

Temple Independent School District
Parent and Student Handbook
Summary of Major Changes
School Year 2024 – 2025

1. Texas Driving with Disability Program (Secondary – p. 34)

SB 2304 requires districts to provide information to qualifying students and parents about the Driving with Disability Program.

2. Doctor’s Note after an Absence for Illness (Elementary – p. 39; Secondary – p. 41)

Language was added clarifying that absence documentation must be dated on or after the date of the absence.

3. Child Sexual Abuse, Neglect, Trafficking and Other Maltreatment of Children (Elementary – p. 44-47; Secondary – p. 49-52)

This section has been significantly revised, particularly expanding the description of the warning signs of physical, sexual and emotional abuse as well as neglect.

4. Long-Term ISS Assignments (Secondary – p. 60)

The Texas Education Agency has recently interpreted TEC 37.005(b) which limits suspension of students to a maximum of three days to also include in-school-suspensions (ISS).

5. Safe Use of Technology (Elementary – p. 60; Secondary – p. 73-74)

In accordance with HB 18, the Texas Education Agency adopted standards for permissible electronic devices and software applications. These standards include the installation of filters that block the viewing or downloading of pornographic content or data collection that is considered harmful to minors.

6. Medicine at School (Elementary – p. 83; Secondary – p. 108)

Language was added clarifying the medication must be provided and transported to and from school by the parent.

7. Unassigned Medication for Respiratory Distress (Elementary – p. 85; Secondary – p. 109)

State law requires districts to adopt and implement a policy regarding the maintenance, administration and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus in the District that serves students in grades 6 through 12.

8. Library (Elementary – p. 95; Secondary – p. 121)

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission, as directed by HB 900, issued mandatory standards for school library services. These standards include parent access to the school's library and on-line catalog as well as parent feedback on library materials and services.