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Fentanyl Abuse Prevention and Drug Poisoning Awareness Education

Marble Falls ISD Board of Trustees Meeting
March 24, 2025

**Implementation of Fentanyl-
Related Legislation
&
SHAC WORK**

Fentanyl Abuse Prevention and Drug Poisoning Awareness Education

Fentanyl-related legislation was passed by the 88th Texas Legislature to raise awareness of fentanyl poisonings and to promote prevention efforts. Specifically, students and families need to know that other drugs may contain a deadly level of fentanyl.

Legislation related to fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness education, also known as Tucker's Law, establishes the following requirements.

Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month

Texas Government Code, §662.116 establishes the month of October as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month to increase awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and potential overdoses. Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month may be regularly observed through appropriate community activities. The Fentanyl Response Communications Toolkit includes resources to support Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month that are available to help school systems plan and prepare to spread awareness during the month of October.

Local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Duties

A school health advisory council (SHAC) is required to recommend to the local board of trustees the appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction in the dangers of opioids, including addiction to and abuse of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl (Texas Education Code (TEC) §28.004(c)).

Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week

TEC §29.9074 requires the governor to designate a week to be known as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week in public schools to educate students about the dangers posed by the drug fentanyl and the risks of fentanyl poisoning, including overdose. The week may include age-appropriate instruction, including instruction on the prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl, as determined by each school district.

Annual instruction for students in grades 6-12

Each school district and open-enrollment charter school is required to annually provide to students in grades 6–12 research-based instruction on fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness (TEC, §38.040).

The required instruction in fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness must include the following:

- Suicide prevention
- Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl
- Awareness of local school and community resources and any processes involved in accessing those resources
- Health education that includes information about substance use and abuse, including youth substance use and abuse

The instruction may be provided by a public or private institution of higher education, library, community service organization, religious organization, local public health agency or organization that employs mental health professionals or an employee or agent of these entities. A document that identifies the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) related to drug abuse prevention is available in the Fentanyl Response Communications Toolkit.

A school district or open-enrollment charter school may satisfy a requirement to implement a program in substance abuse prevention and intervention by providing instruction related to youth substance use and abuse education under the new Fentanyl Prevention and Drug Poisoning Awareness Education requirement provided by TEC, §38.040 (TEC, §38.351(g-1)).

“Tucker’s Law” Education and Awareness Recommendations



Counselors' Recommendations for 4th & 5th Grades

- Continue with CATCH for drug awareness and prevention.
 - Other age-appropriate curriculums did not offer additional information felt to be valuable enough to warrant changing programs for those 2 grade levels.
 - Other curriculum available was too heavy and intensive for students in these 2 grade levels.
- Utilize One Pill Kills social media toolkit and parent information to push out through ParentSquare during Fentanyl Awareness Week, along with all other campuses.

Counselors' Recommendations for 6th-12th Grades

- **Operation Prevention**
 - Self-paced module (approximately 30 minutes in length).
 - Focused on appropriate medication use and opioids.
 - Generates a certificate at the end that allows for better tracking of completion.
 - Self-paced module: <https://operationprevention.com/sites/default/files/science-of-addiction/welcome/introduction>
 - Program flyer: <https://www.operationprevention.com/about>

Counselors' Recommendations for 6th-12th Grades

- **Operation Prevention “An Ounce of Prevention” Virtual Field Trip**
 - 25 minute student-friendly video specifically focused on the dangers of fentanyl.
 - Addresses depression and mental health in connection to substance misuse.
 - A more accessible companion to the scientifically focused module regarding opioids.
 - <https://operationprevention.com/virtual-field-trip>

One Pill Kills

- All campus counselors have recommended to utilize One Pill Kills' social media toolkit and parent information to push out through ParentSquare during Fentanyl Awareness Week, along with all other campuses.
 - Information and infographics are available in English and Spanish.
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/safe-and-supportive-schools/fentanyl-response-communications-toolkit>

Timeline

August 2024

- MFISD Counselors, Nurses, and Elementary PE Teachers began discussion around grade level appropriateness

October 2024

- SHAC meeting - “Tucker’s Law” Overview

November 2024

- SHAC Meeting - Report of Progress of staff reviewing programs

October 2024 - January 2025

- Dedicated MFISD Counseling meeting time working on researching resources & recommendations from TEA, DSHS, and School Safety Center

January 2025

- A-Team Meeting Presentation/Feedback
- SHAC Meeting - Recommendation Presented to SHAC

March 5, 2025

- SHAC formally approved taking recommendations to the Board of Trustees

Next Steps

March - April 2025

- Continue to solicit feedback from stakeholders

April 2025

- Possible approval by the Marble Falls ISD Board of Trustees

Fall 2025

- Implementation of Recommendations

Note: It is possible we will revisit this again next year as new and updated resources are released.

Questions?