

**EL PASO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**



THE DISTRICT
YSLETA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ysleta Independent School District

JJAEP STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

The El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department provides this Student Code of Conduct to parents/guardians and students admitted to the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). Your child has been placed in the JJAEP as a result of an expulsion for one of the mandatory expulsions listed in the table below. The purpose of this publication is to provide information regarding the general rules, expectations, and guidelines for attending and receiving educational services through the JJAEP operated by the Ysleta Independent School District (YISD).

Additionally, a JJAEP brochure is included with this document containing contact information for the participating school district's Campus Principal and Assistant Principals, as well as El Paso County Juvenile Probation JJAEP staff.

We encourage you to read this publication thoroughly and to discuss it with your family. If you have any questions regarding the information contained herein, please contact a Campus Administrator or the JJAEP Administrator for clarification. Students assigned to the JJAEP remain subject to the Ysleta Independent School District's Student Code of Conduct; however, this JJAEP Student Code of Conduct serves as a supplement and may contain additional rules, expectations, sanctions and procedures that must be followed.

Both the student and parent/guardian must sign in the spaces provided below and return this acknowledgment form to the school.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THE EL PASO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM'S STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND COMPLYING WITH THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

Student's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home School: _____ Grade Level: _____

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MISSION STATEMENT

Academically, the mission of the JJAEP is to allow students to perform at grade level.

Mandatory Expulsion Table

Offense Description	Offense Type
Unlawful Weapon: Handgun [PC 46.02(a)]	Mandatory
Unlawful Weapon: Location-Restricted Knife [PC 46.02(a-4)] (For students who are under the age of 18)	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Explosive Weapon [PC 46.05(a)(1)(A)]	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Machine Gun [PC 46.05(a)(1)(B)]	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Short-Barrel Firearm [PC 46.05(a)(1)(C)]	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Armor-Piercing Ammunition [PC 46.05(a)(2)]	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Chemical Dispensing Device [PC 46.05(a)(3)]	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Zip Gun [PC 46.05(a)(4)]	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Tire Deflation Device [PC 46.05(a)(5)]	Mandatory
Prohibited Weapon: Improvised Explosive Device [PC 46.05(a)(6)]	Mandatory
Aggravated Assault [PC 22.02]	Mandatory
Sexual Assault [PC 22.011]	Mandatory
Aggravated Sexual Assault [PC 22.021]	Mandatory
Arson [PC 28.02]	Mandatory
Murder [PC 19.02]	Mandatory
Capital Murder [PC 19.03]	Mandatory
Attempted Murder or Capital Murder [PC 15.01]	Mandatory
Indecency with a Child [PC 21.11]	Mandatory
Kidnapping [PC 20.03]	Mandatory
Aggravated Kidnapping [PC 20.04]	Mandatory
Robbery [PC 29.02]	Mandatory
Aggravated Robbery [PC 29.03]	Mandatory
Manslaughter [PC 19.04]	Mandatory
Criminally Negligent Homicide [PC 19.05]	Mandatory
Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Disabled Individual [PC 21.02]	Mandatory
Felony Drug Offense (excluding Marijuana or THC) [HSC 481]	Mandatory
Burglary [PC 30.02]	Mandatory
Assault Causing Bodily Injury to School Employee or Volunteer [PC 22.01(a)(1)]	Mandatory
Exhibit, Use, or Threaten to Exhibit or Use Firearm [PC 37.125]	Mandatory

JJAEP STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

A. ADOPTION

The Ysleta Independent School District (YISD) has adopted this JJAEP Student Code of Conduct as a supplement to the District's Student Code of Conduct. All students placed in the JJAEP are expected to comply with both the district-wide disciplinary procedures and the specific provisions contained in this JJAEP Student Code of Conduct.

B. NOTICE

Students and their parents, guardians, or custodians shall receive a copy of the JJAEP Student Code of Conduct (SCC) at the time of intake and shall acknowledge receipt by signing the designated form. As part of the student's placement in the JJAEP, families are encouraged to review the YISD Student Code of Conduct, available on the YISD website, which contains comprehensive policies regarding student behavior, expectations, and disciplinary procedures throughout the district.

C. DISCIPLINE AND SANCTIONS

The JJAEP Student Code of Conduct outlines sanctions and disciplinary procedures applicable to students assigned to the program while ensuring due process protections are upheld. The JJAEP Student Code of Conduct adopts and enforces all disciplinary provisions contained in the YISD Student Code of Conduct, while also applying additional guidelines necessary for maintaining a safe, secure, and structured alternative setting.

In accordance with the YISD Student Code of Conduct, all disciplinary action within the JJAEP shall be designed to improve student conduct and to promote positive engagement in the educational environment. Disciplinary consequences shall be determined based upon the professional judgment of teachers and administrators while considering the following factors: seriousness of the offense, student's age and grade level, frequency and nature of the misbehavior, student's attitude and response to correction, impact on the school environment, and statutory requirements. Prohibited student conduct is detailed within the YISD Student Code of Conduct. However, due to the nature of JJAEP placement, the following categories further distinguish major and minor violations.

D. DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES

MAJOR

- Possession of contraband (weapons).
- Possession of or being under the influence of drugs.
- Imminent threats toward any student, teacher, or staff member.
- Destruction of property (may require incident report to TJJD).
- Sexual misconduct (requires incident report to TJJD).
- Assault (requires incident report to TJJD if against another student).
- Sexual assault (requires incident report to TJJD).
- Any incident involving a restraint (requires incident report to TJJD).
- Any incident involving abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation (requires incident report to TJJD).
- Any incident that causes substantial disruption during the school day, whether on or off school campus, this includes any cyberbullying that may have occurred off campus but is manifesting on campus (may require incident report to TJJD).
- Any incident warranting an arrest or meeting the elements of a Class B misdemeanor or higher (may require incident report to TJJD).

MINOR

- Refusal to follow directives from administrators, teachers, or staff.
- Verbal disrespect.

- Derogatory or offensive language
- Antagonizing others.
- Walking off campus.
- Dress code violations.
- Tardies or unexcused absences.

Note: In determining disciplinary consequences, the District shall consider mitigating factors such as self-defense, intent or lack of intent, the student's disciplinary history, and any disability that may impact the student's understanding of the behavior's wrongfulness.

DISCIPLINARY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

Discipline for offenses, unless specified otherwise by law, may involve various techniques and responses, used alone or in combination, including but not limited to:

- Verbal correction (oral or written).
- Cooling-off time or "timeout".
- Seating changes within the classroom.
- Counseling by teachers, counselors, or administrative personnel.
- Parent-teacher conferences.
- 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).
- Assignment of community service.
- Withdrawal of privileges, such as participation in extracurricular activities.
- In-School Suspension (ISS). The term of the removal may prohibit the student from attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activities.
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS).
- Call to law enforcement for new offense committed at the JJAEP.
- Restitution for damage.
- 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.
- Other strategies and consequences as determined by school officials.
- Due to JJAEP expulsion, further expulsion is not an option, and any of the above consequences may occur.
- 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.

If a student is removed from the JJAEP and placed in another setting other than a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), the student will have to return to the JJAEP to complete the expulsion term upon re-enrollment. JJAEP students may have the opportunity to attend summer school, if applicable, to make up credits or fulfill STAAR/EOC testing obligations.

E. JJAEP CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR ROLE

- Any inappropriate conduct occurring within the JJAEP shall be reported to the JJAEP Administrator and, when applicable, the assigned Juvenile Probation Officer, who will document the conduct/incident.
- Consequences for inappropriate conduct shall be explained during the JJAEP school intake to both the student and their parent/guardian. This information is incorporated in the Student Code of Conduct and Policies and Procedures for staff.

- When inappropriate conduct or an incident occurs, the JJAEP Campus Administrator must document the behavior through a disciplinary referral, noting any action taken. Parents or guardians shall be notified when a student is suspended or assigned to In-School Suspension (ISS). The disciplinary referral must be submitted to the JJAEP Administrator, who documents the incident in JMIS and uploads the referral into the youth's profile.
- Behavior management may involve counseling, suspension, conferences with parents/Juvenile Probation Officer, or placement in ISS. If an arrest is warranted, further consequences may be incurred. Possible school-based consequences include the following:
 - 1) **Suspension** – May be warranted when serious violation of school rules or policies occur. The JJAEP Campus Administrator shall 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.
 - 2) **In-School Suspension (ISS)** – ISS should be utilized whenever appropriate in lieu of suspension. ISS may be extended beyond prior limits, provided the campus conducts a formal review every 10 instructional days, documenting progress or required modifications in support plans
 - 3) **Arrest** – Warranted if an offense occurs on school grounds or during transport on a district school bus.
 - 4) **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.
 - 5) **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.
 - 6) **Juvenile Probation Officer/JJAEP Administrator** – May address behavioral concerns directly with the student and notify the court when appropriate.
 - 7) **Home Visits** – May be conducted if there is persistent unexcused absences. JJAEP Campus Administrator, Case Managers, Counselors, and/or Juvenile Probation Officer may conduct the home visit.
 - 8) **Court Ordered Counseling Services** – Service providers and therapists may be contacted to discuss behaviors observed within the educational setting and coordinate appropriate interventions.

F. EXPECTATIONS OF JJAEP STUDENTS

JJAEP students are expected to:

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

G. PROHIBITED SANCTIONS

The following disciplinary sanctions are strictly prohibited:

- Corporal punishment, physical abuse, humiliating punishment, or hazing.
- Deprivation of food and water.
- Allowing one student to sanction another.
- Expulsion from a JJAEP.
- Imposing physical exercises/activity as a form of discipline or intimidation.

H. DRESS CODE

The dress code is established to promote good grooming and hygiene, maintain safety and security, minimize disruptions to the educational environment, and encourage respect for authority.

Uniform Appearance:

- **Expectations:** Students shall arrive at school in proper uniform attire and groomed in a manner that is clean, neat, and does not present a health or safety hazard to themselves or to others.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Continued Noncompliance:** May result in a disciplinary referral.
- **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.

Facial Appearance:

- **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.**
- Sideburns are allowed down to mid-ear only and must be maintained at all times.
- Cutting or shaving of eyebrows is NOT permitted.
- Tongue or facial piercings are NOT permitted.
- **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.
- 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.
- Makeup will be confiscated and not returned.
- **Non-compliant students will be escorted to the restroom to wash off makeup.**

Tattoos:

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

Haircuts:

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

Jewelry:

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

Shirts:

- Forrest Green polo shirts are required for High School JJAEP students; Navy Blue polo shirts are required for Middle School JJAEP students.

- Shirts must remain tucked in at all times.
- Students must wear only **plain white undergarments** under their shirts. Females must wear a white bra under their shirt.
- Shirts must be kept clean at all times.
- Shirts must be well maintained, free from wrinkles, tears, or any other damage.
- Oversized shirts are not permitted.

Pants/Belts:

- **Khaki pleated or straight-front** Dockers-style or dress slacks are required.
- Pants must be worn **at or above the waistline** at all times.
- 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.
- **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.**
- 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.

Shoes:

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

Winter Clothing:

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

Additional Items:

- Cell phones and pagers are strictly prohibited at all times.
- Electronic devices, including electronic cigarettes, toys, gaming devices, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, headphones, and similar items are prohibited.
- 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.
- Students shall not possess fireworks, smoke or stink bombs, or any other pyrotechnic device.
- Food, beverages, gum, and candy will be confiscated if brought onto the premises.
- Any loose items found in pockets or notebooks will be confiscated and not returned, including personal items.
- 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.
- Students **will not** be permitted to bring wallets, purses, or money.

I. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The El Paso County JJAEP provides a grievance procedure to address complaints or concerns from students and parents/guardians regarding mistreatment, instructional concerns, programmatic issues, or alleged violations of student's rights by staff, policies, or another student. Retaliation in any form against a student who files a grievance is strictly prohibited. A copy of the grievance form is attached to this packet. Students and parents/guardians may submit the grievance form to any JJAEP staff member, Counselor, Campus

Administrator, or directly to the YISD's Department of Student Services located 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@epcountytx.gov to further discuss the issue or submit grievance.

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.

- **Initial Discussion** = Students are encouraged to discuss and attempt to resolve problems directly with JJAEP operational staff whenever possible.
- **Reporting to Administrators** = If unable to resolve the matter, students can report it to the 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.
- **Investigation and Response** = The JJAEP Administrator, Principal, or Assistant Principal will investigate the grievance and attempt to resolve it. The student will receive a written response within five (5) school days after submitting the grievance.
- **Documentation** = Efforts to resolve the matter will be documented on a Student Grievance Review Form for Administrators. 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.
- **Appeal Process** = 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.
- **Deadline for Appeal** = 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.

COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN

The El Paso County JJAEP shall promptly respond to all complaints or grievances submitted by 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. A copy of the Student Grievance Form is attached to this Student Code of Conduct.

J. SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

The El Paso County JJAEP is committed to maintaining a safe, secure, and supportive educational environment for all students. The following requirements are intended to reduce the risk of sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and other forms of physical or emotional abuse.

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT OF 2003 (PREA)

The El Paso County JJAEP adheres to the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), a federal law aimed at preventing sexual abuse in both adult and juvenile facilities, including JJAEP and community correction programs. Across all JJAEP facilities operated by the El Paso County Juvenile Probation Department and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD), a strict zero-tolerance policy is maintained in conjunction with PREA, addressing all forms of sexual abuse. To ensure compliance of this policy, school administrators, staff, and JJAEP personnel are designated as coordinators, tasked with overseeing the implementation and adherence.

All JJAEPs are mandated to adopt zero-tolerance policies and practices regarding sexual abuse in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Procedures Act of 2003 (Texas Administrative Code §358.500). These policies include administrative sanctions as outlined in §348.224 of the JJAEP Policies and Procedures manual.

§358.300 SERIOUS PHYSICAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL ABUSE – (PREA) Prison Rape Elimination Act

- Any JJAEP staff personnel who witnesses, learns of, receives an oral/written statement from a student or other person with knowledge or reasonable belief of an occurrence of alleged serious physical abuse of sexual abuse involving a student shall follow JJAEP school protocol of informing their Principal or Assistant Principal and subsequently reporting to the TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT (TJJD) and local law enforcement. **The JJAEP facilities will maintain a zero-tolerance policy in conjunction with PREA regarding all forms of sexual abuse. The JJAEP Administrator and Campus Administrators (Principal and Assistant Principals) shall oversee the implementation and adherence to the zero-tolerance policy. (All volunteers, interns, and staff shall be trained regarding Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (ANE) and PREA standards).**
- No officer, volunteer, counselor, teacher, visitor, student shall engage in any conduct of a sexual nature. There is no “consent” allowed for any juvenile under the care and/or control of the Department as well as juveniles previously under the care and/or control of the Department. All students will be supervised by JJAEP staff to ensure that they are protected from sexual abuse. Security cameras will also be utilized as additional security, but never as a substitute for face-to-face supervision.
- Identification of students vulnerable to sexual abuse, prompts immediate steps to ensure their safety, including additional supervision, referral to school counselor to discuss possible issues, and notification to Juvenile Probation Officer (if applicable) to also assist in identifying any problems.
- JJAEP staff shall never be allowed as the sole supervisor of students of the opposite gender. (This includes searches, restroom breaks, or any function of the program where students are vulnerable or exposed).
- Students with disabilities, including students who are deaf or hard of hearing, shall be afforded reasonable accommodations to ensure meaningful access to reporting mechanisms and protective services.
- YIS and the Juvenile Probation Department shall not knowingly hire, promote, or retain individuals who have engaged in sexual abuse or inappropriate sexual conduct. All employees, staff members, or substitute teachers have passed a background check by the ISD or Juvenile Probation Department to ensure the continued safety of the JJAEP students.
- YISD and the Juvenile Probation Department shall make every effort to provide an environment that is free of coercion or any inappropriate conduct of any kind.
- All students thought to be victims of sexual assault shall be examined at the earliest time possible after the allegation, by a licensed physician. The examination taken by the physician may be used as evidence in an investigation.
- All allegations shall be investigated thoroughly by a neutral party, and all shall be reported to Local Law Enforcement.
- All students may report in writing (grievances) by telephone, face to face, or another means that will allow for their privacy and protection.
- If a student does not feel comfortable reporting to anyone in the JJAEP they may contact a third party (Law Enforcement, TJJD, Juvenile Probation Department, CPS, etc.) directly.
- Attached to this Student Code of Conduct is the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Form with the phone number to call if there is a concern or complaint regarding the health and safety of a juvenile in a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.
- The TJJD’s investigation is limited to whether an allegation or incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred based on the statutory definitions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

PROCEDURES TO TAKE IN THE EVENT OF AN ALLEGED SEXUAL ABUSE INCIDENT

JJAEP personnel shall report any type of abuse immediately to School Administrators, JJAEP Administrator, Law Enforcement, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department within 24 hours. The below persons must receive a notification or report regarding allegation:

- School Administrators.
- School Nurse.
- Law Enforcement – 911.
- Parent/Guardian.
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services - 1-800-252-5400
- Texas Juvenile Justice Department - 1-877-786-7263; submit TJJD Incident Report to abuseneglect@tjjd.texas.gov
- JJAEP Administrator - 915-273-3491 Ext. 2110

Depending on the nature, source, or circumstances surrounding the abuse, staff may be directed to:

- Have the student examined by Nurse and/or Physician.
- Make referral to local law enforcement agencies.
- Contact parents/guardians and advise them of incident.
- Gather as much relevant information as possible pertaining to the sexual assault.
- Student and family should be referred to sexual abuse counseling as soon as possible.
- Service referrals may be to school contracted service providers or any community-based service provider capable of handling the referral and providing appropriate services (such as the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence).

K. HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

Students placed in the JJAEP who have experienced difficulties within the traditional school setting may have the opportunity to participate in a High School Equivalency Program. This is an option available for any student of the JJAEP and requires pre-testing and possible remedial assistance to get student prepared for the official test. Students interested in this option should first consult with their parents/guardians, Juvenile Probation Officer, and guidance counselor to ensure they meet the following criteria:

- Student must be at least 16 years old to participate in pre-testing and remedial preparation, and have a court order authorizing pursuit of the high school equivalency final testing and certificate; or
- Candidates who are 17 years old must have parent/guardian signature for taking the official testing.

JJAEP students who have earned fewer than 4 high school credits may be given priority consideration for participating in a High School Equivalency Program.

L. CONSIDERATION OF REMOVAL OF A CHILD

Consideration will be given as a factor in each decision concerning suspension, removal to a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program, expulsion, or placement in a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program, regardless of whether the decisions concern a mandatory or discretionary action, to a student's status in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services or a student's status as a student who is homeless.

M. TRANSITION FROM AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM TO REGULAR CLASSROOM

As soon as possible after an alternative education program determines the date of a student's release from the program, the alternative education program administrator (Cesar Chavez Academy), shall provide written notice of that date to the student's parent or a person standing in the parental relation to the student and the administrator of the campus to which the student intends to transition to. YISD and receiving district will jointly develop an appropriate written exit plan *from* the JJAEP and transition plan *to* the home school. An academic review will be provided to include a review of courses attended, credits earned, credits pending, discipline and behavior progress or follow up areas, state assessment and/or IOWA skills test scores (Pre and Post), and

attendance records for JJAEP term through the JJAEP Exit Transition Meeting facilitated by Cesar Chavez Academy.

In order to promote successful transition and long-term success, said exit transition meeting will occur prior to a youth's withdrawal from the JJAEP and will include the home school (returning), Campus Administrator or designee, assigned Juvenile Probation Officer or JPD representative, the student and the student's parent or guardian. The JJAEP Exit Transition Meeting must take place no later than five (5) instructional days after the date of the student's release from an alternative education program (JJAEP).

N. CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND ON-LINE INSTRUCTION/ VIRTUAL SETTING

YISD agrees to continue the provision of personnel and services necessary to operate the JJAEP and implement a Continuity of Operations Plan (C.O.O.P) for online instruction that can provide educational services in accordance with the Texas Education Code, Texas Education Agency, Texas Administrative Code (Chapter 348) and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Such C.O.O.P. must address any changes to the JJAEP educational components in the event of a pandemic, natural disaster, or other emergency situation.

Searches shall be conducted solely for safety and security purposes. Search procedures may be modified when necessary to ensure the safety and security of JJAEP students and staff in light of a pandemic, natural disaster, or similar emergency. Any modifications to search procedures shall be noted and reported to the JJAEP Administrator.

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.



EL PASO COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

JJAEP STUDENT GRIEVANCE FORM

This form is to be completed if you believe you or another student has been treated unfairly or in a manner that violates the Student Code of Conduct. Once completed, please submit this form to the Assistant Principal. **If the grievance involves the Assistant Principal, submit it directly to the Principal.**

JJAEP FACILITY (Select One):

- ☐ CCA HIGH SCHOOL
☐ CCA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student's Name: _____ Date & Time: _____

Description of Complaint or Concern:

(Please provide as much detail as possible, including names of any individual involved, date(s) of the incident(s), and what you believe was unfair or inappropriate.)

Check this box if additional information is written on the back of this form: ☐

Student's Signature: _____

Grievance Received By: _____ Date & Time: _____

Copies of all Student Grievances and Grievance Reviews are to be forwarded to the Diversionary and JJAEP Programs Supervisor, Ramon E. Hernandez at Ram.Hernandez@epcountytx.gov



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

The TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation in juvenile justice facilities operated wholly or partly by the juvenile board or by a private vendor under a contract with the juvenile board or county that serves juveniles under juvenile court jurisdiction, including: public or private short-term juvenile pre-adjudication secure detention facilities (holdovers); public or private juvenile pre-adjudication secure detention facilities; public or private juvenile post-adjudication secure correctional facilities, except for a facility operated solely for children committed to Texas Youth Commission; public or private non-secure juvenile residential treatment facilities that are not licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services or Department of State Health Services.

The TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation in juvenile justice programs (such as the JJAEP) operated wholly or partly by the juvenile board or by private vendor under a contract with a juvenile board that serves juveniles under juvenile court jurisdiction, including juvenile justice alternative education programs and non-residential programs that serve juvenile offenders under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

If you are a member of the public and you have a concern or complaint regarding the health and safety of a juvenile in a juvenile justice facility or program, please contact The TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT at the following TOLL FREE number:

1-877-786-7263
(1-877- STOP ANE)

The TJJD's investigation is limited to whether an allegation or incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation occurred based on the statutory definitions of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Investigators will not address the appropriateness of a disposition by the juvenile court and do not have the authority to override an order issued by a juvenile court.

For more information, please contact an investigator at the TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT at (512) 424-6700.