuse, neglect and exploitation or death which is the subject of a TJJD investigation.
5. For complaints that meet the Texas Family Code definition of abuse, neglect or misconduct, investigator(s) will:

- a. Ensure that the JJAEP employee, intern, or volunteer who receives or witnesses the incident submits their report to TJJD within the required timeline.
 - b. Ensure that law enforcement and/or other relevant parties are notified, i.e., DFPS, parents of victim(s), victim(s), JJAEP Administrator, etc. (within six (6) hours of getting the assignment from their respective school district administration).
6. The JJAEP School Administrator or JJAEP/JPD designated officer in charge must always conduct a visual and verbal injury assessment after an incident or allegation of abuse and ensure it is documented on the incident report.
7. If any injury is reported or there is visual evidence of injury, the student must be seen by the nurse or physician immediately.
8. If a nurse or physician is not available, arrangements will be made for immediate transport to area hospital.
9. If a student makes an allegation of sexual abuse, the nurse or physician will immediately examine him or her.
10. A written medical assessment must be completed by the nurse or physician and made available to the investigating officer, including any other documentation or information that may be relevant to the investigation.
11. Contact the alleged perpetrator(s) and schedule a formal meeting within forty-eight (48) hours.
12. As per [Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 358.440](#) all persons must fully cooperate with any investigation of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the death of a juvenile.
13. An employee, intern or volunteer who has been identified as an alleged perpetrator has the right to refuse to be interviewed. However, the alleged perpetrator must cooperate with the investigation to the extent that the investigation does not violate individual rights against self-incrimination.
14. The alleged perpetrator(s) may have no contact with the alleged victim(s) or any other student served by the Juvenile Probation Department pending the conclusion of the internal investigation.
15. Collect and review all evidence related to the allegation. Include all documents, notes, receipts, computer printouts, chronological entries, grievances, incident reports, medical reports and video surveillance related to the allegations. All efforts will be made to collect written and oral statements from all persons with direct knowledge of the alleged incident.
16. A medical assessment must be completed if allegation is physical or sexual in nature or involves neglect or exploitation.
17. Schedule specific times for interviews with the complainant, sources of information, possible witnesses, and alleged offenders. Prepare questions sheet and all necessary forms beforehand.
18. If the JJAEP Administrator or Campus Administrator is the person alleged to have abused, neglected, or exploited a juvenile, the Juvenile Board Chair or School Board Chair or designees must place administrator on administrative leave or reassign him/her to a position having no contact with the alleged victim, relatives or the alleged victim or other juveniles.
19. An investigator will be appointed who is not the person alleged to have abused, neglected, or exploited the student, is not a subordinate of such person and is not a law enforcement officer currently acting as the criminal investigator for the same allegation.
20. Law enforcement may initiate a criminal investigation into the matter and report must be made to law enforcement, if deemed necessary by this standard.
21. An investigator will be appointed who is not the person alleged to have abused, neglected, or exploited the student, is not a subordinate of such person and is not a law enforcement officer currently acting as the criminal investigator for the same allegation.

OTHER: A Campus Administrator may also utilize ISD policy or Employee Code of Conduct as a guide to any misconduct or violation of policy on allegations, which do not rise to the defined level of serious physical abuse or sexual abuse made by students. Administrators have a duty to investigate conduct, which is the basis of the complaint made by students of unnecessary physical force or inappropriate contact or conduct (**SEE GRIEVANCE PROCESS**).

1. Areas to consider are whether incident was reported to administration, whether a discipline referral was made to include any witness statements to justify any use of force, inappropriate physical contact, or inappropriate conduct; and;
2. Whether any violation of JJAEP or ISD policy or Code of Ethics or Conduct occurred.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EMPLOYEES

If allegation against an ISD employee is disclosed to a JPD staff member, such information will be relayed in writing to the JJAEP Campus Administrator and District Associate Superintendent. Conversely, if an allegation against a JPD employee is disclosed to an ISD employee, such information will be relayed in writing to the JJAEP Administrator and JPD Chain of Command, if allegation is against the JJAEP Administrator.

WRITTEN AND ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED STATEMENTS

Diligent efforts shall be made to obtain written and electronically recorded statements from all persons with direct knowledge of the alleged incident.

ASSIGNMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE DURING INVESTIGATIONS

The JJAEP Campus Administrator has the discretion to either reassign or place person alleged to have abused, neglected, or exploited a JJAEP student on administrative leave or reassigned to a position having to contact with the alleged victim, relatives of the alleged victim, or other JJAEP students.

If alleged perpetrator(s) is/are not placed on administrative leave, then person must be reassigned within the district to a position having no contact with any students in the facility until the conclusion of the investigation. Employees placed on administrative leave may or may not be paid, at the discretion of the School District.

§358.290 CORRECTIVE MEASURES

At the conclusion of the internal investigation, the JJAEP Campus Administrations involved shall take appropriate corrective measures, if warranted, which may include, but not limited to:

1. Review policies and procedures pertinent to the alleged incident;
2. Revision/modification of any policies or procedures (as appropriate).
3. Administrative disciplinary action or appropriate personnel actions against all persons found to have abused, neglected, exploited a juvenile; or otherwise violated policy.
4. The provision of additional training for all appropriate persons to ensure the safety of the juveniles, employees, interns, volunteers, contractors, and service providers.

§358.300 INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

An internal investigative report must be completed at the conclusion of each internal investigation resulting from an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation or the death of a juvenile. The internal investigative report must include:

1. the date the internal investigation was initiated;
2. the date the internal investigation was completed;
3. the date the alleged victim's parent, guardian, or custodian was notified of the allegation, or documentation that diligent efforts to provide the notification were made;
4. a summary of the original allegation;
5. relevant policies and procedures related to the incident;
6. a summary or listing of the steps taken during the internal investigation;
7. a written summary of the content of all oral interviews conducted;

8. a listing of all evidence collected during the internal investigation, including all audio and/or video recordings and polygraph examinations;
9. relevant findings of the investigation that support the disposition;
10. one of the following dispositions:
 - a. founded, which means the evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the conduct that formed the basis of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred or that other conduct constituting abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred;
 - b. unfounded, which means the evidence indicates the conduct that formed the basis of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation did not occur and no other conduct constituting abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred; or
 - c. inconclusive, which means the evidence does not clearly indicate whether or not the conduct that formed the basis of an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred or other conduct constituting abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred.
11. the date the internal investigative report was completed;
12. the names of all persons who participated in conducting the internal investigation;
13. the name and signature of the person who submitted the internal investigative report; and the administrative action, disciplinary action, or corrective measures taken to date, if applicable (e.g., terminated, suspended, retrained, returned to duty, or none).

If disciplinary action is imposed after the submission of the internal investigative report, the JJAEP Administrator or designee must notify TJJD of the disciplinary action no later than five calendar days after the disciplinary action is imposed.

CONCLUSION OF INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTING OF FINDINGS:

1. All persons involved such as the alleged perpetrator, victim, and complainant, etc., must be informed that they will be notified of the outcome as soon as that is determined.
2. At the conclusion of the collection of evidence and interviews, the investigator will take the following steps:
 - a. Summarize the nature of the complaint and allegation against the alleged perpetrator.
 - b. Summarize the steps taken during the investigation.
 - c. Obtain and review material evidence.
 - d. Summarize findings and recommendations and take appropriate measures to provide for the safety of the children (use relevant laws, regulations, policies, and procedures). If it is found that a Code of Ethics violation has occurred and staff member is a certified Juvenile Probation Officer, a separate investigation will be reported to TJJD in accordance with TJJD standards §345.300.
3. The assigned disposition of the internal investigation report shall indicate: founded, unfounded or inconclusive.
4. The investigator(s) (consisting of a district investigator, JPD or a TJJD investigator) may need to submit his/her written report to their supervisor (only as appropriate) if agency policies require a final approval and may make additional necessary revisions or incorporate further recommendations.
5. The summary and all relevant documentation will be reviewed and approved by district officials and their respective HR, and General Counsel when necessary.
6. The investigator(s) will report findings to the ISD Superintendent, to TJJD, the JPD designated person and JPD Administration.
7. Final version of the internal investigation will be submitted to school district officials. The investigating staff will provide periodic status reports of the ongoing investigation to the district and JPD, as appropriate.
8. The conclusions will be discussed with all relevant parties (alleged victim(s) and perpetrator(s)). All disciplinary actions, if applicable, will be administered within 24-48 hours of approval of the investigation and findings.

9. TJJD will be faxed a written copy of the final report of the investigation within thirty (30) business days after the initial report to TJJD. This timeframe may be extended upon request. Completed report must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the investigation's conclusion, and no more than five (5) calendar days later. The report will include all written statements, medical documentation, training records and any other pertinent information.
10. In case of the death of a student, an internal investigation report must be submitted to the State Attorney General's office within thirty (30) days and to the TJJD within ten (10) days of conclusion.

Other recommendations that may be considered (based on severity of case and appropriate factors) may be a review of pertinent policies, administrative disciplinary action (for affirmative findings of ANE or policy violations), and additional training of students, employees, interns/volunteers, contractors, and service providers. Administrators will take all ANE allegations seriously and provide necessary administrative action when violations of policy or affirmative findings occur to ensure for the ongoing safety of JJAEP students.

(SEE APPENDIX Q - INTERNAL INVESTIGATION FORM)

§358.310 SUBMISSION OF INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Upon conclusion of the investigation, the report, outcome, and any recommendations will be forwarded to the JJAEP Administrator and ISD Associate Superintendent within five (5) school days.

The following documentation collected during internal investigation must be submitted to TJJD within thirty (30) days after initial report to TJJD:

1. Written statements.
2. Relevant medical documentation.
3. Training records, if applicable.
4. Any other documentation used to reach the disposition of the internal investigation.

§358.220 DATA RECONCILIATION

For all allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the death of a JJAEP student, and serious incidents occurring within the annual TJJD reporting period, the below data must be provided to TJJD via the ANE Reconciliation Data spreadsheet. The initial report will include the following information. The data must include:

1. name and Personal Identification Number (PID) of each alleged victim;
2. name and date of birth of each subject of investigation
3. date and time of alleged incident;
4. date the alleged incident was reported to TJJD;
5. type of alleged incident (i.e., abuse, neglect, exploitation, death, or serious incident);
6. type of injury, if applicable;
7. whether the alleged incident was restraint-related and, if so, what type of restraint was involved (i.e., personal, mechanical, or chemical);
8. disposition of internal investigation (i.e., founded, unfounded, or inconclusive); and
9. county-generated case identification number.

§348.224 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

(a) Adoption. (1) The JJAEP student code of conduct must be adopted annually by the juvenile board and must describe and define in writing the JJAEP's behavior management system. (2) The JJAEP Administrator must: (A) conduct an annual review of the student code of conduct after the conclusion of each school year and before the beginning of the next school year; and (B) no later than October 1 of each year, submit to TJJD documentation verifying the review was completed. **(b) Notice to Students, Parents, and Staff.** (1) The JJAEP student code of conduct must be provided to each student and to the student's parent, guardian, or custodian upon the student's entry into the JJAEP. (2) The student code of conduct must be reviewed with each student and the student's parent, guardian, or custodian and must be translated if necessary to ensure understanding of the content by all parties. (3) Acknowledgment of receipt of the student code of conduct signed by the student and by his/her parent, guardian, or custodian must be maintained in each student's file. (4) No later than the first day of each school year, each JJAEP staff member must sign an acknowledgement that he/she has read and understands the student code of conduct. This acknowledgement must be maintained in the staff's personnel file. (5) The student code of conduct must be readily accessible to every JJAEP staff member. **(c) Discipline and Sanctions.** The student code of conduct must include the following: (1) prohibited conduct described as minor violations and major violations and the corresponding disciplinary consequences available for each violation; (2) a description of the disciplinary process, including safeguards designed to promote consistent application of the process; (3) circumstances that will allow a student's removal from the classroom with staff supervision; (4) circumstances under which a student may be placed into another educational setting; (5) due-process procedures; and (6) a prohibition on one student sanctioning another student. **(d) Prohibited Sanctions.** (1) The following sanctions are prohibited in the JJAEP, and their prohibition must be noted in the student code of conduct: (A) corporal punishment, physical abuse, humiliating punishment, and hazing; (B) physical exercises imposed for discipline or intimidation, except as allowed under paragraph (2) of this subsection; (C) deprivation of food and water; and (D) expulsion from the JJAEP. (2) Physical exercise may be used for discipline only if: (A) the JJAEP operates an intensive physical activity program; (B) the JJAEP has established written policies and procedures that include limitations on the types of physical activity that may be used for discipline; and (C) the physical exercise does not cause bodily duress (i.e., physical punishment to the body). **(e) Dress Code.** The student code of conduct may establish a dress code or require uniforms for students in attendance.

POLICY

It is the policy of the El Paso County Juvenile Board to adopt the **YISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT (APPENDIX B)** for implementation within the El Paso County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). This code outlines key student expectations and consequences and includes the following components:

- Discipline procedures and sanctions
- Prohibited disciplinary practices
- Dress code requirements
- Grievance procedures
- Sexual abuse prevention and reporting protocols

In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and applicable district policy, the Student Code of Conduct also details prevention, intervention, and reporting procedures for incidents involving sexual abuse. All students and their parents/guardians are required to sign an acknowledgement form upon receipt of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct.

A. ADOPTION PROCEDURE

El Paso County JJAEP adopts the Ysleta Independent School District's Student Code of Conduct through formal approval by the Juvenile Board, thereby establishing the behavior management framework for the program. YISD has implemented an in-house suspension system, whereby out-of-school suspension will be considered a last resort if other forms of behavioral management have been ineffective, or infraction requires removal from the campus (out-of-school suspension). Disruptive students may be removed from the classroom and placed in SAC. Students will be monitored and have continuous visual observation by JJAEP staff while being placed in SAC or in-school suspension (ISS).

B. NOTICE TO STAFF, STUDENT, PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. Students, parents, guardians, or custodians will receive a JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) at the time of intake.
2. Upon receipt and review, a signature will be required on the Acknowledgment of receipt of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC).

3. A copy of the Acknowledgment form will be placed in the student's JJAEP electronic case file.
4. Prior to the start of the school year at the JJAEP Annual Refresher Training and during New Orientation Training at JPD, JJAEP staff will be provided with an electronic storage device containing the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC), and other pertinent JJAEP documents. All JJAEP staff will be required to sign an acknowledgment which will be maintained in their personnel electronic file.

C. DISCIPLINE AND SANCTIONS

The JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) outlines sanctions and disciplinary procedures applicable to students for specific behaviors, ensuring due process protections. The JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) will include sanctions and disciplinary procedures, including prohibited behaviors and conduct, disciplinary consequences, circumstances for classroom removal, and conditions for placement in another educational setting. YISD has adopted the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) as a supplement to its Student Code of Conduct (SCC).

D. DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

During the student's enrollment, discipline shall be designed to improve conduct and to encourage students to adhere to their responsibilities as members of the school community. Disciplinary actions will be based on the professional judgment of teachers and administrators. Discipline shall be correlated to the seriousness of the offense/infraction, a disability that impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct, the frequency of misbehavior, a student's disciplinary history, the student's attitude, whether the student was acting in self-defense, the effect of the misconduct on the school environment, intent, or lack of intent at the time of the alleged incident of misconduct, and statutory requirements.

1. STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES

- a. Discipline for students with disabilities must comply with applicable state and federal laws, including the district's Student Code of Conduct.
- b. In accordance with the Education Code, students enrolled in Special Education programs (SPED) may not be disciplined for bullying, harassment, or making hit lists until an ARD meeting has been conducted to review the student's behavior.
- c. The JJAEP shall take into consideration a disability that substantially impairs a JJAEP SPED student's ability to understand the wrongfulness of their conduct.

2. MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

- a. Verbal correction (oral or written).
- b. Cooling-off time or "timeout".
- c. Seating changes within the classroom or bus transportation.
- d. Counseling by teachers, counselors, or administrative personnel.
- e. Parent/teacher conferences.
- f. Grade reductions for late assignments or academic dishonesty (including but not limited to cheating, copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination).
- g. Assignment of community service.
- h. Withdrawal of privileges, such as participation in extracurricular activities.
- i. In-School Suspension (ISS). The term of the removal may prohibit the student from attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities. ISS may exceed three (3) days if reviewed every ten (10) school days by the JJAEP Campus Administrator.
- j. Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) may be imposed only when behavior is repeated and significant or threatens safety.
- k. Call to law enforcement for new offense committed at the JJAEP.
- l. Restitution for damage.

- m. Notice of Absence will be issued for violation of the Texas Compulsory Attendance Law. In accordance with this law, referrals will be made, as required to school district employees, as necessary and ultimately to a Truancy Court which may assess a fine and impose other requirements to prevent truancy.
- n. Other strategies and consequences as determined by school officials.
- o. Due to JJAEP expulsion, further expulsion is not an option, and any of the above consequences may occur.
- p. Due to JJAEP status, for a student under formal or informal supervision under the 65th District Court, negative behavior (whether a disciplinary referral is given or not) is reported to the Juvenile Probation Department and may result in further consequences imposed by a Juvenile Probation Officer or the 65th District Court.

3. EXPECTATION OF JJAEP STUDENTS

- a. Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
- b. Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
- c. Attend all classes, regularly and on time.
- d. Meet district and campus standards of grooming and dress.
- e. Obey all campus and classroom rules.
- f. Respect the rights and privileges of students, teachers, administrators, district staff, and volunteers.
- g. Respect the property of others, including district property and facilities.
- h. Cooperate with and assist the school staff in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.
- i. Adhere to the requirements of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct.

4. BEHAVIOR COORDINATOR ROLE

- a. The responsibility of the Behavior Coordinator Role is taken by the principal of the JJAEP in El Paso County or designated person. Any inappropriate conduct that occurs is reported to the JJAEP Administrator and assigned Juvenile Probation Officer, who will document the conduct/incident.
- b. Consequences for any negative behavior are explained during the JJAEP intake to both the student and their parent/guardian; it is also outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and JJAEP Policies and Procedures.
- c. When a major infraction of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct occurs or a serious incident (as defined by TJJD) occurs, the Campus Behavior Coordinator or designated person (if in a District of Innovation) must document the behavior through a disciplinary referral, noting any action taken. Notification to parent(s)/guardian(s) will be made as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after a disciplinary referral has been given or suspension or removal from the classroom into the In-School Suspension (ISS) occurs. The disciplinary referral must be submitted to the JJAEP Administrator and/or assigned Juvenile Probation Officer, who documents the incident in JMIS and uploads the referral into the youth's profile.
- d. Behavior management may involve counseling, suspension, conferences with parents/JPO or placement in ISS or OSS. If an arrest is warranted, further consequences may be incurred. Possible school-based consequences include the following:
 - i. **Suspension** – May be warranted in cases where there has been a serious violation of school rules/policies. The JJAEP Campus Administrator will have the discretion to suspend the student. Suspension is rare as sending the student home is not conducive to the JJAEP philosophy of maintaining the student in school.
 - ii. **In-School Suspension (ISS)** – When appropriate, will be used in place of suspension, particularly when the student engages in persistent class disruption. ISS may exceed three (3) days if reviewed every ten (10) school days by the JJAEP Campus Administrator.

- iii. **Arrest** – Warranted if an offense occurs on school grounds or during transport on a district school bus.
- iv. **Counseling** – Provided for any inappropriate conduct/incident where there may have been a display of anger, threats to cause harm to staff or students. Such action will help intervene and prevent further incidents.
- v. **Conferences** – Notification to parents, administrators, JJAEP staff, and Juvenile Probation Officers will be made when there is a serious incident or recurrent inappropriate behavior such as bullying, harassment, or making hit lists. Conferences will be held by some or all of the above parties to prevent more serious consequences.
- vi. **Juvenile Probation Officer/JJAEP Administrator** – Will address the behavior/incident with the student and will inform the court of incidents if applicable.
- vii. **Home Visits** – Will be conducted if there is persistent unexcused absences. JJAEP Campus Administrator, Case Managers, Counselors, and/or Juvenile Probation Officer may conduct the home visit.
- viii. **Court Ordered Counseling Services** – The student’s counselor/therapist may be contacted by the Juvenile Probation Officer to discuss behaviors displayed in the school setting.

E. PROHIBITED SANCTIONS

The JJAEP Student Code of Conduct lists prohibited sanctions including, corporal punishment, physical abuse, humiliating punishment, hazing, deprivation of food and water, allowing one student to sanction another, expulsion from a JJAEP or imposing physical exercises/activity as a form of discipline or intimidation.

F. DRESS CODE PROCEDURES

PURPOSE: The dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

1. UNIFORM APPEARANCE

- a. **Expectations:** Students are expected to arrive in school uniform and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or to others.
- b. **Compliance:** Students who are out of compliance will be given an opportunity to correct the problem. Failure to correct the problem will require an immediate parent conference.
- c. **Severe Violations:** Students with severe violations will be sent home to change into appropriate clothing and must return to campus immediately. Failure to return will result in an unexcused absence.
- d. **Continued Noncompliance:** May result in a disciplinary referral.
- e. **Assistance with Uniform Items:** Campus Administrators will communicate and work collaboratively with the JJAEP Administrator in the event a JJAEP student requires assistance in obtaining uniform items.

2. FACIAL APPEARANCE:

- a. **No facial hair is permitted.** Beards, goatees, and mustaches are not allowed. Non-complying students will be escorted to the restroom by parent/guardian to shave, and the parent/guardian will be required to provide razors.
- b. **Sideburns** are allowed down to mid-ear only and must be maintained at all times.
- c. **Cutting or shaving of eyebrows is NOT permitted.**
- d. **Tongue or facial piercings are NOT permitted.**

- e. All fingernails must be kept short and trimmed. Nail polish or artificial nails are not permitted. Nails must not extend beyond the tips of the finger.
- f. No makeup of any kind is permitted, including but not limited to lipstick, concealer, foundation, primer, lip gloss, ChapStick, blush, eyeliner, brow liner, eyeshadow, and mascara.
- g. Makeup will be confiscated and not returned.
- h. Non-compliant students will be escorted to the restroom to wash off makeup.

3. TATTOOS:

All tattoos on the arms and neck must be covered with a white long-sleeve undershirt or other approved items by the Campus Administrator.

4. HAIRCUTS:

- a. All students must maintain a clean appearance at all times.
- b. Hair must not cover face or eyes.
- c. No spiked hair (no more than 1 inch in length) or Mohawks allowed.
- d. Student's hair must be of a natural hair color (no colors that may cause a distraction).
- e. Hair should be shampooed regularly.

5. JEWELRY:

For security reasons, no jewelry is allowed. This includes watches, necklaces, rings, and body piercings. Any jewelry brought in will be confiscated.

6. SHIRTS:

- a. Forrest Green polo shirts are required for High School JJAEP students; Navy Blue polo shirts are required for Middle School JJAEP students.
- b. Shirts must remain tucked in at all times.
- c. Students must wear only plain white undergarments under their shirts. Females must wear a white bra under their shirt.
- d. Shirts must be kept clean at all times.
- e. Shirts must be well maintained, free from wrinkles, tears, or any other damage.
- f. Oversized shirts are not permitted.

7. PANTS/BELTS:

- a. Khaki pleated or straight-front Dockers-style or dress slacks are required.
- b. Pants must be worn at or above the waistline at all times.
- c. No baggy pants, bell-bottoms, cut pant legs, dragging pant legs, capris, hip huggers/low-rise, jeans, cargo pants, leggings, or side pockets are allowed.
- d. Pants must be the appropriate size for the student, not to exceed ONE INCH LARGER than their waist, and not excessively tight to avoid creating a distraction.
- e. Pant length should touch the top of the shoe's heel and not be frayed at the edges. Extra gym shorts under the pants will not be permitted.

8. SHOES:

- a. Black dress shoes or solid black tennis shoes with regular width black shoelaces are required.
- b. Thick or colored shoelaces are not allowed. Shoes must remain laced and tied properly throughout the day.
- c. Extra socks in shoes are not permitted.
- d. Open-toed shoes such as sandals or steel-toed shoes are not allowed.
- e. Socks must be plain WHITE without any visible logo or design.

9. WINTER CLOTHING:

- a. A matching colored hooded or regular sweatshirt is required for cold weather conditions. Uniforms are available with the school administration.
- b. Black or white sweatshirts must FIT the student. Oversized sweatshirts are not allowed.
- c. White long sleeve shirts may be worn under student's polo shirt.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- a. Cell phones and pagers are strictly prohibited at all times.
- b. No electronic equipment of any kind is allowed, including electronic cigarette, toys, video games, tablets, laptops, smartwatch, headphones, etc.
- c. No weapons of any type are permitted, including small pocketknives and/or cutting instruments. Possession of certain illegal or location-restricted knives may result in criminal charges.
- d. Students shall not possess fireworks, smoke or stink bombs, or any other pyrotechnic device.
- e. Food, beverages, gum, and candy will be confiscated if brought onto the premises.
- f. Any loose items found in pockets or notebooks will be confiscated and not returned, including personal items.
- g. Students will not be allowed to enter the restroom while in possession of any type of writing utensil. Pens and pencils will be confiscated and not returned.
- h. Students will not be permitted to bring wallets, purses, or money.

(f) Grievance Procedures. The student code of conduct must state: (1) which issues are grievable and not grievable; (2) the process by which a student may submit a grievance; (3) the method(s) by which students may obtain and submit a grievance without the assistance or permission of staff; (4) that retaliation by staff against a student for submitting a grievance is prohibited; (5) that the student will receive a written response within five school days after submitting the grievance; (6) that, upon request, a student's parent, guardian, or custodian will be provided a copy of a grievance submitted by the student, including the response; (7) the deadline for submitting an appeal of the initial response, which must be no earlier than five school days after the student receives the initial response; and (8) that the student will receive a written response within 10 school days after submitting an appeal.

POLICY

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- 1. The JJAEP shall maintain a grievance procedure to address complaints or concerns raised by students or parents/guardians regarding alleged mistreatment, instructional, or programmatic issues, or perceived violations of student's rights by staff members, JJAEP policies, procedures, or other students. Retaliation in any form against a student or parent/guardian who files a grievance or participates in the grievance process is strictly prohibited. The grievance procedure shall ensure that each student and parent/guardian is afforded at least one level of appeal for all grievance complaints. Complaints shall be reviewed and resolved in a fair, timely, and impartial manner, and documentation of all grievances and their dispositions shall be maintained by the JJAEP Administrator.
- 2. Upon request, a copy of each grievance submitted by a student shall be provided to the student's parent/guardian. **(SEE APPENDIX S – JJAEP STUDENT GRIEVANCE FORM)**
- 3. Students and parents/guardians may submit the grievance form to a staff member at the JJAEP Campus (Counselor, Administrator, CIS) or may go directly to YISD's Department of Student Services at 9600 Sims Drive, El Paso, Texas 79925 or 915-434-0743. Student or parent/guardian may also contact the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer or the Diversionary and JJAEP Programs Supervisor, Ramon E. Hernandez at 915-

273-3491 Ext. 2110 or by email at Ram.Hernandez@epcountytexas.gov to further discuss the issue or submit grievance.

COMPLAINTS

1. General complaints should be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level. General complaints or questions regarding campus level decisions should be addressed with the School Principal/Assistant Principal and/or the JJAEP Administrator. If student or parent/guardian does not believe a complaint or grievance was appropriately addressed, efforts should be made to discuss the complaint with the School Principal or Assistant Principal.
2. Students are encouraged to discuss and attempt to resolve problems directly with JJAEP operational staff whenever possible. The JJAEP staff will take reasonable and appropriate steps in an attempt to correct the problem. If unable to resolve the matter, students can report it to the JJAEP Administrator or School Principal/Assistant Principal verbally or in writing. A Student Grievance Form must be provided to the student upon request by school staff.
3. Grievance procedures shall ensure that each student is afforded one level of appeal on all grievance complaints. The JJAEP Administrator, Principal, or Assistant Principal will investigate the grievance and attempt to resolve it. Upon request, a student's parent/ guardian will be provided a copy of the Student Grievance Form, including the response within five (5) school days after submitting the grievance. Efforts to resolve the matter will be documented on a Student Grievance Review form, which will serve as verification as to what actions were taken by the administration to address the grievance. **(SEE APPENDIX – S1 JJAEP STUDENT GRIEVANCE REVIEW FORM FOR ADMINISTRATORS)**.
4. Copies will be forwarded to the JJAEP Administrator and uploaded in the student's file. Upon request, a student's parent/guardian will be provided with a copy of the Student Grievance Form, including the response and findings.
5. If not satisfied with the response provided by School Administrators or the JJAEP Administrator, students or parents/guardians have the right to appeal to YISD's Department of Student Services or the Juvenile Probation Department and appeal.
6. The deadline for submitting an appeal of the initial response must be no earlier than five (5) school days after receiving the initial response. The student will receive a written response within ten (10) school days after submitting an appeal.

GRIEVANCE FORM FOR PARENTS

El Paso County JJAEP facilities will respond quickly to all complaints/grievances from parents/guardians or members of the community against any employee of the Juvenile Probation Department and/or employees of the YISD. Corrective action will be taken if deemed necessary. Parents/Guardians must receive a copy of the JJAEP STUDENT GRIEVANCE REVIEW FORM FOR ADMINISTRATORS and will sign to acknowledge receipt. **(SEE APPENDIX S1 - GRIEVANCE REVIEW FORM FOR ADMINISTRATORS)**. A copy of the Student Grievance Form is attached to this Student Code of Conduct.

(g) Sexual Abuse. The student code of conduct must include information relating to the JJAEP's zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse. The information provided must address the following: (1) prevention and intervention; (2) methods of minimizing risk of sexual abuse; (3) reporting sexual abuse and assault; and (4) treatment and counseling.

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SEXUAL ABUSE PROCEDURES

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT OF 2003 (PREA)

When sexual abuse or other related outcry is made or need determined, service referrals must be made to an appropriate school-based or community-based provider that can adequately address student's needs. Regarding sexual abuse, a referral to CENTER AGAINST SEXUAL AND FAMILY VIOLENCE would be appropriate.

§348.300 TJJD PERFORMANCE REPORTS

(a) TJJD completes a JJAEP performance assessment report as required by the General Appropriations Act (GAA). The report addresses factors identified by the GAA. TJJD provides each JJAEP administrator and each chief administrative officer with a copy of the report. (b) At mandatory JJAEPs (i.e., JJAEPs whose operation is required by law), the JJAEP Administrator must provide a copy of the report to the juvenile board and to the superintendent of each school district that participates in the JJAEP.

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In accordance with Texas Administrative Code and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) guidelines, it is the policy of the El Paso County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) to utilize biennial performance data provided by TJJD to assess program effectiveness. The data evaluates each mandatory JJAEP across key measures to determine the extent to which the program is meeting its performance objectives.

PROCEDURE

1. Every two (2) years, TJJD publishes a statewide JJAEP Performance Report reflecting statistical and performance data from each county's JJAEP program.
2. Upon publication, the JJAEP Administrator will disseminate the report to the El Paso Juvenile Board, the Chairman of the YISD School Board, Superintendents of Participating Districts, JJAEP Campus Administrators, other relevant stakeholders participating in overseeing the JJAEP.
3. The report will provide a comparison of the El Paso County JJAEP's performance relative to other counties in areas including, but not limited to, student attendance, academic performance, behavioral outcomes, successful transition rates, recidivism rates, and compliance.

§348.400 FUNDING FOR JJAEPs

(a) Funding for JJAEPs is provided in accordance with requirements in the General Appropriations Act. (b) TJJD will not release funds to a JJAEP until it has received the following: (1) memorandum of understanding with completed signature page(s), as required by [Texas Administrative Code §348.200](#); (2) student code of conduct for the current school year; and (3) school calendar. (c) TJJD will not release funds to a JJAEP whose school calendar is not in compliance with [Section 37.011\(f\), Education Code](#), unless an application for a waiver has been approved by TJJD.

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The El Paso County JJAEP, in partnership with the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) and other participating districts, acknowledges that the daily rate of compensation for educational services is determined by the State of Texas and may be adjusted during the fiscal year. In accordance with Texas Education Code §29.012 and §37.011, participating school districts that provide educational services to pre-adjudicated or post-adjudicated students confined by court order in a juvenile facility operated by a juvenile board are entitled to include those students in their Average Daily Attendance (ADA) for the purposes of Foundation School Program (FSP) funding.

JJAEP MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the El Paso County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program is to provide a safe, structured, and academically enriching environment for students expelled from their home campuses under Texas Education Code, Chapter 37. The program is committed to enabling students to perform at grade level, fostering academic achievement and personal growth, and equipping students with the skills necessary to make responsible decisions, successfully reintegrate into their school communities, and become productive members of society.