

Temple Independent School District  
Parent and Student Handbooks  
Summary of Major Changes  
School Year 2025 – 2026

1. Parent Review of Instructional Materials (Elementary – p. 23; Secondary – p. 24)

SB 12 requires teachers to provide a copy of the teacher’s instructional plan or course syllabus for each class to district administration and to the parent of each student enrolled in that class before the beginning of each semester and to provide additional copies to a parent on request.

2. Complaints and Concerns (Elementary – p. 49; Secondary – p. 57)

SB12 requires a board-adopted policy for addressing a grievance to meet specific requirements. Update 126 will provide policy options that reflect these changes.

3. Sexual Harassment and Sex-Based Harassment (Elementary – p. 55; Secondary – p. 66)

Changes in Title IX rules that are currently in effect eliminate references to “gender” in this section.

4. Virtual and Hybrid Instruction (Secondary – p. 68)

SB 569 repeals the Texas School Virtual Network (TXVSN) and allows for students to enroll in virtual or hybrid courses offered by the District or another district of school. All references to the TXSVN have been deleted in all sections throughout this handbook.

5. Possession and Use of Personal Communications Devices, Including Cell Phones, and Other Electronic Devices (Elementary – p. 60; Secondary – p. 73)

HB 1481 prohibits the use of personal communication devices by students while on school property during the school day. The District will store confiscated devices until the parent picks up device at the campus. Exceptions include implementation of an IEP or 504 plan, documented need from a qualified physician and/or compliance with the health and safety requirements of the District’s safety protocols.

6. Parental Consent (Elementary – p. 65; Secondary – p. 78)

SB 12 requires written parental consent before a student may participate in a student club that is authorized or sponsored by the District.

7. Working Together (Elementary – p. 88; Secondary – p. 112)

SB 12 requires boards to adopt a policy providing at least two opportunities for in-person conferences during each school year between each parent of a child enrolled in the District and the child's teachers.

8. Safe Storage of Firearms (Elementary – p. 92; Secondary – p. 117)

HB 121 requires districts to provide information about safe storage of firearms to parents of all enrolled students at least three times each school year.