



Galveston ISD

Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception
for Chapter 61 School Safety Requirements

WHEREAS, Section 37.351(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the school district to ensure that each facility complies with each school facilities standard, including performance standards and operational requirements, related to safety and security adopted under Section 7.061 or provided by other law or agency rule.

WHEREAS, Section 37.351(b) of the Texas Education Code requires the school district to develop and maintain documentation of the district's implementation of and compliance with school safety and security facilities standards for each district facility, including a good cause exception, if claimed.

WHEREAS, Section 37.353 of the Texas Education Code provides that if the school district is unable to bring a district facility into compliance with a school facilities standard related to safety and security, the district may claim a good cause exception from the requirement due to the age, physical design, or location of the facility, the projected remaining use or functional life of the facility, availability of funds, or supply chain obstacles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District hereby determines that the School District is unable to bring all district facilities into compliance with a school facilities standard related to safety and security;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees determines that:

The District's noncompliance is attributable to the age and functional life of the Alamo facility, which is approximately 87 years old. The height of the surrounding fencing does not meet updated requirements. The landline telephone system cannot place emergency calls and lacks SPAT capability. However, this campus does not release students outdoors for physical education and primarily serves students in grades 9-12 (AIM) and 5-12 (DAEP). There is a full-time officer on duty at the location, and the GISD PD headquarters is located on site until completion of Ball South in late 2027. Furthermore, the facility is slated for demolition in 2028 as part of the final phase of the Bond 2022 program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception; will develop and document the alternative standard with which the District is able to comply, in accordance with Section 37.353 of the Texas Education Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees determines that the appropriate alternative performance standard for which the district is able to comply is to maintain the existing fencing, secure all exterior entrances to the facility, and require the current policy remain in place for all physical education classes to occur inside the secure gymnasium. :

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2026, by the Board of Trustees.

Presiding officer's signature (Tony Brown, President):

Secretary's signature (Mindy Lakin):

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Appendix

Alternative Standard for Galveston ISD Alamo Facility

1. Perimeter fencing shall remain with added signage noting “GISD Property”
2. The exterior doors will remain locked, and door checks will be conducted daily
3. Students will not be permitted to conduct lessons outdoors and should be monitored during arrival and release times.
4. An armed police officer/guardian will be assigned to campus.
5. GISD PD Headquarters will remain at facility until students are moved to new Ball South.